



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



GAVEL TALK - MAY 2021

Pat Kelly, Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
MAY Fri. 7 th Executive Board 9:30 am Mon 17 th 119 th Anniversary Celebration 2 – 4:00 pm	JUNE Fri. 4 th Executive Board 9:30 am Wed. 9 th Luncheon Meeting 11:30 am	 Dorothy Dixon and Robin Dunham - 18th

Presidents' Message



May Greetings!

We are now 1/3 of the way through 2021! Each day feels a bit more hopeful as people become fully vaccinated, restaurants are bustling, and most students have begun to return to school. It's not quite yet "normal," but we're making progress. We look forward to seeing each of you in celebration of our club's 119th birthday party. We are able to meet in person on Monday, May 17, from 2-4 at our clubhouse, which will be beautifully decorated for the "May Flowers" event. Don't miss this important event, which is a "dress rehearsal" for next year's 120th gala!

Our club continues to serve the community and have fun while we volunteer! Currently the dedicated women on the Scholarship Committee (Marsha, Pat, Elaine, Darcy, Jean J., and Betsy) have read all applications and will meet to select our five award winners. Look for some outstanding essays in the June edition of this newsletter. In addition, some of us participated in support of the San Diego Humane Society's "Walk for Animals," raising over \$600. Many thanks to those who donated time and money.

Betsy Quinn and Kathy Tinsley



A small group met to participate virtually in the annual Southern District Convention; another group met at the clubhouse to stuff envelopes for our anniversary party, and others represented our club at a community event at Westmont. Ladies, we have many opportunities for involvement and enjoyment—join in! Meanwhile, the Clubhouse Sales Committee continues to navigate the litigation presented by our neighbor. We are indebted to Marsha MacDonald, who has generously offered to represent our club in legal matters. Our broker, Joe Yetter, has informed us that CityMark's project continues through the various "hoops" necessary for city approval. We persevere!



Happy Mother's Day to all—we honor each of you and include a quote from Robert Browning: "Motherhood. All love begins and ends there." We have been richly blessed to have received a mother's love and to have had children in our lives to love. Enjoy this special day!

Please continue to keep each other safe and well. If you have a need, please let us know. We care about you.
 Warmly, Betsy and Kathy

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Sandi Phoenix and Jean Johnston

Happy May everyone,

I did a quick Google search for special days of May. I found several days for us to celebrate. **May 1** is May day, the day we celebrate the return of Spring, **May 5** is Cinco de Mayo, on this day the victory of the Mexican army over the French at the Battle of Puebla, 1862, is celebrated. Traditionally, Old Town is full of colorful Mariachis and Mexican dancers and lots of margaritas, **May 9** settles down to a sweet celebration honoring our Mothers, **May 14** joyfully celebrates Dance Like a Chicken Day, and **May 15** is more serious as we honor Peace Officers Memorial Day. This is a special day to honor all federal, state and local Peace Officers who were killed or disabled in the line of duty. **May 16** is Armed Forces Day. The day celebrates all branches of our U.S. military, **MAY 17 THIS YEAR WE WILL CELEBRATE LMWC'S 119 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH A PARTY IN OUR CLUBHOUSE**, and **May 31** closes the month as we celebrate Memorial Day. On this day we commemorate all men and women who died in military service for the United States. In addition, let's remember to also celebrate the birthdays of our members during May.



With May being the month to celebrate and honor our Armed Forces and Police, I would like to entertain a motion that we plant an HONOR GARDEN OF AMERICAN FLAGS IN OUR CLUBHOUSE FRONT PLANTER. This would be similar to the Pinwheel Garden we planted last month in honor of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. It was very meaningful to see all the pinwheels spinning in the breeze. It will be equally as meaningful to see the flags waving in the breeze. This motion will be presented at the May Board meeting.

We will celebrate LMWC's 119 years of community service on May 17. To continue our commitment to honor our military and to make it official, I would like to entertain another motion.

