



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



## *GAVEL TALK - NOVEMBER 2019*

*Pat Kelly, Editor*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
<b>NOVEMBER</b> Fri 1st Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Mon 11th Hospitality Tea 11:30am Wed 13th Evening Mtg. 6:30 pm Tue 19th Marathon Bridge 1:00pm Mon 25th Bridge lunch 11:30 am	<b>DECEMBER</b> Fri 6th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Mon 9th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Wed 11th Evening Mtg/Dinner at Marie Callender's 5:30 pm Mon 16th General Assembly/ Installation of Officers 11:30 am	  <b>Gertrude Findley 4th</b> <b>Mary Lou Kohl 27th</b>

### *Presidents' Message*



November Greetings!

October has been a busy month, and mixed in with the Halloween decor in the stores are lots of red, green, and white items--reminders that the holidays are fast approaching and things will get even busier. So let's all take a collective deep breath and not lose sight of the most important part of the season: people. Veterans Day brings the opportunity to remember those who have served our country and members of the military who currently give of themselves daily. Thanksgiving traditionally brings together family and friends who gather and reminisce about shared experiences. However, we are aware that the holidays can also be stressful and sad. We wish all the members of LMWC a calm and contented November.

### *Betsy Quinn and Kathy Tinsley*

Our realtor, Joe Yetter, has been working diligently with our buyer, CityMark. Currently issues in the clubhouse title are being examined, with assistance from the city as well as the La Mesa Historical Society. Joe feels confident that the sale is progressing smoothly and will meet with the sale committee soon to provide necessary updates. Meanwhile, Judy Burgess and Cornelius have been keeping the clubhouse interior and exterior looking great. Our geraniums provide a cheery welcome to all who enter.

We so appreciate the willingness of the following ladies to serve on this year's nominating committee: Margie Howard, representing the Bridge players, Pat Kelly, representing the Board, Angie Lombardo, representing the General Assembly and Roz Kennedy as an alternate. Because of the legal aspects involved in the sale of the clubhouse, we agree to continue as co-presidents. We thank you for the support you have shown during this past year and look forward to focusing our time and talents on behalf of LMWC in 2020. Please let us hear from you with suggestions, concerns and comments.

Warmly, Betsy and Kathy

**PARKING REMINDER:**

Please always park in front of the building when attending meetings or bridge sessions. The numbered spaces are paid for by Penske Ford and the first five (5) parking spaces facing Grossmont Blvd. are paid for by Discount Tire. Thank you !!

Judy Burgess, Rental Manager

**1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN**

**Sandi Phoenix**



Community Service is the heart of our organization. Volunteering is the spirit that feeds our service. The friendships that develop among our members is the bond that builds as we volunteer our service and support in our community, Celebrating the “Volunteer Sprit”, I like to start our 1st VP Gavel Talk articles by thanking our members for volunteering the past month. A big thank you to the ladies who volunteered to meet at the clubhouse to assemble the coloring book pages and crayons into packets for our local Sharp-Grossmont Hospital Emergency Department: Angie, Jean Adams, Betsy, JoAnn and Kathy. I am hoping to deliver the packets during November. Please consider joining me as we present the packets to the ER team.

Another huge thank you to Marsha, Carol, Margie, Pat, Elaine, Betsy and Jean Johnston for volunteering to be on the Community Service Project Committee. We are meeting on Wednesday, October 30th to discuss future donations and community service projects for LMWC. Look for exciting service project information coming very soon.



Our annual November and December service project: Marsha will have the list of Bancroft School students and families at our November General meeting so that we can select the child/children we would like to adopt for Holiday gift giving. Last month we discussed places to donate books. I would like to recommend including a book in your bag of gifts so each child will have a book of their own this holiday.



**On-Going Projects:** Here it is November already and almost the last time for us to donate to Pennies for Pines and the Ronald McDonald House. Please remember to contribute to the canisters at our November General meeting. Thank you!

**Magazines for Sharp-Grossmont Hospital Auxiliary.** Now is the time to sort your magazines and bring them to the club house to donate to the hospital. They are distributed throughout the hospital for use by patients and visitors. Thank you!



