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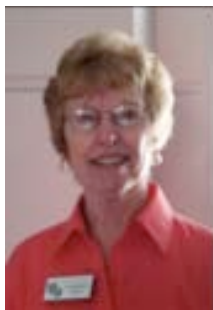
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President Kathleen Davis

Dear Friends,

As we enjoy cooler weather, falling leaves, and turn our thoughts to Halloween, let's take a few moments to appreciate the wonderful efforts of our Torrance Woman's Club members who tirelessly work to make improvements on our clubhouse building, support different fundraising projects, and volunteer in our community in the areas of health, education, and beautification.



Even though our days are busy, it is important to complete this year's report form. Indeed, it takes all of us to meet our club goals and when all the reports are compiled, you and I will be amazed at our club's accomplishments because "Together We Care."

To better acquaint the general public about our club programs and the benefits of membership, our board members agreed to update our club website. This will be an on-going project. You may review TWC's site at www.torrancewomansclub.org that now features our club calendar, the newsletter, as well as other pertinent information. Marina District, too, has a new website at www.marinadistrictcfdc.com that lists the activities of all the women's clubs in the South Bay area. Visit these sites often to catch up on all the latest club activities and schedules.

This month, I will be on travel from October 14 through October 27. In my absence, please contact Deanna Hanson for any club issues.

Have a safe Halloween.

Love,
Kathleen

DATES TO REMEMBER

10/02	Meeting Set-Up	9:30 am
10/03	General Meeting	11:00 am
	Pot Luck	
10/06	Area C Conference	
	Fort MacArthur	
10/08	Helping Hands	10:00 am
10/11	Chamber EXPO Marriott	
10/17	Bunco –	1:00 pm
	Madrona Marsh	
10/19	Culver City District	9:45 am
10/21	PTN Halloween Ball	
10/23 – 10/25	TWC Las Vegas Trip	
10/31	TWC Board Meeting	10:00 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Helping Hands Bazaar at November and December General Meetings

11/03	Hoe Down	6:00 pm
11/14	Griffith Observatory	
11/17	Blue Star Mother's Packing Day	
11/23 – 11/25	We will be decorating the tree for the Holiday Festival one of these dates. I'll let you know soon.	
2/9/08	Rummage Sale	
2/12/08	Palm Springs Follies	\$65.00

Program – Lenore Ulrich

Our program for **October 3rd** will be Clem Pennington, a vocalist. Please join us and enjoy the friendship of TWC members. We will be having door prizes for our drawing so please bring what you can. This is also our **Pot Luck**

October Birthdays

Janet Avent, Barbara Bounds, Sandra Burchell, Barbara Freeman, Deanna Hanson, Terry Helmy, Kathleen Kloche, Bernadette Kociemba, Sunni Lotta, Louise Lowery, Anne Ortega, Lynn Robinson, and Rose Sarukian.



Executive Officers

President-Kathleen Davis, First VP-Deanna Hanson, Second VP-Membership-Beverly Greeno Co-Chairman-Darlene Payne, Third VP - House Chairman-Fran Day Co-Chairman-Pam Sheerin, Recording Secretary-Lynn Robinson, Corresponding Secretary-Sharon Dorin, Treasurer-Mary Linn Coleman, Auditor-Natalie DiMercurio, Ways & Means Chairman-Judy Burrow, Programs (Gen. Meetings)-Lenore Ulrich, Press-Louise-Lowery, Co-Chairman-Barbara Austin, Yearbook-Frances Demeules Co-Chairman-Mary Alice Platz, Newsletter-Barbara Freeman Co-Chairman-Barbara Crochetiere, Reservations-Jeaninne Glomboske Co-Chairman-Velta Lanham, Parliamentarian-Barbara Bounds, Historian-Fran Glauber Co-Chairman-Barbara Crochetiere, Director-Madonna Davenport, Director-Sharon Hooper,

First Vice President - Deanna Hanson

Eleven TWC members attended the District Meeting on September 14th hosted by Neptunian Woman's Club at their lovely clubhouse in Manhattan Beach. The guest speaker was Mary Ann Robins, from the IRS, who did her best to explain the IRS requirements for non-profits and what we might be asked to provide in the event of an audit.

