



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



GAVEL TALK - FEBRUARY 2018

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
FEBRUARY Fri 2nd 1st Friday Bridge 11:30am Wed 7th Board Meeting 9:30 am Mon 12th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 14th Evening Meeting 6:30pm Tue 20th Marathon Bridge 3:00pm Mon 26th Bridge lunch 11:30am	MARCH Fri 2nd 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Wed 7th Board Meeting 9:30 am Mon 12th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Wed 14th Evening Meeting 6:30 pm Tue 20th Marathon Bridge 3:00pm Mon 26th Bridge lunch 11:30 am	 No birthdays this month!

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day

We have had an exciting beginning to this club year, and I must say everyone came together and helped get everything done. The Fire Marshall inspected our club, and found some areas of non-compliance with regulations that were a little upsetting. Like having to remove the curtains from the stage, fix the electric boxes, put up occupancy signs, and repair the doors in the Tea Room and the entry. But you know our members put the peddle to the metal and got the job done. The fire Marshall passed us!! .

Nora Maxwell



Fundraiser

Had a meeting of the members who wanted to attend and plan our next money making project. Will be a card party/luncheon on Monday, April 30th. The theme is "Spring Rhapsody". So let's all get together and make this a Huge Success.



The Festival of Arts will be in our hall on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 11-2. Would be nice if our members supported this project of the Southern District.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at meetings and/or card parties. Stay Healthy.

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Sandi Phoenix

Hi everyone. Happy Valentine’s Day to you. Do you know that our Bylaws state the Object of our club “shall be the coordinating and promoting of activities for the cultural, charitable and intellectual advancement of our members and the community”? A few of our members have responded to my request for service project suggestions:



- Bring your extra change to the meetings. We will continue our monthly donations to Penny Pines and the Ronald McDonald House. Lou Turner graciously volunteered to be chairman of these projects.
- We will continue our club book library. Please bring your gently used, happily read books to add to our library. Also, be sure to browse through our collection whenever you are at the clubhouse and take a book or two home to read. Paperback books cost \$.50, hard back books cost \$1.00. This is such an easy fundraiser that is a win - win for our members, our club and our philanthropies alike. Books that have been in the club library for two months will be donated to the La Mesa Friends of the Library. This is an easy project to chair. The responsibilities include counting the money collected each month. Keep a record and give the money to Pat for deposit in our bank account. Then each month check for books that need to be donated and take them to the La Mesa Friends of the Library as a donation from LMWC. Please let me know that you will be the chair for this ongoing project.

- We will also continue to collect and donate magazines to the Sharp-Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary. Many of us drop our own magazines at the hospital. If you do this, please keep track of how many you donate and record this information on the project record sheet at each meeting. We will continue to collect your donated magazines at the clubhouse.
- Supporting Meals on Wheels annual Mad Hatter Tea was suggested as a project. We have done this before and it is always a fun event. The tea is coming up quickly, the date, time and location will be announced at the meeting. It costs \$50 to sponsor a table for eight. The cost to attend is \$30.00 per person. How about four of us hosting a table by providing table settings for two? February is Heart Month.
- Let’s all wear red to our meeting on Wednesday, February 14th.

There are other suggestions. Come to the meeting to vote on the philanthropies of your choice. Make a suggestion of a philanthropy that you especially enjoy, so it will be included on our list of possibilities.

A service project record spiral binder will be passed at each meeting. Please record what you have done for the club during the month and how many hours you volunteered.

Last, but not least, a huge THANK YOU goes to Betsy for doing another superb job writing our annual reports. Nine reports were turned in at the Southern District meeting.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Carol Dreesen



Membership

The 2018 yearbook is finished. We have 33 members including 2 honorary members.

Seminars I've attended this past year say all organizations are having a hard time attracting new members and if they come many don't stay. The clubs that attract new people are seen at events in their area: attending meetings like chamber of commerce, sending your newsletters to the city council, community craft fairs, a fundraising event, newspapers, television and radio. The thought is if people see you and like what they see they will come to see what you are about. It takes people to attract people. When you have lunch with friends wear something that identifies you as a member of La Mesa Women’s club. Let’s form a committee and work on some of the ideas.

Are you willing to join a new membership team? Let me know.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Fundraising Committee

Nora will be appointing a committee to be in charge of the club's fundraising events for 2018. Please respond in the positive if you are asked to participate in this very important committee. Thank you.

