




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



Pat Kelly, Editor

GAVEL TALK - MARCH 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
MARCH	APRIL	
Fri. 6 th Executive Board 9:30 am Wed. 11 th General Meeting 10:00 am	Fri 3 rd Executive Board 9:30 am Wed 8 th General Meeting 10:00 am	 Sandi Phoenix 9 th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathy Tinsley



Hello Members,
 Fun, Fun, Fun at the annual Festival of Arts February 25th! The theme was Around the World so La Mesa chose Africa/Tanzania to spotlight Jane Goodall and her work with chimpanzees. Our song was The Lion Sleeps tonight. Debra, Darcy, Margaret, Pat K., Pat S., Mary V., and her friend, and I also did a little dance to the music!



Another fun event was La Mesa Chamber of Commerce's Casino Royale event (we are one of the sponsors) held on the same night. Lane, Debra, Darcy, Margaret and her daughter and I had a great time "gambling" with play money, eating fabulous Italian food, mingling with guests and sharing information about our club.



I hope to see you March 11th at 10am for our general meeting.

Kathy

1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Pauline Basaran



The 125th Committee has developed a possible list of activities to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the club in 2027. We have looked at what other Woman’s clubs and service organizations have done to celebrate their important dates. I will be sharing the committee’s ideas at the General meeting. It will be important to get everyone’s feedback, so we have activities that will appeal to all club members as more volunteers will be needed.

Unfortunately our Lamb Theater’s ushering gig for Feb 22 was cancelled. However the next date is May 3 - The Play That Could Go Wrong. If you are interested in joining the ushering team, sign up at the next general meeting.

There is an Honor Flight in May. I will share details as soon as I have them if people would like to go to the airport to cheer the veterans as they return. Thanks to members who picked up cards at the last meeting to sign.



We have been asked to participate in the Wreaths Across America program in December 2026. If anyone has been involved with this in the past, please reach out to me. I want to make sure we budget the appropriate funds if we go with that option.

GFWC Volunteer Day is coming up - April 24 through 30. The GFWC suggested a celebration event which recruits while doing community clean up. I see the Annual Creek to Bay Clean up day is April 25. Details are not available yet, but we might be able to clean up somewhere local to us.

I am continuing to find the GFWC as a great resource for best practices. If you have interest in looking at their site with me, let me know.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Marsha McDonald and Pat Spear



MEMBERSHIP

This month is a special month for us. We are initiating **3 new members** into the La Mesa Woman’s Club at our March General meeting. We are so excited to have them join us! All of these ladies have already expressed interest in helping us as we further develop our club into an even stronger, alive organization. Please introduce yourself to them at our meeting so they get to know all of us. Hooray and welcome, Laurie MacDonald, Rianna Braden, and Nichole Vic!

We are introducing a new section in our Membership articles so that we get to know all our members even better. It will be called Spotlight, and the article will highlight one or two members each month. It’s a way for us to get to know each other in a new way. We have some fascinating members in our group and we don’t often get a chance to really know them as well as we’d like to. Something else new. We’ll be ending our articles with a little fact about a member. See if you can guess who it is? Answers will be revealed at the General meeting.

Who is this? She teaches two exercise classes each week.

See the **Spotlight** article on the next page !



We have among us a dear lady who is very quiet, but very capable. She was our last Secretary. Underneath that quiet is a lady with a wonderful sense of humor! She loves to travel and not stay in one place very long, probably as a result of living in so many places with a father who was in the Air Force. She remembers marveling that some people went to school with the same people from kindergarten to high school! She went through the 1964 Great Alaskan Earthquake! She was in the health field as a respiratory therapist and also worked for the Red Cross. She and Jon have been married for 40 years and have two daughters and two grandchildren. She is pleased that her whole family now all live in California. This is *Lynn Thalman* and we are so happy she's one of us!

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Mary England

Welcome to Spring - Exciting Times for Our Club

. We welcome spring which is a season of renewal, inspires a sense of rejuvenation, optimism and fresh beginnings. Springtime is a perfect time for our Club. In keeping with the spirit of spring and fresh beginnings, I recently "rolled out" a form to capture names and contact information so that I may develop a data base for our Club. To date, I have not received any information from anyone. I encourage you to send me any information you may wish added to this data base.

Please keep in mind, the data base is being developed to be a living document for our Club. The people on the list are not being approached by the Club for anything. We are simply just gathering names for future endeavors. With the Club's 125th anniversary/milestone approaching this data base can be used by the committee for many of their activities, projects and programs. The sooner we create this document, the better it is for so many of our current committees and officers. Names may be sent via email to: mary@maryenglandpr.com.

