



La Mesa Woman's Club
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GAVEL TALK - DECEMBER 2018

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
DECEMBER Fri 7 th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Mon 10 th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Wed 12 th Evening X-mas Dinner @ Marie Callender's 6:00 pm Mon 17 th Bridge lunch/ Installation of Officers, Christmas gift exchange 12:00 pm	JANUARY Fri 4 th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Wed 9 th Evening Mtg 6:30 pm Mon 14 th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Tue 15 th Marathon Bridge 3:00pm Mon 28 th Bridge lunch 11:30 am	 Nicole Entenza 10th Beth Miller 21st

President's Message



This will be my last article for the Gavel Talk as President of the La Mesa Woman's Club. It has been a most enjoyable year for me, and I hope it has been good for you also.

Our Card Party was a success and more than enough money was raised to give out five scholarships, with some left over to pay bills.

There are so many people to thank that I don't want to leave any one out. First and foremost will be Pat, for without her I'm not sure I would have made it. Thank you Pat for all you do for the Club. We have had several Rental Managers during the last few months, due to one thing and another. Kathy worked for a while and did a good job, then Nan tried for a while but it didn't work out. Now we have Donna, and she seems to be doing OK. I especially want to thank Judy for all the help she has given me during this year. Whenever we needed someone to help, she was there, and believe me her assistance was required more than once in a while.

To Sandi, Carol, Darcy, Marjoree, Marsha and Pat, thank you for all the help and advice I received from each of you, and your love and caring.

Nora Maxwell

Also, thank you to Lou for her assistance, Jean for her Spirituals and to Angie for making sure we had refreshments for our meetings, and meals whenever needed. You did a great job, ladies.

Thanks to Esther for taking care of the Bridge players. Keeps her busy calling for subs, and to all the Bridge players for their faithful attendance. You are faithfully there enjoying the bridge and fellowship with the members.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to all the members who attended our events, and donated to all our projects. It takes everyone supporting our Club to make it successful.

The dark spot in the year was planning to sell the Club House. It is so a part of La Mess. It was discussed and rehashed about whether or not to keep or sell, and in the final count, sell it was. The Committee will start meeting next year and see what has to be done to follow thru with this.

I think I have rattled on enough, so hope you all have a ***Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Safe and Fun Filled New Year.***



1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Sandi Phoenix

Our 2018 service year is just about over. WOW, WHAT A YEAR! During 2018, YOU volunteered hours and hours of support to our club and community. YOU donated bags and bags full of items to our community, and over \$10,300 to students, community organizations and federation projects and programs and we had a lot of fun doing it. I can't wait to finish our year-end reports to see our exact hours and dollars. Until then, please know YOU deserve to stand tall and proud for all YOU have accomplished. Carrie Stafford emailed this quote from an unknown author: "The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." YOU HAVE MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE....

As our year comes to an end, I will be contacting some of you to help with year-end reports. Please say YES, you will help write a small part of a report.

I will also be contacting those of you who volunteered to help with our January Blood Drive. The Blood Mobile will be in our parking lot on Saturday, January 26.



During our last General meeting we voted to collect and donate clothing to the Sharp-Grossmont Hospital Emergency Dept. I talked with Linda Vanfulpen, Manager of Volunteer Services. She is so excited that we will be providing the much-needed clothing. We will gather the clothes during January and February and donate them shortly after that. Because there are so many sales right now, I thought I would include a list of needed Items in this "Gavel Talk". The clothing includes: new or very gently used pants with elastic waists, like sweat pants, sweat shirts, T-shirts, jackets, socks, underwear, and sports bras. Smaller sizes are always welcome; however, the real need is for large sizes, i.e. 2X, 3X, 4X & 5X. Clothes for both adult men and women, but not children. As always, thank you.

I wish each of you love, good health and joy this Christmas and Holiday season. Hugs -

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Carol Dreesen



WAY'S TO ATTRACT MEMBERS

I have been visiting other clubs reviewing how they attract new members. The main thing they do is participate in community events. When they attend community events they wear the same color top, Not necessarily T shirts but a top that is the chosen color. Their objective is to be seen. If they are seen around the community participating in an event, people ask who they are and what they are doing.



Our first event in January will be a blood drive with the big blood mobile parked at our club house. That's the first time we have a chance to be seen participating at an event. I selected a pretty Aqua Blue shirt for us to wear. Michael's carries the shirt in two styles and lots of sizes. Kathy knows someone to put our names on the front. I will have the sample at our board meeting and at Marie Calendar's.



2019 DUES

I want to remind everyone that Lou Turner and I will be collecting membership DUES this month. Our dues will remain the same...\$50 per person. Make your check payable to LMWC and write 2019 dues on the memo line. You can bring your check to the December meetings or events. Lou and I would like to have the 2019 Yearbooks ready in January so don't forget to pay your dues.



We are going to have a lot of fun at the ugly shoe contest. The event will be held at our January meeting. Everyone bring one ugly shoe to our meeting. The shoes will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Feel free to bring guests, they may be potential members.

