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TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

Marina District #18

California Federation of Women's Clubs General Federation of Women's Clubs

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Dear Friends,

While it isn't exactly spring yet, spring cleaning came early to our clubhouse as **Fran Day, Janet Payne, Judy Burrow, Joan Gillum, Lillian Albanese, Lynn Robinson, Pam Sheerin, Frankie Manker, Bette Herbst, Natalie DiMercurio, Betty Abbey, Jeanne McRae, Joanne Free, and Ron Spears** worked

tirelessly to clear out our basement, review stored items, or clean the kitchen. We now have good lighting in our basement, easy access to shelves, and a freshly painted ceiling thanks to Fran and her committee. Our clubhouse keeps looking better each month, so let's do our part by checking with Fran *before* leaving any items for storage at our clubhouse.

Many thanks, too, to **Barbara Bounds**, who compiled and finalized our TWC reports that were turned in at last month's District meeting. This was no easy task, and we appreciate Barbara's attentiveness to the many report details. Why not take a few minutes to look at the '07 report booklet that will be available for you to review? No doubt about it, you will be proud of our club's many accomplishments!

Please remember to bring items for the Blue Star Mother's donation box. At last month's general meeting, **Fran Glauber** brought valentine cards for us to write notes on for the troops. Thanks Fran. Letters and cards are always appreciated as well as socks and small toiletries, and we thank **Pam Sheerin** and her committee for organizing TWC volunteers to help with the Blue Star Mother's packing needs/dates.

A TWC questionnaire form *with a timeline* is included with this newsletter. Please mail or bring your completed form to the February 6 general meeting, so the Board can assess how we are doing. This is your chance to let us know what you like about TWC, do not like about TWC, and how best we can assist future members. Your input is vital as we go forward with our community projects be-

cause "Together We Care." If you have any questions about completing this form, please call me. Thank you.

With love,
Kathleen

DATES TO REMEMBER

2/5/08	Meeting Set-Up	9:30 am
2/6/08	General Meeting	11:00 am
	Pot Luck	
2/9/08	Rummage Sale	
2/11/08	Helping Hands	10:00 am
2/12/08	Palm Springs Follies	
2/13/08	Submit Craft by this date	
2/15/08	District Meeting - El Segundo	9:45 am
2/15/08	Craft Judging at District	
2/20/08	Clothes The Deal	10:00 am
2/20/08	Bunco - Meals on Wheels	1:00 pm
2/27/08	Board Meeting	10:00 am
2/28/08	Jeopardy Taping Trip	

UPCOMING EVENTS

March meeting - Nominations of officers
April meeting - Vote on officers
4/24/08 TWC Fashion Show
4/8 /08 - 4/10/08 Laughlin Trip

KITCHEN DUTY - FEBRUARY MEETING

Don't forget this luncheon is POT LUCK.

If your last name starts with **A, E, or U** it's your turn to help out on Tuesday, February 5th with the set-up at 9:30 am and to help in the kitchen on February 6th with the Pot Luck luncheon. Your leader is **Joan Earhart**. For the Pot Luck, last names starting with A through I will bring salads, J through Q will bring a main dish and R though Z will bring desserts.

In March, **Barbara Crochetiere** is the leader. Those with a last name starting with C, N, and S will have the kitchen duty.

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, Director - Nona Kozak

First Vice President - Deanna Hanson

Ten TWC members attended the January 18 District meeting. Our reports were turned in, and I wish to acknowledge Barbara's Bounds hard work in putting our TWC reports together. The announcements included that the Culver City Woman's Club members are busy making dolls for hospitalized children and could use any discarded nylons and fabrics. This year, they have made 291 adorable dolls. Please let me know if you have any items to donate to these ladies. Sadly, the Pacific Palisades Woman's Club resigned from Marina District 18. At the February 15 District meeting in El Segundo, for those entering crafts, please arrive early (no later than 9:00 a.m.), and bring the correct amount of \$1 per entry up to \$3, if you have more than 3 entries there is no charge. The featured speaker was First Vice President, Pam Ament, who hosted a fun team building workshop, and she will post the workshop results on the District website -- www.marinadistrictcfcw.com

There will be a sign-up sheet at the February 6 general meeting for those wishing to attend the February 15 District Meeting in El Segundo.

Second Vice President - Beverly Greeno ATTENTION TWC MEMBERS

March 31st is the closing date for TWC to compete, participate and to gain recognition in the annual membership campaign sponsored by District 18.

February and March are the months to promote membership applications and offer them to your friends. Membership at TWC is the key to our survival and to our success within the city of Torrance and its community.

