




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



*Pat Kelly, Editor*

# GAVEL TALK - JUNE 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		BIRTHDAY CORNER
<b>JUNE</b>  Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> Executive Board 9:30 am Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> General Meeting 10:00 am	<b>JULY</b>  Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Executive Board 9:30 am  <i>No General Meeting in July</i>	  Elaine Ayres 9 <sup>th</sup> Barb Allen-Martinosky 23 <sup>rd</sup>

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Kathy Tinsley**



Hello my Club Sisters,  
 YAY! The 125<sup>th</sup> Kick Off Event has taken place and we are in for a fabulous year! Many “thanks” to our committee members Mary England, Sandi Phoenix, Marsha McDonald, Pat Spear, Paulene Basaran and our Chairwoman Ellen Meador. Mary England graciously underwrote the event held at El Torito Restaurant. Thank you Mary.

There is still time for you to get involved as a sub-committee member of the event you prefer.

At our general membership meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> you will have an opportunity to ask questions in regards to our Club, give opinions and share any concerns you have that the Board should be aware of. As you read the Gavel Talk you will find that each officer has given you the description of their duties so that you can comment at our June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Foundation information will also be available.

The Board will be providing lunch as a thank you for your membership. Please RSVP to Lou Turner 619.462.4746. Please arrive early if you are in need of sitting close to microphone and or large screen.

It's a **GREAT** time to be a La Mesa Woman's Club member! See you June 10<sup>th</sup>!

President's duties:

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Executive Board
2. Represent the Club as a delegate to the CFWCSD meetings & Convention
3. Select appointed officers and fill vacant Executive Board positions subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
4. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating committee.
5. Appoint delegates to CFWC Southern District, CFWC and GFWC events.
6. Represent the Club at community events.

Kathy

## 1st VICE PRESIDENT



### Upcoming Activities

**Honor Flight** San Diego's next flight is scheduled for Sept 25th. 90 WWII, Korean War & Vietnam War Veterans will be included on their Tour of Honor to DC. I will have cards at the June meeting.

#### **Flag Day Parade** - June 19, 2026

Come support the La Mesa Woman's Club as we drive / walk in the parade. You can support by walking with us and giving out Flags and Candy. Or support us by being on La Mesa Blvd and giving us a call out when we go by.

Friends and family are welcome to join us in the parade.

#### **125th Anniversary Kick Off Event**

Our first of twelve events went well. Check out the La Mesa Woman's Club website under News to see photos and more information on the event. It was great to have Chris Herzog, CFWC President and Karen Reed, Southern District President join us in addition to local officials and representatives from the organizations we support.

Coming up next will be the July 4th Flag Raising, August Backpacks for Bancroft Elementary and September Pancake Breakfast. Details will be provided as soon as the activities are finalized. We appreciate everyone's support.

## Pauline Basaran



Remember to check the website regularly. We are trying to regularly post blog postings on Club activities, and keep the calendar updated.

**La Mesa Thrift Store** on Lemon Avenue  
The La Mesa Woman's Club was involved in the establishment of the La Mesa Thrift. They are looking for volunteers to work in their store. Stop by the store if you are interested.

#### **First Vice-President's duties:**

1. Shall be Dean of Chairmen
2. Perform all the duties as required for the coordination of the activities of the Chairman of Community Service projects.
3. Assume responsibility for submitting all federation reports.
4. An ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating committee.
5. Perform the duties of the President in the President's absences
6. Perform other duties as requested.

**2nd VICE PRESIDENT**

**Marsha McDonald and Pat Spear**

We are happy to report that we have three new members, and a possibility of two more. You can add their names to the roster you were given a few months ago, or wait for the updated Year Book which will be ready to distribute at our June General Meeting.

Brittany Lucas  
6160 Dalhart Ave., La Mesa, CA 91942  
BD March 18 949-246-1243  
brittanyrose11@gmail.com

Hopefully they are able to attend the June General Meeting and lunch where you can get to know them, and make them feel welcome. There will be an installation of new members at our September General Meeting. A celebration!

We will be having a meeting of the Membership Committee sometime mid-summer, probably on Zoom for an event coming up for the 125th where we may need some help passing out brochures about our club. More information to follow.

