




La Mesa Woman's Club
**A Member of GFWC, CFWC &
 Southern District**



Pat Kelly, Editor

GAVEL TALK - FEBRUARY 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
FEBRUARY	MARCH	<i>Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!</i>
Thu 4th Executive Board 9:30am Fri 5th 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 8th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 10th Evening Mtg. 6:30pm Mon 15th Day Assembly 1:00 pm Mon 22 Bridge Lunch 11:30 am	Fri 4th Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am <i>Sat. 5th Bridge/Bunco Fundraiser 9:30a – 2:30pm</i> Wed 9th Evening Mtg. 6:30pm Mon 14th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Mon 21st Day Assembly 1:00pm Mon 28th Bridge lunch 11:30am	 Norma Markall 5th Wini Van Huizen 7th Maryann Alianelli 11th



President

Carol Dreesen



January was a very busy month. We worked on getting our fundraiser organized, thanks to Lou Turner and Jennifer Mahoney. Betsy Quinn and Sandy Phoenix once again prepared the club reports. They are complete, accurate, and well done. We thank you both for an excellent job. I bet every 'I' was dotted, 't' crossed and no spelling errors.

LMWC is joining with Coronado Juniors to decorate the tables for the March 1st Festival of the Arts. We want to have a good showing at this event. So far we have 7 members signed up to attend. Pat Yeakey always makes the event fun and entertaining.

The new CMC (Clubhouse management committee) is working hard with Ginger to keep the clubhouse in tip top condition. We weathered the wind storm in pretty good shape. The bottlebrush tree on Wilson St. split in half and fell partially on the street. The new banner facing Grossmont Blvd. needs a little repair but that's all the damage we sustained. There were no leaks in the roof so our seal job worked.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

We have a full slate of officers for 2016. Everyone is hard working and dedicated to creating an atmosphere of Friendship, Enrichment and Philanthropy. We want our members to leave meetings thinking "I enjoyed that meeting" When we create that kind of feeling we will attract new members.

Betsy Quinn and Jean Adams have planned to support the MOM's program by holding baby showers at the Day and Evening meetings. Jean Adams has most of the year full of interesting speakers and a trip or two.

Nora Maxwell is busy calling members who haven't paid their dues as well as sending letters with self-addressed stamped return envelopes. Several members called to tell Nora they will send their dues this week.

Lou Turner and Jennifer Mahoney will have more about the fundraiser

Margie and the Scholarship committee will meet next week to iron out additions or correcting before contacting each school.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Betsy Quinn

As we begin February, the month that officially celebrates love, the next project focuses on LMWC members sharing their love. In the words from the musical, "Carousel": "The love in your heart wasn't put there to stay; love isn't love 'till you give it away." Once again we will support the San Diego Military Outreach Ministries (MOM). What is MOMs?

*a public charity that provides services to thousands of enlisted families of all faiths

How does MOMs serve?

- *distributing food
- *supplying urgent needs
- *donating furniture and household goods
- *providing holiday celebrations
- *mentoring

In San Diego, the MOMs group assists the junior enlisted military family, typically headed by a 19-23 year old with young children and away from home. Surviving in our expensive economy on a low salary, combined with the stress of deployment, is not easy. How will LMWC help? At the February meetings, come to a baby shower! Bring unwrapped items that can equip a diaper bag, which is what each new military mom receives. (The organization has the bags--we provide the essentials.). Think BABY! Diapers, pacifier, wipes, hand sanitizer, changing pad, large ziploc bags, bibs, sippy cup, infant clothing, blankets, sunscreen...or anything you know will come in handy for a new mom. Our February programs will feature a speaker from the MOM organization. Don't miss this informative and fun baby shower.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Nora Maxwell

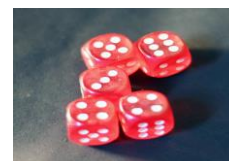
Ladies, this is your last chance to pay your dues to the Club. If you want your name & address listed in the calendar book and to receive the book, your dues must be paid. It is only \$50.00. Think about all the good the club does with the funds including the scholarships and the many wonderful groups we support. It's not too late now, but next week may be. Thank you!

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Jennifer Mahoney / Lou Turner



**Showers Bring Flowers
Bridge / Bunco Fundraiser
Saturday, March 5th**



We are very excited about our annual fundraiser less than 30 days away. A few successful meetings have been held to organize this grand event. Thank to all that have volunteered to assist on a committee; we appreciate your dedication to a successful event. As in the past, we are hoping to raise money for scholarships for well deserving high school seniors in our community. Register with friends and family members for a great day of fun, cost is \$30.00. Lunch will be provided along with fun and excitement through various games such as Bridge, Bunco, Mexican Train and others. There will be an opportunity drawing, creative theme baskets and a few silent auction items displayed throughout the clubhouse. As we prepare for this wonderful event, we ask members to bring any donations including gift cards, baskets with a list of items and their value to the La Mesa's club February monthly meetings. We are also hoping to borrow members' canopy tents and card tables for March 5. Items can be dropped off at the La Mesa Women's Club on Mondays from 9:00am- 5:00pm. Our deadline for basket and gift card donations is Friday, February 26. We want to have time to assemble the baskets. Hopefully recent Showers will yield beautiful Flowers. Join us for a spectacular! Feel free to contact Jennifer and Lou to be a part of this great event. Hopefully we will see you all there!