There's probably "2008" reasons why you and I are members of TWC, but here's just one: our club has been in existence and been a resource for city and civic organizations for 87 years.

Membership growth, membership attendance, and membership participation are the reasons for stability. Thanks ladies!

WELCOME to **JERALYN KIRBY**, our first TWC member in the new year, 2008. Jeralyn, along with her mentor, **JOAN EARHART**, attended the January 2nd meeting. Jeralyn is a retired school teacher, lives in Redondo Beach, and loves the Wednesday afternoon Bunco games.

It's exciting to be part of a worthy organization. Credit goes to the many members of TWC who volunteer to help however and whenever they can, to represent their club.

Again, let's continue to support President Kathleen's theme: **TOGETHER WE CARE.**

Third Vice President - Fran Day

Fran and her committee have been very busy organizing the basement. This sounds like a very big job

and we thank Fran and her Worker Bees for all their efforts. Also, notice the ceiling and how nice it looks with a fresh coat of paint.

Fran tells me she'll be putting more Worker Bees to work soon giving the club house a good old fashion cleaning. I'm sure the club members appreciate all the hard work she puts into her job.

Parliamentarian - Barbara Bounds

It's that time of the year! According to our Bylaws, Article IX, Sec. 1: "At the February business meeting, the President shall appoint the Parliamentarian and one Executive Board member to serve on the nominating committee with the Parliamentarian to act as committee chairman. Three additional members and two alternates shall be elected from the floor. At this meeting a nominating ballot (straw ballot) shall be taken to determine the preference of members for nominees. To be nominated for a position on the Executive Board, a member must be a member in good standing for one year."

I will have straw ballots at the tables in February, so please be thinking about what office you would like to run for or who you would like to nominate for an office. These will be collected at the meeting and given to the chairman for action by the committee.

At the March meeting, nominations may be made from the floor in addition to names submitted by the committee of five. Officers are elected at the April meeting; installation takes place at the June meeting.

Following is the proposed bylaw amendment.

ARTICLE II

Object:

Section 1. No change

New Section 2. To maintain and preserve our Clubhouse as a Designated Historical Building.

New Section 3 - (Old Section 2)

New Section 4 - (Old Section 3)

This change has been recommended by the Club's CPA who spoke with an IRS Agent for clarification of the Club's Purpose on our tax returns.

****Report Forms****

Included in this newsletter are the report forms for the year 2008. These are for your record-keeping on a regular basis. If you have any questions about record-keeping, please call Deanna Hanson or Barbara Bounds.

Gift Wrapping - Sharon Dorin

A big **THANK YOU** goes to **Sharon Dorin** for chairing the Border's Wrap fund raiser where we made \$1,685.00. Sharon THANKS **Jeanine Glomboske** and **Sandy Burchell** for all their hours on this project.

TWC thanks Shirley Walker's family and friends for their generosity in sending donations to TWC on behalf of our former beloved President, Shirley Walker.

Helping Hands - Bette Herbst

Helping Hands will meet February 11th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the future projects for 2008. We will be making cuddle blankets for Rainbow Services (they will take all that we can make). Also, for Rainbow Services Louise will continue with the Easter Basket program. We will have our usual TWC Holiday Bazaar so bring ideas for gift making to the meeting. The Huggies will continue. There are rabbits for the Torrance Medical Facility during the spring, however, the bears need to be made for the fall. We do need a chairman for the Huggies project.



Ways and Means - Judy Burrow

Bunco

There will be Bunco on **Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.** Honest. We Promise! This is a great way for new members to get acquainted with other TWC ladies. There is a \$5 donation to play. This month the money will go to **Meals on Wheels**. The Bunco winner gets a card for a free TWC lunch!

Rummage Sale - February 9, 2008

Bring your items for the Rummage Sale to the Clubhouse on Friday, February 8 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Sign up to help on Friday and/or Saturday at the February General meeting. Thanks to **Milli McFadden** and **Joyce Gohata** for chairing this fund raiser.



Palm Springs Follies trip - February 12

Please be at the Torrance Civic Center parking lot (behind the Library) by 8:45 a.m. We will be leaving Torrance at 9:00 a.m. and hope to be home by 5:00 or

6:00 p.m. Lunch is on your own in Palm Springs before the Follies.

Please call Judy Burrow if you can't attend. There is a small waiting list, so someone would be able to take your place. The bus is full, but if you would like to join, us call Judy to add your name to the waiting list..

Jeopardy taping trip - February 28

As of this date, the taping is still being planned for **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**. I have no information yet, on the bus arrangements, but want the bus to pick us up at the Torrance Civic Center parking lot. We expect to leave Torrance at 9:30 a.m. for the 11:30 a.m. taping. Bring a drink and snack or lunch, as we will be unable to eat in the cafeteria at Sony.

