



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



***GAVEL TALK - MAY 2020***

*Pat Kelly, Editor*

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS  |   | BIRTHDAY CORNER  |
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| <p><b>MAY</b></p> <p><b>Fri 1st Executive Board</b><br/>           (via Zoom) 9:30 am<br/> <b>Clubhouse closed indefinitely</b><br/> <b>due to the corona virus</b><br/> <b>mandates.</b></p> | <p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p><b>Uncertain due to the mandate to</b><br/> <b>stay home and keep safe.</b></p> |  <p><b>Robin Dunham 16th</b><br/> <b>Dorothy Dixon 18th</b></p> |

*President's Message*

*Betsy Quinn and Kathy Tinsley*



May Greetings!



Amid clever quotes and humorous videos that keep us sane during this bizarre, global epidemic, the following perspective resonated with us:

“This is the time for the entire world to show their humanity, because each and every one of us is affected by this. Tell those you love that you love and cherish them. Don’t wait for later; there may not be a later.”

It certainly is not always easy to find the positives during a crisis, but Betsy recently accepted the “19 Day Challenge” from a friend to identify one thing daily to be grateful for. Reading back over journal entries brings a smile with the realization that what has mattered most during the isolation have been simple things: yellow irises blooming in a neighbor’s yard, a phone call with an old friend, a safe place to walk the dog. Of course, the friendships and support of all the members in LMWC is a huge blessing, and we so miss seeing each of you.

Our clubhouse has been mostly vacant, but we’re pleased that the sale is still progressing on target, despite the limitations of the pandemic. We’re still finding ways to serve the La Mesa community while sheltering in place. Consider joining us in delivering unwanted clothing to the East County Transitional Living Center. In addition, the staff at the pantry for healthcare workers at Sharp-Grossmont Hospital greatly needs and appreciates your donations of food, as does the Salvation Army’s Kroc Center. Be sure to read Sandi’s column for more information on our club’s generosity.

Please contact us with any suggestions or concerns. Our best to you, with sincere wishes for your good health. Hopefully we’ll be able to gather soon. Virtual hugs to each of you!

Warmly, Betsy and Kathy



Notes of recognition and gratitude:

Did you know the 3rd week of April is National Volunteer Week? During this week, La Mesa WC donated 350 greeting cards with cheerful handwritten thinking of you notes to the East County Meals on Wheels. The cards will be given to each of their clients along with their meal. Kudos to our 10 members who so willingly donated and wrote the note in each card. These special members are Kathy, Darcy, Betsy, Lou, Elaine, Margaret M., Nora, Angie, Margie, Pat K. and Sandi.

Our support and donations to the Sharp-Grossmont Hospital Food Pantry continues. I am aware of donations made by Kathy, Betsy, Darcy, Lou, Jean J., Elaine & Bob, Pat K and Sandi, and want to send a huge THANK YOU message to each of you. I am certain others have dropped off food. Please let me know who you are. Also, everyone, please send me the number of items and \$ amount you have spent. A close approximation is fine. La Mesa WC is making a very positive impression with our support. We are recognized as we drop off our food and the staff is sharing heartwarming stories about how appreciative the essential employees are for this service. Let's continue this worthwhile project. Items that are needed include any non-perishable food, fresh and packaged fruit, paper products like napkins, plates and bowls, paper towels and of course the vital toilet paper. Baby items such as diapers, wipes, jars of food are needed too. If you have donations and cannot deliver them, give me a call and I will pick them up from you and deliver them.



One of the past clubhouse renters generously donated 6 moving boxes of books to us. There are 180 – 200 books of various topics being stored in our Swing Closet. They will be made available to our members first, then either put in a fundraising parking lot sale, or donated to the La Mesa Friends of the Library.



A new project for us to support has been suggested. The March of Dimes is asking for "Notes of Hope". The project is described this way, "It can be a scary time for a mom or dad with a baby in the NICU. Send words of encouragement to families or healthcare workers. It just takes a moment to send a digital note." This potential project will be introduced at our May 1 Board meeting. If approved, an email will be sent to members asking for help.



