




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



*Pat Kelly, Editor*

***GAVEL TALK - FEBRUARY 2017***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<i>Best Wishes to our birthday ladies!</i>
Fri 3rd Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Wed 8th Evening Assembly 6:30pm Mon 13th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Mon 20th Day Assembly 1:00pm Tue 21st Marathon Bridge 5:30pm Mon 27th Bridge lunch 11:30am	Fri 3rd Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Wed 8th Evening Assembly 6:30pm Mon 13th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Mon 20th Day Assembly 1:00pm Tue 21st Marathon Bridge 5:30pm Mon 27th Bridge lunch 11:30am	 <b>Maryann Alianelli 11th</b>

*President's Message*



***Happy Valentine's Day!***

**Club House**

We are currently facing a few unexpected challenges. As our clubhouse gets older it requires more care. Our CMC members are diligent in sealing the vents and pipes on the roof. Pat even had Felipe bungie cord tarps around the smaller vents in hopes of keeping them from leaking. The heavy rain and winds went right through as though we didn't do anything and leaked on the floor and carpeting. Pat bought a roll of plastic and my son Steve and grandson Josh, Judy and Pat helped us roll out the plastic then put trash cans and buckets under the leaking areas. We covered the new stove and placed buckets in leaking areas. Judy worked right alongside Pat trying to keep the larger leaks from getting on the wood floor.

Pat is working with several roofing companies trying to figure out what to do to stop the leaks while we look elsewhere for some funding to make the necessary repairs. The estimates for a new roof range between \$37,000 and \$57,000. This does not include replacing the air conditioning ducts.

*Carol Dreesen*

The Executive Board is sending a letter to all members requesting donations. If you have any spare cash you would like to donate to the club now is the time.

I sent a letter to Dianne Jacob requesting emergency assistance. The Board will take all suggestions.



**Festival of the Arts**

Festival of the Arts is Thursday, February 23rd at our clubhouse. The tickets are \$20. Pat Kelly has tickets. Each club will bring a tablecloth and decoration for their own table. We need two door prizes and a basket worth \$25.00. Let's get together and fill a table. We have 6 members signed up and paid. We just need 2 more to fill our table.

**Fund raising**

Sandi Phoenix and her committee have a catchy name for our March event, "Dollars for Scholars". Sandy will have more to say in her article.

**Rental Manager**

Be sure to introduce yourself to Judy Burgess. She is delightful to work with. Judy has been a great assistant to Pat and me during the stormy weather.

## 1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Betsy Quinn



Greetings! One of my happiest moments so far in 2017 was handing over the completed annual reports to Lou Turner! I appreciated all the assistance I received while working on these--thanks especially to Carol, Marsha, Margie, Pat, Sandi, Laurie, and Lou. Listed are the number of projects we selected to report and their corresponding GFWC Advancement Areas:

- Communication and Public Relations--3
- Leadership--3
- Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention--2
- Advocates for Children--3
- Arts Community Service--2
- Conservation--3
- Education--3
- Home Life Community Service--4
- Public Issues--2

Not bad, Ladies--we completed 25 worthwhile projects and made a difference in our little corner of the world. My intention this year is to have a more effective manner of record keeping.



### Care Kits

This year our club pledged to create care kits for the cars of East County law enforcement officers. What a timely project in view of the shocking news this past week. The San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force conducted a countywide sweep in their "Operation Reclaim and Rebuild." This effort resulted in the recovery of 28 sexually exploited children and 27 women. I was horrified to read that the underground sex industry in San Diego is a \$810 million business.

I'm grateful our club can participate in providing comfort to vulnerable victims and thank Lou for chairing this project.

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We're gearing up for our annual fundraiser, which Sandi is heading. Look for more information from her. Let's hope the community notices our good works so we can add some new members this year.

## 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Lou Turner

In January, we were pleased to welcome a new member, Colleen (Connie) McKee. Connie plays with the 1st Friday bridge group and is sponsored by our member, Arnell Sanderlin. We look forward to getting to know Connie during the coming year.

We encourage members to invite interested friends to either our evening or day meetings to get better acquainted with our members, find out more about the LMWC, our fundraising endeavors, and how we lend support to many worthwhile east county charities. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

## 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Sandi Phoenix



CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

Did you know we, La Mesa Woman's Club members, have

given 226 scholarships over the years from 1975 to 2016, for a total of \$82,600.00? We started at \$100 per scholarship and now give \$1,000, or sometimes more per scholarship. WE HAVE A TRADITION TO BE VERY PROUD OF! ONE THAT IS WORTHY OF OUR BEST EFFORTS TO CONTINUE!

Our major fundraiser to benefit our scholarship fund is almost here. It is our 10th annual card party. The theme this year is "**Dollars for Scholars**". It will be March 31st, the 5th Friday of March. We are keeping the cost the same as last year, \$30.00. Doors will open at 9:30a.m. Keeping with tradition, Margie Hartman is taking your reservations again this year. She and her team will be at

our registration table to check you in. Our friendly greeters, Esther, Arnell, Nora and our President, Carol will meet you as you come in the door and direct you to our two Welcome tables overflowing with morning snacks, coffee and tea, then to your reserved table for a friendly and fun filled day of cards, lunch, winning prizes and even a couple surprises.