Other business covered at the meeting included a date change to April 12, 2008 for the District Convention.

The October District Meeting will be held on October 19th at Culver City and will be followed by a pot-luck and workshop event lunch with workshops covering a Basic Duty Overview of GFWC and CFWC Depts.; Duties of Marina District Chairmen and Officers; Fund Raising Ideas; Leadership Techniques; Public Relations Basics and Public Speaking Made Easy. Make plans to attend this informative session and sign up at our October General Meeting.

Reminder--reports are due at District by year end 12/31/07. We need all individual reports turned in by the December meeting (12/5/07) to allow time for compilation of information for the Club. The reporting period is from Jan. 1 through December 31, 2007 so estimate your project activities/hours from December 5th through 31st. **WIN A FREE RAFFLE TICKET** if reports are turned in at the October and November meetings.

Plan ahead for the November District Meeting in Hermosa Beach which will have time designated for a Report Writing Workshop.

Third Vice President - Fran Day

Pam Sheerin - Co-Chairman

Kitchen Duty – October Meeting “POT LUCK LUNCH”

It's the R's and T's this month with Lynn Robinson as your leader. If your last name starts with **R** or **T** you will need to be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, October 2nd at 9:30 am to help set up for the General Meeting on the 3rd. You will also help put the food out at that meeting on October 3rd. November will be all the D's with Gloria Debelak as your leader.

October 3rd is Marriott Day and Fran has all her volunteers and she will notify them.

Ways and Means – Judy Burrow

There will be a **Prize Drawing** at the October meeting. Now is your chance to bring in all those prizes you have been saving. Proceeds go into our Scholarship Fund. **Dorothy Mahoney** will be in charge. Tickets: 7 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$1.00

Bunco

The date is October 17 at 1:00 p.m. Don't miss a fun afternoon. Try to arrive before 1:00 to sign in. Your \$5 donation will benefit the Madrona Marsh.

Las Vegas Trip

October 23-25, 2007 Tues. -Thurs.

Our hotel will be the Four Queens in down town Las Vegas. The cost will be \$118.00 double and \$155.00 single. This includes the two nights in the hotel, bus trip, baggage handling, and tip for the driver. There is still room on the bus, so call Judy Burrow to add your name to the roster. You will receive your luggage tags and itinerary at the October meeting. The bus will leave from the Torrance Civic Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Park your car in the lot just SOUTH of the Police Department wall. Be sure to let Judy know the make, model, and license number of the car you will be leaving.



Griffith Observatory

November 14 Wednesday is the date for our visit to the **Griffith Observatory**. **There is a waiting list for this event.** The cost is \$16 for Adults and \$12 for Seniors over 60. It includes donation, bus from Torrance, and bus fee from the zoo parking lot to the Observatory. All you youngsters, sorry for the price change! **Payment due at the October 3rd meeting.** We can't get a group rate for this bus. We plan to leave Torrance at 10:45 a.m. Groups can only take the Observatory buses starting at 12:20 p.m., arriving at the Observatory at 12:40 p.m. Ticket prices for the Planetarium Show are: Adults - \$7.00 Seniors - \$5.00. You can buy your tickets at the Observatory when you arrive. We will depart on the Observatory bus at 3:40 p.m. to meet our bus to take us back to Torrance, arriving (hopefully) by 6:00 p.m. Please make checks out to TWC. I am not able to buy the tickets for the bus from the zoo to the planetarium until the second week in October, so if I am unable to get the tickets for our group, we will go to the Autry Western Heritage Museum.