Looking for something to do? Possible club fundraiser: If you are going through closets, drawers, cupboards, garages, linens, pants and more and you do not know what to do with the items you want to discard, please save them for LMWC. We are thinking of having a parking lot sale before we move out of the clubhouse. Items that our members donate will bring us added profits. Everything depends on when the isolation regulations are lifted for events like that. A second possibility is to donate needed items to the various charities and thrift stores that we support each year. I think we can find a home for almost anything. Thank you for helping. Stay tuned and check your email for a message from La Mesa WC. Stay safe and well, sending hugs from a distance!

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Lou Turner

Greetings to everyone!

I hope this finds you well and coping with the challenge of our "normal" way of life. I appreciate members who have shared some interesting articles and videos via email and those who keep in touch to see how we're doing. Hopefully, our economy will open up steadily and life will be somewhat "normal" again. We can only hope! With some luck, maybe we'll be able to have our usual June lunch/meeting with all members and bridge players reuniting- - and, maybe without our new accessory - - facial masks! In the meantime, continue to take precautions and good care of yourselves.

Best regards . . . Lou



Hello! As our social-distancing and self-isolation continues, I am sending wishes for a Healthy, Safe and Merry May. Even with our restrictions, the month of April seemed to fly by. The response to our "Federation Tea at 3" last Friday was very heartwarming. Talking with so many of you and reading your emails was so much fun and truly brought sunshine into my day. True to her Federation Friendship Spirit, Elaine called at least 6 members and enjoyed catching up and sharing news with each of them.

Sandi

**3rd VICE-PRESIDENT**

**Margie Hartman**

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAVE THE DATE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reminder: Our Roaring Twenties fundraiser has been postponed to October 30th.</p> |  |
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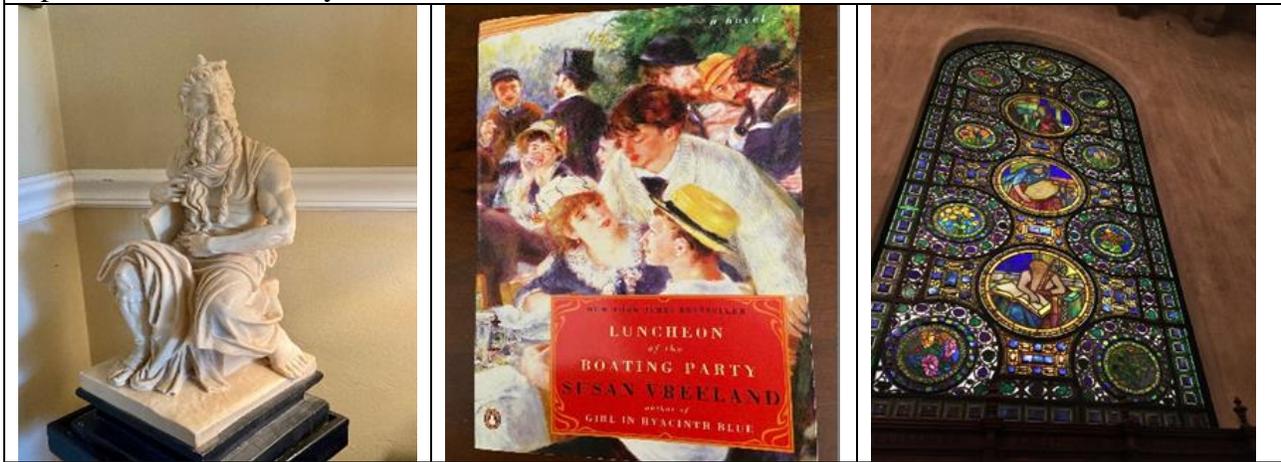
**4th VICE- PRESIDENT**

**Darcy Barghols and Judy Burgess**

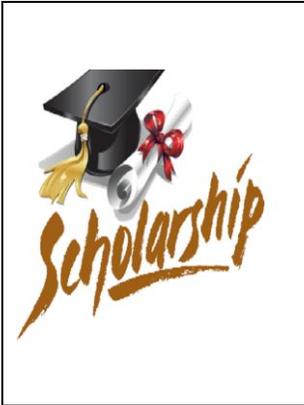
Greetings from your Program Chair and happy healthy spring!

