



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



Pat Kelly, Editor

GAVEL TALK - JANUARY 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
JANUARY Fri 6 th Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 9 th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 11 th Evening Assembly 6:30pm Mon 16 th Day Assembly 1:00 pm Tue 17 th Marathon Bridge 5:30 pm Mon 23 rd Bridge lunch 11:30 am	FEBRUARY Fri 3 rd Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Wed 8 th Evening Assembly 6:30pm Mon 13 th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Mon 20 th Day Assembly 1:00pm Tue 21 st Marathon Bridge 5:30pm Mon 27 th Bridge lunch 11:30am	Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!  Laurie Miller 20th

President's Message



Happy New Year!

*Let's all look forward to a
 new year full of happiness
 and friendship.*

Christmas Parties

Thank you Angie! You did a wonderful job organizing the Evening Section dinner at Marie Callender's. Everyone had a really good time at our joint sections Christmas party on Monday, the 19th which included the installation of officers. Margie out did herself with a cruise ship officer theme. She gave each LMWC officer a new title and a goblet to toast to the new year.

I'm sorry I don't have pictures from the evening dinner. My purse was stolen on New Year's eve. I wasn't paying attention and it disappeared right out of the child seat of the shopping basket. No excuses we all know that is ripe for a thief. My phone, credit cards, driver's license, medical cards were all in my purse so I lost the club photo's as well as my family pictures. I can replace some family pictures but not the ones from the club.

Carol Dreesen



Club House

Ginger had neck surgery January 3rd and will be out approximately three months. We have a delightful person to fill in until Ginger is well. Judy Burgess is a member of Betsy and Chris Quinn's church. Judy has lots of good experience and will fit right in with us. Welcome, Judy.



Festival of the Arts

Festival of the Arts is Thursday, February 23rd at our clubhouse. The tickets are \$20. Pat Kelly has tickets. Each club will bring a tablecloth and decoration for their own table. The theme is Women in History. We need two door prizes and a basket worth \$25.00. Let's get together and fill a table.

Introduction

Judy Burgess, pictured at right, will be our substitute rental manager for the clubhouse while Ginger recuperates from her recent surgery. Please introduce yourselves to Judy and welcome her.



Installation of 2017 Officers, Christmas luncheon and gift exchange, December 21st, 2016



2017 Officers: Carol, Betsy, Sandi, Jean, Lou, Marsha and Pat



Chris Herzog, Immediate Past CFWC President, Carol & Barbara Nelson, Southern District President



Carol's daughter in law, Kim, Barbara, Cris and club members at the Installation luncheon.



Club members in attendance.



Margie conducting the installation of the 2017 officers with a nautical theme. Well done, Margie.



Carol presented Margie with a bouquet of flowers.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Betsy Quinn

Blessings to each of you in 2017! It’s that time again—to stop writing “2016,” to stop eating fattening holiday goodies, and to start reflecting on the past year’s projects of the LMWC. Yes, it’s time to write our annual project reports. In preparation for this endeavor, several board members met recently with Denise Berrian, who shared excellent insight and advice regarding the reports. Although these documents are optional, they do provide important information to the state and national women’s clubs, particularly in supporting our non-profit status and in substantiating philanthropic service to the community.



I will be coordinating LMWC efforts in compiling these reports, which must be submitted to me electronically on the CFWC Club Award Entry form. This year we will only highlight major projects and will be guided in our writing by the maxim, “less is more.” I have a District handout with “rules” for writing a good report, which I will distribute at the next board meeting.

This past December our club was involved in the following deliveries:
30 comfort care kits to Ronald MacDonald House
Magazines to the Grossmont Hospital auxiliary
Twelve rolls of wrapping paper to Community Solutions of East County (to wrap gifts for victims of domestic violence)
Various bags of gifts for our adopted schoolchildren at Bancroft Elementary (see Marsha’s report)

In addition, I am collecting old greeting cards—the covers can be used for various craft projects at a local nursing home. Please continue to bring your used cards! Also don’t forget to donate coupons for military families—any food or non-food coupons that are not specific to a store can be used at base commissaries. Expiration dates do not matter.

We will also participate in Andrea Canfield’s project to supply care kits to local law enforcement officers. Her goal is for every police or sheriff’s car to have a kit that can be given to a woman who is a victim of domestic violence. More about this project at our January meetings.

Thanks to each of you for your generosity and compassion for others!

Bancroft Holiday Families

Marsha McDonald

Twenty-four children from Bancroft Community School were given Christmas gifts of clothing and toys by our members this year as part of our Holiday Families Program. The counselor was so excited to receive them, and she saw to it that they were distributed to the families by Friday, December 16. We have been helping Bancroft School throughout the year with clothing, shoes, attendance incentives and coffee supplies for parent meetings. However, our members really come out in force to help with providing these low income families with gifts that the children would not otherwise receive. The children ranged in age from infants to a 15 year old. One of our members generously provided two gift cards which were given to the counselor in case some needs were seen at the last minute. No child would be overlooked! We have been doing this for so many years, and the need is always there. This particular school probably has the highest needs for its low income families of any in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District. You made 24 children very happy, and actually wasn’t it fun to shop for them?! Thank you all so much.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Nora Maxwell

December 2016 is over and 2017 has begun. I have collected the dues for 37 members and I’m still working on a couple more. I certainly hope they decide to join. This has been a fun year getting to talk to so many members, I feel like I know all of you personally. I picked up one new member, or I should say Arnell got a bridge player to join which is great. Be sure and ask your friends to join and take part in all the exciting things we do and the charity work we accomplish.

