




La Mesa Woman's Club
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 Southern District
 CA Federation of Woman's Clubs**



GAVEL TALK - MARCH 2019

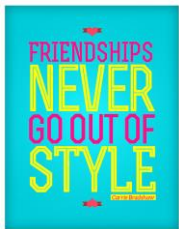
Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
MARCH Fri 1 st Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Mon 11 th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Wed 13 th Evening Mtg 6:30 pm Tue 19 th Marathon Bridge 3:00pm Mon 25 th Bridge lunch 11:30 am	APRIL Fri 5 th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Mon 8 th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Wed 10 th Evening Mtg. 6:30 pm Tue 16 th Marathon Bridge 3:00pm Mon 22 nd Bridge Lunch 11:30am Mon 29th Bridge/Bunco Fundraiser 9:30 am – 2:30 pm	 Sandi Phoenix 9th Corrine McKeel 14th Jean Johnston 22nd Glynis Andrews 27th Esther Jones 29th

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Happy March! So far this year we have managed to survive the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, epic rainstorms, and the Academy Awards. Two movies in particular that feature strong women, "Roma," and "The Wife" are definitely worth seeing. However, another film, "The Green Book," continues to inspire. A take-away message might be summed up in this way: "the more time you spend with someone who is different from you, the more you learn to appreciate that person for who s/he is."



In that spirit, let's focus on developing our friendships in the club by spending more time together. We encourage you to invite someone new to our March meeting. Our District president, Denise Berrian, will be our honored guest. Under Darcy's creative leadership, we have been treated to outstanding programs that your friends and neighbors would enjoy. Perhaps that friend is a former member who became disillusioned--well, things have changed in the past few years, and LMWC is headed in a positive direction!

Betsy Quinn and Kathy Tinsley

La Mesa Chamber of Commerce

Our Board voted to support the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce, which is having its annual "Salute to Local Heroes" Dinner. LMWC is a sponsor of the event, which includes two tickets. It's at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 at the Town & Country Convention Center in Mission Valley. If you'd like to attend, please email Kathy at Finally@cox.net by March 5. A drawing for the tickets will be March 6. Please consider attending this important community event with a guest and also represent LMWC!



Finally, here's an Irish blessing to begin the month of March: "May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a song. May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all the year long."

Warmly, Betsy & Kathy

Hi everyone, Spring is in the air, the sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and the little hummingbirds have returned to drink from my patio feeder. Oh, I love this time of year ☺

To shorten the 1st V.P.'s project report during meetings we are trying a new communication approach. Rather than take time to verbally explain projects please look for report descriptions in:

- The **Gavel Talk** will always have a written description of our current monthly projects.
- At meetings **project display boards** will be set up to again provide a written description with pictures of upcoming projects.
- Look for **sign-up sheets** at each display board station and PLEASE sign-up to help.
- Questions are always welcome. Ask during a meeting, or contact me by phone, 619-588-1923 or email sphoenix@cox.net ANY TIME!

March is the month to complete our 3-month donation drive collecting clothes for **Grossmont Hospital Emergency Dept.**

- Remember, all adult sizes are needed, sizes larger than 2X are especially needed.
- Casual pants with elastic waist, T-shirts, sweat shirts and pants, jackets and sports bras
- Please bring your new or gently used and clean donations to our March meetings, bridge sessions, or drop them off in the clubhouse office any Monday. There is a labeled plastic bin in the office for your donations.
- Thank you for helping with this project!

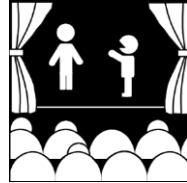


We are starting to collect gently worn shoes to be donated to the **Soles 4 Souls** project. Our main shoe drive will be during our April 29th fundraiser. We are asking that everyone attending the fundraiser donate a pair of shoes. You may also drop off your shoes at the clubhouse any time between now and the end of April.

Soles 4 Souls is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, just like us. Soles4Souls is one of seven GFWC Grand Initiative Projects. This organization collects the shoes we donate and distributes them in 3rdworld countries where shoes are often hard to find. Soles4Souls also teaches business skills to women in these countries. Some of the shoes go to women starting businesses. They in-turn sell the shoes for affordable prices, thus using their learned skills to earn an income to sustain their families. Our shoe donations will work to benefit folks in two special ways.