Palm Springs Follies

This trip is set for Tuesday, **February 12, 2008**. The cost is \$65 for the bus ride and admission to the Follies. We need at least 45 guests to make the trip. Sign up at the October meeting or call Judy Burrow. Payment is due by December 20, 2007. Lunch will be on your own in Palm Springs before the Follies.



Reservations - Jeaninne Glomboske

If you can't attend the General Meeting on October 3rd or if you are bringing a guest please let Jeaninne Glomboske know.

Thank you from Arline Hedding

Thank you to my Torrance Woman's Club friends for all your cards, phone calls, and prayers. It has been a real blessing to me. I'm still recovering and have been told I need more surgery. I'll work hard to get better so I can come back to my TWC friends and Helping Hands.

Hoe Down, Nov. 3rd – Barbara Freeman

Don't forget to get your money in for the Fall Hoe Down on **November 3rd**. The funds, this year, will be going to the Calle Mayor Middle School Music Program and the director there will be sending flyers home with the students soon. We are hoping they will attend and make this a successful event. There will be a Bar-B-Que Buffet, singing, dancing, and door prizes. Hope you can come out and enjoy the event. Thanks to all the members who have already signed up to help out with this fund raiser. You all amaze me each time there's an event, everyone helps out.

Helping Hands – Bette Herbst

Helping Hands will be meeting Monday, October 8th at 10:00 am to work on cuddle blankets for Rainbow Services. At that time we will also review our progress for the Holiday Bazaar at the club meeting in November.

Thank you to all of those



members who supported Helping Hands during the summer.



Rainbow Service – Louise Lowery

Louise is collecting donations to purchase items for the Rainbow House for abused women and children. She does a great job with this organization and we thank her for her time and efforts.

Parliamentarian – Barbara Bounds

It's time to fill in your reporting forms. We are asking that you try to get them in at the October and November General Meetings. If you do, you will receive a **FREE** drawing ticket. Please put your names on the form in case they need to call you for more information. There is a report form attached to this newsletter.

Philanthropy – Pam Sheerin

Last month the newsletter included items for the Blue Star Mother's packages. This month we are including items for **Hospitalized Vets and items for the USO Club Care Packages**.

MARKED "HOSPITAL"

Tide Laundry Detergent ONLY (small boxes to store in hospital rooms), large bath sheet towels (solid colors only), swiffer refill pads, Albertson's gift cards (this store is within walking distance of the hospital), Outback Steakhouse gift cards, Best Buy Gift Cards, hooded sweatshirts M,L,XL,2XL sizes, CDs and handheld electronic games and cartridges, batteries of all sizes, athletic T-shirts (no sleeves – gray or black, all sizes), new outer wear T-shirts (not underwear) all sizes, zip-up hooded sweatshirts (gray or black all sizes), 120 minute prepaid phone cards, DVDs, puzzle books, cards of encouragement – marked "injured Vet".

USO PACKAGES – These packages are given to U. S. Troops passing through USO's at LAX, Ontario, Palm Springs, and John Wayne Airports. Items are placed in a quart size zip-top plastic bag and each care package must include the following items: Toothbrush, travel size shampoo (3 oz. or less), travel size conditioner (3 oz. or less), travel size bar of soap, disposable razor, pack of gum, travel size wipes, and deck of cards. Cards and letters of encouragement are also appreciated.

Message from Sharon Dorin - If every member would write two short notes to two soldiers, they would really appreciate it. Cut out the fronts of Christmas cards and write a brief note. If you have trouble starting, Sharon can suggest the following: Dear Soldier: Thank you for serving our country. You are a hero..... Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas. or Dear Brave Soldier, We at home give all of our support for your dedication and loyalty to the principles of the United States. Here's a big thank you from home. Merry Christmas and I will be thinking of you. Then add something personal or funny. **Sharon wants to thank Louise Lowery for writing 14 letters. "Way to Go" Louise.**

September General Meeting Program

What a great program we had at our September Meeting. The two police officers and the dog from the K9 Division were great. How fortunate we were to have them.