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Darcy Barghols

The guest speaker for the February 14th evening meeting will be Ted Phoenix, Sandi's husband. As an experienced commercial real estate broker, he is qualified to answer our questions about the steps needed if we decide to seriously consider selling the clubhouse.

FEDERATION NEWS

Sandi Phoenix

FESTIVAL OF ARTS: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at our clubhouse, \$20.00 per person, a catered lunch is included. Doors open at 10:30a.m. The Festival will end at 2:00 pm. The theme is "Holiday Road". Each club is asked to select a holiday, decorate their table and come dressed in this theme. Carol and I selected Mothers' Day as LMWC's theme. Each club is also asked to donate an opportunity basket with a value of \$50. Which talented member would like to put this basket together? Carol has worked very hard to start a music scholarship for our Southern District. Thanks to Carol, La Mesa has two contestants, a vocalist and a young man who plays the clarinet. The vocalist will be part of the entertainment at the Festival of Arts this year. For more details see the flyer attached to this 'Gavel Talk'. Look for the sign-up sheet at the meetings.

At the District meeting we learned that San Diego District is dissolving. We are sad to hear this, however, on the bright side, there are many members who are looking for a club to join. This is a wonderful membership possibility for LMWC. If you know anyone in a club in the San Diego District, contact her and invite her to one of our meetings or the fundraiser on April 30th.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

I want to thank Betsy Quinn and JoAnn Knutson for providing the refreshments at our January 10th meeting. The hostesses for the February 14th Evening meeting will be Dalal Lehman and Lou Turner. Remember to wear RED. Hope to see you there!

CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Carol Dreesen, Chairman

 <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p>	<p>2017 was a very busy year for the CMC.</p> <p>Just look around! Fresh paint and polished, shiny floors. No more stained carpeting. We're still working on the stage and sound system. The fire inspection was a surprise! Pat Kelly did a super job organizing the nitty gritty things that had to be done before the inspector returned. You know the saying it takes a village to raise a child? Well in our case it took some LMWC families to help us pass the inspection. This definitely was a bit of a family affair. Carol's son checked the doors for correct panic safety hardware, and measured the main hall and the tea room so Pat could determine how many people the rooms can hold. Room occupancy signs are required per the fire inspector.</p>	 <p>He also measured the stage curtains so we can replace them. After much deliberation the curtains had to go, they were deemed a fire hazard. Nora's son came in to see what he had to do before he could remove and trash the curtains. I guess it wasn't as difficult as we thought. He took one look at the curtains and before you could say La Mesa Woman's Club three times they were down and in the trash.</p> <p>Next were the locks on the electric panels. He purchased the supplies and installed new locks. A big thank you to everyone who helped.</p> <p>Yea! We passed the fire inspection.</p>
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February Bridge Dates:

Friday, 2nd	1st Friday Bridge	11:30 am
Monday, 12th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Tuesday, 20th	Marathon Bridge	3:00 pm
Monday, 26nd	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 Tea: This month *Corinne McKeel's* table will provide the refreshments.

SAVE THE DATE: Meals on Wheels Mad Hatter Tea is Saturday, April 21st at Monte Vista Village, 1:00 pm, \$30 per person, \$50 to sponsor a table of 8.



MEMBER TO MEMBER AWARD

Roz Kennedy presented the January 2018 Member to Member Award to Dalal Lehman. Dalal has been an active member since joining the club. She was Fourth Vice - President in charge of obtaining speakers for meetings one year, and fund raiser chairman. She took many pictures documenting events over the years, and has attended meetings, participated in the Flag Day parades, socials, events and fund raisers.

Pictured at left: Roz Kennedy, Dalal Lehman and Carol Dreesen,

SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL OF ARTS HOLIDAY ROAD

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(Doors open at 10:30)

ART CAN BE DROPPED OFF
Monday, February 26, 2018
Between 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Table Decorating 3:00 - 5:00

Money Trees
Opportunity Drawing
Door Prizes
\$20.00 per person
Lunch Included

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Seating is first come first served.

Please make out checks to Southern District & mail to:

Rose Mae Cundari, 450 E. Bradley Sp 78, El Cajon, CA 92021.

The Festival of Arts is an annual event and its purpose is to honor and exhibit art created by our District's very artistically talented.