Laughlin Trip - April 8 - 10

The bus trip to the Aquarius Hotel in Laughlin is scheduled for April 8-10. Please sign up at the February meeting, or call Judy Burrow. We have to have 45 guests in order to make this trip possible. The cost is \$90 double or \$110 single.

Snow White Rehearsal - February 20

The rehearsal for the May production of **"Snow White, the Musical"** will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The date is Bunco Day so bring your lunch and stay on for Bunco.

Prize Drawing at February Meeting

Our drawing at the February Meeting will be a **Prize Drawing**. Please try to bring a wrapped or unwrapped prize to be used in the drawing.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to You



Betty Abbey, Jeanne Clark, Frances Demeules, Joan Gillum, Joyce Gohata, Lois Jones, Jeralyn Kirbvy, Velta Lanham, June Lindow, Flora Mathews, Nancy Mazna,

Charleen Williams, Olga Yung.

District's Arts and Crafts Contest Sunni Lotta and Sandra Burchell

"District Craft Fair = TWC is the best;
RSVP with Zest
Sandy or Sunni will take your BEST"

If you need a form for your entry you can get one at the February General Meeting or contact Sandy or Sunni.

A Note from Natalie Di Mercurio

Ladies, **THANKS** for the generous amount of time you have all spent cutting and saving coupons (725,652 to date). Keep up the good work and just a reminder that we still collect toiletries from hotels, pull tabs, box tops for education, soup labels, cell phones, ink cartridges, yoplait pink tops and just found a new source for greeting card fronts - so we can collect them again. We also collect eye glasses and hearing aids.

Thanks again - Keep up the good work.

Philanthropy - Pam Sheerin

The Blue Star Mothers tell us that all Valentines and letters for the troops will be due by Feb 1, 2008 in order to be sent out in time. All those under 18, please only sign your first name and no addresses. Leave all envelopes open when you turn them in. You can drop Valentines and letters off at Postal Solutions. The address is 4733 Torrance Blvd. #972, Torrance, CA. They will be shipping out all the cards and letters on February 2, 2008.

Clothes The Deal - Fran Glauber

Help get women and men off welfare and back into the job market. They need business type clothing for their interviews and for when they get the job. Also this organization is helping the returning service people get clothed and out of their uniforms. They can use casual clothing ... good jeans, nice tops, etc. Needed badly are Size 14 and up for the women, 2-piece suits, purses, women's shoes. For the men, slacks, dress shirts, and shoes.

Even if you don't have specifics, they need clothing.

The event will be on Wednesday, February 20th in the foyer of the Women's Club just before Bunco. The time is 10:00 a m until 12:45 p m. Clothing does not have to be on hangers. There will be a representative from Clothes The Deal to help.

If you have any questions call Fran



Good News

We hear that **Arline Hedding** has finished all her treatments and was given a Clean Bill of Health and she's feeling good.

Conservation

Co-chairman - Joy Marcon

Madrona Marsh - FYI

The Star Party scheduled for February 10th at the Madrona Marsh Nature Center has been postponed to Saturday, April 12th at 7:30 p m. A talk will be given by Paul Livio. His lecture will be given outdoors in the parking lot of the Nature Center with telescopes up. The Madrona Marsh Nature Center is located at 3201 Plaza Del Amo in Torrance. Don't miss it! For additional information on this event and all other activities sponsored by the Madrona Marsh, please call (310) 782-3989.

The Marsh and the Nature Center are open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday and the gift shop is open from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

Beautiful in Blue and Pretty in Purple

Connie Vadheim from Cal. State Dominguez Hills will present a Nature Garden class on Saturday, February 2nd from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Marsh.

Ongoing activities include Tyke Walks, Bird Walks, Nature Walks, and Habitat Restoration. These activities are conducted every month. For exact days and times, please consult their web page at www.friendsofmadronamarsh.com. This web page also includes information on annual membership to Friends of the Madrona Marsh with a yearly donation of \$10 per person and only \$5 for seniors age 65 and over. This organization is dedicated to preserving and restoring the Madrona Marsh to it's original state.

Fashion Show - Jeaninne Glomboske

"Mardi Gras" is the theme for this years TWC Fashion Show. It's all set for April 24th, so watch and listen for more information. If you attended last year's Fashion Show you know how much fun it was. If you didn't attend, now is your chance to view some great fashions and win some outstanding prizes. I hear Jeaninne is planing on having the prize balloons again. They were a big hit last year.

Red Hatters

Our February 6th general meeting is the day to wear your purple and red.

