



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



GAVEL TALK - MARCH 2016

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
MARCH Fri 4th Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Sat. 5th Bridge/Bunco Fundraiser 9:30a – 2:30pm Wed 9th Evening Mtg. 6:30pm Mon 14th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 16th Southern District Mtg Sweetwater WC 9:00 am Mon 21st Day Assembly 1:00pm Mon 28th Bridge lunch 11:30am	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 Mon 25th Bridge Lunch 11:30 am	Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!  Nadene Parsell 5th Sandi Phoenix 9th Molly Lawson 11th Corrine McKeel 14th Lynn Roehrich 22nd Glynnis Andrews 27th Esther Jones 29th



President

Carol Dreesen



March is a busy month for LMWC.

Kitchen

The new floor is installed. It has to be sealed and one piece of coving put under one cabinet. We need to thank Howard's Flooring for the installation and material. The kitchen will be painted Saturday, March 26th.

Hip! Hip! Hooray! The new stove will be here and installed this week. Thank You Esther for your donation of \$2,709 and your patience while we sorted everything out. Esther's' generous gift pays for the stove but not the additional cost for shipping, installation, two extra oven racks and the casters which amounts to \$1,075. The club will have to pick up the balance unless some club members would like to help by making a donation.

Flowers

The CMC is working on a plan to put new flowers and plants outside the clubhouse. In the meantime, Sandi and Marsha purchased lavender and assorted plants for the patio and front planters. Our clubhouse will look beautiful for Saturday's fundraiser.

Festival of the Arts

Thank You Betsy Quinn for taking over my responsibilities for the Festival of the Arts. Betsy arrived at the event at 8:00am to decorate 22 tables. The decorations received lots of positive comments from the attendees!

Yearbook

The 2016 yearbook is finished and ready for distribution. I hope you like the new pictures.

New Brochure

We have a beautiful new brochure with lots of pictures and information about LMWC. The brochure will be on display during the fundraiser.

2016 Scholarship Fundraising Event – March 5th

Lou Turner and her committee have done a wonderful job. Lou is totally organized and kept everyone on their toes. Co-chair Jennifer Mahoney always had a welcoming smile for everyone and brought new enjoyment to this large Job. Laurie Miller collected and packaged some super baskets.



District Meeting

Chris Herzog, CFWC President, along with several other state and local officers have been a big help to LMWC. Chris would like as many members of LMWC as possible to attend the March district meeting. LMWC has three representatives plus the President. The meeting will be Wednesday, March 16th at the Sweetwater Woman's Clubhouse, 3855 Sweetwater Road, Bonita. (619) 479-7888. Carpooling can be arranged.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Betsy Quinn

Thanks to all of you who contributed generously to our recent project, the MOM's baby shower. Addressing the category of Women's Issues, MOM's is San Diego Military Outreach Ministries. We targeted the LMWC meetings in February for participation, and 11 members brought baby shower items worth \$427. The time spent was 8 hours 45 minutes. Barbara Chavez, a representative from MOM, spoke to both meetings about the work done by the agency for young mothers. At the day meeting, members enjoyed "baby bingo" and took turns answering baby trivia questions. Do you know the most popular boys' and girls' names for 2015? If you had been at the "baby shower" you would be able to answer that question!

Our current project, which will last through May, is another service to Bancroft Elementary School students. The LMWC has "adopted" this school and has responded frequently to various needs. The school counselor has asked for our help in supplying shoes for students--all ages K-5 and all sizes for children.

Sandi Phoenix created an attractive box, and members can bring shoes into the clubhouse office at any time. In particular, please donate shoes at the fundraiser and at the regular day and evening meetings in March, April, and May. Good shoes are a necessary part of a child's life, and shoes in poor condition can affect not only self-esteem but can create safety issues on the playground.

Please consider visiting Walmart, Target, Ross, or Kohl's to purchase an inexpensive, attractive pair of shoes for a deserving child. Also consider "gently used" children's shoes from one of our local thrift shops. Join us in making this project successful. Over 50 members belong to LMWC--let's make our goal 25 pair of shoes. That's one per member! Marsha MacDonald again has graciously offered to be the liaison for this service project.