Did you know that we have a reputation for offering beautiful, high dollar valued opportunity baskets? Thanks to Laurie, Andrea, Roz and several members our opportunity baskets will again be a highlight of the day. You will want to plan ahead and bring extra cash to purchase lots of opportunity tickets from our gorgeous ticket sales girls. Just look for the green balloons that will identify our ticket sales girls. To keep another tradition, Cupid's Catering will again provide our delicious lunch buffet. The buffet will be ready for you by 12 noon. While you eat, take a moment to buy more opportunity tickets or

tickets for our Pot of Gold tradition. Your winning tickets will be drawn after lunch and the numbers posted on boards for you to check as you leave. All games will close as our successful day comes to an end at 2:30p.m.

Plans are coming along well. Many members have already offered to help and have been given responsibilities. Thank you! Thank you! WE ALWAYS NEED MORE HELP. How can you help you ask? Here are some ways.

1. INVITE your friends, family, neighbors, members of other service organizations, and more...The more we have the more money we will raise for the scholarships!
2. SEND ME A LIST OF PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RECEIVE AN INVITATION IN THE MAIL. We are developing a mailing list and will mail invitations to anyone you suggest. This can be anyone, the Mayor of La Mesa, a City Councilwoman, the President of another service organization, Principals, Councilors, Teachers at one of the high schools in the Grossmont Union High School District, AND MORE.

3. UNDERWRITE ALL OR PART OF A CARD PARTY EXPENSE. One way to ensure a profitable fundraiser is to keep the cost down. We can accomplish this by underwriting, donating, or paying for some of our expenses so they will not be deducted from the proceeds. Please contact me by email or phone if you would like to underwrite our Welcome Table, printing cost, postage cost, our Pot of Gold, or lunch costs. I promise you will see your name on our public Donor Board.
4. LOAN YOUR CARD TABLES. Call or email me the number of card tables you have that we may borrow.
5. LOOK FOR AND SIGN THE FUNDRAISER SIGN-UP CLIPBOARD as it comes around at our meetings.



Our Goal is to profit \$5,000 for our scholarships. Thank you in advance for all you can do to help make this happen!

#### **4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

Hi Everyone. This month we will have the La Mesa Chief of Police, Walt Vasquez, speak to us for the Evening meeting. Unfortunately he is not available for the Day meeting. In March we will have a speaker from Oasis come to our Evening meeting only. She will be very interesting and I hope everyone can make it.

Anyone that can't drive at night but would like to attend, please contact someone from our Evening members that may live close by and try to carpool with them. Let's have a good turnout for our meetings. Thank you.

**Jean Adams**

#### **SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEWS**

It is always fun to meet and make friends with other women's club members and have a fun time. During February we have three opportunities to do this. If you are interested in attending any or all of these fun events, let other La Mesa Woman's Club members know. Let's make it a group event.

Celebrate the San Diego Woman's Club 125th Anniversary! Tuesday, February 21, 11:30a.m. Happy Hour, Luncheon and 'Fashions through the Ages', provided by the San Diego Women's History Museum. \$30 per person. For reservations contact Karen, 619-286-3979. Reservation deadline is February 17. Join in the theme of the day and dress in a style which might have been worn to a club meeting in the past.

#### **HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day**

Refreshments for the Day meeting on Monday, February 13th will be provided by Arnell Sanderlin. If someone would like to assist her, I'm sure she would appreciate the help. Ladies, I also need volunteers for next month. If you have not participated recently, and are willing to do so, please let me know. Thank you!!

**Sandi Phoenix**

Festival of Arts, Thursday, February 23rd, 10a.m., our clubhouse. Art on exhibit, lunch, opportunity prizes and Federation Friendships. Set-up Wednesday, February 22, 2 – 4p.m. We selected to honor the Lady Liberty, the Statue of Liberty and will dress in red, white and blue. Six members have purchased tickets.

CFWC Southern District Fundraiser, Tuesday, February 28th, 5 – 9p.m., Lakeside Boll Weevil, 9741 Winter Gardens Blvd., Lakeside. Join other Southern District members and friends for dinner, raffles, silent auction and more. Southern District will receive 20% of the bill.

**Nora Maxwell**

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening**

**Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy**

The hostesses for February’s meeting are Jean Adams and Roz Kennedy. Our thanks to Laurie Miller and Lou Turner for providing the refreshments in January. We hope to see all of you at the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY**

**Nora Maxwell**

I will be the Correspondence Secretary for 2017. If you know of any member that is ill or having any problems please let me know so I can check on them, and send cards. My numbers are in the Membership Book. Thank you.

**FEBRUARY Bridge Dates:**

Friday, 3rd	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 13th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Tuesday, 21st	Marathon Bridge	5:30pm
Monday, 27th	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 Beard’s table will provide the refreshments.

	<p align="center"><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>Hopefully you have all met Judy Burgess, pictured at right. Judy is our substitute rental manager for the clubhouse, and is doing an excellent job. Please make her feel welcome.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Ginger and Margie</b></p> <p><b>Both of these ladies are recovering from recent surgery. Please keep them in your prayers for a quick and full recovery. Cards would be welcome.</b></p>	
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