4th VICE- PRESIDENT

Lynn Thalman and Sandi Phoenix



As March brings warmer temperatures and longer days, we have an exciting opportunity to introduce Jessica Nobles and Janet Turner-Perez of Bancroft Elementary School to be our speakers at the General Meeting on March 11, 2026. They will speak of the school, staffs', and the students' needs. Please welcome them with warm hearts and have your questions ready! LMWC would like to continue our support of the students and staff. I am wondering what ways we can continue to do so.



March 18th at 10 AM there will be a tour of the Water Conservation Gardens led by a staff member, Amelia. After the tour, we will go to lunch. If you are interested in going, please contact Lynn Thalman, at 803.847.0074 or lynnthepejan04@yahoo.com.

On March 28th the La Mesa Library will be hosting the Taiko Drumming Concert from the Buddhist Temple of San Diego.

Corresponding Secretaries

Carol Klipp and Darcy Barghols

Greetings: This month we have 5 positive short quotes for inspiration.

1. "Be the change that you wish to see in the world" (Mahatmas Gandhi).
2. "Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you" (Walt Whitman).
3. "It always seems impossible until it's done" (Nelson Mandela).
4. "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream" (C. S. Lewis).
5. "Success is falling nine times and getting up ten" (Jon bon Jovi).

March Birthday girls... you question this month is "What makes your heart go patter"?

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Margaret Mendez

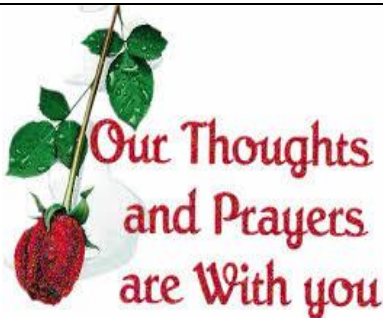
No report this month.

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN

Lou Turner



The hostesses for the March 11th meeting are
Carol Klipp and Pat Kelly.



Elaine Ayres had her shoulder replacement surgery on Monday, March 2nd. She is home and recovering well. She would love phone calls. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Angie Lombardo continues to regain her strength. Phone calls and/or cards are appreciated. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a full recovery.

Pat Spear is recovering from a back injury. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

MOVIES

Margaret Mendez



As the weather gets warmer, you may want to enjoy a movie in the comfort of an air-conditioned theater. Here are a few suggestions that may interest you:

- Wuthering Heights – A forbidden romance story. (□ 58%)
- Epic: Elvis Presley – Never-before-seen footage of his live performances in Las Vegas. (□ 96%)
- Crime 101 – An insurance broker joins forces for a big heist. (□ 88%)
- Send Help – A woman and her overbearing boss become stranded on a desert island after a plane crash. Wickedly lovable and suspenseful. (□ 93%)

FEDERATION DATES and MO RE:

Debra Childers

The next federation meetings are:

District meeting for all members March 18, 2026, this meeting is at the Lakeside VFW unless otherwise announced.

Southern District Convention & Installation of officers is April 18, 2026. It will be at the Banker's Hill Club where it has been before.

CFWC Convention 2026, To Be Announced

GFWC Convention 2026, Scottsdale, AZ



March 17th



March 29th

Save the Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026
68th CFWC Southern District Convention
Come Celebrate in
"The Magic Fairy Garden"



Bankers Hill Club
3030 Front Street, San Diego CA, 92103

Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Call to Order: 10:00

Delicious Luncheon by Cupids Catering

Club Awards
Speaker/Guests
Vendors
Door Prizes, Drawings
Installation of Officers 2026-2028

Reservations - through your club
\$50 Mail to
CFWC Southern District
P. O. Box 240 El Cajon, CA 92022



February 27, 2026

A Special Thank You to Our Faithful Supporter-La Mesa Woman's Club :

As we embarked on our special evening, Casino Royale gaming night, it was a blessing that you "jumped on board" again to be our Money Penny sponsor. We are so grateful and heartwarming. People love this evening, and we are happy to produce it.

On behalf of the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce, our Board of Directors and those we serve, we thank you for being a sponsor on February 25th. This night was dedicated to bringing a fun-filled evening for our guests, allow them to a night of gaming complete with roulette, craps and blackjack, and offer a dinner prepared by our valued La Mesa Chamber member, Little Roma. We than added desserts from another valued Chamber member, Edible Arrangements to complete the fun-filled night.

We wanted this fund raiser to garner funds to support our social media activities, which are necessary to promote our members. With your sponsorship you helped us achieve that goal. We are deeply touched by your willingness to join us on February 25th.

We are humbled by your support and commitment to our Chamber. Thank you for being a part of our La Mesa Chamber family.

I am honored to serve you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary England'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary England
President & CEO