This one will be to collect and donate diapers to the Military Outreach Ministry, MOM's organization at our 119 Years of Community Service Celebration. This organization supports active duty junior enlisted families. Most of you will remember the baby showers we held to fill diaper bags with all that babies need, to gift to expecting mothers and wives of enlisted men living in San Diego. I spoke with Barbara Chavez, founder and CEO of MOM's. She will be attending our 119 year celebration as a special guest. Please support our DIAPER DONATION by bringing a package of any size diapers to donate when you come to our 119th Year Celebration. Many words of thanks are also extended to Kathy and her party team, Darcy, Pat, Judy, Betsy, Lou, Elaine, Sandi, and Doug Barghols. This event is going to be such fun. ☺ PS: a reporter from the La Mesa Courier will be there too. Please wear your name tags...

I also want to thank those of you who signed the petition(s) and sent emails to protest the placement of two Sexually Violent Predators on Horizon Hills Dr., in the Mt Helix area. This is my neighborhood and the neighborhood of several other members. Our fight against this placement is not over. Your continued support and help is greatly appreciated!

On a FEDERATION note, the La Mesa Convention basket was won by Ellen Citrano from Pacific Beach W.C. I called her to arrange delivery. A very cheerful voice answered, she was delighted and excited to learn that she won our basket. As we talked she shared with me that she is living in Intensive Care at Sharp Memorial Hospital waiting for a heart transplant. She has been there for more than a month so that she will be instantly available when a heart becomes available. Sharing this information is not an issue with her. My reason for sharing is to request that our members send her cards with happy thoughts. Her home address is 3940 Gresham St. #353, San Diego, CA 92109. We all are wonderful card senders. Please include Ellen on your mailing list, and keep her in your prayers that she will receive a heart soon and the transplant will be successful. Thank you.

Please remember to send Jean Johnston your volunteer hours and amount of money spent on In-Kind donations. Thank you again. See everyone very soon. Happy Spring and Hugs

On Wednesday, April 28th, five of our board members attended an event at Westmont of La Mesa at the invitation of Kitty Costello who is their Community Relations Director. April in Paris was the theme and their intent was to thank some of Westmont’s community partners. Betsy Quinn, Sandi Phoenix, Darcy Barghols, Marsha McDonald and Lou Turner represented the LMWC. Staff members circulated trays of very appealing appetizers, their chef presented a nice display of finger foods and some delectable desserts. Kitty and her team made sure everyone had a nice time and each guest was presented a gift bag as we left the event. Anyone who is considering “senior living” should check out Westmont as it’s new, and a beautiful facility with a very welcoming and professional staff.



We hope all members will attend our 119th Birthday Celebration on Monday, May 17th from 2 to 4pm at our clubhouse. This will be another great way to re-connect and catch-up with all other members. Look for more details in this issue of Gavel Talk. Happy May to everyone and hope you are doing well!

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Nothing to report under fundraising at this time.

4th VICE- PRESIDENT



To Bee or not to Bee?

So what are you? A worker Bee, a Bee that doesn’t sting or pollinate, or one that contributes to the hive? Correct answer..... you’re a Queen BEE! We are all “Queens”. In one way or another you have contributed to the livelihood of our “hive/clubhouse”. I was tickled pink two Saturdays ago when I was able to attend, for a short time, Southern District Federation meeting on April 17th. Sandy introduced me to the “Federation” along with other “New Bees”. I was recognized as a “worker bee”. One that is up and coming, a relative new member, and able to contribute where or when I can.

Though not true queens, it is apparent that we are all an important “BEE” and appreciated. So... where you can help, help! Where you can serve, serve! Where you can offer assistance, assist and to pollinate. What they were saying was whether you are able to chair, host a position, sit on a committee or even contribute items of clothing, cookies, hygiene essentials, cookies for the La Mesa Police and Fire Department, it is all more than appreciated and worthwhile.

To keep producing our “honey” it takes all of us working together to nourish the existence of our hive. So keep those stingers active! Keep pollinating!!!