**Report Writing Workshop** coming in November: As many of you know, every woman’s club in the US writes annual reports. These reports record, identify, and explain our community service projects and our leadership building programs. These reports are used as history for our club. They justify our 501(C) 3 non-profit status. These reports are used by our State and National organizations to represent the cumulative results of our service and become a powerful tool that represents us and our service to others. They also say THANK YOU to our members as awards are presented during Conventions for our volunteer service. Writing our annual reports is more than a one-person job. This year there are many changes in the report writing. These changes will be in effect for years to come. There is a report writing workshop at our clubhouse on **November 14**. The workshop is for *established and new members*. Please consider attending. I will have a sign-up sheet available and I will be reminding everyone that it is coming very soon.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Hugs, Sandi

**2nd VICE PRESIDENTS**

**Carol Dreesen and Lou Turner**



At our October 9th evening meeting, we officially welcomed Mary Lou Kohl and Robin Dunham to our membership. Mary Lou, who had a successful career as a self-employed public accountant, lived in Ramona for many years and is currently a resident of Rancho San Diego, enjoys playing bridge with friends and also is a volunteer with the El Cajon Library Book Store. Robin spent 28 years with the Department of Justice in the criminal division. She has already donated many hours helping the LMWC and is also involved with the “Rides for Neighbors” program. Mary Lou and Robin were introduced and presented floral bouquets from our co-presidents Kathy and Betsy. Barbara Allen and Nancy Watson Evans, also new to LMWC, were unable to attend but will be officially welcomed at an upcoming meeting.



**3rd VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Margie Hartman**



Ladies, put on your thinking caps and come up with a catchy theme for our March 30, 2020 Bridge & Bunco Party. It’s on a fifth Monday so hopefully lots of people can come. We will have a committee meeting in January to plan the food, etc. Everyone is invited to participate.



**4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

**Darcy Barghols**

November *wraps* up our programs and projects for the year, literally.  
 Jerry Kubitsky, President of Summit Transmission Auto Repair will be our guest presenter November 13th. He will share information that we should know in regards to maintaining your automobile.  
 As for our November 13th evening project we are *wrapping*. The question is.... do any of you use Toilet Paper? Of course you do! So bring a roll, let’s have some fun and put it to good use. It quick, it’s easy and will bring a laugh or two. The fabric, ribbons and stakes have been donated to the LMWC for “*the wrap*”.



**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening**

**Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy**



The hostesses for the Wednesday, November 13th evening meeting are Elaine Ayres and Marsha McDonald. Many thanks to Kathy Tinsley and Lou Turner for providing the refreshments for the October meeting.

Please mark your calendars for the December 11th dinner meeting at Marie Callender's at 5:30 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

**NOVEMBER Bridge Dates:**

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



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.



I want to thank the La Mesa Woman's Club for the \$100 donation made to the ALS Organization in memory of my daughters, Marilyn & Terri. My family did walk, even I went about 3/4 of a mile. There are pictures on Facebook. Maybe someday they will find out what causes this disease and will have a cure. Thank you for caring!

Nora

**BANCROFT SCHOOL**

**Marsha McDonald**



It's that time again! Ho Ho Ho! Our annual opportunity to adopt one or more children from Bancroft Elementary School for the holiday season. I have contacted the counselor and she will be ready with a list of children who will need and so appreciate gifts for Christmas. Many of the families at Bancroft have a hard time just making their money meet monthly bills during the year, much less purchasing gifts for their children for the holidays. Ages range from tiny ones to 15 year old. We make sure that all siblings in a family are provided for, so that is why we may have some younger teens on the list, even though Bancroft's children go up to age 12 (some 13).

The counselor will give us a list of children listed with their gender and age as well as clothing sizes and a toy or special item that they would love to receive.

I will have a sign-up sheet at our November 13th Evening General Meeting where you can adopt one or more children by simply signing your name by their family ID letter and number on the list (example E2).

I will bring some slips of paper so you can note their sizes and gift information down along with their ID letter/number.

Gifts will be collected at the clubhouse on Monday, December 9th or you can bring them to the Christmas dinner meeting at Marie Callender's on December 11th. Please put the gifts in a plastic bag with the family ID letter/number noted on the outside of the bag. I will deliver the bags to the school on the 12th, and that gives the counselor enough time for families to pick them up before they leave for their winter break.

It's always fun to shop and give to a child, and it's especially rewarding when we know that we are making these children's holidays especially joyous. We are Santa's helpers.

Thank you for all you do, Marsha.

**FEDERATION:**

**Sandi Phoenix**

Mark your calendars -

1. Festival of Arts, February 26, 2020 at the El Cajon Masonic Lodge
2. Southern District Convention, May 2, 2020. Details to follow.

**Announcement:** The Herrick Community Health Care Library "Wellness Wednesday" program topic will be Chronic Pain. The special guest speaker is Tracey Chester, MA, MS, LMFT, CCTP. It will be held on Wednesday, November 20th from 12-1:30 pm in the Library Meeting Room.

## LA MESA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Margie attended the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 23rd. Our club was honored to receive certificates from Senator Brian Jones for Outstanding Community Service, Diane Jacob for recognition for being a member of La Mesa Chamber of Commerce (outstanding business organization), Duncan Hunter—special congressional recognition, Mayor Mark Araposthathis—recognition of new membership in the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce and Shirley Weber, California State Assembly, 79th District, for commitment and hard work in improving our small business community.