We have several **Vials of Life** left from the blood drive. I will bring some to our March meetings. Look for them at project display station. If you already have one, check to see if it needs to be updated. Take as many as you want.



Remember, we donated the registration fee for a La Mesa-Spring Valley District student to participate in this season's **Peter Pan Jr. Theater**? Our student sent us a thank you note and is looking forward to participating in this season's performance. The play is "**Crazy for You**", a Tony Award winning Broadway romantic, musical, comedy. Just what we enjoy. It is based on the 1930 musical, "Crazy Girl". The music is by Ira and George Gershwin. It is full of "music, laughter, dancing, sentiment and showmanship". There are many songs you will remember. It opens in early April. We have been invited to a backstage tour and to meet the cast and crew on Thursday, April 11. Tickets cost \$15, show time is 7:00 p.m., at the Joan Kroc Community Center Theater, 6845 University, San Diego, 92115. Meeting time for the tour is TBD. I plan to go and would love, love to have you all join me. Save the date, Thursday, April 11. Look for a sign-up sheet at one of the project display stations.



Another new procedure for this year is a new way to document your monthly Volunteer Hours and Money Donations. No more Yellow Binder. Volunteer Hour and Money Forms have been created. One for each month listing the projects for that month. This will hopefully simplify documenting. A sheet for our first three months is included in this Gavel Talk. Please fill out all three forms, front and back, by answering the questions, then place the completed sheet in the big envelope that you will find at one of the project stations. Thank you again ☺

I look forward to seeing you in March.


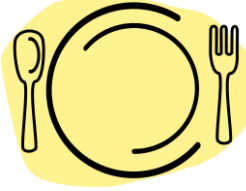




2nd VICE PRESIDENTS

Carol Dreesen and Lou Turner

	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p>	
<p>Sorry, ladies. I don't have much to report this month. It's been an unbelievably busy month.</p>  <p>The Southern District's Festival of the Arts went off great! When I called for help the decorating crew showed up and made short work of setting up our two tables – Hawaiian theme. We had nine members attend.</p>		<p>The La Mesa Woman's Club 2019 directory is at the printer, and will be delivered to our members in the very near future.</p> <p>The flyer for the April 29th Bridge/Bunco fundraiser for the scholarship fund is attached to this newsletter. Please complete your reservation form and send it to Margie. We are hoping all of our members will attend and invite their family and friends. The more, the merrier!</p>

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Margie Hartman

<p>ALOHA DAY CELEBRATION —April 29th, Monday, 9:30 to 2:30 \$30.00 per person RSVP to Margie Plans are coming along for our card party fundraiser. Thanks to Carol & Pat flyers are ready for you to e-mail or snail mail to your friends. Thanks to Lou & Betsy the Hawaiian menu is planned. Jean Johnston has donated a palm tree for the gift cards. Marsha has sent out the donation request letters. Angie, Roz & others are contacting businesses. Carol has ordered multi-colored tablecloths which she is donating. Sandi is checking on the coffee. Kathy is getting the table snacks. Beth will put the Door Prize baskets together. We need gift cards & Opportunity Baskets. Let Sandi know what you can get. What a great committee! Let's make this our best fundraiser ever!</p>					
					

<p>Opportunity Basket Themes sign-up sheet and gift card tree(s)</p> <p>Our fundraiser, "Aloha Day Celebration", is coming quickly. Donation request letters have been mailed. We have sign-up sheets for themed opportunity basket donations and for gift cards for our new gift card tree. The minimum gift card value is \$25. Several gift cards will be combined on a tropical palm tree for a combined total value of \$150.00. Let's concentrate on restaurants, La Mesa is full of wonderful restaurants, any place you like to go, movie theater tickets, stores like Macy's, Target, TGMAX, Marshalls, HomeGoods, Hallmark, your favorite shop, Balboa Park museums, etc. Now, all we need are donations of opportunity baskets and gift cards. Please take a moment before the meeting, during our refreshment break or after the meeting to sign the donation sheets. They will be at one of the display stations near the project displays. Thank you in advance for your support and for making our major fundraiser another success.</p>	<p>Sandi Phoenix</p>
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4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Darcy Barghols