**Who Is This?** Who is our member who has held 19 different paid jobs since she graduated from high school?

Terri Pontzious  
6846 Caminito Del Greco, San Diego, CA 92120  
BD May 23 619-871-3248  
terripont@gmail.com

Karin Nichols  
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LaMesa, CA 91941  
BD September 8 619-206-4488  
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**Second Vice-President’s Duties:**

1. Shall serve as Membership Chairman.
2. Collect all dues and fees and transfer them to the Treasurer.
3. Process new member applications and submit information to the Gavel talk Editor.
4. Shall be responsible for recruiting, retaining and recognizing members.
5. Coordinate orientation meetings for all members. Maintain an accurate record of all members, including resignations, deaths and contact information changes.
6. Report such changes to the Executive Board, and Gavel talk Editor.
7. Provide a current membership roster to all members.
8. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and First Vice President.
9. Perform other duties as requested.

**RECORDING SECRETARY’S DUTIES:**

1. Shall keep an accurate record of minutes of the General membership meetings, Executive Board and special meetings called.
2. Distribute minutes to three members for review and approval and then email to members at large.
3. Place all minutes in current year’s “Secretary’s Book of Minutes” and include a digital backup.
4. The *Secretary’s Book of Minutes* must be kept for perpetuity.

**Bunco Is Back!**  
**“Let the Good Times Roll”**

Things are progressing as we prepare for the Club’s first Bunco Party in 6 years! This is your chance to get together with members and friends and enjoy a day of FUN! As our President, Kathy Tinsley says, “It’s all about fun.” We will offer opportunity drawings, prizes and a live auction! Go to our web site to learn more or give me a call to make a reservation at 619-708-2820. We would love to see you there! Also visit our refreshed web site: [lamesawomansclub.org](http://lamesawomansclub.org) for information about this event and other upcoming activities that your Club is planning. Here is the information regarding our Bunco party, “Let the Good Times Roll” below:

**Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Party Begins at 9:30 a.m.

With complimentary morning refreshments

at Marie Callender’s

(In the Garden Room)

6950 Alvarado Road, San Diego 92120

\$40.00 per person

Includes a delicious box lunch and

morning refreshments

Make Your Reservation Now!

We Have Room for Only 40 Players

Reservation Deadline is Friday, August 14, 2026

Register NOW – Get a registration form from

Mary England

at [Mary@maryenglandpr.com](mailto:Mary@maryenglandpr.com) or

call 619-708-2820

**Duties of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:**

1. Shall serve ss Fundraising Chairman
2. Coordinate and submit all plans for fundraising to the Executive Board for the approval of all proposed fundraising projects.
3. Coordinate all plans for fundraising
4. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, First Vice-President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President’s absence

**Fourth Vice President Responsibilities**

1. Shall serve as Program Chairman.
2. Be responsible for arranging meeting programs.
3. Shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, the First, Second, and Third Vice-Presidents.
4. Perform other duties as requested.

**4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Meeting Programs**

**Thank you, Thank you** to everyone for donating the carload of baby items at our May General meeting Baby Shower for Support the Enlisted Project (S.T.E.P.) Our speaker, Barb Fiorina, Donor Engagement & Gifts Officer (CA) was all smiles and expressed her appreciation to everyone. Her informative presentation helped us to understand the critical needs of the enlisted active duty and veterans. She explained the programs S.T.E.P., A 501 (c) 3 provides and the assistance that enlisted men, women, and their families receive from S.T.E.P.

**During our June General meeting members will enjoy a social lunch at the Foothills United Methodist Church, King Hall. Thank you Kathy, Debra, Elaine, Lynn and Lou for facilitating this special social time for our members. Please contact Lou Turner to make a reservation. Her cell phone number is 619-985-7290. Her email is, [lnjturner@cox.net](mailto:lnjturner@cox.net).**

A REMINDER THAT WE DO NOT HAVE GENERAL MEETINGS DURING JULY and AUGUST. However, there are still club activities planned and there will be Exec. Board meetings. We welcome all members back in September.

