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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,

Our February "Rummage Sale" was a big success thanks to **Milli McFadden, Joyce Gohata**, and their committee members. Our visitors delighted in the many great buys. Thanks, too, to the TWC members and others that donated items for this event.

Did you know that our clubhouse kitchen, lobby, restroom, and bathroom areas are sparkling clean thanks to **Fran Day, Janet Payne, and Joanne Free**? They recently scrubbed baseboards, cleaned windows, and hand-washed curtains. There is more spring cleaning to be done, so if you want to help out on the next scheduled cleaning day let Fran know.

We appreciate the efforts of **Fran Glauber**, who chaired the "Close the Deal" project. Thanks to all of you that donated business attire items to help men and women re-enter the workforce.

Toni Baldwin stays busy with her committee in sending care packages to troops overseas. **The Blue Star Mothers** are grateful for your donation of socks, toiletries, and cards that you generously donate at each of our general meetings. We are, also, helping the **USO LAX** organization with needed Granola Bars and snacks for military personnel traveling to their assignments. TWC members support our troops.

Thanks to all the members that filled out their TWC Questionnaire form. Your input is important because "Together We Care." Your Board welcomes your suggestions. We are reviewing your comments and will keep you apprised of our progress.

Thanks to **Sunni Lotta** and **Sandy Burchell** for chairing the District Craft Contest. We all look forward to seeing our club's entries at the March general meeting. We still need a chairman for the Art contest in Santa Monica. Please let me know if you are interested. Furthermore, if there is a position you would like to chair, please let me or Deanna Hanson know. It's already time to prepare for our next calendar year.

Be sure to wear your decorated hat at the April 2 general meeting. There will be a prize for the funniest, prettiest, and best theme. Join the fun!

With love,
Kathleen

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 2/28 Jeopardy Taping Trip
- 3/4 Meeting Set-Up 9:30 am
- 3/4 Bring items for Paper Bag Auction
- 3/5 General Meeting 11:00 am
Paper Bag Auction
- 3/8 Blue Star Mothers Packing Day
- 3/10 Helping Hands 10:00 am
- 3/19 Rehearsal Snow White 10:00 am
- 3/19 Bunco-Wellness Center 1:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/8 - 4/10 Laughlin Trip
- 4/12 Marina District Convention
- 4/21 District Meeting at Santa Monica
- 4/26 "TWC FASHION SHOW"
- 4/26 Torrance Chorale Concert
- 5/1 - 5/4 CFWC State Convention
- 5/16 District Installation at our club house.

Happy Birthday to You!!

Lynn Brennan, Sharon Broadbent, Betty Eggum, Patti Fuchs, Jeaninne Glomboske, Alice Nicholson, Jo Polichetti, Pam Sheerin, Mary Soreno, Nell Stephens, and Lucille Hedge. **A Special Happy Birthday to Jo Snell who turns 95 on March 14th**

Kitchen Duty - March Meeting

If your last name starts with a "C, N or S" it's your turn to help set up on Tuesday, March 4th and help in the kitchen at the General Meeting on March 5th. Your leader is Barbara Crochetiere. We thank you all for your help. Next month it's those starting with F and G and your leader will be Pati Fuchs.

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

1st Vice President - Deanna Hanson

The District Meeting on February 19th hosted by the Past Presidents was held at the El Segundo Woman's Club. Nine TWC members attended. We had a good "showing" of crafts made by our club members with several ribbon winners.

The next District Meeting will be on March 21st at Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 - 4th Street in Santa Monica. The Art Contest will be held at this meeting. Ladies, we need a Chairman from TWC for Student Art, Student Photography, Member Art and Member Photography. We also need more Member Art to enter in the contest.

The Culver City Woman's Club has an on-going project where they make 18" clown dolls for donation to LA County Hospital Children's Ward. They need nylons to be used as stuffing and can also use colorful fabrics. If you have materials to donate, please bring them to our March meeting and I'll see that Culver City gets them.

Upcoming District Events: April 12th is the Marina District Convention held at the Marina Marriott Courtyard, 13480 Maxella Avenue in Marina Del Rey. The day begins at 8:00 a.m. with registration and breakfast; Art and Music Awards are presented; District Chairmen Awards are presented and you will hear from guest speakers, Kathi McGraw, CFWC 2nd Vice Preside and Cathy Stewart, CFWC Area C Vice President. \$35 covers registration, breakfast and lunch. Join us for an informative and fun-filled day. A sign-up sheet will be available at our March meeting.

May 1-4 is the CFWC State Convention at the Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport. More details to follow.

