



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



Pat Kelly, Editor

GAVEL TALK - DECEMBER 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
DECEMBER Thu 1 st Executive Board 9:30 am Fri 2 nd 1 st Friday Bridge 11:00 am Wed 14 th Evening Assembly Xmas Dinner at Marie Callendar's / Gift Exchange 6:00pm Mon 12 th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Mon 19 th Day Assembly/ Lunch / Gift Exchange 12:00 pm	JANUARY 2017 Fri 6 th Executive Board 9:30am 1 st 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	Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!  Joyce Pendzimas / Doris Walsh 2nd Nicole Entenza 10th Beth Miller 21st

President's Message



The LMWC 2017 Executive Board is already working hard to develop new ideas for the coming year. Betsy Quin is looking at project recommendations, Lou Turner is working on plans to attract new members, Sandi Phoenix has the dates for the March Bridge and Bunco party and Jean Adams is looking for interesting informative speakers, activities and events or projects like our pumpkin planters. We all want our members to leave meetings thinking "I enjoyed that meeting". When we create a feeling of warmth and welcome at the meetings the club will attract and retain new members.



Carol Dreesen

I recently attended a Young Life fundraiser where everyone made pumpkin planters. It was a lot of fun. A table was piled with pumpkins and each attendee picked the one they wanted to work on. I picked one I could lift. My daughter-in-law Kristin picked a tiny pumpkin it was so cute that it gave me the idea to bring pumpkins to one of our meetings (They made \$750.)

The November Day meeting was just the kind of meeting I was thinking about. I went shopping for just the right size pumpkins. Wouldn't you think there would be lots of small pumpkins available after Halloween? If you said sure you would be wrong. All I needed was fourteen little pumpkins. I searched from Trader Joe's in Mission Valley to Albertson's in Lakeside. Then I looked closer to home and went to Albertson's in Rancho San Diego and what to my wondering eyes did appear but a bin full of pumpkins. I scooped up fourteen perfect little pumpkins and headed to the register before anyone could spy my loot. I called Laurie for help. We needed ten bottles of glue and small bags filled with moss and lots of succulents to glue on top of the moss. Laurie and her husband cut enough succulents from their yard for everyone. We had a lot of fun. The ladies left with a smile, a pumpkin planter and talking about how much fun they had at the meeting.

DON'T FORGET 2017 DUES ARE TO BE PAID IN DECEMBER



Come One Come All to Our Holiday Meetings

The Evening dinner meeting at Marie Callendar's on December 14th is always fun. Angie and Jean made all the arrangements for good food, good friends, fun and laughter. Don't forget to make your reservations. Everyone enjoys the gift exchange when members try to steal the most coveted gifts.

The Christmas lunch, gift exchange and installation of officers is on Monday, December 19th. Don't forget to make your reservations. The Java Band will be back to play Christmas music.

2017 Elected Officers:

- President – Carol Dreesen
- 1st Vice President – Betsy Quinn
- 2nd Vice President – Lou Turner
- 3rd Vice President – Sandi Phoenix
- 4th Vice President – Jean Adams
- Secretary – Marsha McDonald
- Treasurer – Pat Kelly



February is the month for love so why not bring a friend to our Valentine meetings?

SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

Margie Howard and Sandi Phoenix attended the November 16th District meeting at the Sweetwater Woman's Club. The district is supporting the project to help the Center for Solutions in El Cajon. There was special music by the choir from San Ysidro High School, and a spirited auction was held to distribute gifts.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Betsy Quinn

The LMWC practiced Thanksgiving at the November meeting by creating comfort care kits for the families who stay in Ronald MacDonald House. The requested items were numerous, and Sandi offered to accompany me when the kits are delivered. Many thanks to all of you who so generously donated items.