Second Vice President Beverly Greeno

Darlene Payne - Co-Chairman

Our **TREAT** for the month of October is to welcome three new members: **Olga, Lou, and Jo**. It's a welcome challenge to work with new members. It's our **TREAT** and it's rewarding to see our TWC continue to grow.

"Flower Power" was demonstrated at our welcome back, September meeting. Darlene Payne presented custom designed flower tote bags to new members. They are **Sunni Lotta** and **Eleanor Edwards**. Also, renewing her membership is **Lucille Hedge**.

Attendance at the September meeting was 73 members and 9 guests and I'm privileged to report three guests completed membership applications. It's exciting to watch our 'Garden of Flowers' grow! Let's continue to water the flowers with educated information, with history and with facts about the **BEST** organization in our community.

I ask you to support the 2007-2008 District Membership Campaign, September 1 - March 31, 2008. **YES!** Each new sponsor and each new member has an opportunity to win a cash prize.

Remember, membership begins with you and me! Let's plant our "Flower Power" into the community. **TREAT** your friend or neighbor and introduce her to TWC.

Torrance Elementary - Anita Dinicola

Anita is a volunteer at Torrance Elementary School and spends her time reading to the students. TWC will be purchasing books for the school and collecting canned goods for needy families there. Anita has asked to head up this project. Please bring your canned goods to the October and November General Meetings. **Thanks Anita for all you do.**

Conservation - Marlys Judd

Joy Marcon - Co-Chairman

What's new at Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center? The Summer 2007 "Marsh Mailer" (quarterly newsletter) reported that this past spring The Madrona Marsh Foundation was formed to raise monies for the support of the marsh and all its programs. Funds will be distributed to "Friends of Madrona Marsh" (non-profit organization since 1972), together with the city of Torrance in order to sustain and improve this unique ecosystem. This new Foundation welcomes anyone who would like to serve on the Board and has money raising ideas and/or contacts. Please call Lucia Johnson, Executive Director, at 310-316-9364 for further information.

Get to know and become involved in this amazing Madrona Marsh. It's a breath of fresh air located right in our busy city of Torrance.

Listed here are just a few of the many activities and events at the Marsh: Habitat Restoration, Bird Walk, Audubon Get-together, Night Hike, Painting Outdoors, Garden Tea and Plant Sale, Native Plant Gardening Class, Great Nature/Biology Classes (college level). Any questions? Call 310-782-3989.

Federation Chairman – Velta Lanham

Art Department/Member Art

Now is the time to start thinking of entering the **MARINA DISTRICT ANNUAL CRAFTS CONTEST**. As you make items for the upcoming holidays, why not make an extra item and enter it in the Crafts Contest under the category – "Item for Holiday". Other categories are: Counted Cross Stitch, Crochet, General Crafts, Hand Quilting, Machine Quilting, Holiday Item, Knitting, Other Needlework (embroidery, crewel, needlepoint, etc.), Scrapbook, Sewing – Apparel, Trash to Treasure.

The craft contest will be held at the El Segundo Woman's Clubhouse on Friday, February 15, 2008. Enter as many categories as you would like but remember, each club member entering the contest can only have **ONE** entry for **EACH** category.

Velta Lanham and Shirley Walker will both be having surgery in the near future. TWC members hope they will be feeling better soon.



Art-Short Story and Poetry Contests

Marlys Judd, Chairman

Sharon Broadbent - Co-Chairman

Have you thought about expressing yourself through creative writing? Why not enter the District's annual Short Story and Poetry Contests? Although all entries are not due until January 2008, it isn't too early to begin. The possibilities are limitless.

All contest rules will be available in October. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call-Marlys.

Here's Anita Dinicola's Short Verse, 173 words which took First Place last year.

