




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



GAVEL TALK - DECEMBER 2017

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
DECEMBER Fri 1 st Executive Board 9:30am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30am Mon 11 th Hospitality Tea 11:00am Wed 13 th Evening Xmas Dinner at Marie Callender's 6 pm Mon 18th Day Assembly Lunch / Installation of Officers 12 pm	JANUARY Fri 5th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:00 am Mon 8th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Wed 10th Evening Meeting 6:30p Tue 16th Evening Marathon 3:00p Mon 22nd Bridge lunch 11:30 am	 Joyce Pendzimas 2nd Nicole Entenza 10th Beth Miller 21st

President's Message

Have a Holly Jolly Christmas



I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Your friendship and support during the past three years as LMWC President allowed the board to accomplish so many things.

Sandi Phoenix presented the Member to Member award to Jean Adams. It's always fun to guess who will be the next recipient. The plate is on display in our hall award case for everyone to view. The recipient will be awarded a certificate to keep.

Carol Dreesen

The newly elected officers for 2018 are:
 President Nora Maxwell
 1st Vice President- Dean Sandi Phoenix
 2nd Vice President- Membership Carol Dreesen
 3rd Vice President - Fundraising ???????????
 4th Vice President- Programs Darcy Barghols
 Recording Secretary - Margie Hartman
 Treasurer - Pat Kelly "Gavel Talk" Editor
 Corresponding Secretary - Marsha McDonald (appointed)
 Still to be appointed by our new President are:
 Parliamentarian/Amenities, Publicity and Public Relations and Federation Chairman. All have one vote.



You don't want to miss our annual Christmas Dinner at Marie Calendars December 13th. Check Angie's article for the time.

Installation of officers and Christmas gift exchange and lunch December 18th at 12:00. You don't want to miss hearing Nora Maxwell play Christmas Carols on the piano or the surprises!

Southern District Tea and Fashion Show NEW YEAR- NEW YOU January 20th 1:30-5:00 Chula Vista Woman's Club. Sandi Phoenix and Carol Dreesen will model clothes from the Clothes Barn. We have 8 tickets to sell (1) table.



THE CLUBHOUSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Pat Kelly, Carol Dreesen, Marsha McDonald, Lou Turner, Nora Maxwell and Jody Van Tieghm are the current members of the CMC. The committee has accomplished many projects:

Every room in the clubhouse is freshly painted. (except the women’s bathroom)

The main room looks updated with a shiny floor, paneling and oak chair railing on one wall.

The kitchen has a new floor covering and thanks to Esther Jones there is a shiny new stove taking the place of honor in the kitchen. The plumbing is updated and the hot water heater is up to code.

The patio has new plants and a trellis for a picture area.

The air conditioners are repaired and sealed. The flashing that has been leaking is sealed. I have pictures of the before and after that I will put on display.

The long awaited carpet in the TEA ROOM is gone!! It’s a long story and took the best part of 3 days to install the new tile.

A light fixture in the women’s restroom needs replaced and 2 light covers in the kitchen also need replaced.



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We need your help. The blinds in the main room still need to be washed soon. Please sign-up to help.

Pat and Judy went through an inspection by the La Mesa fire inspector. The last time the Fire Department inspected the clubhouse was approximately five years ago.

Guess What? We didn’t pass. Locks had to be removed and a new looking system will be constructed with the help of the La Mesa building dept.

Latches need to be put on the electric panels, a sign installed designating the gas shut-off valve, carbon dioxide bottles removed, etc.

The curtains on the stage have to show proof of fire proofing or they have to go. We have 30 days to meet compliance.



I’m a little disappointed that we haven’t received any entries. Hopefully some entries will arrive by December 1st. The biggest problem seems to be recording their submission.

Entrants must be a soloist under 22 years of age. Prepare a C D consisting of one classical and one other musical selection. Send the CD to the music chairman by December 1, 2017.

HOLIDAY FAMILIES – Bancroft Elementary School

Marsha McDonald

Ho! Ho! Ho! All of you wonderful people who adopted a child/children for Christmas are true Santas. Thank you so much for being so generous with your time and money in this busy time of year. Gifts need to be wrapped and put in a bag or box marked with the child’s identifying letter/number (example Girl, H2). That way the counselor just needs to sort the bags and boxes into family groups for pick up. You can bring your gifts to the clubhouse office on Monday, Dec. 11 or bring them to the Evening Assembly’s Christmas dinner party at Marie Callender’s on Dec 13. The children are in school until the 22nd, so we are in no danger of not getting them there on time. We have one little 10 year old boy who could be adopted. I will be glad to adopt him if everyone is happy with their little cherubs. We are serving 20 children who would normally receive little or nothing for the holiday. **THANK YOU AGAIN!**

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Betsy Quinn



Happy Holidays to All! This will be my last article for a while, as I am stepping back (temporarily) from commitments. Many of you are aware of my numerous trips to Medford, Oregon. Since January 2016, my elderly father (95+) and step-mother (92+) have been in declining health and are in Assisted Living. Fortunately my brother and sister-in-law live nearby, and I believe my visits help to alleviate the responsibility they bear for our folks. I know I will be needed there more frequently in the coming year yet will attend LMWC meetings when possible.

