



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



*GAVEL TALK - MARCH 2017*

*Pat Kelly, Editor*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</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 <b>Fri 31st FUNDRAISER 9:30 am</b>	Fri 7th Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am Mon 10th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 12th Evening Assembly 6:30p Mon 17th Day Assembly 1:00pm Tue 18th Marathon Bridge 5:30pm Sat 22nd So. District Convention Mon 24th Bridge lunch 11:30am	 Nadene Parsell 5 <sup>th</sup> Sandi Phoenix 9 <sup>th</sup> Molly Lawson 11 <sup>th</sup> Corinne McKeel 14 <sup>th</sup> Lynn Roehrich 22 <sup>nd</sup> Esther Jones 29 <sup>th</sup>

*President's Message*



**Club House**

The many heavy and frequent rain storms our county has experienced this winter have caused multiple leaks in the clubhouse roof, especially around the air conditioning units and the vent above the stove in the kitchen. We have obtained several estimates for replacing the 30 year old units and installing a new roof.

Our next step is forming a committee to write a grant to hopefully obtain the necessary funds from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program through Diane Jacobs's office. I have already sent a letter to Ms. Jacob's office requesting emergency assistance. The Board welcomes any suggestions and/or donations from our members.

*Carol Dreesen*

**Rental Manager**

Judy has been diligent in protecting the clubhouse by putting down the roll of plastic and trash cans to catch the leaks and protect the floor, carpet and stove. Thank you so much, Judy!! Your efforts are very much appreciated.



**Festival of the Arts**

The Southern District's Festival of the Arts was held at our clubhouse on Thursday, February 23rd. There was a large turnout and the event was a success. Funds raised are awarded to local students in the form of art scholarships.



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. Please plan to attend to support our scholarship fund.

**1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN**

**Betsy Quinn**

Hopefully you are all drying out and staying safe after our recent storms. In my area, large trees were uprooted, blocking roads and causing damage. Mother Nature is a powerful force--much like the collective, dedicated energy of the LMWC. We're gearing up for our major project, the annual spring fundraiser, "Dollars for Scholars." Be sure to support this worthwhile event with your time, energy, and funds.



Our varied support of Bancroft Elementary School has a new focus--the recently formed knitting club. How can you help? Donate some yarn so that these young students can develop a healthy, productive hobby and enjoy time together in a safe setting after school.



Once again we will support the San Diego Military Outreach Ministries (MOM) with a baby shower at the evening meeting on Wednesday, May 10. Bring items to fill a diaper bag and add a package of diapers. Diaper bags are donated to this charity, and our club participates by providing the supplies. Last year we contributed items worth more than \$400 and enjoyed some silly shower games. Let's exceed that amount this year!



We have new forms in the green binder at the clubhouse to record your volunteer hours. Please remember to fill in your good deeds and time spent on a monthly basis. This will make report writing easier. Thanks!

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

**Lou Turner**

It appears we have several ladies who have expressed an interest in joining our club so I am following up with them. We continue to encourage members to invite friends to either our evening or day meetings to get better acquainted with our members, join in our fundraising projects and learn about the local charities we support.

Thanks to members who contributed toiletries and other personal care items in support of the newly organized *Step Away from Abuse* domestic violence program in connection with the Rancho San Diego Sheriff's Station. Andrea Canfield, from the Lakeside Woman's Club, is contacting east county woman's clubs to support this project. She hopes that together, the east county clubs will provide 50 care kits to get the program off to a good start. Our response was so good that we met our original goal of 10 kits plus we have most items to donate at least another 4 to 6 care kits, as they are needed. If you would like to collect some of the items included in each kit, I would be happy to send a listing to you. Many thanks to everyone for your generosity!!

**3rd VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Sandi Phoenix**



Hi everyone! Our Dollars for Scholars Card Party & Luncheon Fundraiser, March 31, 2017, 9:30a.m. – 2:30p.m., at our clubhouse, is only 31 days away! The cost is only \$30 per person. Cupids Catering will provide lunch, which will include our favorites: Gloria's Signature Salad, Chicken Salad Croissants, Broccoli Slaw, Fresh Fruit Platter, Cheese Cake and Lemon Cake Desserts. Delicious Morning Snacks, plenty of coffee, iced tea and water will also be there for your enjoyment. The day will be busy, but you will have time to win our famously beautiful opportunity baskets and receive a guaranteed prize worth more than your donation at our Grab-A-Bag table. Come prepared for one live auction. Gloria has generously donated to cater a lunch for 10 people, valued at \$150, especially for you. Just think, celebrate a special occasion made even more special with delicious recipes from Cupid's Catering.

Plans are coming right along and it promises to be another fun and successful fundraiser for our scholarship philanthropies. Send your reservations to Margie Hartman right away so you won't miss out. The invitation flyer is attached to this Gavel Talk.