The year of women who have left lasting (“Impressionist”) impressions! Many of you were aware that I was to spend Easter in Florence and venture on to Paris. However my trip was cancelled and I turned my attention toward my favorite novelist, Sue Vreeland visiting both countries through her historical fiction novels; Sue was my high school English teacher at Madison High in Clairemont, SD. She was a passionate and eloquent descriptive writer who magically put words onto paper. She favored our beloved “Impressionist”. She, dragging husband Kip along, would spend months living in the neighborhoods where these inspiring artists lived. I was fortunate to have met up with her several times throughout my adult years. My last encounter with her was an evening at the Mission Inn in Riverside where she launched Clara and Mr. Tiffany. The stained glass in the Mission Inn’s Chapel are actual Tiffany glass (see picture below). We also discussed her last book I believe; Lisette’s List that took place in Provence. This inspiring read encapsulated the lives of Cezanne and Pissarro. Also on the table of discussion was a grade that I thought should have been higher. Her work was always extremely well researched, informative and emotionally descriptive. Therefore I am recommending any of her novels. Letters to Artemisia taking place in Naples and Rome. My next vision lead me to Paris at the d’Orsay where I would see works of art by Pierre-Aguste Renoir. However her novel Luncheon of the Boating Party takes place on the Seine. The painting is in Washington, D.C. In Florence my dream was to see David at the Galleria dell’ Academia. The picture included below is of a sculpture that sits in my living room of Moses with horns by Michelangelo.

Unfortunately disappointments happen, trips cancel and sequestering occurs. In return new delightful events have taken place. A cup of tea in the late afternoon with our members on April 24th with a thank you to Sandi.



**Stay healthy and safe.**



The scholarship committee selected five winners from the applicant pool of 51. The five \$1,000 awards were approved by the Executive Board. We plan to award the funds in November after our October fundraiser. Thank you to the committee members!!

A Thank You message from one of the scholarship winners:  
*“Hello Marjoree,  
Thank you so so much for awarding me the \$1000 scholarship from the La Mesa Woman's Club. I am so excited to put that towards my education at UCLA! I completely understand the postponement of the fundraiser and wanted to let you know that I am not worried about the timeline of the scholarship. I hope you find yourself safe and healthy in these times. “*  
-- Veronica Berg

FEDERATION:

Sandi Phoenix



As approved by the Executive Board, La Mesa Woman’s Club donated \$68 to the USDA Forest Service to plant another one acre of trees in the Cleveland National Forest in honor of Arbor Day, April 24th.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN – Evening

Angie Lombardo/Roz Kennedy



The clubhouse is closed indefinitely due to the corona virus mandate to suspend all gatherings.

Bridge Dates:

**No bridge sessions until further notice. Sorry, ladies.**



**Esther Jones** now has her own cell phone and would love a phone call from you. Her new phone number was published last month, but in case you missed it, here it is again. It is 619-312-2250. Esther continues to be well and her smile and happy spirit spreads through the care home. She says that as soon as the restrictions are lifted, she looks forward to coming to the clubhouse to play bridge with her friends. We are thinking of you, Esther. Love & Hugs from all your La Mesa WC friends.



**Esther’s message** to all of the members: Dear friends, I want to thank everyone for all the cards and good wishes. I am getting along as well as can be expected. I have a new phone number (619) 312-2250. Call me. I miss and love you all.



Mother' Day – May 10th



Memorial Day – May 25th

**Reminder:** Judy Burgess, clubhouse rental manager, has a new home address. It is:  
1245 Peerless Drive, El Cajon, CA 92021