



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



## *GAVEL TALK - MAY 2018*

*Pat Kelly, Editor*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
<b>MAY</b> Wed 2nd Executive Board 9:30 am Fri 4th 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Wed 9th Evening Meeting 6:30 pm Mon 14th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Tues 15th Marathon Bridge 3:00 pm Mon 28th MEMORIAL DAY - <span style="color: red;">No Bridge lunch</span>	<b>JUNE</b> Fri 1st Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30am Mon 11th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Tue 19th Marathon Bridge 3:00 pm Mon 25th Day and Evening Lunch Meeting 11:30 am	 Ann Murray 8th Barbara Walls 16th Dorothy Dixon 18th

### *President's Message*



Our Big Fund Raiser was Monday, April 30th, and we did very well with the reservations. The Opportunity Baskets were spectacular. Thank you to all the members who have done so much in making it a success.

We still have one fund (fun) raiser during the summer, just a small one, but it still takes work and effort, so when we start talking about it, please get behind the committee and help.

### *Nora Maxwell*

We celebrated Esther Jones 99th birthday last month, and will celebrate Dorothy Dixon's 99th at the First Friday Bridge. Thank you to all that came out to help us celebrate with these Special Ladies.



It won't be too long until we will slow down for the summer. The Executive Board will still be meeting, and the Office will be open. Haven't heard yet what Bridge Groups will be playing if any, but we will let you know.

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

“Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace.”, Christie Brinkley ☺

During March and April our focus was fund raising and we were super successful. Let's turn our united focus for May and June to one more big push to collecting and donating items to the homeless, the veterans, the elderly, the disabled, the Ronald Mc Donald House, Bancroft School, and the hospital auxiliary.

- A “Sock-It-To-Me” collection box will be at the Wednesday evening meetings and in the clubhouse office for another month. If you forgot to donate socks for the homeless at our fundraiser, you and everyone have another opportunity.

### **Sandi Phoenix**

- Our collection of greeting cards, pencils, pens, and pads of paper is growing. We can always use more.
- We need more of both travel and regular size shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, washcloth, tooth brushes, tooth paste, feminine products, mouth wash, comb, brush, sunscreen, deodorant, Kleenex, lotion, lip balm and 1 gal. zip top closure plastic bags.
- Ronald Mc Donald House is asking for new items such as stuffed animals, toddler size blankets, decks of cards, card games, Uno, Old Maid, journals, coloring books and crayons, puzzle books, lotion, books for adults and children, flip flops, T-shirts, hair ties & head bands.

- Grossmont Hosp. Aux. is asking for clothing items for the Emergency Dept.: T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, or loose fitting, elastic waist band pants. Keep your magazine donations coming too.
- Bancroft School has need for games for the kids who do not go to the playground during recess. Suggestions are board games of all kinds, puzzles and card games. These can be gently used as long as all the pieces are still there. (Marsha will have more ideas for us at the meeting.)

In the future, let's take a closer look at District, State or General Federation supported projects. Also, we will be forming our monetary donation list soon. Do you have a special project or charity you would like us to support financially?



It has been suggested that we support the Peter Pan Jr. Theater. This youth theater provides 4th – 8th graders in the La Mesa-Spring Valley Schools an opportunity to “showcase their talents and leadership through musical theater”. I will speak with my contact at the theater to inquire what is needed and report at our Wednesday evening meeting. It would be nice to be included in their program as a supporter/sponsor. Are we interested?

See you at our Wednesday evening meeting. Hugs to you all. 😊

## 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

YEA!

Let's go everybody, we're almost up to 40 members. Forty one means we're back with the larger clubs. Arnel Sanderlin introduced Ann Murray and Connie McKee. Darcy Barghols attends the church next door. She stuck her head in and we caught her. Judy Burgess applied for a three month temporary job as our rental manager and couldn't bear to leave us. Jean Johnston heard about LMWC from Elaine and Sandy then looked at our web site, contacted me and attended the Festival of Arts and joined us. Rosada Gonzales plays bridge. Nora suggested she join the club. Our newest prospective member, Sharon Russon attended the fundraising event Monday to play bridge. Sharon completed an application to join us.



Our Opportunity basket won first place. It was called a margarita party in a basket. A lot of people wanted to win our basket.

## Carol Dreesen

Thank you everyone !

The Traveling Ladies of La Mesa Woman's Club were on the move. They attended three events on one day. Granted they were different ladies, but we were seen. That's how we attract new members. We are generous, full of fun and enjoy our community.



Sandi Phoenix , Pat Kelly and Carol Dreesen attended the Southern District Convention. Pat was honored as a club leader, introduced to the gathering and presented with an honorary certificate.



Southern District 2018 officers: Denise Berrian, President  
Lisa Sharp, 1st Vice President, Carol Dreesen, 2nd Vice President, Connie Vickers, Secretary and Barbara Meyer, Treasurer

**3rd VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Fundraising Committee**

Please see pictures and article about the April 30th fundraiser on the next page. It was a success!!

**4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

**Darcy Barghols**

May brings us to “time to refresh, refurbish and restore our great grandmother’s quilts”. Mary Ann Boullain who has been a quilt maker for most of her life will share with us some of her quilts, what she does with them and how we can preserve ours.

