



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



*Pat Kelly, Editor*

*GAVEL TALK - JULY 2017*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
<b>JULY</b>  Fri 7th 1st Friday Bridge 11:00 am Mon 10th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Fri 14th Executive Board 9:30am <b>Mon 31st Summer Social            Fundraiser 10 am – 2 pm</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>  Fri 4th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00am  Mon 14th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am	 Joy Taylor 2nd    Andrea Joerden 25th Betsy Quinn 31st

*President's Message*



We had a wonderful June Lunch meeting. What a great way to start our summer break. Thanks to Angie Lombardo and Nora Maxwell for ordering club sandwiches from Honey Baked Ham. A BIG thank you to Chris Quin for setting up and taking down the tables. Betsy Quin and Lou Turner with help from Judy Burgess decorated the tables with Yellow and green tablecloths. Sunflowers took their place in the center of the tables to brighten the day while Lou Turner placed colorful napkins at each place. Twenty six members and guests enjoyed the luncheon.



*Carol Dreesen*

We thought it would be nice for our members to meet Kalen Jennings one of our recent scholarship winners. Kalen is a recent El Capitan graduate. She will continue her studies at Northern Arizona University. She is Marsha McDonald's granddaughter. We also invited Kalen's parents, Shaina and Bruce Jennings to join her for lunch.



Kalen with her grandmother, Marsha McDonald and Carol Dreesen, club president.

*Cody Dreesen*

Our guest speaker, Cody Dreesen brought a projector to show everyone just what is involved in Spring Board Diving. Cody is leaving for Beaverton, Oregon July third to compete for a place in the Junior Olympic National Competition. Cody has been accepted to the University of Hawaii. Cody's mother Kim accompanied him for lunch.

**2017 Member of the Year - Pat Kelly**



Leading a club like ours takes talent, skill, cooperation, and a lot of work and effort by a team of dedicated woman. We are very lucky to have members who step up to take on the work. They go over and beyond what is expected. During May both day and evening meetings selected Pat Kelly as 2017 member of the year.

Yes, Pat is our club treasurer extraordinaire but she is much more. The club owes Pat a big thank you for taking such good care of us and our clubhouse. When the club formed the CMC to manage the club house, Pat became a leader on the committee. She is a faithful advisor to me and our board. Pat serves on any committee were she is needed and attends every event I ask her to attend no matter how uninteresting she thinks it is.

We can't forget The "Gavel Talk" it's another of Pat's accomplishments. She gently nudges us to get our articles to her so she can format each one before sending it to members. Much of the clever Clip Art is because Pat spends hours searching for the appropriate piece of art to make the newsletter colorful and interesting.

**Honorary Lifetime Member - Esther Jones**



***Esther Jones. Your Energy is Contagious, Your Ideas are Inspiring, Your Dedication and Generosity are Humbling. We Appreciate Having You as a Member of Our Woman's Club***

Esther served as President from 1997-2001 and 2003-2005. Esther donated most of the funds to pay for the new stove. Until this year Esther was the board and day meeting Spiritual Values and Citizenship Chair. Esther is the long time bridge chair. She spends hours on the phone calling members to schedule players.

The first time I met Esther she was checking in guests for a fundraiser. Esther realized I was new and didn't know where to go. She was kind and helpful while directing me to the right location. She epitomizes La Mesa Woman's club.

***Member to Member Award***

Look for the return of the member to member award coming back in September.



### ***GFWC CONVENTION***

The GFWC Convention was held at the JW Marriot hotel in Palm Springs. I drove with our Southern District President Barbara Nelson. This was the first time I drove my car that distance. My family teases me about the low mileage. Our GPS directions sent us over the mountain and down the switchback on the other side. I wasn't ecstatic about that part of the ride. My car rode beautifully so that was a super plus.

