



# GFWC Contemporary Women of North County

## MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2023, 6:30 PM, San Marcos Community Center

**Call to Order:** Marianne F called the meeting to order at 6:28 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 27 members present and 1 guest – Crystal Gates, Center Operations and Program Manager Camp Pendleton USO. Marianne also introduced our newest member, Elaine D.

**Guest Speaker:** Crystal Gates, Center Operations & Program Manager [Camp Pendleton USO](#), gave the Club an overview of the USO facilities in the county and the responsibilities to provide ‘home-away-from-home’ experiences for military. She provided a ‘wish list’ of items always needed and told the members she can ALWAYS use volunteers.

**Meeting Minutes:** Marianne F announced the Minutes for the July meeting are on the website ([cwonc.org](#)) under ‘More’. (No meeting held in August as usual.

**Treasurer’s Report:** August 2023 – Month-end Financial Summary  
Jeanne pointed out this report does NOT reflect a check received for volunteer work at the SD County Fair. The check was only recently received.

Checking Account Balance	\$3,949.36
Reserve Savings Account Balance	<u>\$20,047.68</u>
Total Bank Balance	<b>\$23,997.04</b>
Income to date (dues & fundraising)	\$3,375.30
Club Operating/GFWC Expenses	\$2,212.86
Charitable Donations	<u>\$3,524.04</u>
Total Expenses to date	\$5,736.90
Year End net income/loss	<b>-\$2,361.60</b>

### Fundraising:

Anita will again set up the Sees Candy website for which the club receives a percentage of sales. For those wishing to avoid shipping expenses, Anita said she would be willing to coordinate a single order to be delivered to her home and she will be responsible for collection of funds and distribution of candy.

### Service Projects:

Recap: Marianne F reviewed the email approval process for the \$500 donation for [Hawai’i Community Foundation](#) for fire relief.

Recap: Gina E reported 144 sack lunches were assembled prior to the meeting for Interfaith.

Recap: Ann thanked everyone who brought books to donate for the Book collection for [San Marcos Library](#)

Recap: In Kathleen’s absence, Joy reported [Canine Companions for Independence](#) luncheon served 20-25 individuals with a Taco Bar.

Recap: Twisted Stitchers: Kathy M reported 7-8 members gathered to socialize and work on personal projects on September 20<sup>th</sup>.



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Recap: Sew-In Kathy M reported the group completed 60 bags for local indigenous students. The next project will be placemats for Meals on Wheels with Holiday/Christmas patterns on one side and an 'every day' pattern on the reverse.

Lion's Vision Clinic: Anita reported the Lions need volunteers for the September 30<sup>th</sup> Clinic in Fallbrook . She will provide volunteers' name to the Lions' coordinator.

Update: [Lasagna Love](#) Gina E and Jackie reported that September will be the last month for CWONC to provide a lasagna meal for Haven House. A motion was approved to focus our efforts directly for Lasagna Love from Have House. How this will proceed will be considered shortly.

Update: [Helo Babies](#) Joy reported that four baby gift bags were delivered in August and there are three more to create to complete the 2023 babies. The project is in need of 'generic' clothing as, it seems, many expectant families are choosing not to know the sex of their baby ahead of time.

Update: [Squadron events](#) Jean reported the 'holiday' meal is planned for October 2<sup>nd</sup> and CWONC is the ONLY organization helping to put on this celebration – needing to provide side dishes and desserts to feed approximately 300 Marines. Jean stated she needed the dishes by September 30<sup>th</sup> due to her schedule and would be willing to store and deliver items on the day of the dinner. A discussion ensued with concerns about how this could possibly be accomplished. The discussions ended with a commitment to distribute an email with the arrangements. (Subsequently, Jean sent an email to the membership that it was decided we would NOT participate in the event this year's due to lack of time and resources.)

Update: Debby reported she had spoken with Shaeli recently and would pass along any volunteer opportunities for Women Warriors to the membership.

## **Fun stuff:**

Bunco Night: Mave reported that Bunco will be September 27<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM-6PM (approximately) at Ann's house. Other game night signup sheets are available.

## **Announcements:**

Joy announced that Marianne F. has achieved CWONC membership of 15 years.  
Diane M. won the gift box door prize drawing. (Joy)

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned by Marianne at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara M., Co-Secretary