



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



## *GAVEL TALK - FEBRUARY 2020*

*Pat Kelly, Editor*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
<b>FEBRUARY</b>  Fri 7th Executive Board 9:30 am 1st Friday Bridge 11:30 am Mon 10th Hospitality Tea 11:30 am Wed 12th Evening Mtg 6:30 pm Tue 18th Marathon Bridge 2:00pm Mon 24th Bridge lunch 11:30 am	<b>MARCH</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. 6:30 pm Tue 17th Marathon Bridge 2 pm Mon 23rd Bridge Lunch 11:30 am <b>Mon 30th FUNDRAISER 9:30 am</b>	  Pat Spears 17th Mary Verdon 17th

### *Presidents' Message*

Many THANKS to the seven young men and women missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the FABULOUS job of cleaning up our property. They worked for two hours and filled six large trash bags with weeds!



The sale of our building is slowly but surely moving along and we will be able to stay in the Clubhouse until November.

Kathy Tinsley recruited volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On Friday, 4 Elders & 3 Sisters worked for 2 hours. All the weeds & leaves were cleaned up in the back of the clubhouse & also in the container gardens. We were so fortunate & grateful to get their help before the Open House on Saturday, February 1st. It was heart-warming to have the help from the missionaries who have committed their life to Christ and to helping others in the community.

**Judy Burgess, Rental Manager**

### *Betsy Quinn and Kathy Tinsley*



Mark your calendar for Monday, March 30th for our annual Bridge/Bunco fundraiser. Remember this event raises money for our scholarship program.

Happy Valentine's Day. You are all our "special" valentines!



Warmly, Betsy and Kathy



Happy February everyone!  
 END OF THE YEAR REPORTS ARE FINISHED  
 AND TURNED IN! Yippee, Yay, Wahoo!!

Our "TEAM La Mesa" worked so well together. Lou wrote her very first report and did a fantastic job! Carol, your suggestions and advice were so helpful. Thank you both! Betsy, thank you for your long-distance help from Oregon. Betsy wrote our Leadership report. Who better to write this report, right?! She also edited reports and always had something encouraging to say. A HUGE THANK YOU to Margie and Marsha. Marsha wrote the Advocates for Children report. She and Margie hung in there with me till the bitter end proofing each report and explaining why a comma is or is not needed.

Writing the reports is a long process. It is an important responsibility for us to complete. The resulting statistics provide proof that we are a 501 C 3, nonprofit organization. These statistics can be used to inform others of the strength, power and influence of our club. When combined with statistics from woman's clubs nationwide it gives us a strong voice in Washington DC and validates who we are. Last, but not least, these reports provide a written history of our club. Thank you all who completed and turned in your "Volunteer Hour & In Kind \$" forms. They were invaluable help.

One more huge thank you for your VOLUNTEER TIME AND TEAMWORK all year. Thirteen reports were written. They include community service reports in every single department Art, Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Outreach, Public Issues and Women's History. Reports in special departments, GFWC Signature Program Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and GFWC Juniors' Special Program Advocates for Children were written. Communication & Public Relations, Leadership and Membership reports were written for the Federation Advancement areas. A Fundraising report rounds out our record of thirteen.

Here are three stats for your bragging rights. You, La Mesa Woman's Club members, volunteered 3,186 hours completing 46 community service projects during 2019. You made it possible for La Mesa Woman's Club to donate \$11,033 to improve our community this year. THANK YOU & CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!!



Okay, we cannot rest on our laurels for long. Our February meeting program speaker is a representative from the East County Transitional Living Center located in El Cajon. In January we sent out a call for new **twin size blankets** for their transitional living center. You still have an opportunity to bring a blanket to our February meeting. These blankets are given to the persons using them in the transitional living center to take with them when they move to more permanent facilities.

In January, we also asked for donations of gently used towels, blankets and small bathroom type rugs. These are being given to two animal rescue groups in our east county. They greatly appreciate our donations and say thank you.



We received notice from CFWC about a project that will be completed just after our general meeting. Major Bill White of Stockton, CA is the oldest living Marine at 104 years of age. Major White is asking to be remembered this Valentine's Day by sending a card to him. Major White was born in Long Beach and served in the Pacific Theatre during WWII where he earned the Purple Heart among other honors. Following his Marine retirement, he served on the Huntington Beach Police Department where he was a leader for 17 years for the Explorers, a Boy Scout unit then sponsored by the police department. Valentine cards were signed by our Executive Board members, addressed and mailed following the meeting. Major White will receive several cards from our La Mesa club women. Working with Kathy, it is possible this will develop into a monthly project of sending birthday cards to Pearl Harbor survivors and other senior retired military veterans. This is a project that can be done at home. If you are interested in helping, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the general meeting.

Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day!

## 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Lou Turner



I would like to thank all of you for continuing your membership into 2020! We had the good fortune to welcome a total of 7 new members during 2019 and so far in 2020. This is quite an accomplishment and I would like to thank current members for introducing their friends to us and encouraging them to “join-the-club”. In January, Pat Spear, Margaret Mendez and also bridge player, Mary Verdon officially joined us. Welcome everyone!

Hope to see you at our General Meeting on February 12th and please invite an interested friend. Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone!



