



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



*GAVEL TALK - NOVEMBER 2016*

*Pat Kelly, Editor*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	<i>Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!</i>
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Executive Board 10:00am @ Carol's home Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Bridge 11:00am Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Evening Assembly 6:30pm Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Hospitality Tea 11:30 a Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Bridge Marathon 5:30pm Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Day Assembly 1:00pm Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Bridge luncheon 11:30am	Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Executive Board 9:30am Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Evening Assembly dinner @ Marie Callendar's 6:00pm Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Day Assembly lunch / gift exchange / Installation 12:00 pm Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Evening Marathon 5:30pm	 Doris Walsh 2nd Gertrude Findley 4th
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Carol Dreesen*



Wow! November sure slipped up on me. I'm sure glad to have things slow down for a while.

**CMC**



Finally, a painter!  
 Josh Cummins, a prospective Eagle Scout would like to paint the inside of the clubhouse. Josh worked on the Kitchen and is familiar with the rooms. Josh needs to prepare the necessary paperwork and then we can set a date.



**Carpet Replacement**

I have the name of a new contact that works for the same company that donated the kitchen flooring. I will call him soon.

**LMWC 2017 Election**



The election of 2017 executive board of officers is this month. To vote you must be an active member and attend either the Day Assembly meeting on Monday, November 21st or the Evening Assembly meeting on Wednesday, November 9th.



**Christmas Party**

Monday, December 19th at 12:00 is the date and time for the annual Christmas party. The Java band will play Christmas Carols. Angie Lombardo and Jean Adams arranged for box lunches. Following lunch will be the Installation of officers and the gift exchange.

## Area D Conference

Thanks to a lot of hard work by Stephanie Stark and the committee, the conference was very successful with 186 members registered. Every district was assigned a task. Southern district was assigned setup and table décor. A big thank you goes to Pat Yeaky and Denise Berrian's husband's they pitched in and hefted the tables and set up the chairs. The room looked lovely. Fall colors covered the tables and children's books and fall leaves were the featured center pieces. Laurie Miller and Lou Turner purchased and prepared a beautiful table with delicious morning snacks. Each district had one person assigned to register guests from their district. Sandy Phoenix took care of registering Southern District clubs. Seven La Mesa ladies attended: Sandy Phoenix, Carol Dreesen, Laurie Miller, Lou Turner, Pat Kelly, Andrea Joerden, and Mary Ann Alianelli. LMWC members Laurie, Lou and Pat were acknowledge as first time attendees.



Stephanie Stark, Area D Vice President with Toby Kahan, CFWC President, Dori Kelsey, CFWC 1st Vice President and Pam Ament, CFWC 2nd Vice President



Chris Herzog, CA State Host Chairman for the 2017 GFWC Convention



Jenni Prisk, guest speaker, is a recognized leader in efforts to empower women.



Toby Kahan, CFWC President

**1st VICE PRESIDENT**

**Betsy Quinn**



**RONALD McDONALD HOUSE**

After a memorable October trip to Italy, it's back to reality for me! The end of this year brings to a close our "Comfort Care" kits project for Ronald McDonald House. It's not too late to bring your items to the clubhouse, where we will assemble the kits at the day meeting on November 21. For "in kind" donations in excess of \$250, our organization's name will be listed in their publication, "From the Heart."

Ronald McDonald House works to "keep families together when it matters most." Some pertinent information: 1400 families stay at the R.M. House each year--families caring for our region's most critically ill or injured children 11,000 additional people relax and renew themselves during the day while caring for a hospitalized child 300 children learn and grow at on-site school programs while staying with their parents at the R.M. House.

*Happy Thanksgiving to All*

**BANCROFT SCHOOL**



We continue to be a key supporter of our local Bancroft Elementary School. At the holidays, members of our club generously adopt a deserving family and provide Christmas gifts that have been requested by students. Our liaison, Marsha McDonald, will have additional information for us at the November meetings. I always enjoy taking my child's list and shopping for her.

Some info regarding Bancroft:

652 students attend this K-6 school. 7.4 % are White, 14.3% are Black or African-American, and 69% are Hispanic or Latino. 90.8% are considered socio-economically disadvantaged, and 35.4% are classified as English Learners.

In the areas of student achievement, students meeting or exceeding State Standards:

English/Language arts (grades 3-6)--23% compared with overall in CA of 44%; Mathematics (grades 3-6)--16% compared with 33% in CA.

LMWC is proud to assist these two institutions with worthwhile projects. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed your time and donations. You know that it truly is more blessed to give!

**BANCROFT SCHOOL**

**Marsha McDonald**



Each year the LMWC has the opportunity to adopt children from Bancroft Community School for the holidays. At the November meetings I will have a list of approximately 20 children that the counselor feels will not have much of a Christmas without our help. Children will range in age from birth to 15. The counselor chooses elementary age children, but we also include other children that are in that family between those ages. You may choose one child or a family of children to provide for. The list I will have for you will have the ages, sizes and wish list for each child. Just sign your name next to the list, and have fun shopping!

Gifts may be brought to the Evening Assembly meeting on December 14, or dropped off at the clubhouse by noon on December 16. I will be delivering them to the school on the afternoon of the 16th. Please have the child's gifts in a trash bag marked with the child's age and family number. That will be on the list you sign up on. That's all you need to do!

Thanks for all your help in providing these children with a happy holiday. Funny thing is, it makes you feel even more in the holiday spirit as well. Double benefits!

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

**Nora Maxwell**

Well ladies the end of the year is coming and it's time to pay your 2017 dues. At \$50.00, it is cheap for what we get out of it - fun, games, lots of friendship, and contributing to various charitable organizations. What more could you ask for, for such a small amount. You can pay me, leave a check payable to the La Mesa Woman's Club or cash at the clubhouse, or give to Pat or Carol. We are very flexible. Your dues must be paid by December to have your name listed in the new Directory. Thank you!