Lou Turner will be your new Membership Chairman for 2017 and I know you will all give her your support.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Sandi Phoenix

Happy New Year Everyone! I am so excited and honored to be your 3rd V.P./Fundraising Chair for this club year. Boy, Lou Turner did such an outstanding job last year; I really will have to work hard to accomplish all that she did. I will really need your help!

As Lou has been reporting, our major fundraiser, our annual card party, is scheduled for the 5th Friday of March, March 31, 2017. Seven members have agreed to be on the Fundraising Committee. Each will be in charge of a special part of the card party. We will meet this Friday, January 6th, for our organizational meeting. We will need everyone’s

help to make this the best fundraiser ever. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meetings for you to volunteer. Please sign your name under the committee(s) on which you would like to work. Please, sign-up for more than one, if you would like.

In order to keep the cost of putting on this event at a minimum, it has been my experience that members often like to cover or underwrite some of the expenses. When the letter comes out with the opportunity to underwrite an expense, please volunteer. Remember, we are a non-profit organization and these donations benefit our club and are tax deductible.

Thank you all, in advance, for your support and in the spirit of the New Year, "Here's to a very successful, profitable and fun fundraiser". See you at the meetings.

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Jean Adams

Happy New Year! This year I hope will be a good year for programs. It is hard to get speakers to come to both day and evening meetings. We are lucky this month that Andrea Canfield will be coming to speak at both meetings. She will be demonstrating the assembly of "comfort bags" for victims of abuse and domestic violence. When the police take them to a shelter, they leave quickly and usually with none of their belongings. The police will carry the bags with them and distribute them when needed. She is very interesting and I'm sure you will enjoy this program.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

Federation News: Some FYI for you... There are different levels in our Women's Clubs organization. These different levels come together to form the Women's Clubs Federation. The first level is local, our own La Mesa Woman's Club. The second level is our Southern District where 13 San Diego clubs come together. The third level is California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) where all the clubs and Districts in California come together. Skipping Area and Regional levels, the next most important level is the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), our national level. We have a House in Washington DC where our elected GFWC President and officers meet. These officers represent us at many U.S. government departments and bureau's and lobby for what we vote to be important concerns. The GFWC motto is "Living the Volunteer Spirit". Now, isn't that just what we do here on our local level, "Live the Volunteer Spirit"?

2017 promises to be a very special and exciting year in Federation. Our club used to be very active in Federation. Somewhere we lost some of the Federation Spirit. This year Federation has some exceptional events planned that you will want to put on your new 2017 calendars to save the date and possibly attend. Maybe we can recapture some of that Spirit this year.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

A. There will be a Southern District meeting Wednesday, January 18, at the Sweetwater W.C. House. All our department service project reports are due at this meeting, along with our membership, leadership, fundraising, communication and special project reports. Registration is \$2.00. Morning snacks and coffee, tea, juice and water are served. Dress is club casual. The program has not been announced, but they have been interesting so far and this one will no doubt be another good one. Plan to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at our meetings. If you don't see it, please ask for it.

Sandi Phoenix

B. The Southern District Festival of Arts is coming to our clubhouse Thursday, February 23rd. Look for more information coming soon.



C. Southern District Convention will be April 22, 2017. This is a fun event for everyone. This is where the awards for our service projects are announced. Save this date and come support our club AS WE WIN!

D. CFWC Convention is May 18-21, 2017, at the Costa Mesa Hilton Hotel. Reservations are \$129 per night. Save this date too. This is where Federation truly comes alive. This is the event that always makes me most proud to be a member of a woman's club. It is not necessary to attend the entire 4 days. When the Call comes out we can decide the best days to attend.

E. GFWC Convention is June 23-26, 2017, at the JW Marriott Resort & Spa, Palm Desert, CA. Hotel reservations are \$145 per night. I have never attended a General Federation Convention. This is the first time, if ever, that General Federation has held an event on the West Coast. Our own Immediate Past State President, Chris Herzog, is Convention Chairman. Friday, June 23rd is California State Night. This is something we will want to plan to attend. "Patron bracelets" are being sold to help fund this event. I will bring my bracelet to the meetings this month with information and an order form. Prices range from \$25.00 to \$100.

Let's all keep "Living the Volunteer Spirit" throughout 2017.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

Ladies, we need a member to volunteer to be responsible for assigning hostesses for our Day Assembly meetings. We currently do not have hostesses for the January 16th meeting. Will someone please step up and take on this task??

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

The hostesses for January’s meeting are Laurie Miller and Lou Turner. We hope to see all of you for our first meeting in 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

I’m Nora Maxwell and will be the Correspondence Secretary for 2017. If you know of any member that is ill or having any problems please let me know so I can check on them, and send cards. My numbers are in the Membership Book. Thank you.

JANUARY Bridge Dates:

Friday, 6th	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 9th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Monday, 23rd	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 *Dorothy Dixon’s* table will provide the refreshments.



At the start of this New Year, we are looking forward to great things for the La Mesa Woman’s Club.

May 2017 bring us all good health, prosperity and happiness!

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