**FEDERATION NEWS**

**Sandi Phoenix**



More Kudos to LMWC members! ☺ With Betsy at the helm as 1st Vice President/Dean, LMWC was recognized and received nine awards for our volunteer work during 2017: First Place in **Arts**, First Place in **Fundraising**, Second Place in **Education**, Second Place in **Advocates for Children**, Second Place in **Communications & Public Relations**, Second Place in **Public Issues**, Second Place in **Leadership Advancement**, Third Place in **Home Life** and Third Place in **Membership!**



**CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN FOR MANY JOBS WELL DONE!**

More Congratulations: LMWC’s Outstanding Leader, Pat Kelly, was honored during the convention on April 21. Congratulations, Pat☺ and our own Carol Dreesen was installed as Southern District 2nd Vice President/Membership at the convention. Please join me in congratulating Carol. ☺

The last District Board meeting for the 2016/2017 term will be held at our clubhouse the morning of Wednesday, May 9. Carol and I will be in attendance.

Hello all. WOW☺ We had a wonderful “Spring Rhapsody” fundraiser yesterday! A fun day for all & I think a \$\$ successful day too. Again, our Fundraising Team did a fantastic job. ☺ There are always many kudos to express. I think it is really neat that EVERY MEMBER, except those few who live out of town, contributed to the success of our major fundraiser. THANK YOU! THANK YOU EVERYONE. ☺ A huge thank you also, to our Federation Friends from other clubs who attended and our many repeat friends who are always there for our fundraisers. So many times, yesterday I heard, “See you next time”. I have copies of the club thank you letters. If any member would like to send a personal note to a special community donor, please contact me. I will email you a copy. There will be a wrap-up meeting. The date will be announced for any member to attend. CONGRATULATIONS LMWC ON ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE☺!!



**Elaine Ayres with the beautiful Grab Bags.**



**Bridge Players**



**Awarding Door Prizes donated by Beth Miller**



Our next FUN Raiser will be the Off Broadway Live Theater musical performance, “Decades”, on Sunday, July 15th. It’s time to call Steve at the box office to reserve your table. The phone number is 619-988-5483. For us to receive credit, remember to say you are with LMWC. The cost for main floor seats is \$33.00, box seats is \$38.00. I heard that Off Broadway Live is now serving flatbread sandwiches prepared on site in their own kitchen for Sunday matinee performances. Worth a try...They also now serve wine, beer, soft drinks and water. Prices TBD. See you there.

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening**

I want to thank Elaine Ayres and Margie Hartman for providing the refreshments at our April 11th meeting. The hostesses for the May 9th Evening meeting will be Carol Dreesen and Sandi Phoenix. Hope to see you there!

**HISTORIAN**

I volunteered to be the historian for LMWC but need some help collecting pictures and information. I am asking for pictures that have been taken at club events this year be shared with me. I need pictures from the member to member award presentation, Festival of Arts, and March club meeting. Not sure if I missed anything else! Pictures can be emailed to me at [acmurray1@cox.net](mailto:acmurray1@cox.net). My phone number is 447-5342. Your assistance will be much appreciated.

**Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy**

**Ann Murray**

**LA MESA WOMAN’S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**Chairman--Margie Howard-Hartman**

La Mesa Woman’s Club was founded in 1902 as a non-profit organization. Each year for the past 43 years, we have raised money to fund scholarships for deserving seniors who attend the schools within the Grossmont Union High School District. Our goal is to recognize those students who are outstanding academically and who have shown much leadership ability. Since 1975, when the first scholarship was awarded, we have given 236 scholarships for a total of \$92,600. We have received 45 applications this year. In June certificates and checks will be presented to the winners at their Senior Awards Assemblies. Thanks to the Scholarship Committee for their help in publicizing and judging the scholarships-- Arnell Sanderlin, Betsy Quinn, Elaine Ayres, Kathy Tinsley and Sandi Phoenix.

**May Bridge Dates:**

Friday, 4th	1st Friday Bridge	11:30 am
Monday, 14th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Tuesday, 15th	Marathon Bridge	3:00 pm

**Monday, 28th MEMORIAL DAY = NO Bridge luncheon**



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>The funeral service for Dolly Nottingham will be Sunday, May 6, from 2 to 4p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 4690 Palm Ave., La Mesa. There will be a reception following at the church reception hall, from 3 to 4pm. Dolly's daughter, Holly, asked if our LMWC members could provide salads for up to 50 people for the reception following the service. We will want a nice variety of salads. Make your favorite salad to share. Just in case, here are some ideas, 2 or 3 with meat, chicken, or seafood, a green salad with dressing, and/or Caesar salad, potato, macaroni, and fruit salads and perhaps some deviled eggs and a plate with carrots, celery, etc. If 8 of us will make a salad large enough to serve 8, that will serve 64. Let's shoot for that number. If you would like to provide a salad, please email or call Sandi, <a href="mailto:sphoenix@cox.net">sphoenix@cox.net</a>, 619-588-1923. Thank you!</p>
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