



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



GAVEL TALK - APRIL 2016

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
APRIL Fri 1st Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00 am Mon 11th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 13th Evening Mtg. 6:30 pm Mon 18th Day Assembly 1:00 pm Tue 19th Evening Marathon 5:30p Sat. 23rd Southern District Convention 9 am – 3 pm Mon 25th Bridge Lunch 11:30 am	MAY Fri 6th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 9th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 11th Evening Assembly 6:30p Mon 16th Day Assembly 1:00pm Tue 17th Evening Marathon 5:30p Mon 23rd Bridge Luncheon 12p	Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!  No birthdays to celebrate this month!



President's Message

Hip Hip Hooray !!
 The kitchen is finished.



Ned is the first person and Wyatt third.
 A big thank you to Wyatt and Ned Holms for organizing the people to move equipment out of the kitchen so we could have the new floor installed. They came back two days later and put everything back in place. Saturday, March 26th they arrived with a crew to paint the kitchen. When I came back around four to check on them two workers had left and the rest of the crew were cleaning.



The next project will be flowers and shrubs around the outside of the club house. Once again we will have an eagle scout do this as his project. The scouts are required to select a project and write a paper

Carol Dreesen

describing the project and how it will be of service to the organization. Once the project is complete the scout writes a description of the project and how he benefited from this experience.

Southern District Convention

Join us Saturday, April 23rd
 at the Chula Vista Elks Lodge
 901 Elks Lane. Chula Vista, CA 91910
 9:15 am to 3:00 pm



Enjoy a delicious lunch and participate in the installation of Barbara Nelson and her board. So far we have ten members attending. LMWC Is in charge of the basket table, selling and drawing the tickets. Each club is to bring two door prizes. Report winners will be announced.



Margie and the scholarship committee are working hard to make sure all the schools are aware of our awards and the due date. The scholarship winners will be announced in time for the winners to attend the LMWC evening meeting and reception on May 11th.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN



We are continuing our project in support of the students at Bancroft Elementary School. As you know, the LMWC generously lends a hand (and more!) to enrich the lives of the Bancroft children. When the school counselor notified us that many children needed shoes, we responded. Thanks to Sandi Phoenix, we have an official container for your contribution. Please consider donating a pair of shoes for a child, ages K-5. Our goal is to donate 25 pairs of shoes--that's one per member. Bring donations to the office or to the April and May meetings. Gently used shoes are welcome. This project will end at the end of May.

Betsy Quinn



In addition, please continue to support the Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary by donating used books and magazines. I deliver this reading material to the hospital monthly, or you can take it yourself. Also, keep cutting your clutter by donating items to the La Mesa Thrift Shop on behalf of the LMWC. Bring copies of your receipts to the office so we have a record for our report.



Enjoy the beautiful spring that the month of April brings to our area!

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Nora Maxwell

Our membership list has been completed and the Club yearbook is ready for distribution to the membership. Thank you Carol for all your hard work compiling the information and getting the books printed. They look great.

Be sure and tell your friends and acquaintances about the Woman's Club and try to interest them in becoming members. Ours is a very active Club and we do a lot of good in the community. Try to be active and participate in our activities for working together we will accomplish much.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Jennifer Mahoney / Lou Turner



We would like to extend our thanks to all our members who worked so hard to make our 9th Annual Bridge and Bunco event on Saturday, March 5th such a pleasant day and a successful fundraiser for our scholarship fund. The theme "Showers bring Flowers . . . Bloomin' into Spring" gave our clubhouse a festive look with fresh flowers and springtime umbrellas all across the stage. And, as always, Cupid's Catering served a tempting buffet lunch.

There are so many businesses and individuals we need to thank! Starbuck's on La Mesa Blvd provided all the coffee and condiments and Sandi and Elaine decorated our complimentary refreshment table with lots of sweets for everyone to enjoy. Our Chinese Auction was successful because members donated beautiful theme gift baskets and many local businesses contributed items, gift certificates and complimentary passes. In addition, members made both cash and gift certificate donations and many committee members underwrote their own expenses. Thanks to Laurie and Betsy for their expertise in coordinating the Chinese Auction.

Our Silent Auction had 5 wonderful items up for bid: A Ladies Lunch for 10, a Springtime Wreath, a Custom Design Lap Quilt, a huge Day Spa basket and a Pamper Yourself gift basket with a variety of beauty products and a complimentary facial. Thanks to Cupid's Catering, Grace Garmo, Pam Kay, Beth Miller and Millicent & Associates Salon respectively. Once again, we are grateful to Carol Dreesen for the underwriting the "Pot of Gold" drawing.

We extend our appreciation to Floyd and Howerton Plumbing who donated \$1,000 cash to our scholarship fund. Their generous donation, along with proceeds from this fundraiser, will directly benefit graduating seniors in the Grossmont High School District.

Thanks again to our Fundraising Committee for their generosity, support and their willingness to do everything possible to make this annual event such a wonderful success! We look forward to a final financial report but at this time it looks like our net profit will be a little over \$4,454! With much appreciation to all our members and guests who supported this event.



March 5th Scholarship Fundraiser decorations



Pastries and fruit donated by Sandi Phoenix



Coffee and condiments donated by Starbucks



Bridge players enjoying the event.



