



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



GAVEL TALK - JUNE 2020

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
JUNE	JULY	 Elaine Ayres 9th Nora Maxwell 18th Barbara Allen 23rd
Fri. 5th Executive Board (via Zoom) 9:30 am Clubhouse closed indefinitely due to the corona virus mandates.	Uncertain due to the mandate to stay home and keep safe.	

President's Message

Betsy Quinn and Kathy Tinsley



June greetings,

“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.”

These words, penned by Marianne Williamson, offer hope in the midst of troubled times. The events of 2020 so far have been heartbreaking, and we offer fervent prayers that healing will come to our world, our nation, and our city. Never could we have imagined that La Mesa, the “Jewel of the Hills,” would experience such outrageous and senseless violence. We’re unsure how to respond but have been encouraged by the generosity and solidarity of the community. Your board is committed to providing support to La Mesa, and we will discuss options for service projects at our next Zoom meeting.



Congratulations to Margie Howard-Hartman, who was voted by our club members to receive the **2019 Leadership Award**. With her positive attitude and amazing energy, she has been a dedicated member of our club for 58 years. Her many contributions include serving in a variety of board positions and chairing both the education committee and the evening bridge section. Each of us has been the beneficiary of Margie’s kindness and generosity. Lately she has kept us smiling with clever, inspirational email messages. She truly epitomizes leadership and is most deserving of this award.



We look forward to “seeing” you all at our virtual Zoom assembly on June 10. We expect to reconvene at the clubhouse in September and will stay in touch this summer. If you have a need or suggestion, please let us know. Despite the pandemic and racial unrest, we share strong bonds of friendship in LMWC. Take good care of yourselves and keep hope in your hearts.

Warmly, Betsy and Kathy



Hi everyone,

I started writing this article so many times. I like to begin with something that is positive and upbeat but with all that has been going on I don't feel very positive and upbeat. At first, I felt that with the lifting of the coronavirus restrictions life might return to normal, well, maybe a new normal and that was good. Maybe we can get back to our club business and get together again, maybe even have our luncheon meeting even if it is moved to July. Then all hell broke loose, and violence hit our quiet, peaceful city of La Mesa. Today I struggle with feeling positive and upbeat. I wonder if other members are experiencing these same feelings. Let's reach out to each other. Let's strengthen our network of support. Give me or another member a call just to chat for a bit. We are friends, we are family, we are sisters of La Mesa Woman's Club and we are strong! Let's unite our strength so that we might reach out to others and provide strength and assistance wherever we can. Perhaps we can partner with other nonprofit organizations in La Mesa so we might work together to care for our La Mesa community when she truly needs us. I have some ideas and I'm betting you have some too. Ladies let's talk. Let's put on our "volunteer spirit" hats and see what we can do. Call me with any ideas and/or established connections you have with other La Mesa organizations. WE ARE LA MESA WOMAN'S CLUB STRONG!

Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote, "People acting together as a group can accomplish things which no individual acting alone could ever hope to bring about." The next subject illustrates this beautifully.



La Mesa Woman's Club received the CFWC 2019 Leadership Advancement award for medium size clubs! Our leadership advancement activities were selected as the best in the state over 62 other medium size clubs in California. The award is the result of the Leadership end of the year report that we submitted to state. This report, more than any other, is a compilation of everything we do as a club to develop and promote leadership skills among members. It includes participation from all members.

Remember all those volunteer hours, \$ & In-Kind donation forms you turned in last year. Using this information, Betsy developed a very impressive chart to emphasize how hard we work and how much we do. I will bring copies of the report to the very first meeting we have together so you may all read how wonderful you are. ☺ In all honesty, this award is truly an honor for La Mesa Woman's Club! Thank you for all that you do!

Here are some impressive totals for you. California Women's Club members completed a total 7,839 community service projects in 2019. Calif. Women's Club members volunteered 909,395 hours, donated \$6,344,418, and made In-Kind donations valued at \$22,288,897. FDR was correct, when we come together as a group, we accomplish outstanding good things.



March of Dimes (MofD) thank you notes project: Thank you Pat K., Jean J., Nora, Betsy, Margie and Sandi for writing thank you notes to the doctors, nurses, and all health care workers in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit who care for the babies born prematurely and with health issues. Our MofD contact Emma, let me know that she did receive them. Sadly, the coronavirus restrictions had a huge impact on fundraising this year for the March of Dimes. Due to lack of funds, Emma's position has been furloughed. Hopefully, she will return early next year. Our MofD project continues. Let's finish this project by Monday, June 15. Anyone who would like to write a thank you note, contact me when they are finished and I will give you the email address for sending your notes. Thank you all again for your support of this project.

Women's Club members support the Suffrage Movement: Due to the coronavirus issues this year, celebrating the *100th Anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement* has been over shadowed. Our most recent GFWC electronic newsletter, "Quick Bytes" provided a reminder for us with the following articles about important women supporting the movement who were also members of women's clubs. I found it interesting. I hope you enjoy reading about these women as much as I did.

In 1914, GFWC threw the weight of its millions of clubwomen behind the American suffrage movement. Their endorsement of the 19th Amendment helped to lend credibility and momentum to a movement that had been stalling just a few years earlier. Clubwomen across the country marched, protested, and advocated to help ensure the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Learn about a few of GFWC's most illustrious advocates for the vote below:

Julia Ward Howe was born in New York City in 1819. Julia Ward Howe became one of the 19th century's most influential women. A writer, abolitionist, suffragist, lecturer, and clubwoman, Julia Ward Howe surrounded herself with notable writers and creators from a young age.