I am grateful for the support of the wonderful women with whom I have served. Each officer and club member has made a difference in my life these past few years. I appreciate the kindness, generosity, and compassion you have demonstrated in the club’s various philanthropic projects.

Last month our club made a donation to the San Diego Rescue Mission to support their efforts in providing Thanksgiving dinners to those in need.



Currently we are assisting our adopted school, Bancroft Elementary. This year the school has a record number of children who might not receive any Christmas gifts if not for service clubs like ours. I enjoyed shopping for "my" little girl (5) and boy (7).

If you are participating, please remember to wrap gifts, place in a large bag, label with pertinent information, and deliver to the clubhouse by Monday, December 11. You can also bring your donation to the evening Christmas supper on Wednesday, December 13.

I wish the very best to our new Board members and hope you and your families enjoy making special memories this Christmas season.



2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Lou Turner

Thanks to those who already paid their 2018 membership dues. This is a gentle reminder to those who have yet to send in checks. Dues are payable in this month and the amount remains the same at \$50 per person. When submitting your check, please indicate if any of your contact information has changed i.e. address/phone/email. Make your check payable to: La Mesa Woman’s Club (or LMWC) and write “2018 dues” in the memo line. You can bring it to the Monday, December 18th Christmas Luncheon/Installation/Gift Exchange. Or, you can mail directly to me at: 4325 Avenida Gregory, Spring Valley 91977. Please submit your check by December 31st so that your contact information will be in our 2018 Directory. Hope to see everyone on December 18th and I would also like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Sandi Phoenix

Boy, I do not know where this year went. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year. I would also like to thank everyone for making 2017 one of our most successful fundraising years. Every fundraiser was a huge success this year. This is only because of our TEAM work and the support of every member. You are all terrific!

We do not have a 3rd V.P./Fundraising Chair for 2018 yet. I hope someone or more than one will step forward to take this important position. To help carry us over into 2018 your Board discussed dates and proposed events. April 30, 2018, the 5th Monday in April, has been selected for our major fundraiser, card party. The 5th Monday seems to work well for us and I have no doubt this will be another fun, exciting and successful event. Mark your calendar now to save this date.

Another date to save is Sunday afternoon, July 15, 2018. This will be a fun, no pressure fundraiser with Off Broadway Live. Some of the tables are already sold, so we cannot have a sellout event. We will still receive a percentage of all the tickets sold to La Mesa Woman’s Club. This will be a musical review of 1954, ‘64, ‘74 & ‘84, “Decades Flash Back”. Lots of music, no skits. I spoke to Steve today, he advised me that 7 of the 9 box/elevated tables are available, all of row 2 on the main floor is available and 4 of 5 tables in row 3 are available. Remember the procedure is to call Off Broadway Live, 619-988-5483, tell the person answering the phone that you are purchasing tickets for La Mesa Woman’s Club’s fundraiser on Sunday, July 15. This will be fun to get together during the summer. See you there.

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Jean Adams

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We will celebrate Christmas with all of our members at the Day meeting Monday, Dec. 18th. We will enjoy lunch at 12:00 and also exchange a gift. Please bring a \$5 gift to join in the party. Please call Angie Lombardo for a reservation for lunch. The cost is \$10.00. Happy Holidays!!

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Day

Nora Maxwell

December 18th is the next meeting for the General Assembly and we will be joined by the Evening Group for a luncheon at 12 pm at a cost of \$10.00. Also this is our Christmas Party. Bring a \$5.00 exchange gift if you want to take part. We will install the 2018 Officers. This will be a fun-filled, exciting afternoon, so please plan to join us. We need a head count of how many will be there, so please **RSVP to Angie Lombardo at (619) 440-1907**. See you on the 18th.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

The annual Christmas dinner/gift exchange is Wednesday, December 13th, 6:00 pm at Marie Callender's. The cost for the dinner is \$25. Please bring a \$15 gift, if you want to participate in the gift exchange. It's always a fun evening, and I hope you will all plan to attend. **Please RSVP to me at (619) 440-1907**.

Thank you Darcy and Marsha for providing the refreshments for the November meeting.

DECEMBER Bridge Dates:

Friday, 1st	1st Friday Bridge	11:00 am
Monday, 11th	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 *Esther Jones*' table will provide the refreshments.



MEMBER TO MEMBER

The November 2017 Member to Member Award was presented to Jean Adams. Jean is a long time member, 50 years in 2018. Jean has held many offices and chairmanships during this time. She currently is 4th V.P./Program Chair. Jean is an avid bridge player and looks forward to getting together with her bridge groups each month. Jean is a good friend to everyone. She always wears a smile and happily volunteers to participate in fundraisers and service projects. Congratulations, Jean, you are very deserving.

Pictured at left: Sandi Phoenix, Jean Adams and Carol Dreesen.

