



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



GAVEL TALK - JANUARY 2016

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
JANUARY Fri 8th Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 11th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 13th Evening Mtg 6:30 pm Mon 18th Day Assembly 1:00 pm Mon 25th Bridge lunch 11:30 am	FEBRUARY Fri 5th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 8th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 10th Evening Mtg. 6:30pm Mon 15th Day Assembly 1:00 pm Mon 22 Bridge Lunch 11:30 am	Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!  Laurie Miller and Carlotta Nordahl 20th



President

Thank you for the cards and messages. I truly appreciate all your words of encouragement.

Party Time

The evening assembly had a lot of fun and laughter at the annual Christmas dinner at Marie Calendar. Thank you Angie and JoAnn for planning this event.



On December 21st we held our annual Christmas lunch and Installation of officers. Nora and Angie did a wonderful job planning this event. Fun and friendship was our theme. The tables were decorated with teacup poinsettias in white mugs for each attendee to take home. Betsy placed her delightful collection of Christmas Santa's on each table. She told us how she started her collection and where each one came from. Lunch from Cupid's Catering was served and delicious as always. The Java Band played Christmas music then Nora led everyone while we sang Christmas Carols. We didn't remember all of the words and some of us even sang off key, but no one cared. Everything was lots of fun. Margie did a wonderful job when she installed our new officers. As always Margie is creative with everything she does.

Carol Dreesen



I look forward to bringing some fresh and exciting things to 2016. Pat is working on buying a new stove for the kitchen. I've been working with the kitchen flooring company and painters to give us a shiny new look to the kitchen. As soon as we find a stove we'll schedule the work.

Reports

One of the duties of the 1st VP is to prepare reports for delivery to Southern district. LMWC decided to prepare fewer reports for 2015. If you worked on a project last year, please prepare and send your 2015 report to Betsy. I'm sure you will hear from Betsy soon. Project reports are due January 20th.

March Fundraiser

Lou and Jennifer are already working hard on our big event. They will have more to say in their article.

The Festival of the Arts

March 2nd is the Festival of the Arts. Each club helps with the event. LMWC is working with Coronado Jr's to create table decorations. I will be asking for members from LMWC to help with our part. More about this at the January meetings.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

Maryann Alianelli, President

Hopefully all the clubs in the District are hard at work writing their reports on the community projects that they have completed in 2015. LMWC is considered an Intermediate club with over 50 members. Reports are all due at the January 20th District meeting to be held at our LMWC Clubhouse. We are responsible for putting out the tablecloths and table decorations. Since the Dancing Club meets the night before, I hope that several members will volunteer to come at 8:00 am to set up. The Ex Board generously gave their permission for the District to trade off district meetings with Sweetwater Woman's Club. We are the only two clubs in the Southern District with club-houses and it is only fair that we share them with our sister District Clubs.

The Festival of Arts will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at the VFW Hall in Lakeside. La Mesa and Coronado Jr.'s volunteered to do signs, tablecloths, and table decorations. Last year Coronado did the table decorations so we should probably do the table decorations. It will be a 60's theme so get out all your tie-dyed stuff, etc. I'll have to be putting some extra material in all my vintage items!

CFWC Executive Board Meeting will be February 26-27 at the Crowne Plaza San Diego. Hopefully we will have a District Leadership candidate attending this meeting. Any members are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you are interested and I can give you a copy of the CALL (agenda). Since CFWC President, Chris Herzog is a member of our Southern District, she asked if we would host the one hour Pre party before the Saturday dinner in her suite. I will be asking clubs to support her request with food and wine at the District meeting.

CFWC CONVENTION will be May 19-21 at the IRVINE Marriott. This isn't a long drive and would be a great opportunity to attend our State Convention.

PLAN AHEAD: JUNE 2017 GFWC CONVENTION IN PALM DESSERT- Great workshops, meet most of the GFWC Partner Organizations, interesting and informative speakers and meeting wonderful women from all over the world.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Betsy Quinn

Happy New Year to all! I look forward to 2016 and making plans for new areas of service for our club. I made another delivery of teddy bears to Dolly Nottingham, which is enroute to Family Court via Dolly's daughter, Holly. Also, our food drive for La Mesa seniors ended with another bin of canned goods delivered to the Chamber of Commerce. Again, my sincere thanks to all who gave so generously of their time and means.

With our service reports due quite soon, I would appreciate receiving a quick message from you letting me know the hours you spent on any of our projects. Please take a moment to think about the many events that you participated in this past year so our club can include the information in the reports.

The next project will be a baby shower for military mothers-to-be, "MOMS." Stay tuned to learn how you can participate in honoring those women who support our U.S. service personnel. We are interested in your ideas regarding future projects and welcome all input. We have so many interesting, talented women in our club and look forward to your positive energy as we make a difference in our community! I'll see you at our next meeting--be sure and bring your spare change to support "Pennies for Pines" and "Ronald McDonald House." Blessings to you and your loved ones in this new year!

Bancroft School - Holiday Families

Marsha McDonald

LMWC donated Christmas gifts to 20 children again this year for Bancroft, in addition to more school supplies, underwear, socks, and sweats/pants. The school was so grateful. This made 20 children feel the love during this holiday season. Thank you all so much. You don't know how happy this makes the children and their families!

