




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



Pat Kelly, Editor

GAVEL TALK - APRIL 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
APRIL	MAY	
Fri 3 rd Executive Board 9:30 am Wed 8 th General Meeting 10:00 am	Fri. 1 st Executive Board 9:30 am Wed. 13 th General Meeting 10:00 am	 No April Birthdays

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathy Tinsley



Hello Club Members,

I'm happy to say that this is a great time to be members of the La Mesa Woman's Club! With our 125th anniversary fast approaching we have a fabulous committee planning fabulous events.

If you missed the presentation in March there will be another opportunity for you to hear about the plans. Right now I ask that you share our upcoming celebration with your friends, family, and neighbors so others will be excited for our milestone.

I hope to see you Wednesday, April 8th at our general membership meeting, Thank you for being a La Mesa Woman's Club member.

With gratitude,
Kathy



1st VICE PRESIDENT- DEAN

Pauline Basaran



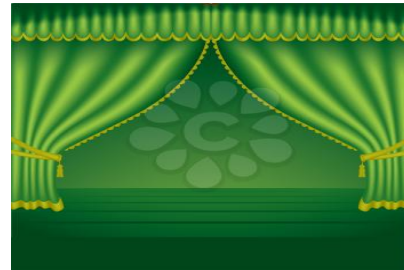
Honor Flight Update

**90 WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War Heroes!
Sunday, May 3rd at 1:15 p.m.
(Terminal 2 Baggage Claim Area)**

Let's give our heroes the homecoming they deserve! 800-1,000 well-wishers in a sea of red, white, and blue to welcome home our Veterans. Bring your personal sized American flags and signs and let's cheer them on! The flight lands at 1:15 p.m. but you'll want to be there by Noon in case we catch a tailwind. ROTC/JROTC units and active duty in uniform can be the first to welcome our heroes' home. The event is open to the public and free to attend. I will have a sign-up sheet at the April meeting.

It is exciting to work with the Programs Team to pull together a Baby Shower to support STEP - Support the Enlisted Project at the May meeting. We will share the list of items at the April meeting.

The 125th Anniversary Committee is working hard to fine tune a program that represents what the club has done in the past and continues to do. Ellen, with Mary's input, has been carefully reviewing all the anticipated costs. We will be sharing the updated vision in April. Remember it is critical everyone provide feedback as you all have different areas of interest.



The next Lamb's Theater Ushering Event is Sunday, May 3rd. If you are interested in joining the ushering team, there will be a sign-up sheet at the April meeting.

Please email me directly at any time regarding activities, especially if you are unable to attend a meeting.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Marsha McDonald and Pat Spear



MEMBERSHIP

Pat and I will be working this year to dovetail some of our efforts to extend knowledge of LMWC to our community as all of us do projects each month. Sometimes it will involve distributing flyers and brochures manning a table at the library for a 1 or 2 hours, giving out information about us at the La Mesa parade, or helping us stage a fun event where we can invite friends to come and perhaps become more interested in seeing how we help work in our community filling needs. We would like to have a couple of people who might be interested in helping us periodically. You can choose the level you'd like to help and when.

At the General meeting in April, we will have a sign-up sheet to form a Membership Committee to help us. We look forward to seeing a few volunteers to join us as we get the word out about LMWC about what we do and how much fun we have serving our community! Perhaps you know someone to bring to our April General meeting where we will be having a tea and learning about the Federation of Woman's Clubs locally, statewide and internationally and how they serve our communities. And they will hear some of our own club's plans for the coming year. Bring a friend!

Who is this? Who was born in a lighthouse and became a Coast Guard rescue swimmer?

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



Lou Turner is a lady of many talents. She has two daughters, Lisa and Allison and each has one son. She was blessed in January of this year when she welcomed her first great grandchild to her family. Her family is so important to her and holds a special place in her heart. She and her daughters enjoy their weekend lunches. Lou loves getting together and catching up with friends. She also enjoys spending a lot of downtime reading. Lou joined LMWC eleven years ago in 2015. Carol Dresen invited her to a meeting and she has been an active member ever since. She has served as membership co-chairperson for the past 7 or 8 years. Lou's wonderful notes and calls to members both active and unable to attend events and meetings has kept us a cohesive group now and back when we were going through the sale of the clubhouse and formation of our Foundation. She also has helped by taking reservations for our events and is always there when you need someone to help. She is one of those special members that help to keep our club alive and well! We are so lucky to have her with us!