2nd Vice President - Beverly Greeno

The District Membership Contest ends on March 31st. Let's complete all the applications for new members before the deadline. THANKS

Ways and Means - Judy Burrow

"Lucky Paper Bag Auction" - Lillian Albanese

For the auction, we ask that you bring **NEW** items unwrapped. It could be a sweater you got for Christmas that you can't use, an appliance, or even a gift basket.

Tickets will be 10 for \$5. You can buy as many tickets as you wish. Paper bags will be in front of each prize, and you just put your tickets in the prize you want to win. There will be great prizes



to be won. Buy lots of "Lucky Tickets" to win your favorite prize! You will get one FREE TICKET when you pay for your luncheon at the reception table.

Please bring your items for the Auction on the morning of Tuesday, March 4.

Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale was a great success, thanks to the work of all you diligent ladies. Special thanks go to Joyce Gohata and Milli McFadden. The cookie, muffin, and coffee sales brought in \$82.00, and we made a total of \$1,328.50 on the Rummage Sale! That is the best, ever!!!! We also appreciate all the donations from our members. We were able to make a sizeable donation of all the left-overs to Teen Challenge.

Alan Jarvis, Steve Majoros, and Brian Gohata deserve a huge **THANK YOU** for all they did to make the sale such a success!!!

Palm Springs Follies trip

We had a great day in Palm Springs. The weather was perfect, and the show was spectacular!

Bunco - March 19, 2008 - 1:00 p.m.

This is a great way for new members to get acquainted with other TWC ladies. \$5 donation to play. Winner gets a card for a free TWC lunch! The money this month will go to the Wellness Center.

Jeopardy Taping Trip- Thursday, February 28

The bus will pick us up at the Torrance Civic Center parking lot. Meet there at 9:30 for a 9:45 a.m. departure 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. Judy's cell phone # is 310-890-5043.

The bus trip to the Aquarius Hotel in Laughlin is scheduled for April 8-10

The cost is \$90 double or \$110 single. Please have your payment to Judy Burrow by the first of March. There is still room on the bus, so call Judy to join in on the fun. The bus will depart from the Torrance Civic Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on the 8th. Park your car in the spaces just South of the Police Department. When you give Judy your check (made out to TWC) please include: an emergency name and phone number, and the make, model, and license plate number of the vehicle you will be leaving in the parking lot.



Snow White Rehearsal - March 19 2008

The Fractured Follies rehearsal for the May production of "Snow White, the Musical" will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. The date is "Bunco Day" so bring your lunch and stay on for Bunco.

Chorale concert sign up for April 26, 2008

This is the same day as the fashion show, so check your calendar. You will get a free ticket to the concert.

"Fashion Show" April 26-Jeaninne Glomboske

We expect a huge crowd for this fun event, so get your reservation in early. Deadline is April 19th. Tickets are \$40.00 each. Jeannine has promised more \$5.00 balloons this year so if you didn't get one last year, come early and get one this year. There will also be lots of door prizes to choose from.

Helping Hands - Bette Herbst

Helping Hands will meet March 10th to prepare the "Easter Baskets" for Rainbow Services. This project takes about an hour, so we will also work on cuddle blankets and huggie bears. Thanks to all for your continued support for Helping Hands.

3rd Vice President - Fran Day

Fran found another event to use the TWC volunteers. We're lucky to have her getting the club name out in the public eye.

Water water everywhere, and even cups full to drink!!



TWC Ladies volunteer even in rainy weather. This group handed out water at the recent Super Bowl 10K/5K run in Redondo Beach.

Conservation in the Home - Joy Marcon

Call your local electricity provider, like SCE, for a home energy audit. Through this audit, you will learn if your home is poorly insulated or energy efficient. For Southern California Edison, call 800-278-8585 to make an appointment. In addition, replace all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL). Check for possible rebates from your utility company. Move your thermostat down two degrees in the winter. Since most of us aren't in need of an air conditioner, moving the thermostat up in the summer is irrelevant.

Be sure to clean or replace furnace filters frequently and look for the energy star label when purchasing new appliances. You might consider installing a low flow shower head and washing your clothes in only warm or cold water. Turn off and unplug appliances not in use and avoid using your appliances during peak hours from 4 pm to 6 pm. Of course, electric ranges should be the exception since most of us would be preparing dinner at that time.

In the kitchen, try to support local farmers by shopping for fresh fruits and veggies at your neighborhood farmer's market. Torrance has one at Wilson Park every Tuesday and every Saturday from eight to one. This will help cut down on the fuel used to bring these products to your local super market. Buy fresh foods instead of frozen. Frozen food uses ten times more energy to produce and deliver. Avoid heavily packaged products in order to cut down on your garbage. Bring your own bag to the market and clean your refrigerator coils to give your fridge some breathing room.