Turtle Camp Pillows

Maryann Alianelli, Chairman

Thirty-three colorful turtles were mailed to the CFWC Art Chairmen, Sally Montgomery. LMWC and Woman's Club of Lakeside were the only district clubs that made 83 pillows this year. The District and Club reports for this project were due on January 5. The Chairman wanted to know in the Club Report how many each member had made. In the WCL club one member made 50 turtles (can you believe it?). In our report I listed the members that took the most turtles home to sew: Marti Ryan 7, Andrea Joerden 9, Laurie Miller 7, Linda Sotelo 5, Carol Dreesen 1, and Margie and I worked on several parts that I added up to 2 each. Several other members Joy Taylor, Jean Adams, Marsha McDonald, Dalal Lehman, Beth Miller, Joyce Pendzimas, Betsy Quinn, Lou Turner and Claudine Bateman helped with pressing, donating

and choosing fabric, cutting fabric and pinning pieces together. Angie Lombardo was our most supportive non sewing member. She attended all the workshops and helped with whatever we needed. Thank you once again to all the members who participated in any way on the project.

La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Senior Christmas Baskets

Maryann Alianelli, Chairman

The club voted to spend \$100 to purchase items for the 24 seniors that the Chamber had identified who would be receiving baskets. The Chamber CEO, Mary England, suggest that I purchase small fruit cups and Knorr's rice/vegetable packets for them. I delivered them to her for the baskets and she expressed her gratitude for our participation.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Nora Maxwell

ATTENTION: December was the time to pay your dues for 2016 to La Mesa Woman's Club. The cost is \$50. Only 21 members have paid so far. Dues are now past due. Please pay ASAP so you will receive the updated club directory. Thank you -

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Jennifer Mahoney / Lou Turner



**Time for the annual Bridge and Bunco
Fundraiser for scholarships!
Saturday, March 5th**



The annual fundraiser for 2016 will be held on Saturday, March 5, from 9:30 am to 3:00pm in the La Mesa Women's Clubhouse. The price of admission, \$30.00, will include a tempting catered lunch, engaging afternoon of exciting cards and games, opportunities to win fantastic prizes. We urge you to consider different ways you can participate and support this event. To create a successful event we are asking all members to consider their strengths and what they can add to the day. How about assisting on the reservations committee? Or perhaps the donations committee? Come help us transform the clubhouse into something beautiful, by joining the decorations committee. If you have free time we will gladly match you with the best committee to compliment your amazing skills. Last year we had over 100 people attend the event. Let's keep the annual tradition of at least 100 participants and perhaps even more this year. Invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to help support the local scholarships. Please attend the first meeting of the year to kick start the event on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 pm in our clubhouse. If you are unable to join us then please feel free to contact Jennifer or Lou at the information given below. Looking forward to creating an amazing, successful event.

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Lou Turner
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619-462-4746

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Jean Adams

Our guest speaker for both the Day and Evening Assembly meetings this month will be Teri Bowan, administrator of Hidden Treasures Foundation. They are dedicated to rescuing and restoring women and children victimized by sex slavery and human trafficking. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month!

Thank You to Gertrude Findley and Angie Lombardo for agreeing to be chairman for signing up the hostesses for this year. I greatly appreciate your willingness to step up and take on this responsibility. You are the best!!

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

Gertrude Findley

The hostesses for the January 18th Day Assembly meeting will be a delightful surprise!

Nora Maxwell wrote:

I want to thank everyone for the nice luncheon and meeting on Monday, December 21st especially those who helped with the set up and taking down. A Special thank you to Betsy for all the beautiful Santa Clauses she brought to decorate the tables. They were beautiful and we enjoyed her explaining where each came from.

Thank you also to all the members who furnished refreshments the past year. Everyone was so gracious to say yes, and all the goodies were delicious.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

The hostesses for the January 13th meeting will be Marsha McDonald and Margie Hartman. Please plan to attend the first meeting of the New Year.

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy



Nora Maxwell at left leading the group in singing Christmas carols with the Java Band in the background led by Tom Conti providing the music.

Margie Hartman show-casing some of the Teddy Bears made by her friend, JoAnn Ryan which were donated to Family Courts.



Margie installed the 2016 La Mesa Woman's Club Officers



Left to right:
 Carol Dreesen – President
 Betsy Quinn – 1st VP
 Nora Maxwell – 2nd VP
 Jennifer Mahoney and Lou Turner, 3rd VPs
 Jean Adams – 4th VP
 Marsha McDonald, Recording Secretary
 Margie Hartman, Parliamentarian.
 Pat Kelly – Treasurer was absent.

DONATION



At the December 21st Installation meeting, Maryann Alianelli, Marti Ryan and Andrea Joerden presented a check in the amount of \$6,200 to Lise Mitchell and Forrest Higgins, representatives from the La Mesa Boys & Girls Club.

The funds were raised at our October Fashion Show and Cruise Raffle to benefit the new clubhouse being built for the children in our community.

BRIDGE-

JANUARY Bridge Dates:

Friday, 8th	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 11th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Monday, 25th	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 Esther Jones’ table will provide the refreshments.

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE

Ginger Davis, Rental Manager

Thank you to Elaine Ayres for her many kitchen donations! The wood floor was resealed the last week of December and looks great! Tea room, office and stair carpets are being cleaned on Tuesday, January 5th. Repairs have been made to the men’s bathroom, and a new light has been installed on the flag pole. With the rains this week several roof leaks have occurred. The Executive Board will be discussing obtaining three estimates for repairs and/or replacement of the roof.

Maryann Alianelli

I announced at the December Executive Board meeting that I would be resigning at the end of 2015. Thank you to Nora Maxwell for presenting a plaque to me after the December meeting/party. It was greatly appreciated.

I wanted to share with you all the improvements we have made to the clubhouse over the last 9 years. The document has been posted on the easel so you can review the list of improvements and repairs made during that time.

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