Carol donated \$200 toward the Pot of Gold



Bunco players are all smiles



Chinese Auction baskets



Carol with the Silent Auction Items

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Jean Adams



Olaf Weighorst Museum Tour

Eight members of the La Mesa Woman's Club had a fun time at the Weighorst museum on Monday, March 21st. Jo Ann Knutson, a member and docent of the museum led the very interesting and informative tour. After our tour we all went to Nicolosi's Restaurant for a great time with good food and lots of talking.

Left to right: JoAnn Knutson, Lou Turner, Jean Adams, Nora Maxwell, Laurie Miller, Pat Kelly, Diane Williams (guest) and Elaine Ayres. Dalal Lehman was the photographer!

APRIL PROGRAMS:

Our program in April will be Glenda Berry from the Alzheimer Association. She will speak to our evening group on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 pm and our Day group on Monday, April 18th at 1:00 pm. Ms. Berry will speak on "Know the 10 signs" of Alzheimer's. Please join us for a very informative evening and day event. Thank you -

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

The hostesses for April's Day Assembly meeting will be Beth Miller and Laurie Miller. I'm sure they will surprise us with delicious refreshments! Hope you can join us.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

The hostesses for the April 13th meeting will be Elaine Ayres and Pat Kelly. Thank you to Maryann Alianelli and Sandi Phoenix for providing the festive decorations and pistachio cake in March.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Maryann Alianelli, President

A big THANK YOU to Beth Miller, Andrea Joerden and myself for donating bottles of wine for the CFWC cocktail party at the CFWC EX Board Meeting held on February 25-27. Since Southern District was one of the hosts and the home District of our CFWC President, I was asked to give a short welcome to San Diego. I welcomed all the attendees and listed all the great things that they could do while here in sunny San Diego. All the 1st VP's were asked to give a 3 minute speech on an interesting project. Since Southern District doesn't have a 1st VP this term I was asked to

report. I choose to tell them about the Women's Museum of California in Liberty Station. We had our July District meeting there and had an introduction from the Director and saw the wonderful displays of early wedding apparel and photos during that time. It is only one of five Women's Museums in the United States. We were also very proud of our LMWC Southern District Leads Candidate, Andrea Joerden. She was one of eight CFWC candidates and attended nine hours of Leadership training from CFWC Chairmen and other speakers. She also was given the task of giving a short speech at one of the sessions. She did a great job, learned a lot and we are very proud of her new skills.

Also a big THANK You to Betsy Quinn for bringing all the decorations and the mystery square box as our \$25 opportunity prize to the Festival of Arts held on March 1. Pat Kelly, Andrea Joerden and myself helped her put out the table cloths, and flower vases provided by Coronado Jrs. and the colorful tie-dyed paper table runners and small flowers, peace sign and smiles provided by LMWC. I provided the two LMWC door prizes from LMWC. Pat, Andrea and I helped clean up and gather up all the table decorations and tablecloths to be brought back to clubhouse and reused at another time.

Our Southern District Convention will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, awards, lunch, installation, vendors and opportunities \$30per person. Reservations are due to Pat Kelly, Treasurer by April 1. La Mesa will also be responsible for a photo page for Presidents Book, we will also be responsible for a decorated opportunity with \$25 included, two door prizes and members will be needed for our convention responsibility of selling tickets for the club opportunity prizes and handing them out. It is a fun job, see President Carol to help volunteer. The club Data Blanks and club roster will also be due at the convention.

I hope to see several of our members attending the District Convention cheering for LMWC when we win awards. This will be my last official meeting. I'm sad and glad, stretched way out of my comfort zone. I have met many smart, interesting and informative women all over California, the Western States and at the two GFWC Convention that I have attended.

The last Southern District meeting was held at Sweetwater WC. Thank you to Pat Kelly and Andrea Joerden for attending and voting in the new administration and on new standing rules. It is still not too late to send in your Southern District Federation Angeles donation in lieu of a Southern District Fundraising event. All donors' names will be placed in the Southern District Convention Program. I hope you will consider a small donation.

The CFWC Convention will be held on May 19-22 at the Irving Marriott. This is only about a one and half hour drive from San Diego and CFWC awards will be given and many interesting workshops and speakers will be provided. You can access all the information on the CFWC website.

GFWC Convention will be in Baltimore, MD, June 24-29th see GFWC website for details. The 2017 GFWC CONVENION will be in PALM DESERT, at the Palm Desert Marriott, Convention Chairman will be Chris Herzog and California members will be the hostesses. It is truly an amazing site at the opening of the convention and the night before the opening California will hold a state dinner where we will all host a table and welcome many new Federation members. I hope you will all put it on your calendar, it doesn't get any closer!

Dates of other club's events:

April 9 - Chula Vista WM Club, brunch and Vintage clothing by the Women's History Museum, \$30

April 10 - Poway WM Club - Old fashion tea, choral entertainment, great tea food \$20

May 7 - Sweetwater WM Club, Tea with a French Twist, \$20

BRIDGE-

April Bridge Dates:

Friday, 1st	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 11th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Tuesday, 19th	Evening Marathon	5:30 pm
Monday, 28th	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 Carla Beaird's table will provide the refreshments.