March means spring is just around the corner and you know what that means? Clean out the closets. This month our speaker is from Grossmont Hospital Thrift Korral. Emma will be sharing with us, just how to do that and what supplies and items we have that would help bring a profit to their shop around the corner. For a little fun, let's all bring one item to "swap". Anything from a purse, tea cup, mixing bowls, scarves (not shoes, those are for Shoes for Soles), something you haven't used and think someone else may like. Items not taken I will deliver to the Thrift Korral. (Think small).



April 27th is Meals on Wheels spring fundraiser at 2pm Monte Vista Village. An envelope is in the Club House Office. We have several seats available. Please place your check for \$30.00 made out to LMWC in the envelope with your name written on the front. Please check for space available.



Girl Scouts. Also, don't forget we are still collecting toiletries for the Girl Scouts who are earning their Silver Award. They have placed a supply box out in the foyer.

FEDERATION NEWS:

Sandi Phoenix

FUN at Fundraisers

"Delightful Decadence", March 9th, 3:30 - 6 p.m., Sweetwater Woman's Club House, \$20. Wine tastings, cheese nibbles, chocolate tastings, savory bites, with time to mingle and "shop for a cause". See flyer at meeting for more info.

Salute to Local Heroes & Installation Dinner, "Puttin' on the Ritz!" Thursday, March 14th, 5 - 8:30 p.m., Town & Country Hotel Resort, \$95 single, La Mesa Chamber of Commerce. See flyer at meeting for more info.

Southern District Convention "Champagne & Pearls", April 13th, \$30 per person. Reservation deadline is April 1st. Make your checks out to La Mesa Woman's Club.

Spring Fling Business Expo, Thursday, April 25th, 5 - 8 p.m., La Masa Community Center. See flyer at meeting for more info.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy

The hostesses for the Wednesday, March 13th evening meeting will be Elaine Ayres and Marsha McDonald. Thank you Jean and Roz for providing the wonderful pies and snacks at the February meeting.

CARE CORNER

Thank you to the members of the Woman's Club for the concerns for me after my fall. I'm getting better but it hurt like heck. The calls and cards were greatly appreciated. Guess the thoughtfulness of the members is one of the reasons I belong to our Club. Thanks again. **Nora**

JoAnn Knutson is recovering from her hip fracture and is getting physical therapy at home. **Linda Sotelo** is recovering from her knee replacement and is also receiving physical therapy. She hopes to be able to attend the March evening meeting. Both ladies would appreciate cards and/or phone calls.

March Bridge Dates:

Friday, 1st	1st Friday Bridge	11:30 am
Monday, 11th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Tuesday, 19th	Marathon Bridge	3:00 pm
Monday, 25th	Bridge lunch	11:30 am



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



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LA MESA WOMAN'S CLUB
 INVITES YOU TO OUR 12TH ANNUAL
 CARD PARTY FUNDRAISER
IT'S AN ALOHA CELEBRATION
 Monday, April 29, 2019
 9:30 am–2:30 pm \$30.00 per person



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Join us for our Social and Fundraiser for LMWC's Scholarship Program
 and Community Service Projects.

- Fill **TheGolden Box** by donating a pair of new or gently worn shoes that will be sent to The **SOLES4SOULS ORGANIZATION**
- Enjoy complimentary morning coffee, tea and pastries at 9:30 while browsing our fabulous opportunity baskets & prizes before the games begin at 10:00.
- Lunch will begin about noon.



Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Please mail this completed form for you and your group with payment to
 Margie Howard-Hartman PO Box 1061, El Cajon, CA 92022

Please make payment to La Mesa Woman's Club

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Phone _____ Email _____

Indicate your choice: Bridge Duplicate Bridge Bunco Games Just for lunch

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LMWC's Scholarship Program and Service Projects

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



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