



# GFWC Long Beach Women's Club

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ladies, what a fun time we had packing the buddy boxes. Wish more of you could have been there. We did 10 great boxes and I met Elisa the next day and she delivered them with many others to the VA on Saturday.

Planning to meet Tuesday for our last meeting of the year at Lynn Hutton's or the community center, depending on the weather.

Wishing all of you very happy holidays and hope we can be back at our restaurant meetings soon. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person again

Barbee



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Hi ladies,

I recently read this quote, 'A winter of sacrifice followed by a spring of hope'. I think that about sums up what we've all been living through. I've handled this quarantine well but when I start to go to the dark side I think about WWII and the myriad of sacrifices that the world made for years ... death, hunger, uncertainty. I'd like to think that I'm able to handle a year or a year and a half with plenty of food and a comfortable house to eat it in. With the vaccine coming, 'spring really does hold hope'.

Since our last meeting, we met at Dominguez Community Center (physically distanced, of course) and put together 10 Buddy Boxes for LB Veteran's Medical Center and 20 ditty bags for the Long Beach Rescue Mission. LC District delivered 131 buddy boxes (including ours) to the VA and lots of snacks and refreshments. This is Elisa's project and she's passionate about making it a success. We've also delivered meals twice this month to Ronald McD House. During this quarantine they've had occasions when they're a little short of lunches and dinners so our club stepped up to help them out. We're not allowed to enter the house and so we pick up the food at a restaurant, call when we get to the house and they come out and pick it up. The last time, they came outside with a lovely sign thanking the Long Beach Women's Club for our generosity.

I'm getting ready to begin writing reports. We don't have a lot of events to report but we have donated to various philanthropies so I will report on that.

I was saddened to learn of the death of Sue Proctor, a former member who moved about 3 years ago to Bullhead City. She and Norm were in an auto accident and her side of the car sustained a great deal of damage. She never regained consciousness. Sue was a lovely, generous and giving club member and she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Norm and her family.

Punkin and I have decided to spend Christmas together. With the surge in hospitalizations I think that's probably the wisest thing for me to do. I did that at Thanksgiving, too. Each one of our family pods pretty much stayed isolated. The day before Thanksgiving we exchanged our 'signature dishes' and so on Thanksgiving I actually had 2 lovely lamb chops and dishes from the rest of my family. It wasn't like being together but we shared a little of each other and stayed safe.

Know that I'm thinking of you through this glorious season and I can't wait until we're able to meet again. Take care of yourselves and stay safe.



Merry Christmas and hugs to you all, Lynn

Remember to wear your masks !!!



The basket for the District Drawing! Many thanks to Lynn and all who helped make it happen!



Check your Calendars

**December 22** Club Meeting and Lunch - please watch for Notices of Time and Location



**December 25**

**January 1, 2021**





Editor's Note: This appeared in last year's December issue but it seemed worth repeating.

It came without



**Ribbons**

It came without



*it came without*

**Packages**

Yes

**Boxes**

**or**

**Bags**

Maybe

**Christmas**

doesn't come from  
a store...

Maybe

**Christmas**

*perhaps... means a*

**little bit more!**

-Dr. Seuss-