Showers Bring Flowers



Blooming into 2016 with family and friends
 for our 9th Annual
 Bridge and Bunco Fundraiser
 Saturday, March 5, 2016

Doors Open at 9:30 A.M
 Bunco begins at 10:15
 Catered Luncheon at 12:30 Included
 \$30.00 per person
 La Mesa Woman's Clubhouse
 5220 Wilson Street, La Mesa, CA 91942
 Prizes, Fun and Friendship

Proceeds benefit the La Mesa Woman's Club Scholarship Program and Community Service Projects

Reservation deadline Friday, February 27, 2016
 Please mail this completed form for you or your group with payment to
 Margie Howard-Hartman,
 P.O. Box 1061, El Cajon, CA 92022
 Please make payment to **La Mesa Woman's Club** (a 501 (c) 3 Corporation)

Name of contact person _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Please indicate your choice

BRIDGE	DUPLICATE BRIDGE	BUNCO	GAMES	OR JUST JOIN US FOR LUNCH
1. _____		1. _____		
2. _____		2. _____		
3. _____		3. _____		
4. _____		4. _____		

I cannot attend but would like to donate and support LMWC's philanthropic projects.

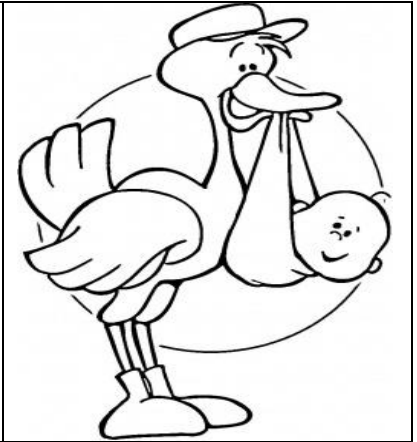
**For questions about reservations:
 Please call Margie Howard-Hartman 619-440-2449**

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Jean Adams



Our guest speaker for both the Day and Evening meetings will be Barbara Chaver from San Diego Military Outreach Ministry (MOMs). She will talk to us about Mom's and the things they do to support the enlisted families and new mothers. She asked for us to bring baby shower things that would go into a diaper bag. Items like baby lotions, baby bath soap, diapers, and wipes. Those are just some suggestions for you. Let your ideas flow! Thank you ladies for your donations.



January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month!

Our guest speaker for both the Day and Evening Assembly meetings last month was Teri Bowan, Administrator and Mentor of Hidden Treasures Foundation. This organization is dedicated to rescuing and restoring women and children victimized by sex slavery and human trafficking. Unfortunately human trafficking is a huge problem in our county, and much more prevalent than most of us realize.



HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

Gertrude Findley

The hostess for the February 15th Day Assembly meeting will be me. Please accept my apologies for forgetting about the refreshments last month. I look forward to seeing each of you, and wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

The hostesses for the February 10th meeting will be Jean Adams and Roz Kennedy. Thank you Marsha McDonald and Margie Hartman for providing the refreshments in January. Please plan to attend and show your support.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Maryann Alianelli, President

Thank you to Marsha McDonald and Betsy Quinn for providing the snowmen table decorations for our Southern District meeting January 20th. Everyone thought they were so cute. Thank you also for all the help that they, Pat, Marti, Angie, Andrea, and Lou were putting up and taking down the decorations, tables and chairs. We had two very interesting speakers from the South Bay Community Services. Their main programs focus on addressing family needs and issues of support for family units. They talked about a wonderful pre-school program for children with PTSD from all their family turbulence and a Crib to Career program. They were voted to be a District project and LMWC expressed interest in helping to furnish a family unit. Andrea Canfield, WCL is the contact for the program and will be contacting us about furnishing a unit.

Southern District was happy that our own Andrea Joerden turned in the only application to be our District Leeds Candidate at the Feb 25-27 CFWC Ex Board meeting here in San Diego at the Crown Plaza Hotel. She had to submit a letter of recommendation from LMWC, fill out three application forms and have two personal reference letters to the CFWC Leadership Chairman, Pam Ament. Andrea will attend a meeting on Friday, Feb 25th with all the other state candidates from the 22 state districts and also speak at a meeting to tell the Ex Board why she would like to be the CFWC Leeds Candidate to attend the GFWC Convention in Baltimore, June 23-27. This will be a wonderful experience for her to share with us all. I also passed out a sign-up sheet for members to bring wine and snacks to help with the Cocktail party before the Saturday night dinner that CFWC President Chris Herzog asked us to host.

Festival of Arts is Tuesday, March 1st at the Lakeside Veterans Hall. Our LMWC members will be responsible for the table decorations. We will also need one of our members to put together a 60's theme basket.

The **Southern District Convention** will be Saturday, April 23rd at the Chula Vista Elks Club. Pat Kelly's sister is a member of the Elks and will sign for us to receive a \$200 rental discount. A big thank you to Pat and her sister. All the clubs will receive flyers and tickets at the March District meeting at Sweetwater WC.

Our LMWC members who attended the January District meeting chose being in charge of the \$25 opportunity baskets at the convention as our club's convention responsibility. We will need one member to put together our opportunity basket and 2-3 members to sell tickets in front of the baskets, call out the lucky winners and deliver baskets to them. The theme and food will be Hawaiian.

BRIDGE-

JANUARY Bridge Dates:

Friday, 5th	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 8th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Monday, 22nd	Bridge luncheon	11:30 am



Anyone interested in being a substitute for any of the bridge groups, please call Esther Jones at (619) 583-5010.

Hospitality Teas: This month Wini Van Huizen's table will provide the refreshments.

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE

Ginger Davis, Rental Manager

As a result of the recent rain and strong winds, the bottle brush tree in the front corner of the parking lot fell down and the Grossmont Blvd. sign partially came off the frame. Carol authorized Felipe to fix the sign, and chop up the tree and put in dumpster. No new roof leaks!!

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>NADENE PARSELL</i></p> <p><i>Please keep Nadene in your thoughts and prayers as she has been very ill. I'm sure she would love to hear from each of you. You may send her Get Well or Thinking of You cards to her new address: 1776 Avenida Cherylita, El Cajon 92020</i></p>
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