**In October, Lynn Parsons, from Fresh Start, the program to assist homeless and the less fortunate will be our general meeting speaker. This is a great opportunity for our members to bring hygiene items for the tables that Carol Klipp staffs. A list of most needed items will be included in the October Gavel Talk.**

**In November the La Mesa VFW Hall will host the Quilt of Valor presentations. La Mesa Woman’s Club is invited to attend. The time and other details will be announced closer to November.**

**December is our annual Holiday luncheon at Marie Callendar’s Restaurant on December 9, 2026. We will also be playing Santa to the Bancroft kiddos and to homebound seniors living in La Mesa. The Homebound Senior Holiday event is sponsored by the LM Chamber of Commerce each December.**

Special community announcement!  
**Grossmont Healthcare District’s Library “Wellness Wednesday” talk is June 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00a.m. in the GHD Conference Center will be “SENIOR SCAMS: HOW TO SPOT THEM & WHERE TO REPORT THEM”**

**Speaker: Dylan Willis  
 San Diego Market President for Senior Tech Connect**

**Join Senior Tech Connect for a program covering the eight most common scams targeting seniors today. Learn about recent scamming tactics and how AI is making scammers more convincing. Find out what to do if you or someone you know is scammed.**

## Corresponding Secretaries

## Carol Klipp and Darcy Barghols

Greetings:

Our June quote is apropos. We may not all be mothers, aunts or married and we certainly are not goddesses; however an applicable quote struck me as it is under the guidelines of what we the Woman's Club members try and live by.

*What does June signify:*

*What does "JUNE" mean? The month of June is called Junius, Latin for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth. Wife of Jupiter, this powerful ruler was known as a protector of women and children and deemed a forceful guardian for those in need.*

*This is what we, the members of the La Mesa Woman's Club, do with all our various projects. You, our members, support in kind and donations to various organizations. Keep up the excellent work ladies. Thank you.*

Our President asked me to write a brief description of what Carol, and I do in our role as Corresponding Secretary.

Carol sends out Birthday cards and various other salutation cards to members when you share with us a joy or concern. So please let Carol Klipp know if someone needs their spirits lifted or well wishes.

I, Darcy, as lead, write letters of accommodation, thank you reciprocations and others upon the request of the President.

I also have started recognizing our members' birthdays at our general meetings. I always ask a question of why or what enlightens you and makes you want to be a member of the La Mesa Woman's Club.

June is a month of summer sunshine, fun, laughter and thinking of others.

*Happy June, Darcy and Carol*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

## Marsha McDonald



The high schools began having their Senior Awards ceremonies in mid-May and will continue until mid-June. Some of our award winners have already been given their certificate and some are yet to receive them. The committee members who are presenting them at the ceremonies get the wild smiles of thrill and excitement. It's the best job of all. A letter accompanied the certificate of achievement informing them that they need to let us know what university they will attend and give their Student ID number so we can send their check directly to their account at the college. As a 501 C 3, Title 1, we cannot give donations to individuals. This system allows us to still give scholarships with the college as the receiver of the check but placing it in the student's account. Our tradition of over 50 years of scholarship giving continues!

## HOSTESS CHAIRMAN

## Lou Turner



The June 10<sup>th</sup> general meeting will include a social lunch provided by the club with help from Kathy, Debra, Elaine, Lynn and Lou



**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.

**Carol Graves** is having some health issues and needs our thoughts and prayers for a good outcome.

**Kathy Denham** also has some health issues. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a full recovery.

## MOVIES

**Margaret Mendez**



Unfortunately the Reading Cinema at Grossmont Center has closed its doors permanently as of Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. No more half price Tuesday afternoon matinees!!

## FEDERATION DATES and MO RE:

**Debra Childers**

The next federation meetings are:

GFWC Convention 2026, June 27-29 in Scottsdale, AZ

## Treasurer's Duties:

1. Shall receive, disburse and keep an accurate record of all the Club monies.
2. Prepare a monthly report of receipts and expenditures, presenting copies to the President, First Vice-President and Recording Secretary.
3. Give a report at each of the monthly Executive Board and General Membership meetings.
4. Any member may receive a copy of the complete monthly Treasurer's Report upon request.
5. Pay out money only on authorization of the Executive Board except for budgeted items.
6. A receipt must accompany any request for payment.
7. Present the books to the Financial Review Committee for a financial review at the end of the Club year.
8. Prepare an annual report for Foundation and Internal Revenue Service purposes as required.
9. If the Office of Treasurer should become vacant, a financial review of the books shall be completed as of the date the office is vacated.
10. Perform other duties as requested.