The hotel was beautiful. Every room had a view of the property or the mountains. Barbara and I went straight to the room where the president's lunch was to be served. We helped with decorations. Our Care Kits were the featured centerpiece on each table. A threefold brochure describing what was in the kits and how they were distributed to sheriffs and police departments was positioned at each place setting. I was very proud LMWC participated in this project. A big thanks to Lou Turner for gathering the items and assembling ten kits.



Since we were the hostess, Toby Kahan, our state president suggested California attendees wear black with turquoise pashminas. We looked great. Only two ladies chose not to participate. You can easily locate Barbara and me. Find the white dress; go straight back until you see Barbara's white hair. I'm sitting next to her.

Barbara and I were only there for two days so we wanted to look around to make the most of our time. The evening banquet was titled "An Evening at the Oasis." 200 California CFWC members attended the convention.



The California Ladies were seated all around the dining room. The New Mexico state president sat to my right. She is one of the GFWC LEADS committee members. The speaker was a specialist on earth quakes. We Californians weren't concerned. One thousand members attended the dinner and you can imagine the questions we Californians answered.

The next morning we attended the opening ceremonies. GFWC banners and flag preceded the national officers. When the officers were seated the state presidents came into the room walking behind their state flag. Just like the Olympics, the host state came in last. You should have heard the cheer for Toby Kahan. The flags were placed in standards around the room with the presidents standing beside their state flag. After the spiritual message and the flag salute we had a short break.

On our way out the GFWC President was standing right by us. Barbara walked up to her, introduced us and told her about the "Care Kits" Barbara suggested the care kits be named a national project. "We will definitely look into the project." was her response.

We ate lunch in the seafood restaurant then headed home, this time on the freeway. I wasn't certain about attending the convention. Sandi and Barbara talked me into attending for a couple of days. Would I go again? Yes, but I would stay for the workshops.

**1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN**

**Betsy Quinn**

Happy summer to all! We are enjoying the planning for our summer social fundraiser, which Sandi will describe in her article. I hope to see everyone at the event.

Your contributions are still appreciated for the following ongoing projects:

- Used magazines for the Grossmont Hospital auxiliary
- Used books for our clubhouse "bookstore," then donated to Friends of the Library
- Cash donations for Penny Pines
- Items from Andrea Canfield's list for domestic violence comfort kits
- Yarn for the Bancroft Elementary knitting club

Speaking of Bancroft, our adopted school, it's time to start collecting school supplies for the teachers. I noticed the transition from summer to back-to-school has already begun at Target. Keep your eyes peeled for local sales!

Stay cool and enjoy the month of July!

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

**Lou Turner**

Our joint day and evening members met on Monday, June 19th for lunch and meeting before our summer break. We had 26 in attendance, had a really nice lunch plus we honored two of our most worthy members.

Esther Jones was awarded an "Honorary Membership" for her longtime dedication to the LMWC. We invited Esther's daughter, Jane Strick and her son, Bruce Milsten, to attend this celebration with Esther.

Eva Clark, who is interested in becoming a member, was also a guest. Eva previously belonged to both the El Cajon Woman's Club and the Rolando Woman's Club. We hope Eva will become a member in September.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Pat Kelly for receiving our "Woman of the Year" award for all her work on behalf of the club. Certainly a well-deserved honor for Pat!

**3rd VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Sandi Phoenix**

Happy Summer everyone! I hope you are staying cool on these hot days. LMWC can help you stay cool. Come & bring your friends, to our "Summer Fun-Bikinis Optional" Card Party, Luncheon, Social at our COOL, air conditioned clubhouse, Monday, July 31, 2017, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm., cost \$30.00.

- Our beach themed social is a mini-fundraiser, a membership drive & a community service project.
- Proceeds will benefit our club projects.
- We have 12 wonderful opportunity baskets. We are selling 25 tickets for \$20.00.
- You will receive an extra opportunity ticket if you bring a prospective member.
- You will receive an extra opportunity ticket if you bring a pair of socks for our Sock-It-To-Me", East County Crisis House Socks for the Homeless project.
- We also have 12 fantastic Door Prizes
- Our delicious lunch, with ice cream for dessert is guaranteed to keep you COOL.