In 1862, Howe's poem "*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*" was published for the first time in Atlantic Monthly. Battle Hymn is still considered the Civil War anthem of the Union and is Howe's best-known publication. After the war, Howe helped to establish and lead major women's organizations, including GFWC. Other groups Howe helped to establish include the New England Suffrage Association, the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association, and the National Woman Suffrage Association.

Eva Perry Moore dedicated her life to club work and the advancement of women. Eva Perry Moore was a charter member of the Wednesday Club in St. Louis and served as its president from 1892–1894. Moore also served as the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs' President from 1901–1906, and as GFWC International President from 1908–1912. Additionally, Moore served as President of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae (which later became the AAUW) and of the National Council of Women. As GFWC President, she focused on education, public health, and children's issues.

Moore also used her position as a leader in women's issues to advocate for suffrage. In 1906, as president of the Association of Collegiate Alumni, Moore spoke at the National American Woman Suffrage Association convention alongside Susan B. Anthony. At the Convention she insisted that 'We have no platform unless it is the care of women and children, and the home, the latter meaning the four walls of the city as well as the four walls of brick and mortar.'

Anna Pennybacker was an accomplished suffragist, educator, author, peace activist, and clubwoman. Born in Virginia, Pennybacker moved to Texas at an early age where she had an indelible impact on Texas history and education.

Pennybacker worked as a teacher in Texas and published *A New History of Texas* in 1888. The textbook was used in state curriculums for over forty years. In 1894, Pennybacker established the Tyler Woman's Club, one of Texas's first clubs. From 1901–1903 Anna led the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and from 1912–1916 she served as President of GFWC.

Pennybacker lectured extensively throughout Texas to promote women's education and suffrage. From 1919–1920 Pennybacker also served as an associate member of the Democratic National Committee, where she formed an influential and lifelong friendship with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Take care my friends. Stay safe and give me and other members a call to keep in touch.

Hugs, Sandi

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Lou Turner

Greetings to all members!

Well, another month has passed and June 1st has arrived. I hope you are coping well with our circumstances that seem to go on-and-on. But, we can take heart that businesses are beginning to open and we will hope that everything goes smoothly and we don't have to start all over again. Some good news is that maybe we can now schedule much needed hair appointments . . . Yea for us!! Continue to stay safe and keep positive thoughts. Hope to see all of you sometime soon.

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Margie Hartman



SAVE THE DATE
Reminder: Our Roaring Twenties fundraiser has been postponed to October 30th.





Have you ever looked closely at our LMWC website logo? If not, take a peak. In the upper left hand corner there is a little red poppy. It is “The Flanders Red Poppy” in Remembrance of WWII Veterans. How delightful the La Mesa Woman’s Club carries forth “good” for others.

In spring of 1997 I went on a Martin Luther trip to East Germany. The Berlin wall had only come down 6 years earlier. By now you all know I love to garden and red poppies welcome spring into my garden each year. Those red poppies in the pictures below are the same seeds from that trip 23 years ago. They have flourished and reseeded ever since. I don’t allow myself to plant a tomato, pumpkin, cucumber or any other vegetable until my poppies turn to seed. Those poppies re-nourish life here in my garden and abroad with cherished “Remembrances”. My grandfather who served in the Argonne Forest, France and was sprayed with mustard gas. Those crimson red poppies remind me of my other grandpa who handed out those little Remembrance tags with the little red poppies on them before the start of The Veterans Day Parade. Also as a small child I was so excited to see “my grandmother” lead the Veterans Day Parade carrying the American Flag. She was a member of Post 204 American Legion in Three Oaks, Michigan. I just recently learned that we have several members of LMWC who also are members of The American Legion.

Well dear members, it is a time for us to be “in a state of remembrance”. We are to remember to be cautious. To try and not touch our face. To give magic hugs from afar. And mostly to tell our friends and members we love you and we miss you. Let us be thankful that these things are happening for us to remember. Truly we can say this is the year of the “roaring 20’s. Before you know it we will be allowed to open our clubhouse doors and we shall “ROAR” to the community that we “The La Mesa Woman’s Club” are back!



From our handbook: “And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common heart of us all. And O Lord, let us not forget to be kind.”
Mary Stewart

EDUCATION REPORT

Margie Howard Hartman



A second Thank You message from one of the scholarship winners:
*Hi Ms. Howard-Hartman,
 Sorry for the late reply. I apparently received your letter a few days ago but my parents forgot to give it to me. Thank you so much for this scholarship opportunity. I intend to use the funds to advance my educational goals and future career. Thank you for helping to make my dreams possible.
 Sincerely, Rachel Hua*



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.



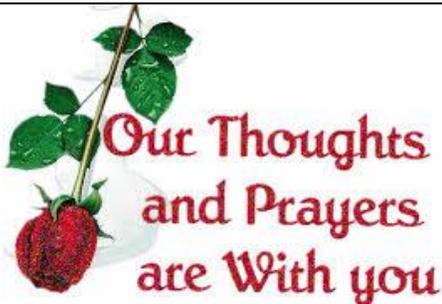
May 20th Evening Section Meeting on Zoom

From left to right, top row: Marsha McDonald, Darcy Barghols, Pat Spears, Sandi Phoenix

Second row, left to right: Kathy Tinsley, Pat Kelly, Betsy Quinn, Carol Dreesen

Third row, left to right: Nora Maxwell, Margaret Mendez, Margie Hartman, Elaine Ayres

Fouth row: Angie Lombardo (not seen is Roz Kennedy)



Sincere condolences to Arnell Sanderlin and her family upon the passing of her husband, David, on May 28th. Sympathy cards may be sent to 1002 Pansy Way, El Cajon, CA 92019.



Flag Day – June 14th



First Day of Summer – June 20th