



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



## *GAVEL TALK - MARCH 2018*

*Pat Kelly, Editor*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
<b>MARCH</b> 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	<b>APRIL</b> Wed 4th Executive Board 9:30 am Fri 6th 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Mon 9th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Wed 11th Evening Meeting 6:30 pm Tues 17th Marathon Bridge 3:00 pm Mon 23rd Bridge lunch 11:30 am <b>Mon 30th Spring Fundraiser 10- 2 pm</b>	 Nadene Parsell 5th Sandi Phoenix 9th Corinne McKeel 14th Esther Jones 29th

### *President's Message*



### *Nora Maxwell*

Another month in 2018 is gone, so let's get ready to work hard this month getting ready for our big Luncheon Card/Bunco Party, "Spring Rhapsody" on April 30th. The Committee is hard at work making the plans, so it will be a Hugh success, and you can do your part by participating and inviting many of your card playing friends to attend.

The Fire inspection was passed, so we are on the right track. The Club House is looking good and we have welcomed a new club manager, Kathy Tinsley, who replaced Judy Burgess. Judy did a great job taking care of the clubhouse and us. Thank you, Judy.

We can always use new members so ask you friends to join. We really do have a great time.

#### **1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN**

Happy March!

I want to thank everyone who has offered suggestions for projects. Please keep your suggestions coming. So far:

- We have voted to continue our support of Penny Pines and Ronald Mc Donald with cash donations each month.
- We are continuing our support of the Sharp Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary with magazine and paperback book donations. Bring them to the meeting or to the clubhouse on Monday's when our Rental Manager, Kathy is there.

#### **Sandi Phoenix**

- We also voted to support Crisis House by bringing a pair of new socks to the fundraiser in April for the "Sock-It-To-Me" box. Each donor will receive a free opportunity ticket.
- Keep the toiletries coming in for a new recipient, a community church that provides hot showers for the homeless. They also ask for pen, pencils and note pads.
- Another new project; we are collecting all kinds of greeting cards for the Pearl Harbor Survivors. No need to buy new greeting cards. Clear out the cards you have.

- We are presenting LMWC's two Young Musician winners with a \$100 award each at the Festival of Arts event, February 27th.
- We have 10 Care Kits prepared and ready for the Sheriff's Dept. when they are needed.
- We are members of the La Mesa Friends of the Library
- We are supporting Meals on Wheels by sponsoring a table for the Mad Hatter Tea. Seven of our members are attending. Darcy is hosting the LMWC table. Kathy is hosting her personal table.
- Twenty one members and guests are representing LMWC this year at the Southern District Festival of Arts. This is the largest number from LMWC in many years.

It is only March and look at all we are doing. You all are the greatest, most giving and caring ladies! Let's keep it up. There is money in our treasury for philanthropy donations. Send me the name of your favorite charity. Let's see how we can help.



It's time to CONGRATULATE OURSELVES! While we have a wonderful start this year, it is important to remember how well we did last year. In 2017, La Mesa Woman's Club completed 33 projects, volunteering 3,814 hours of community service. We donated \$6,136 and more than \$7,000 in In-Kind donations. Thank you Betsy for leading us through all these philanthropies.

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

**Carol Dreesen**



Membership is picking up. We will initiate Judy Burgess as our first member of the new year this month. We have two potential new members. Jean Johnston is a friend of Elaine, Margie and Sandi. Darcy introduced Colleen White to members at the Festival of the Arts.

**3rd VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Fundraising Committee**

A second meeting of the fundraising committee will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, March 3rd at 10:00 am. Plans are taking shape. Please respond in the positive if you are asked to participate in this very important committee. Thank you.

**4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

**Darcy Barghols**

Our March Guest Speaker is Georgie Lee Reinstein, a friend of Margie Hartman and a well-known author who writes for Harlequin. Georgie has quite a varied genre from romance, to mystery, historical fiction and even art. She has several new books recently published and will be bringing one for each Club House member in attendance at the March evening meeting. Please come meet Georgie Lee and receive a signed copy of her latest novel.

**FEDERATION NEWS**

**Carol Dreesen**

**60th Southern District Convention  
April 21st, 2018 doors open 8:30  
Call to order 9:00  
The Theme is "Hola Y Adios"**



**MARIACHI DANCERS AND SINGERS WILL ENTERTAIN**

Barbara Nelson chose HOLA as the theme for her first installation so she thought ADIOS would be appropriate to end her current term as president.

Those of you who attended previous conventions know awards will be given for the top projects. There is a lot of noise and cheering when the top awards are presented along with a lot of comradery that goes on along with jovial jabs. "We'll get you next year". Expect the usual club baskets and a few vendors etc.

Since this is an election year, expect the new officer installation. Carol Dreesen will be installed as 2nd Vice President Membership and Sandi Phoenix Leadership chairman. Carol will also remain as Music and Art Chairman.

A highlight of the convention is the introduction of our Southern District Young Musicians Award winners. They will each perform two numbers and will receive a certificate and cash award.

Let's all go and have some fun, a bit of boredom, but we get together talk, laugh and make our own fun. Oh yes, lunch is included. The tables are round. Cost \$30.00.