Darcy Barghols and Judy Burgess



“Up, Up and Away “

Gals, “Up, Up and Away” is my theme for the next few months! This is an adventure that you are all invited to participate in next fall (October 8-13th) if you are able. I will have a few available handouts about “ Up,Up and Away” at the May 17th “119 Years” Celebration of the Woman’s Club. This six day adventure takes place in Albuquerque, New Mexico for their annual Balloon Fiesta Festival. Several members have already secured their reservation with a \$250.00 deposit. Apparently it is the most filmed event in the entire world. That means it must be spectacular! We would love to have you join us. Reservations should be made with Phyllis Dorfman owner of Rainbow Travel at 8285 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa, CA 91942, phone 619-464-5345 to be included in this tour. Phyllis will be joining us at our May 17th celebration to answer any questions that you may have. Please let her know as soon as possible if you are able to attend. This is a Globus Tour with flights made on our own. The remainder balance is due in early August for an October 8 departure.

Well, as for programs we are obviously still dealing with the repercussions of Covid. Asking someone from the community has not been easy when we haven’t been able to gather in our “clubhouse”. However we look forward to seeing you in May and also for our kick off to summer in June at the clubhouse.

Be safe and remember to be kind.



The La Mesa Woman’s Club will celebrate our 119th anniversary on Monday, May 17th from 2 – 4pm. We hope you will plan to join us. Please RSVP to Judy Burgess at jeburgess13@aol.com or (760) 504-4638.

FEDERATION NEWS:

Sandi Phoenix



Southern District Convention was Saturday, April 17, 2021. It looks like Sandi is ready for the Convention. She is wearing the paper plate rose hat that she made special for the occasion and the Southern District T-Shirt adorned with bright red roses. The T-shirt was inspired by Southern District President, Martha Pritchard, to remind us all of her Presidential Theme, “Roses are the Friends in the Garden of Life”. The Theme of the convention was “Everything is Coming Up Roses”. Marsha and Sandi met at Betsy’s home for the Zoom Convention. Darcy, our “first time attendee”, joined us for lunch and the afternoon. As always, the highlight of convention is honoring the club leaders and recognizing

Special thanks to Marsha, Lou, Betsy, and Sandi for writing and proofing reports, for accessing and working with the new report forms on the computer, for compiling the statistical information and for completing everything in a timely manner so that all the reports were turned in on time. It is always a big job and as always, LMWC has the TEAM WORK to do it right! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Now for reporting the winning results: drum roll please....

- La Mesa won 1st place in Membership**
- 1st place in Environment**
- 2nd place in Arts & Culture**
- 2nd place in Civic Engagement & Outreach**
- 2nd place in education & Libraries**
- 2nd place in Leadership**
- 3rd place in Communication & PR**

The reports will be on display at our 119th Year of Community Service Celebration. Please stop by the table and see how well you all did!

clubs for their community service as reported in end of the year reports. Betsy and Kathy were honored as La Mesa’s Outstanding Club Leaders for 2020. They will each receive a certificate from Southern District. LMWC did very well in the report awards area again this year. Our club falls in the medium size clubs division. This size division includes hardworking, outstanding clubs, and has the largest number of clubs, so competition is tough. Even with the pandemic restricting our service projects and cancelling our fundraiser, LMWC still reported in 8 categories this year, Arts & Culture, Civic Engagement & Outreach, Communication & PR, Education & Libraries, Environment, Health & Wellness, Leadership, and Membership. Thank you to all our members for continuing to support our community service programs and our GFWC advancement areas. Thank you to those of you who sent your volunteer hours, your monetary and in-kind donation amounts. It is so helpful to have this information to include in the reports. These reportable facts are what make the difference between a winning report and just a report.



The CFWC Convention is May 13 – 15, 2021. It is a Zoom convention also. Betsy, Marsha and Sandi registered to attend. If you would like to see what a State Convention is like, let Sandi know and you can join her for any part of the FREE Zoom convention.

Please see the agenda attached to this Gavel Talk.