If anyone has an idea for a project, please contact me, Betsy Quinn at betsyaquinn@gmail.com.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Nora Maxwell

I want to thank all the members who have so graciously renewed their membership in the La Mesa Woman's Club. At last count we have 42 returning members. Yahoo!! We did pick up a new member. Randy Lawson, husband of Molly Lawson, joined as our first gentleman member. Thank you Randy! Maybe you have some friends that might like to join us as well.

I have the names and phone numbers of several that have shown interest in the Club and will be contacting them next week. Please keep asking people to join. Let them know how much fun we have raising money for charity.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Jennifer Mahoney / Lou Turner

The past few months have flown by, as the members of the fundraising committee have been working tirelessly creating a wonderful event. This Saturday, March 5 doors open at 9:30am for Bridge and Bunco games. An amazing catered lunch will be served at 12:00 with plenty of time and opportunity to glance over our wonderful baskets and silent auction items. Many of our members donated beautiful items for the baskets. A complete detailed list of all the baskets and the items will be included in program on Saturday. Come support the La Mesa Women's Club by purchasing a ticket for \$30.00. You can enjoy the games and also take a chance with some raffle tickets. As you may remember, this fundraiser is to support our local high school seniors as they pursue their dreams of higher education. This scholarship fund can enhance the life of a senior as they begin their next journey in life. Start the journey with them by joining us on Saturday as dreams turn into reality when "Showers become Flowers" for these students.

In our April Gavel Talk, we will give a complete report on how we did financially. Again, please know how grateful we are for your help!

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Jean Adams



Barbara Chavez from Military Outreach Ministry (MOM's) spoke to both the Day and Evening Assembly meetings in February about this wonderful organization and how they support our local military families.

LMWC members held a Baby Shower for MOM's and donated many adorable items suitable for a diaper bag, as well as baby clothes and toys. Betsy had us playing Baby Bingo and other baby shower games. Fun was had by all.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

The March 21st Day meeting will be held at the Olaf Wieghorst Museum in El Cajon. JoAnn Knutson will provide an informative tour for members beginning at 11:00am. We hope all of our Day and Evening members who are able to will attend. Everyone enjoyed the delicious, homemade cherry pie provided by Gertrude Findley in February.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

The hostesses for the March 13th meeting will be Maryann Alianelli and Sandi Phoenix. Thank you Jean Adams and Roz Kennedy for providing the adorable decorations and refreshments in February.



Member to Member Plate: After a brief interruption in the continuity of the presentation of this special honor, I was surprised to receive it in January from Elaine Ayres.

I then presented it at the February day meeting to a much deserving member, Carol Dreesen. Some of you may know that Carol suffers from an autoimmune disease and frequently does not feel well. Despite that condition, she is a true powerhouse, fueling her energy into many projects to benefit the LMWC. She rarely says "no;" she often says "yes." She brings a touch of class and beauty to everything she undertakes. Remember the Pot of Gold at last year's fundraiser? Carol! The beautiful Irish basket silent auction item? Carol! When we need a place to meet--Carol graciously offers her lovely home. At Christmas, she decorated tables with personalized coffee mugs and tiny poinsettias. Her generosity knows no bounds--she is truly committed to the LMWC and has helped us all take the club to the next level. I am honored to be her associate and friend, and it is with pleasure that I presented the Member to Member plate to her. Congratulations, Carol!

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Maryann Alianelli, President

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Presidents Convention meeting 9:00-9:30 am
- March 12 - Coronado Wm. Club Bunco 10:00 am -2:00 pm \$20, includes lunch
Imperial Beach Wm. Club & Nite Owls Beach Bunco \$15 3:00 - 5:00 pm
- April 9th- Chula Vista Wm. Club, Fashion show at Woman’s History Museum, lunch \$30.00
- April 10th - Poway Wm. Club, Tea & Entertainment \$20
- April 23rd - Southern District Convention, CV Elks Club, lunch, \$30

BRIDGE-

March Bridge Dates:

Friday, 4th	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 14th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
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 Dorothy Dixon’s table will provide the refreshments.

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE



	<p>We have a new clock for the Tea Room thanks to the generosity of Sandi Phoenix.</p>
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The shamrocks that
grow,
And may trouble avoid
you
Wherever you go.

Irish Blessing

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