I also received several bundles of old greeting cards, which we will be donating to a local nursing home to use for craft projects. Ladies, this is a "no brainer" project--who doesn't have piles of cards from past Christmases, cards for past birthdays, and sympathy or get well cards? Okay--read the greeting one last time and then pass them on! It saves time if the covers are separated from the inside text, but I'll take them in any manner. Let's all de-clutter our closets and drawers.

Once again we are assisting Bancroft Elementary School by adopting needy family members. Marsha is our liaison with the school and had a list of folks whom we could help. Every child was adopted by our generous club members. Items should be wrapped and placed in a large gift bag with the information regarding the recipient by December 12. Obviously the children need to receive the gifts before they depart for their winter break. The true spirit of Christmas is with us in La Mesa Woman's Club, and I am so grateful to be a part of this group.

Another easy project--one related to the district--will support East County Community Solutions. Bring a roll of wrapping paper or gift bags to the clubhouse, and they will be picked up and used to wrap holiday presents for the people that are served. Andrea Canfield has requested that our club address the needs of the East County organization rather than the South Bay. At any rate, we know there are huge needs in our area--El Cajon was listed as the poorest city in the county with a substantial number of homeless people. Each of us is truly blessed, and we are honored to serve our neighbors. We know that it is better to give than to receive.



The happiest of holidays to all of you!

Bancroft School - Holiday Families

Marsha McDonald

I hope you are all enjoying shopping for your adopted child! It always helps fulfill our wishes for the season when we make a child's Christmas brighter. I will be collecting the gifts at the Evening Assembly Meeting at Marie Callendar's on December 14. If you will not be attending, please bring your gifts to the clubhouse by Monday, December 12th, I will pick them up about 3:00 pm that day...before Ginger leaves. If you have any problems getting the gifts to me before these two dates, let me know. I am delivering them to the school on Thursday, December 15th.

Please remember to mark the bag of gifts, or the gifts themselves with your child's family number. That way they will get to the right child. No number and we have a big problem! Thanks for all you do to help these children. Your hearts are big! Merry Christmas!

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Nora Maxwell

Now that we've stuffed ourselves with Thanksgiving dinner, we can diet until Christmas. Hope your day was great, spent with family and friends.

The end of the year is coming fast and it's time to pay our dues to the Club. They are only \$50.00 and can be sent or left at the Clubhouse or given to me at the Luncheon/Card Party. This is our small way to support our club, so will see you at the rest of our functions for this year.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Lou Turner

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and extend my best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2017 to all your families and loved ones. After the holidays, plans will begin for our March 31st Bridge and Bunco fundraiser and we are hopeful that all members will lend their support to Sandi Phoenix as our 2017 Ways and Means Vice President. Sandi has many years of history with the La Mesa Woman's Club plus she's involved with other volunteer organizations. With her expertise, we will have much success with our fundraising efforts.

Once again, Happy Holidays to everyone!

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Jean Adams

We do not have quest speakers scheduled for December due to the Evening Assembly's Christmas dinner at Marie Calendar's on Wednesday, December 14th and the joint Day and Evening Assembly lunch / installation meeting scheduled on Monday, December 19th. We hope to see all of our members at this meeting.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

Jean Adams

Merry Christmas everybody!! We will be having a joint luncheon meeting with both our Day and Evening groups on Monday, December 19th at 12:00 pm. Please RSVP to either Angie at (619) 440-1907 or me at (619) 447-2121. Cost of lunch will be \$ 8 - \$10. There will be a \$5 gift exchange for those who wish to participate and entertainment by the Java Band. It will be fun!! We will also be installing our 2017 officers.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

The December meeting will be our annual Christmas dinner at Marie Calendars' on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00pm. The cost is \$24 per person. Please RSVP to Angie at (619) 440-1907 and remember to bring a gift valued at \$15 for the gift exchange. We look forward to seeing everyone for a fun evening!

DECEMBER Bridge Dates:

Friday, 2nd	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 12th	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 *Esther Jones*' table will provide the refreshments.