BANCROFT SCHOOL

Marsha McDonald

Last week I delivered eight (8) bags of school supplies to Bancroft. They were thrilled to receive everything you donated. They were surprised at how much was there! We donated bags of crayons, pencils, colored markers, dry erase markers, scissors, paper clips, erasers, colored folders, and more! In addition we donated a bag of sweat pants and sweat shirts. I'm sure that this will be more than they need for what's left of this year. It gives Bancroft a head start on next year! A big **THANK YOU** to all of you for your generosity in giving so much to the school, its staff and students!

Clubhouse News:

Judith Burgess



Many THANKS to the young men and women missionaries, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, for their hard work in cleaning up the clubhouse property. They did a FABULOUS job trimming shrubs, pulling weeds, and raking up leaves. In two hours a dozen large trash bags were filled from around the property and out of the container gardens.

We were so fortunate and grateful to get their help before May 17th. On that date the La Mesa Woman's Club will proudly celebrate 119 year of community service. It was heart-warming to have the help from 4 Elders and 2 Sisters who have committed their life to Christ and to helping others in the community.



Margie Hartman continues to be in considerable pain and discomfort and is undergoing several more procedures this week. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Linda Sotelo is home from rehab but still having difficulties with her recovery. Let's pray for her full recovery. I am sure she will welcome Get Well cards or phone calls.





CFWC Southern District
**4th Annual Country
 Summer Picnic**
 VFW Hall
 12650 Lindo Lane, Lakeside
Wednesday
September 1, 2021
 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Doors open 10:30 a.m.
 Dress: Country casual
 Lunch, Dancing, Trivia,
 Opportunity drawings
 & Gift Cards
Tickets: \$25 in advance

Country Music by: **Up Front Band & Line Dance Instructor
 Christine Schroeder**

Contact:

Linda Cowle 619.938.1623/Barbara Meyer 619.490.3349

Name: _____
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 Address: _____

SCHEDULE OF CFWC CONVENTION EVENTS

Thursday, May 13, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Zoom Room Opens
9:00 a.m.		118th Annual CFWC Convention Call to Order, Opening Ceremonies, Officer's Repots part 1
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.		Break (Virtual Art Show)
10:45 a.m.		Guest Speaker, District President's Mash-Up Videos Part 1
12 noon – 1:00 p.m.		Lunch (Virtual Art Show continues)
1:00 p.m.		District President Mash-Up Videos Part 2, Officer's Reports Part 2
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.		Break (Virtual Art Show)
2:15 p.m. -5:00 p.m.		Consideration of proposed Resolutions & Bylaws
5:00 p.m.		Break until Friday morning at 9 a.m.
Friday, May 14, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Zoom Room Opens
9:00 a.m.		Membership Awards Ceremony & District President Mash-Up Videos Part 3
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.		Break (Virtual Art Show)
10:30 a.m.		Program Awards Ceremony & Celebration of Life
12 noon – 1:00 p.m.		Lunch (Virtual Art Show)
1:00 p.m.		District President Mash-Up Videos Part 4 & Officer's Reports Part 4
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.		Break (Virtual Art Show)
2:30 p.m.		Guest Speaker, Area Meetings
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.		Consideration of proposed Resolutions and Bylaws
5:00 p.m.		Break until Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 15, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Zoom Room Opens
8:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.		Voting by Delegates for the CFWC Area Nominating Committee Members & the CFWC Area Election Committee Members
9:00 a.m.		Workshop 1: Wendy Carriker, GFWC 2nd Vice President
		Workshop 2: Jane Thomey, CFWC Environment Chair
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.		Workshop 3: Wendy Carriker, GFWC 2nd Vice President
		Workshop 4: Yolanda Petroski, CFWC Civic Engagement & Outreach Chair
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.		Lunch (Virtual Art Show)
12:30 p.m.		Announcement of CFWC Committee Members elected by Areas to the CFWC Nominating and Election Committee
		CFWC President's Report
		Guest Speaker Wendy Carriker, GFWC 2nd Vice President
		New Club Ceremony: GFWC Hope
		Ceremony to Welcome CFWC President – Elect Barbara Briley-Beard
		Adjournment of the 118th Annual CFWC Convention