At our January meeting our longtime member, *Jodi Van Tieghem, officially became an Honorary Member* by the unanimous vote of all members present. We now have two Honorary Members. The other is one of our favorite ladies, Esther Jones, who celebrated her 100th Birthday last year. Jodi is a dedicated member and was a devoted bridge player for many decades. . . . Yes, we’re talking decades here! Congratulations Jodi and thank you for your commitment to the LMWC.

## 3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Margie Hartman



### **THE ROARING 20’s**—March 30th, Monday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Plans for our card party/bunco luncheon fundraiser are coming along great. We had a super Ways & Means planning meeting and many members volunteered to be responsible for different areas. Pat Kelly designed our beautiful flyers. Please forward them by e-mail and make copies to distribute to your friends. Nancy Watson & I met with an excellent caterer and a delicious menu is planned. Betsy, Darcy & Jean J. have some fun ideas for decorations. Lou took notes of our meeting and sent them out to all of you. Beth agreed to make the Door Prize baskets. Judy had been working hard sending out requests for donations. Sandi is responsible for assembling the opportunity baskets. We have volunteers to sell opportunity & gift card tree tickets. Darcy is working on getting a Live Auction item. Kathy, Margie & Nancy are checking prices on plates, napkins & cups. Judy & Nancy are putting out publicity. Reservations are due by March 20th and should be sent to Margie Howard-Hartman. Checks should be made out to La Mesa Woman’s Club.

**\*Inexpensive strands of beads are needed. If you have any, you can bring them to the February 12th meeting. Also we need card tables.**

**The next planning meeting will be March 2nd, Monday @ 9:30.** Invite all your friends to our fabulous party!!!

**4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

**Darcy Barghols and Judy Burgess**



February our program will be Helen Zamora, Director of Development for East County Transitional Living Center. This is the center in which we are bringing gently used or new blankets. She will enlighten us on how we can assist them with offerings other than monetary requests.

Gabby Bruflat from troop 6731 will have Girl Scout Cookies available for purchase on February 12th just prior to the start of our evening meeting. She belongs to the troop that presented their Eagle project to La Mesa Woman’s Club last February. Cookies are \$5.00 per box. All sales appreciated. This troop is also sponsoring a table at the Meals on Wheels Tea in May!



Peter Pan Junior Theater will start their play production for **Peter Pan** March 25, 26, 27, 28 at the Ray Kroc center on University Avenue. If you would like to support them by attending their performances go to this website: <https://www.ppjt.org/> Ray and Joan Kroc/Salvation Army Performing Arts Center, 6611 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92115



**EDUCATION REPORT**

**Margie Howard Hartman**



The deadline for scholarship applications is March 12, 2020. Jean Johnston, Betsy & I have contacted all of the counselors in the high schools in Grossmont District regarding the deadline and requirements. We have already received one application. Judging will be done in March & April. The winners will be announced and awarded checks and certificates in May & June.

**HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening**

**Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy**



The hostesses for the February evening meeting are Jean Adams and Roz Kennedy. Many thanks to Darcy Barghols and Judy Burgess for providing healthy snacks at our January meeting. It was a nice change!!

FEBRUARY Bridge Dates:		
Friday, 7th	1st Friday Bridge	11:30 am
Monday, 10th	Hospitality Tea	11:30 am
Tuesday, 18th	Marathon Bridge	2:00 pm
Monday, 24th	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 Nora at (619) 448-6842.



***CLUB WOMAN OF THE YEAR***

Lou Turner, 2nd Vice President for Membership, was voted Club Woman of 2019 in December. Her name will be added to the plaque that hangs in the foyer. Lou has done an excellent job of recruiting new members and has supported the club in many other projects and events. This is a much deserved honor for a valuable member of our club. Congratulations, Lou.



***UPDATE on Esther Jones***

Esther has been moved to a group home called Mom's House where she is continuing her recovery from her surgery. The address is 8596 Atlas View Drive, Santee and the phone number is (619) 562-5370. You must call first if you want to visit Esther in person. You can also continue to send Get Well or Thinking of You cards to her home address. I'm sure she will greatly appreciate hearing from her La Mesa Woman's Club friends.

La Mesa Woman's Club "Open House" on February 1, 2020

Judy Burgess, Rental Manager



Thanks to Ana & Ruben Dobles of Josy's Creation's & Rentals along with Eduardo Velasquez of Lalo's Decorations for turning the clubhouse into the venue of your dreams. They gave our guests a glimpse of what their quinceanera, wedding or birthday celebration could look like. We appreciate all the vendors that were there for their time, donations and sharing their expertise with those that attended.

DJ...Oscar@eldjpollin  
 Makeup Artis...Jazmin Cazares  
 Arianas & Josy's makeup & Hair Dresser's  
 Bekkers's Catering...Olga Worm  
 Genesis Fashion  
 Quinceaneras & Sweet Sixteen's

Choregraphy & Events...Dulce Franco  
Betty's Cakes...Beatriz Rodriguez  
Invitaciones para Quincenera & Bodas & Birthday's  
Chio Segou  
Apple's & Sweet's...Veronica Servin  
Cake's for all Occasions...Cecilia Avina  
Taquizas Campos...with handmade Tortillas  
Josy's Creaciones and Event Planner...Sra. Ana Dobles  
Lalo's Decorations...Eduardo Velasquez