First, thank you to so many who are helping already. Then, a request for 100%-member support and participation. I want to thank Arnell Sanderlin and Gertrude Findley for being our first members to send in their table reservations. Thank you, Carla Beaird for being the first member to return your money for the 10 Tickets for \$10 Drawing. Thank you, Andrea Joerden for mailing over 150 donation request letters! Thank you, Roz, Angie, Jean, Dalal, Beth, Pat, Betsy, Elaine and Lou for your donation items and baskets. Thank you, Lou Turner for underwriting the Morning Welcome Table! Thank you, Laurie Miller for assembling the opportunity baskets and Grab-A-Bag items. Thank you, Kathy Tinsley for getting a head start on our event program. Thank you to our card party committee for helping me to stay on task and for the hours you have already donated to our major fundraising event.

We all know from past experience this card party fundraiser is hours of fun with good friends. Let's not forget that this is also how we will fund our high school scholarships for 2017. Our goal is to profit the \$5,000 needed for 5-\$1,000 scholarships. We can only reach this goal with 100% of our members helping. Please attend and bring a friend, or better yet 3 friends. Please participate by purchasing opportunity tickets for those exciting baskets: 12 tickets for \$10. The \$10 Grab-A-Bag table guarantees that you will take home something valued more than the \$10 you donate. And this year, we have a 10 Tickets for \$10 Drawing. You do not have to be present to win. We will also gladly accept a monetary donation to help defray expenses and allow all the proceeds to go towards our scholarships and philanthropies. Let us borrow your card table(s). Volunteer to make phone calls to members who do not have email. Donate a gift card, a bottle of wine, a movie ticket, or something from See's Candies. Bring your items to the Evening Meeting, Wednesday, March 8, or to the clubhouse on any Monday. Call Sandi Phoenix to volunteer your support, 588-1923. Your club needs YOU!

**4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

**Jean Adams**

We have La Mesa Police Chief Walt Vasquez coming to our Evening Assembly meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30pm. This is due to the cancelled meeting last month.

For our Day Assembly meeting on Monday, March 20th at 1:00pm we will have a speaker from Oasis. She will be very interesting and we hope all of you will come out for her.

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.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT NEWS**

**Sandi Phoenix**



**Festival of Arts**

Six LMWC members attended the Festival of Arts last Saturday. The theme was famous women in history and our clubhouse was filled these women; Betsy Ross, Amelia Earhart, Cleopatra, Jackie Kennedy and Betty Crocker to name a few. The Tea Room was filled with art projects by talented Southern District club women. The art was judged and the winning project in each category will be sent forward to compete in the CFWC contest.



**Donations**

Thank you for your kindness and support

Southern District President, Barbara Nelson announced that members of the 13 Southern District clubs donated \$145,895 and volunteered 7 months' worth of 24 hour days in 2016. Congratulations ladies that is something to be proud of!



The next Southern District meeting is Wednesday, March 15th. We were given a registration form for the District Convention, April 22, 2017. It is also time to register for the GFWC Convention, June 23 -26, in Palm Desert. Please let Carol know if you will attend any or all of these Federation events.

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day**

**Nora Maxwell**

Refreshments for the Day meeting on Monday, March 20th will be provided by myself and Pat Kelly. 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!!

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening**

**Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy**

The hostesses for March’s meeting are Jean Adams and Roz Kennedy. We hope to see all of you at the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY**

**Nora Maxwell**

I am 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.

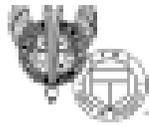
**March Bridge Dates:**

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 *Esther Jones*’ table will provide the refreshments.



**La Mesa Woman's Club**

Cordially invites you to our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Card Party Fundraiser

**Dollars for \$cholars**

Friday, March 31, 2017, 9:30a.m. to 2:30p.m., \$30 per person

**La Mesa Woman's Club House**

**5220 Wilson Street, La Mesa, CA 91942**

**Enjoy complimentary morning snacks and a catered lunch**

**A Live Auction, Opportunity baskets, Grab Bags, Door prizes, and more**

**Proceeds to benefit the La Mesa Woman's Club Scholarship and Philanthropy Funds**



**Reservation deadline: Friday, March 24, 2017**



**Please mail this completed form for you and your group with payment to**

**Margie Howard-Hartman, P.O. Box 1061, El Cajon, CA 92022**

**Please make payment to La Mesa Woman's Club**

**Name of contact person \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**Indicate your choice**

**Bridge Duplicate Bridge Bunco Games or Just Join Us for Lunch**

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**3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_**

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend but would like to donate and support LMWC's Scholarship Program**

**For questions about reservations please call Margie Howard-Hartman, 619-440-2449**

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