Darcy scheduled a speaker for the meeting. She will tell you about the speaker in her article. The November. Southern District had a good time participating in the Ugly Shoe event.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Nothing to Report

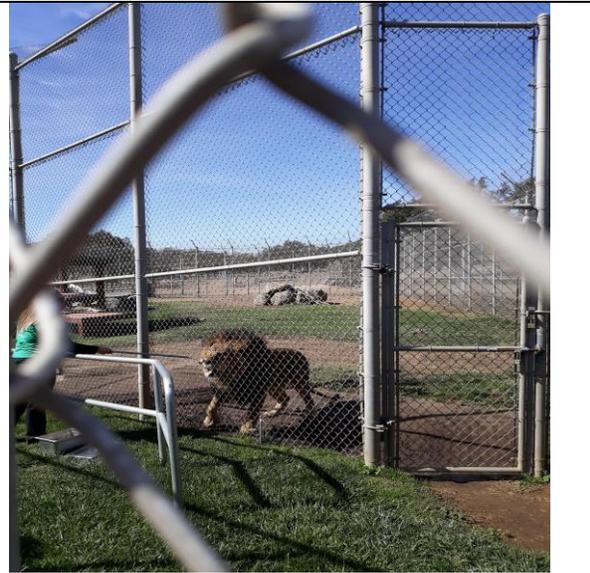
Sandi Phoenix

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Darcy Barghols

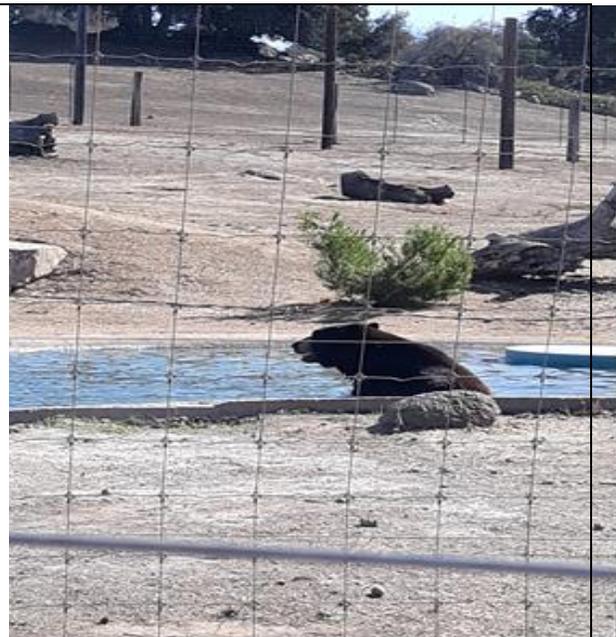


The year has passed quickly and I have started a new line up of programs for 2019. In January Janaira Quigley, from Meals on Wheels will be coming to share with us how they support our local community and how we may possibly be able to support them. She has quite an interesting story in regards to how she came into this new position. I look forward to seeing you all there.



Lions, Tigers and Bears tour- November 3rd

Beautiful male lion



Nola, the Bengal tiger

Black Bear



Girl Scouts retiring the old flag.



Four recipients of the Quilts of Valor.



Nora's son-in-law receiving a Quilt of Valor for his service in the military.



Past member of the La Mesa Woman's Club, Arlene Shugruh also received a quilt.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

The December evening meeting will our annual Christmas dinner at Marie Callender's on Wednesday, the 12th at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$26 per person. Pay that evening with cash or a check made out to the La Mesa Woman' Club. The evening also includes a \$15 gift exchange for those who wish to participate. ***Please RSVP to Angie Lombardo at (619) 440-1907 no later than Friday, December 7th.***

I also want to thank Darcy Barghols and Kathy Tinsley for providing refreshments at the November 14th evening meeting.

December Bridge Dates:

Friday, 7th	1st Friday Bridge	11:30 am
Monday, 10th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Monday, 17th	Bridge lunch	11:30 am
Tuesday, 18th	Marathon Bridge	3:00 pm



Hospitality Tea: This month *Dorothy Dixon's* table will provide the refreshments.
 If you are interested in substituting or playing bridge, please call Esther at (619) 583-5010.

HOLIDAY GIFTS – BANCROFT SCHOOL

Marsha McDonald



Thank you all so very much for adopting 20 children from Bancroft School. This year the counselor told me she has been impressed by how grateful the families have been to even be put on the list. Times are very hard for many of these families, but they rarely express their gratitude until after they receive the gifts. To talk about it beforehand says a lot. So thank you again for making their Christmas so special for them.

Bag up your child's gift and mark the bag with sex of child and age and family number. That way the counselor has a very easy time organizing them into family units for distribution.

You can bring the bags to the evening Christmas dinner at Marie Callendar's on December 12th or deliver them to the clubhouse on Monday, Dec 10th after 9 am and before 1:00 pm. I hope you had fun shopping!