3rd VICE-PRESIDENT

Mary England



Spring is here! It has long been associated with renewal, growth and fresh starts. It is also a time to set new goals, a time for increased outdoor activity, social connection, and reflection. The La Mesa Woman's Club has "jumped" into spring in a big way! The club will soon celebrate its 125th anniversary in May of 2027, and the chairpersons of the 125th Anniversary committee, Pauline Basaran and Ellen Meador have set new goals for the club. They have established a committee to celebrate this epic anniversary by producing a special activity or event for 12 months from May 2026 – May 2027. This is a first! As your 3rd Vice President I am honored to sit on this committee and lend my support to assist and make this 12-month celebration a time to remember for the entire region.

We will have various opportunities for our members and friends of the club to join us in attending upcoming events, fund raising activities, (like a pancake breakfast) and special ceremonies that allow our club to make presentations to worthy organizations within our community.

As your 3rd Vice President I am tasked with guiding our club in fund raising. There will be opportunities for all of you to attend some type of event or activity to support our club and our efforts. So, stay tuned to learn about those activities as they are approved by your Executive Board and then brought to you at a monthly membership meeting. Be prepared to join us and help garner the funding to make great things happen!

COME ONE – COME ALL TO THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Help us celebrate the 136th Anniversary of the founding of the General Federation of Women’s Club’s (GFWC) AND the 120 YEARS OF La Mesa Woman’s Club’s (LMWC) Membership in the GFWC.

Chris Herzog, CFWC Parliamentarian, Past CFWC President, Past Southern District President will be our meeting program speaker. She will provide a federation presentation to recognize GFWC and LMWC.

In honor of this special federation program and celebration, refreshments will be scones and tea sandwiches in remembrance of the celebration teas of the past.

SEE YOU AT OUR APRIL 8TH GENERAL MEETING



Corresponding Secetaries

Carol Klipp and Darcy Barghols



Spring is here and so are we!

**“The secret for getting ahead is... getting started”
by Mark Twain**

Members, let’s get started. It’s our year to make a difference.
The birthday question for our April members is...

**What do you look forward to in springtime?
Carol and Darcy, your Corresponding Secretaries**

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES


Margaret Mendez


With spring here, the days are longer, and the evenings become pleasantly cool, creating the perfect atmosphere for an evening stroll through La Mesa Village. This season, the village is buzzing with activities and events. Here’s a list of a few events happening this month in the village:

- **Annual Taste of La Mesa:** April 23, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Experience the flavors of the village as local restaurants and eateries showcase their best dishes at this popular event.
- **La Mesa Farmers Market:** Every Friday (weather permitting), 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
A great place to discover fresh flowers, fresh produce, and unique finds from local vendors.
- **Loteria Night at Casa Gabriela:** Join the fun on the last Wednesday of the month for (Mexican bingo).

HOSTESS CHAIRMAN


Lou Turner

	<p>The hostesses for the April 8th meeting are Marsha and Sandi.</p>
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	<p><i>Elaine Ayres</i> is recovering from her shoulder surgery on March 2nd. She would love phone calls. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.</p> <p><i>Angie Lombardo</i> continues to regain her strength. Phone calls and/or cards are appreciated. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a full recovery.</p> <p><i>Pat Spear</i> is recovering from a back injury. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.</p>
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MOVIES

Margaret Mendez

	<p>If anyone has a recommendation, please let me know and I'll share it via text with everyone on the list.</p>
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FEDERATION DATES and MO RE:

Debra Childers

The next federation meetings are:

Southern District Convention & Installation of officers is April 11th, 2026. It will be at the Banker's Hill Club in San Diego. Seven LMWC members are attending.

CFWC Convention 2026, To Be Announced

GFWC Convention 2026, Scottsdale, AZ