TWC Library - Frankie Manker

Any member can donate books to the TWC Library. They can be given to Frankie personally or just placed on the rolling bookcase at the back of the room. We generally receive novels of bodice-ripper romance, humor, mysteries, or adventure. They can be fiction or non-fiction, etc. In other words, most anything. Soft cover books are 25 cents, hard cover books are 50 cents. Payment is on the HONOR system please. A container is on the bookcase for that purpose. Please no magazines.

Our February luncheon book sales was the best ever! \$13.50. Money goes into the Building Fund. Frankie doesn't remember how long she has been doing the books, maybe three years. She has been reading books since before she was old enough to get a Library card. We sure THANK her for taking care of our library.

A Note from Natalie Di Mercurio

Even though we have spent time cutting and saving coupons, 725,652 to date, we still need help in this area. If you can spare some time to help clip coupons let Natalie know. Also, remember 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.

Rainbow Services - Louise Lowery

Louise wants to thank everyone for all the money donations she collected at the February luncheon. She will be purchasing assorted items to take to Rainbow Services before Easter.

The Helping Hands group will be sewing on the cuddle blankets to be delivered along with about 50 bags filled with candy for the children.

We collect and deliver blankets and assorted items for the women and children who have been forced to flee their homes with only the clothes on their backs because of domestic violence. The generosity of our club is appreciated and enjoyed by these families in need.

Louise will be collecting any items you wish to donate, along with items she will be purchasing with the money donated by club members. She will collect money at the March luncheon also.

She thanks you on behalf of the families at Rainbow Services. Items needed for Rainbow Services are:

Crayolas, color books, puzzles, children's books, school supplies, underwear and socks of all sizes, money for purchases. Also, anything you would like to donate from babies to teenagers and don't forget the moms.

Marina District Craft Contest

Sunni Lotta & Sandy Burchell

TWC submitted 18 items for consideration. Nine items were awarded prizes, as follows:

By Category:

General

1st place - Marina Martinez

2nd place - Joan Earhart

Sewing (Apparel)

1st place - Darlene Payne

Knitting

3rd place - Sandra Burchell

Honorable Mention - Bette Herbst

Trash-To-Treasure

2nd place - Marina Martinez

Other Needlework - Embroidery

1st place - Olga Yung

3rd place - Sandra Burchell

Honorable Mention - Jeralyn Kirby

Sunni says she is so lucky to be associated with such a talented group of woman and wish all of the award recipients a well deserved congratulations. The three 1st place award entries can go on to compete at the State level. Special thanks for everyone who submitted an entry and good luck to the contestants who will go on to compete at the State level!!!

TWC ladies at the Marina District 18 Craft Contest on February 15th.



L-R Sunni Lotta, Sandy Burchell, and Marina Martinez



Sandy Burchell checking out some of the crafts.

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BLUE STAR MOTHERS PACKING DAY

There is going to be a packaging day for the troops on March 8th at 10:00 am at the National Guard Armory in Manhattan Beach with the Blue Star Mothers.

Fran Day and her committee cleaned and shined our club house. When you see them, give them a big THANK YOU!!

Joanne Free hard at work



Janet Payne and Fran Day are hanging clean curtains.



Rummage Sale

TWC's Rummage Sale was a big success thanks to all the work done by TWC members and our leaders

Millie McFadden and Joyce Gohata. THANKS Millie and Joyce



USO Center LAX - Barbara Freeman

One of the things ALL the military do, at the USO Center at LAX, is eat. We provide lots of food for them such as sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, cookies, frozen pizza, donuts, bars, fruit, drinks, etc. We have two people who shop for the center and do a great job. Some of us have been bringing in homemade things which the KIDS love. I say kids because that's what they look like. We get bus loads right from their graduation at Camp Pendleton and 29 Palms. We give them some food, a place to kick back and wait for their flights going either home on leave or to their next duty station. There are computers hooked up to the internet for them and a room with a big screen TV. One of the things we hear the most from this newly graduated military is "Yours is the first smile I've seen since I left home and this is the best food I've had." It seems they really like Peanut Butter and Jelly on White Bread. Doesn't take much to make them happy. Some of them are even there overnight.

There are many other service men and women coming and going to their next station. Some even have their families with them and just have a few hours between flights. They know they can come and relax at the center and have a snack or meal.

If you would like to contribute to the center I will be putting out a box each meeting. Anything you would like me to take to them will be appreciated.

Also, Thank You to those of you that donated cash. I'll be making meatball sandwiches and big chocolate chip cookies this week.