You never know where a path may take you. As a child I thought, as most young children do, that a path could lead to any place you wanted it to. A castle, treasures, jewels, pretty dresses and wondrous events. Yes, it may have been the same path. However, why couldn't it lead to a new place? No matter that an adult, seemingly smarter than you, would say it was a path you traveled before. Amazingly it was always a mystery to me. Why couldn't anyone see these mystical endings? Never did I believe them, because that path did indeed lead to a different place each time. These are the careless dreams of childhood. When did the path become just another path? I don't recall. It must have happened one day when childhood was carelessly replaced by adolescence? A day when pipe dreams and fairy tales aren't in the vocabulary of a young adult, a day replaced by reality and realism. I still muse of those long ago days down an unknown path.

Torrance Memorial Festival of Trees

Barbara Freeman

September found seven TWC ladies working on ornaments for the Victorian Tree we are sponsoring and decorating. They are Natalie, Anita, Madonna, Kathleen, Lynn, and Betty.

Rose Parade - Pam Barrett

Pam reports there will be a Decorating Orientation Meeting at City Hall on October 18th. You have to be a member of the organization to work on the float and the fee to join is \$10.00 Pam reports working on the Rose Parade float for Torrance is lots of fun. Maybe we should help out and get in on all the fun.

TWC Members Visit Catalina

by Barbara Freeman

We sailed across the ocean blue on Friday, September 21st. Eight of us in number; **Sharon Dorin**, who planned this event and got us to walk with her walking club, **Jeri Plum**, who helped Sharon find us a good place to stay, **Madonna Davenport**, who for some reason found herself up at 5am looking for coffee, **Fran Day**, who was really responsible for Madonna getting up at 5am, **Deanna Hanson**, who seemed to have all the birds looking over her shoulder, **Jeaninne Glomboske**, who was always looking for a Cadillac something-or-other, **Natalie DiMercurio**, who saved us more than once with her dollar store ponchos, and myself made this trip. Even though there was a threat of rain we braved the elements, arrived at our hotel and found we were very hungry. It seemed like most of the trip we were very hungry. We walked, we shopped, and ate again and again. What a fun time we had.



same sea-gull. It seems one of the

members (Fran) enjoyed feeding the little fellow so he just stayed around. I think he was there to torment Deanna.



One TWC member was almost attacked by a pigeon when we were at lunch. We all sat on top of the hotel in the rain having a little cocktail time. Each day we were visited there by the



Did I say we ate? It seemed the ice cream shops were our favorites with everyone not only choosing different flavors of ice cream but also different ice cream shops. Heaven-for-bid we all want to go to the same store.

We toured the Casino, which really isn't a Casino. At the end of the tour we found there was a rain storm outside and we had a long way to walk back to the hotel. Never fear, Madonna took care of us. She asked the guide for a few trash bags and off we went in our new attire. Trash bags with holes for our heads. Deanna was the only normal, did I say normal, one here as she had an umbrella. Fran and Sharon hadn't gone on the Casino Tour with us but they braved the rain, without a trusty trash bag, looking for us and ended up very wet. I think a little ice cream probably smoothed that one over.

Some of us hiked to the Wrigley House and some went in the other direction. It did seem like some were always looking for others, but when it came time for food, we were always together,



eight in number, looking for that next place to eat.



We shopped a lot and Jeaninne got a pair of "way too cool" sun glasses for next years Fashion Show. Madonna and Sharon won the prize for buying the most but we all enjoyed looking. We thought about going to the movies but that never came about. Probably shopping and food got in the way.

Sunday came just way too soon and found us all packing up and getting ready to leave this fun island. Four had to leave early so that left four of us to continue with our fun adventures. We rented a golf cart and off we went. We got a chance to walk through the Botanical Gardens and up MANY stairs to the top of a monument. Then it was back in our golf cart and with Madonna reading the map we continued on our way following the "Scenic Route" with Jeri saying "should we really be on this road?". We found our



way back to the hotel, loaded our luggage into the golf cart and leaving two to walk down the hill, Madonna and I drove the luggage down to the golf cart center. Then it was off to eat lunch again. This time at Luau Larrys. We left the island around 3:00 pm and made it back to civilization soon after.