### Festival of the Arts

Southern District began introducing this event as a way to feature art from children and adults. Schools held Art Shows and the best pieces were presented at the Southern District Art Festival to be judged. Older artists showed photography, art in many mediums as well as beautiful quilts both machined and hand sewn. Sewing and craft items of many dimensions were displayed. The event turned into a luncheon with club members viewing the juried items on display. Everyone cheered for their friends and were proud of their own winning artwork. The Festival of the Arts has evolved into an afternoon of meeting old friends and meeting new prospective members. Each club decorated the tables to a theme. One day for decorating and one day for merriment.

Twenty one La Mesa Woman's Club members and guests arrived to see tables decorated with themes from our classically elegant Mother's Day theme to a funny Father's Day theme featuring a man fishing for gold fish in a bowl. Two clubs chose to decorated their tables with green, gold and purple for Mardi Gras. Barbara Nelson has family working in Africa so she displayed beautiful artifacts and beaded necklaces.



Wow, what a busy two days. Day one we decorated tables, did a sound check. Sandi Phoenix and Carol Dreesen chose Mother's day for LMWC. White linen tablecloths dressed the table followed by china, silver and gold. Darcy, Carol and Sandi added their gold and silver cups and saucers. Pink chargers placed under clear plates looked elegant. Carol and Kim Dreesen let us use their white chair covers and pink satin bows. Kim designed two beautiful fresh flower arrangements for our table.



A new addition to the festival of the Arts is the Young Musicians Competition making the event a true "Fine Arts" event. We selected 8th grader Isaac Thatcher as our instrumental winner. LMWC invited the winners and their parents to attend. Isaac's mother Elise accompanied Isaac to lunch and watched him play. His Dad wasn't able to attend because he deployed last week. Isaac played a hoe down on his Violin. It was Isaac's first solo performance. He really did a great job and the ladies loved him. LMWC selected 8th grader Kendall Becerra as our Vocal winner. Mari and Mark accompanied their daughter. Kendall sang a Frank Sinatra song "Fly me to the Moon". Her second number was Breath from the musical "In The Heights". Kendall received a standing ovation. I'm so proud to have the opportunity to meet these fine young people.

Isaac and Kendall received a certificate and a check from La Mesa Woman's Club. We were delighted to have La Mesa Performing Arts Academy Music Director Mario Jativa attend with Kendall and Isaac.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN**

**Marsha McDonald**

Our state parliamentarian sends us little aid bits of parliamentary information that I will share with you off and on. Here is one for this month:

“After the budget has been passed, is it necessary to have the bills approved within the budget? Yes. Approval of a budget is not the same as approval of the bills within the budget. A budget merely earmarks certain amounts for certain phases of the club’s work. A system should be adopted whereby bills within the budget may be approved for payment by a Board of Directors or committee inasmuch as most of such bills are for routine business.”

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening**

**Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy**

I want to thank Dalal Lehman and Lou Turner for providing the refreshments at our February 14th meeting. The hostesses for the March 14th Evening meeting will be Jean Adams and Roz Kennedy. Hope to see you there!

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

**Marsha McDonald**

Sympathy cards were sent to Gloria Bautista, of Cupid’s Catering for the death of two family members. A sympathy card was send to Jean Adams for the death of her husband, Tom.

**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 *Esther Jones*’ table will provide the refreshments.

	<p>It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Tom Adams, Jean’s husband. We offer sincere condolences and prayers for the Adams family during this difficult time. The memorial service for Tom will be on Saturday, March 24th at 11:00 am, at the Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Blvd, La Mesa 91941. There will be a reception following Tom’s memorial service in King Hall. Many of you will recognize this as the room we all enjoyed Women at the Well.</p>
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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** “*The heart that gives thanks is a happy one, for we cannot feel thankful and unhappy at the same time. The more we say thanks, the more we find to be thankful for. And the more we find to be thankful for, the happier we become. We don’t give thanks because we’re happy. We are happy because we give thanks.*”

Douglas Wood, “The Secret of Saying Thanks”

<p>We want to thank Jean Adams for donating a card table and 4 chairs to our club. We also would like to thank Elaine Ayres for her donation of a beautiful white table cloth that will fit our 8 foot tables.</p>	
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**MEMBER TO MEMBER AWARD**

Dalal Lehman had the honor to present the February 2018 Member to Member Award to JoAnn Knutson. JoAnn has been a member since 1962, and is very deserving of this award for her many contributions to the club. She has an impressively big heart and is a very knowledgeable lady.

I was honored to receive the award in January, thank you so much Roz Kennedy.

Pictured at left: Nora Maxwell, Carol Dreesen, JoAnn Knutson and Dalal Lehman.



**La Mesa Woman's Club**

Cordially invites you to our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Card Party Fundraiser



**SPRING RHAPSODY**



Monday, April 30, 2018 9:30 am to 2:30 pm \$30 per person

**La Mesa Woman's Club House**

5220 Wilson Street, La Mesa, CA 91942

Everyone donating a pair of socks to our "Sock It To Me" for the homeless project will receive an extra opportunity ticket.

Enjoy complimentary morning coffee or tea, and a catered lunch

Opportunity baskets, Grab Bags, Door prizes, and more

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



Reservation deadline: Friday, April 20, 2018



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 Just for Lunch

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

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