

TWC GENERAL MEETING October 7, 2009

President Deanna Hanson called the Meeting of the Torrance Woman's Club to order on October 7th, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernice Rose.

The inspirational reading was given by Barbara Bounds.

There were no member health issues discussed.

Members celebrating October birthdays were recognized.

President Hanson introduced the officers seated at the head table, special guests, dignitaries, and guests at individual tables.

Recording Secretary, Edith Tucker, read the board meeting highlights from the September 30th meeting and the following Executive Board recommendations for October:

1. TWC sponsor a jewelry and accessory sale at the March 3rd, 2010, General Meeting.
2. TWC sponsor Christmas/Gift book wrap at Border's Books, December 10-11-16-17-20-21, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
3. TWC sponsor a pizza night at Sammy's Woodfired Pizza on November 12th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
4. TWC sponsor a bus trip to Palm Springs Follies in February, 2010.
5. TWC donate \$200. for a 5K Stride and Ride for Muscular Dystrophy, November 14th at Walt Disney Concert Hall.
6. TWC donate \$200. to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

The recommendations were approved as read. The complete minutes of the September 2, 2009, general meeting have been posted.

Parliamentarian Kathleen Davis

Corresponding secretary, Betty Abbey, read thank you notes from Anita Dinacola, Barbara Freeman, Chris Perez (Sea Lab), and the Torrance Art Council.

Treasurer Pro-Tem, Natalie DiMercurio, read the treasurer's report for August. As of August 31st, 2009, there was a balance of \$11,037.81 in the general account and \$15,719.49 in the clubhouse account. Report will be filed with the minutes.

First Vice President, Barbara Freeman, announced that there were 7 TWC members who attended the District Council meeting, Sept. 18th at Neptunian's Club, Manhattan Beach. There is a sign-up sheet for District Council meeting at Playa del Rey, October 16th. Area C Conference will be October 17th. Still time to sign-up today.

There will be a District Fundraiser, Family Fun Night, on Nov. 14th at TWC. Adults \$20. and children \$15.

President Hanson reported that Pennies for Pines would appreciate additional contributions due to the recent fires.

President Hanson also announced that if any members had completed their reports for service hours they would receive a raffle ticket. There were no reports available.

2nd Vice President, Beverly Greeno, introduced two new members to TWC: Joyce Zima and Mae O'Reilly.

3rd Vice President, Fran Day, announced that TWC was awarded a plaque for working Downtown Sounds and Rotary will host a lunch for members who worked.

There will be a Disaster Preparedness program at the Civic Center, Oct. 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Expo will be at the Marriott Hotel on Oct. 29th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Ways and Means Chairman, Barbara Bounds, discussed upcoming fundraisers. October Bunco will benefit Madrona Marsh. The Toyota Museum fundraiser in March, 2010, will benefit the Torrance Fire Dept. The Harvest Hoedown on October 24th will benefit the USO. Barbara introduced Linda Eisenbart and Cindy Wall, co-chairs, for TWC fashion show April 10, 2010. The theme of the show will be Black and White.

Newsletter Chairman Joan Earhart announced that the deadline for the November newsletter will be November 21st.

Yearbook Chairman Frances Demeules reported that there are 40 books that have not been picked-up. She will be leaving them in the clubhouse office.

Press Chairman Louise Lowery had no report.

Reservations Chairman Mary Alice Platz reported that there were 60 members and 7 guests present.

Reports:

Betty Herbst reported that Holiday Bazaar items will be available at the next General meeting, November 4th. Helping Hands will meet on October 22nd.

Judy Burrow reported that the Las Vegas trip will be October 13-15th. There will be a casting call meeting on October 21st for those interested in being in either of two plays to be performed at the March and May meetings.

Anita Dinacola announced that food for the holiday baskets can be donated at the November meeting.

Joan Gillum announced that the goal for the MDA Stride and Ride on November is \$1,000.

Louise Lowery announced that Rainbow Services have many needs and will accept cash donations or clothing.

Betty Eggum announced that Autism Speaks raised \$3850. at the Sea Air Golf Tournament. There will be a luncheon on March 9, 2010, at TWC clubhouse to benefit Autism Speaks.

Pam Barrett announced that the Rose Float decorating will be December 26 to December 30 in Irwindale. There will be two orientation meetings at Torrance City Hall on October 15th and November 19th at 7 p.m. Membership fee of \$10. is required to participate. California Pizza Kitchen will contribute a percentage of orders all day October 21st to the Rose Float Committee.

Marilyn Keller reported the latest information on Flu shot availability.

Sharon Hooper announced that there is still a need for scarves and lap robes for the Veteran's Hospital in Long Beach.

Deanna announced that the wine, 50/50 tickets, Pennies for Pines, and books are available.

Deanna announced that there is a sign-up sheet for Operation Teddy Bear. Help is needed to pack backpacks at the Volunteer Center on October 26th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Backpacks will be distributed to children in Long Beach schools November 18, 19, and 20th. In December, distribution will be made in Carson, Compton, Inglewood, Long Beach, and Wilmington.

Deanna thanked Betty Abbey, Joan Gillum, and Jeanne McRae for the decorations.

Deanna thanked Hostess, Barbara Crochietiere and her committee.

Lunch was served

Sandra Burchell introduced Sue Herbers, Torrance City Clerk.

Deanna reminded everyone to clean up their tables.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Edith Tucker, Recording Secretary