



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



GAVEL TALK - JUNE 2016

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
JUNE	JULY	<i>Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!</i>
Wed 1st Executive Board 9:30am Fri 3rd 1st Friday Bridge 11:00 a Mon 13th Hospitality Tea 11:30a Mon 20th Reception for the Scholarship Winners 6:30pm	Fri 1st Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 11th Hospitality Tea 11:30am	
		Elaine Ayres 6th Nora Maxwell 18th



President's Message
Bar B Que Lunch

Sixteen members enjoyed the combined day and evening Barbeque lunch. I provided the pulled pork, Laurie the sandwich buns, Betsy added her delicious coleslaw, and Lou a delicious Asian salad, Pat picked up the pork for me and added her favorite sauce. Three flavors of Marie Callendar's pie added a sweet touch to the lunch.



May starts the vacation season for many LMWC members. Marsha just returned from South Africa. We missed you Marsha and are so glad to have you back. Sandi is still on her European cruise. She'll return in about a week. Then Betsy leaves for Oregon to help her father. Pat leaves foggy San Diego for cold Alaska. Pat, we hope you have a wonderful trip. I think we'll have our board members back in July so please don't have any emergencies.

The club is dark in July and August except for Executive Board and CMC meetings, a few bridge dates and our July 29th fundraiser. Mark your calendars!

Carol Dreesen
Clubhouse Beautification

Floyd and Howerton installed new faucets, fittings and pipes to stop the dripping in the two kitchen sinks. The old heater in the tea room closet is history. The gas pipes are capped and a new floor has been added. I have new carpet squares in the trunk of my car to install in the closet to protect the new card tables from being scratched. Thank you son, Dan.

The area D conference will be held at LMWC October 22, 2016. CMC is working hard to have the clubhouse in tip top shape. I'm working with Brady construction to have new ceiling tiles installed in the main room. A scout working on his eagle scout 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.



Scholarship Presentation & Reception

Thirty-seven students submitted applications. The committee worked diligently to select the top five winners. Three recipients are from Grossmont, one from Valhalla and one from Mt Miguel. LMWC plans to have a reception for the scholarship winners June 20th at 6:30 pm. I hope you can come and meet these wonderful young people.



Thanks to each of you who donated shoes for the children of Bancroft Elementary School. Our club should be proud of the support we have given to this school, and the total number of pairs of shoes was 25. I also delivered a bag of "replacement clothing," items that are always needed in the health office. We will continue, under the "Advocates for Children" category, with the incentive programs, holiday family adoptions, and clothing for these deserving children.



Also continuing...I deliver one grocery bag of magazines to the Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary and one load of items to the Thrift Shop monthly on behalf of LMWC. This month I also delivered donated books to the shop. Our thanks to Ginger, who oversees the used books at the clubhouse. She has asked for some new selections, so ladies, let's "de-clutter" our bookshelves and donate for a good cause.



Our Board recommended and members voted to support the following three new projects:

1) Comfort Items for families staying at Ronald McDonald House ie hand & body lotion, make-up products & brushes, hairbrushes & combs, hair ties and headbands, journals & diaries, calendars & organizers. In another category are simple items for fun--jigsaw puzzles, crossword/word search puzzles, card or board games, and art supplies or kits. We will set aside a time to assemble "kits" to deliver. You can bring items to the clubhouse office labeled RMH."

2) Stand Up for Kids - Maryann has placed a blue bag in the office for us to donate travel size toiletries that can be used by the children in this program.

3) South Bay Community Services - Check out the program to support transitional housing for victims of domestic Violence @ www.SouthBayCommunityServices.org Similar to our work years ago with Becky's Place, we can assist in equipping apartments, so please save gently used household items that can furnish a kitchen or bedroom. We will store items in the swing closet at the clubhouse until delivery.



Since I was privileged to be a reader for this year's scholarship recipients, I wanted to share some excerpts from their excellent essays. You will be inspired by their thoughtful words and feel hopeful about the "next generation." The writing prompt was "What is the most serious problem in your community? How can you help to improve this problem?"

"...I believe it is our job as a community to empower our children and adolescents, especially when they are young. Working with children has given me that outlet to affect their lives in as many positive ways as possible, reminding them every day that they are capable of great things. As an average person living in society I understand the near impossibility of being able to help everyone, yet I know that I can at least strive to help someone. As my favorite quote by Dr. Seuss always reminds me, "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."

"...the most serious problem right now in my community is a lack of involvement. Many people want or expect the government, the schools, and just about anyone else to resolve their problems and fix the issues. However, many of the problems that we face as a community can only be remedied by the community collectively coming together to find a solution. It requires every person in the community to not only commit to being a part of the solution but to also take personal responsibility for themselves...I can help improve this situation by being an active, vocal, and visible role model...through volunteer work and by taking leadership roles and participating at my school."

"A prominent problem I found...was that students in low-income households were not being given the opportunity to explore science and engineering. I was able to help a school that had become a STEAM Magnet school as it transitioned to a focus on science and engineering...with lesson plans that not only brought the design process alive for the children but allowed these young students to collaboratively work together and problem solve. I am excited that my lessons will continue to be used by teachers in the coming years. Through this experience I have truly enjoyed the relationships established with the children and hope that I can always give back to my community."

Congratulations to all the students who applied for the scholarships and especially to the five recipients who are truly outstanding members of our community.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Nora Maxwell

We have a new (returning) member for the LMWC, Lilia Vesey. I'm sure she will be initiated at our September meeting. Please continue asking women to join as we have a great group of women, who work well together, and continue to work for charities that we are interested in and support. Have a great summer and come back in the fall ready to work for the good of humanity.