### **3rd VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Lou Turner**

This is a “down” time of year for the LMWC’s fundraising endeavors so we are enjoying this time to celebrate the up-coming holidays. After the New Year, our Ways and Means committee will “gear-up” for our March 31st Bridge and Bunco fundraising event. In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you enjoy some quality time spent with family and friends.

### **4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

**Jean Adams**

Hi, our Evening Assembly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9th will be voting for our new slate of officers. There will not be a speaker for this month at either meeting. Our Day Assembly meeting will be Monday, Nov. 21st at 1:00 for voting. Please plan to attend to exercise your voice in choosing next year’s officers.

Remember our meeting in Dec. on the 19th will be a Christmas party with a \$1.00 wrapped gift. Also lunch will be at 12:00 pm. This will be a joint meeting for both our day and evening members since we will be installing the officers. Please let us know if you are coming as we have to order lunch for everyone. Contact Jean at (619) 447-2121 or Angie Lombardo at (619) 440-1907 to be sure and have a reservation.

### **FEDERATION NEWS**

**Sandi Phoenix**

As Southern District Leadership Chair, I would like to encourage LMWC to select a candidate for the Leadership, Education and Development Seminars (LEADS). This is a very special honor and experience for any member who would like to learn and/or improve their own leadership skills. Each District is asked to select one member to attend workshops and interviews at the CFWC conference. One member is selected to represent California/CFWC. This member travels to GFWC sponsored leadership workshops. The training is intense and the workshops are free. Travel to the workshops is paid by the candidate. Our own Andrea Joerden was the Southern District candidate last year. I am certain that she will be happy to answer questions and share with you her experiences. The Southern District Deadline for turning in the application for a LEADS Candidate is 5:00p.m., December 16, 2016. Please deliver your application by or before this deadline to me. I will accept a hard copy that is mailed or an email application. I have copies of the application for anyone who is interested. The application is fairly in-depth and will take some time to complete. Please feel welcome to contact me with any questions.

### **UP-COMING EVENTS:**

1. **November 12:** Spring Valley Woman's Club is hosting a "Harvest Garden Party", Saturday, November 12, 1 - 3 p.m. (doors open at 12:30p.m.) Music, shopping, silent auction items, best hat prize, surprises and a delicious tea luncheon. Location is Friend's Church of Spring Valley, 8955 Kenwood Dr., Spring Valley, 91976. \$15 per person, contact Kathy Heath for tickets, 619-465-1830. This is Spring Valley's major fundraiser. Their members support our club. We are sisters in Federation and it would be nice if we would support them. (see copy of flyer on page 6)
2. **December 2:** Chula Vista Woman's Club Silent Auction/Christmas Tea. For information, please contact Denise Berrian, President CVWC, 619-889-9786
3. **San Ysidro Woman's Club:** Teddy Bears for Kids, 5 - 8p.m. For information, please contact their President, Alice de la Torre, 619-423-6685.

I purchased a charming federation bracelet that is a fundraiser in support of the 2017 GFWC Convention that will be held in Palm Desert, June 23 - 26, 2017. I purchased the introductory bracelet for \$25. It is gold with 2 federation charms. There are other bracelets with more charms that are more expensive. I will wear mine to the meeting to share. I think it is neat and is a wonderful memento.

### **HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day**

The hostesses for the Monday, November 21st Day Assembly meeting will be Arnell and Beth. We hope you plan to attend.

### **HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening**

**Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy**

The hostesses for the Wednesday, November 9th meeting will be Laurie Miller and Marsha McDonald. Don't forget to attend so you can cast your vote for next year's officers.

**BRIDGE-**

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>

**NOVEMBER Bridge Dates:**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Bridge 11:00 am  
Hospitality Tea 11:30 am  
Evening Marathon 5:30 pm  
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 *Corinne Mc Keel's* table will provide the refreshments.

**NOTE:** Special thanks to Claudine Bateman and Molly Lawson for contributing 15 new decks of cards to the clubhouse.



**Senator Joel Anderson**

*Invites you, your family and friends to a  
Holiday Legislative Open House  
Thursday, December 7, 2016 • 6 - 8 pm  
Toyota of El Cajon  
965 Arnele Avenue, El Cajon*

The holiday season is a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. This open house will provide you with the opportunity to receive a 2016 legislative update and to submit your ideas to improve state government. Rsvp by calling 619.596.3136

*Spring Valley Woman's Club Cordially invites  
you to a Delightful and Special Afternoon*

*Harvest ♥ Garden Party*  
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*Saturday November 12, 2016*  
*Music, Shopping, Best Hat Prize, Surprises  
And a Delicious Tea Luncheon*

LOCATION: **FRIEND'S CHURCH OF SPRING VALLEY**  
8955 KENWOOD DRIVE  
SPRING VALLEY, CA. 91976  
(CORNER OF KENWOOD AND BANDCROFT DRIVE)

**TIME: 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M**  
12:30 DOORS OPEN ▽ FIRST COME GETS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO  
SHOP AND SELECT THAT "SILENT AUCTION" ITEM TO BID ON

♥♥ *All this fun for only \$15.00 Per Person* ♥♥  
Contact Kathy Heath for Tickets (619) 465-1830

**BE SURE TO BRING YOU HOLIDAY SHOPPING/GIFT LIST**  
RHONDAWEEKLEY - COUNTRY BOUTIQUE & GARDEN ITEMS

*Once again we appreciate your support and look forward to  
visiting with each of you and sharing this time together.*



**GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR BLESSINGS**

