



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



GAVEL TALK - AUGUST 2016

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
AUGUST No Executive Board Meeting Fri 5th 1 st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon. 8 th Hospitality Tea 11:30am	SEPTEMBER Fri 2 nd Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 12 th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 14 th Evening Assembly 6 pm Wed 16 th Southern District 9:30am Mon 19 th Day Assembly 12:00pm Tue 20 th Bridge Marathon 5:30pm Mon 26 th Bridge Luncheon 11:30a	Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!  Donna Beckley-Walker /Angie Lombardo 4th Ruth Sterling and Jodi Van Tieghem 22nd Kathy Tinsley 31st



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Dreesen

Working Together



What a pleasure it is to work with people who enjoy being together. The enthusiasm generated by the LMWC 2016 Executive Board is contagious. Rarely do you find a group of people that genuinely like each other and are so ready to step in for one another.

One example is our recent fundraiser. Laurie put out a call for specific items for the baskets and everyone jumped to and brought all the items she could use. Laurie is truly an artist the way she designs baskets. We presented nine beautiful baskets full of exciting products. When Betsy announced the drawing was going to begin you should have seen the ladies jump up saying, "Wait, Wait I need more tickets". Betsy asked me "what do I do?" I said take their money, we can wait.

Betsy , Laurie, Lou, Jean, Margie, Pat, Angie and Carol with help from Felipe setup and decorated the club house . Guests mentioned how wonderful everything looked.

Lou did an outstanding job organizing everything down to the last detail. Because of her work everything went like clock work. My point is everyone works so well together and has a good time. Reminds me of the seven dwarf's *Whistle While You Work!*

Come one come all to the **Area D Conference!** The Area D conference will be held at LMWC October 22. CMC is working hard to have the clubhouse in tip top shape. Event chairperson, Stephanie Stark, would like to have all clubs BRING CHILDREN'S BOOKS ages 1-12. The books will be part of the centerpieces. I will have more details in the September Gavel Talk.



Painting Party
 We may have to have a painting party to paint the inside of the clubhouse. The weather has to stay cool before we undertake this job.

Brady, a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout badge is going to redo the planter in the patio. Now if we can arrange for new carpet in the tearoom and paint in the main room and tea room the clubhouse will look spiffy.



Betsy and I enjoying the prize I won at the March fundraiser – tea at the Aubrey Rose Tea Room.

Meetings

The next *Board Meeting* will be Friday, September 2nd at 9:30 at the clubhouse. CMC meets Thursday, September 1st at 2:00 pm.

The *Evening Assembly* meeting is Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm.

The *Day Assembly* meeting is Monday, September 19th at 12:00 pm.

Both day and evening meetings will include dinner or lunch.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN



If you missed it, you missed out! Chaired by dynamos Lou Turner and Laurie Miller, our summer fundraiser, "Celebrate America," was one of our most successful bridge/Bunco parties. Over 100 patriotic participants dressed in red, white, and blue and enjoyed a day of air-conditioned comfort. This annual project earned over \$2,000 to support our educational and other philanthropic projects. Read about the details in Lou's article.

Plan to attend our September meeting as we focus on the *Ronald McDonald House* project. Bring your donated items and help us assemble "comfort care" packages for families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House while a child is receiving cancer treatment. We welcome personal care items for teens and adults. The following items are requested:

- Hand and body lotion
- Make-up products and brushes
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Hair ties and headbands
- Journals and diaries
- Purse calendars and organizers

Don't forget to bring in your travel-size toiletries to support the *Stand Up for Kids* project, chaired by Maryann Alianellie. And while you're clearing out closets and drawers, consider donating good quality used items to stock a kitchen or bathroom in support of *South Bay Community Services*. We have pledged to help in their project against Domestic Violence. Currently we are storing these items in the swing closet on the stage.

Betsy Quinn



We're planning a field trip in November to visit the Alpine animal sanctuary, "Lions, Tigers, and Bears". We'll keep you posted regarding the date, which will be determined soon.



Marsha McDonald will be letting us know the details of the annual project to assist our adopted school, *Bancroft Elementary*. Traditionally we help them out by providing school supplies. Stay tuned and keep an eye out for sales.

Another project that LMWC supports is the *La Mesa Thrift Shop*. Volunteers are needed either Tuesday or Friday during the month of August. If you can help, please call 619-466-6678.



Keep your used magazines and books coming! We need your donations for our ongoing projects to support the *Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary* and the *Friends of the La Mesa Library*.

Enjoy the last month of summer!

La Mesa Thrift Shop

Elaine Ayres

We have received a request for assistance from the ladies at the thrift shop. Sandy told me that they are especially in need of helpers on Fridays. The shop is open from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and if you are available, even for a few hours, you can call (619) 466-6678 to sign up. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Ladies, lets step up and help out. Thanks!

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Nora Maxwell

Won't be long until our summer will be over and we will start having our meetings. There will be several new members to initiate, and I hope several of you will have the names of some more to introduce. We all must work together to help our Club grow, for with many hands the work is easier, and we can do so much more with our Charity work.

Looking forward to an exciting year with many projects and hopefully new hands to help with the work.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Lou Turner

Well, it looks like everyone had a nice time at our Bridge and Bunco summer event on Friday, July 29th thanks to our awesome fundraising team. . . . Carol Dreesen, Margie Hartman, Betsy Quinn, Laurie Miller, Pat Kelly, Jean Adams and Andrea Joerden. In spite of the hot weather, we had only positive comments and everyone enjoyed themselves. The decorations, the Chinese Auction, Grab Bags, Cupid's buffet table, complimentary Starbuck's Coffee and some breakfast items to “munch on” during the morning were appreciated by our guests, many who said they were attending for the first time and want to be invited back for our next event. We also had other local woman’s clubs support us and that was so appreciated. I believe we set an attendance record for our summer fundraiser, thanks to Margie Hartman who once again handled reservations We had over 108 paid reservations! It’s amazing that our members invited so many of their bridge-playing and bunco friends so their efforts made this event a winner for us. Thanks to everyone on our team, members who contributed items to our Chinese Auction, and those who solicited donations. We also had 20 “Grab Bags” that were a big hit and were sold out early. Some women were so pleased with what they “won” and went away very happy. I am happy to report that this summer Bridge/Bunco luncheon raised **\$2,295.**

With my appreciation to everyone who participated,

Lou.



Patriotic Stage decorations for the July 29th Fundraiser



Lou Turner, Laurie Miller and Betsy Quinn



Starbucks in Casa De Oro donated coffee & condiments for the event to accompany sweet treats donated by Lou & Andrea



Beautiful Opportunity Baskets assembled by Laurie featured donations from local merchants and members were a big hit with the guests as were the Grab Bags!!



Buffet Table



Ready for arrival of guests & the party to get started



Bunco Players



Bridge Players

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Since we do not hold meetings in the summer, I have nothing to report on programs at this time. Hope everyone is having a good summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Jean Adams

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

We will not have a day assembly meeting in August.

Gertrude Findley

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

There is no evening assembly meeting in August. Look forward to seeing you next month.

BRIDGE-

AUGUST Bridge Dates:

Friday, 5th

1st Friday Bridge

11:00 am

Monday, 8th

Hospitality Tea

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 **Carla Beard** and **Corinne McKeel's** table will provide the refreshments.

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