MEMBER TO MEMBER AWARD

It was my pleasure to present the Member to Member Plate to Lou Turner at the May 16, 2016 Day Meeting. Lou is always willing to help, she is very organized and a valuable asset to our club. Lou is involved in several community groups, a very busy lady. Thank you Lou for all you do and for choosing to be a member of La Mesa Woman's Club.

Pictured at left: Laurie Miller and Lou Turner

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Lou Turner

Planning is well underway for a summertime fundraising event that will be held on Friday, July 29th at our Clubhouse. This will give us an opportunity to raise additional funds toward high school scholarships and our other community service projects. Because of the success of our March 5th Bridge and Bunco fundraiser, we recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships each to 5 graduating seniors from the Grossmont High School District.

We are asking all members to join us for a ***Come Celebrate America Patriotic Bridge and Bunco Party***, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Bridge and Bunco will begin at 10 o'clock. Tickets are \$20 per person and will include coffee and light breakfast treats, opportunity drawings, and a tempting buffet lunch. Be sure to wear Red, White and Blue and you may win a prize for the best Patriotic outfit! The deadline for reservations is Friday, July 22nd. Margie Hartman (619-440-2449) is coordinating reservations and Betsy Quinn and Laurie Miller will have a nice selection of opportunity drawing items to give away. We do need more gift cards and gift certificates (restaurants, stores, Starbuck's, Jamba Juice, etc.). They can be in the \$10 to \$20 range and would be greatly appreciated. Please bring all donations to the Monday, June 20th meeting. . . . thanks!

Reservation forms will be available on June 1st. through any board member or please call Lou Turner (619-462-4746 or email: [lnjturner@cox.net.](mailto:lnjturner@cox.net)) We are hopeful all our members support this endeavor and invite your bridge and bunco friends to join us. If you are not able to attend, please consider making a \$20 donation to help make the day financially successful.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

Gertrude Findley

No Day assembly meeting in June; instead there will be a reception in the evening on June 20th for the scholarship winners. Many thanks to Angie, Roz and Lou for the wonderful strawberry bliss pies we enjoyed at the Day meeting on May 16th.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – EVENING

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

Laurie, Lou, Angie and Roz have volunteered to assist with ordering the cake, decorating and setting up for the scholarship winner's reception on the evening of June 20th. The members voted to have the club purchase the cake and decorations for this event.

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Jean Adams

Monday, June 20th is a joint meeting for the reception for our scholarship winners and family. The meeting and reception will be at the clubhouse at 6:30 pm. Hope to see both our Day and Evening members there to meet and congratulate these fantastic graduates!

District Club events you may want to attend:

June 10, Friday, Julian Wm Club Tea, \$25 (Maryann will drive if anyone wants to attend)

June 11, Saturday, San Diego & Mira Mesa Fashion Show Brunch \$30

June 25-July 4, Julian Town Hall, Heritage Quilt Show, **Free**

July 2, 11:00 am, Eleanor Burns Show, "Quilts of Our Lives, \$15

BRIDGE-

June Bridge Dates:

Friday, 3rd	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 13th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am



Please NOTE: There will not be a 4th Monday bridge luncheon from May to September.

Anyone interested in being a substitute for any of the bridge groups, please call Esther Jones at (619) 583-5010.

Hospitality Teas: This month Wini Van Huizen’s table will provide the refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We sadly announce the recent passing of former La Mesa Woman’s Club member, Michelle (Chelle) Yale. At the request of her family, La Mesa Woman’s Club made a \$100 donation to the Sharp-Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary in her honor. The Auxiliary is planning a memorial for Chelle. Details below:



In Loving Memory of Michelle Yale

7,035 volunteer hours since September 2006
Past Auxiliary President, Aquatics Aide, Gentle
Fitness and
Surgery Lounge volunteer

Celebration of Life
Saturday, June 25, 2016
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Auditorium
5555 Grossmont Center Drive
La Mesa, CA 91942
R.S.V.P. appreciated (619) 740-4059

Park in parking structure 2 by hospital entrance –
parking will be validated



La Mesa Woman's Club Celebrates America

Come Join us for a Patriotic Bridge and Bunco Party

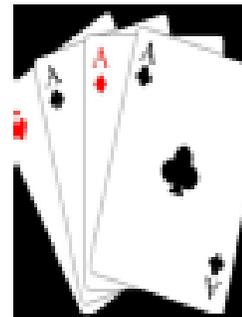
On Friday, July 29, 2016 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Doors Open at 9:30 A.M

Bridge and Bunco Begin at 10 o'clock

Prizes, Fun, Friendship and a Buffet Lunch served at 12:30 Included

\$20.00 per person (Please Wear Red, White and Blue)



at the La Mesa Woman's Clubhouse

5220 Wilson Street, La Mesa, CA 91942

Proceeds will benefit the La Mesa Woman's Club Scholarship Program and Community Service Projects

Reservation deadline is Friday, July 22, 2016

Please mail this completed form for you or your group with payment to :

Margie Howard-Hartman,

P.O. Box 1061, El Cajon, CA 92022.

Please make check payable to La Mesa Woman's Club ~ ~ A 501 (c) 3 corporation

***** Please clip here & return bottom portion with payment *****

Name of contact person _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Please **CIRCLE** your choice

BRIDGE DUPLICATE BRIDGE BUNCO GAMES LUNCH ONLY

1. _____ 1. _____

2. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 4. _____

_____ I cannot attend but enclose a donation to support the LMWC's philanthropic projects

For reservation information, please call

Margie Howard-Hartman at 619-440-2449

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