Find the invitation/flyer with the reservation form in this Gavel Talk. Complete the bottom portion and send it to Margie Hartman, ASAP. See you on July 31, at our COOL, Summer Fun-Bikinis Optional!

**“Afternoon at the Theatre” fundraiser**

Our last fundraiser for this year is our afternoon at the theater, the Off Broadway Live Theater in Santee, to enjoy a “VARIETY SHOW”. The performance description states, “all the zany, fun and great music and comedy sketches from the classic TV Variety Shows of the 60’s & 70’s...a series of one act sketches & musical numbers that will knock it out of the park”. It sounds like a light-hearted afternoon that we can all remember and enjoy! Ted & I are going. I hope you will too.

The matinee performance is Sunday, October 8, at 3:00 p.m. The location of the Off Broadway Live theater is 9490 Cuyamaca Street, Santee. The theater is described as “an intimate theater with Cabaret seating”. I am told there is not a bad seat in the house. The cost of a ticket is \$33.00 for main floor seating, or \$38.00 for elevated seating. The elevated seating also provides a soft drink, water, and snacks.

How is this a fundraiser, you ask? There are 90 seats in the theater. If we sell tickets for all 90 seats, if we sell out the house, LMWC will receive \$1,000! We have 40 members, so if you buy a ticket and bring 1 guest that will fill 80 seats easily. Then we only have 10 more to sell. I know we can do this and it will be a fun Sunday afternoon for all of us together.

There are 2 procedure requirements that we must follow:

1. We must individually call the theater directly at 619-988-5483 to buy our tickets. Tell the person answering the phone that you are buying your tickets in support of the LMWC fundraiser. Then LMWC will receive credit. Do not buy your tickets on line.

2. To receive the \$1,000, we must purchase all 90 seats, 6 weeks prior to the performance. **THIS SELL OUT THE HOUSE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE DATE IS AUGUST 26, 2017!** This absolute deadline date will be here before we know, so mark your calendar and buy your tickets now!

Our fundraising push is to sell out the house, all 90 seats, so LMWC will receive the \$1,000. If we do not accomplish this goal, by AUGUST 26TH, we will still receive a % of the ticket sales that our group purchases. This percent will be much less than \$1,000, however, this will still be a great first effort at this kind of fundraising. It will still be a wonderful way for our members and guests to get together in a relaxed, social setting to enjoy and get to know each other. It is also a wonderful introduction to LMWC for prospective and new members, hint, hint... This is just a win-win no matter how you look at it. I’m excited about this. I hope you are too. See you there!

**4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

**Jean Adams**

Hi everyone! No meetings are held during the months of July and August. We will meet again in September. Hope you all have a wonderful summer.

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day**

**Nora Maxwell**

Day Assembly meetings are not held in the months of July and August. We will resume in September. Enjoy the summer and stay cool.

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening**

**Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy**

There are no more meetings until September. Hope to see you all at the July 31st fundraiser. Have a relaxing summer!

**JULY Bridge Dates:**

Friday, 7th	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 10th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am



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

**Hospitality Tea:** This month *Dorothy Dixon’s* table will provide the refreshments.



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Cordially invites you to our **“SUMMER FUN-BIKINIS OPTIONAL”** Card Party Social  
Monday, July 31 2017 10:00 am to 2:00 pm \$30 per person

La Mesa Woman’s Club House, 5220 Wilson Street, La Mesa, CA 91942

Our summer event will combine a cool & relaxing beach themed social  
with a mini-fundraiser, a membership drive & a community service project

- Proceeds will benefit LMWC projects

- Everyone donating a pair of socks to our “Sock It To Me” socks for the homeless project with Crisis House will receive an extra opportunity ticket
- Bring a prospective member and you will each receive an extra opportunity ticket
- Enjoy a catered lunch, bridge, bunco, and card games of your choice, our fabulous opportunity baskets & door prizes & the cool environment of our clubhouse



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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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\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend but would like to donate and support LMWC

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

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