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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,

Do you have your hat ready for our April 2 general meeting? We will have so much fun. There will be a prize for the funniest, prettiest, and best theme.

Lillian Albanese did a great job on our paper bag auction table. What a delightful afternoon we enjoyed. Thanks Lillian and to all the members that made dona-

tions.

Thank you **Louise Lowery** for taking our Easter donations to Rainbow Services. Louise volunteers tirelessly for this organization that helps victims of domestic violence, and we truly thank her for her dedication. She can use some assistance in assembling our donations. If you want to help, please let Louise know.

Recently, **Marjorie McKarns, Fran Day,** and I attended a thank you breakfast celebration at the Pediatric Therapy Network (PTN) facility in Torrance. This organization supports children with autism. The PTN staff members acknowledged the weighted vests and rice pillows that Marjorie and her committee made and the community fundraising assistance by Fran and her committee. Thanks to everyone for helping the children and staff of PTN.

Thanks to everyone that completed the TWC Questionnaire. Because of so many wonderful positive comments, it's evident that all of us are extremely proud of our club because "Together We Care." Your suggestions and concerns are appreciated and addressed in this newsletter. Please continue to feel free to ask questions and make suggestions.

Our heartfelt sympathy to **Pam Barrett** and **Jeaninne Glomboske**, they are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

With love,
Kathleen

DATES TO REMEMBER

4/1	Meeting Set Up	9:30 am
4/2	General Meeting/Hat Contest	11:00 am
	Torrance High School Band	
4/8 - 4/10	Laughlin Trip	
4/12	Marina District Convention	
4/14	Helping Hands	10:00 am
4/16	Rehearsal - "Snow White"	10:00 am
4/16	Bunco - VFW	1:00 pm
4/21	District Meeting at Santa Monica	
4/25	Set Up for Fashion Show	
4/26	"TWC FASHION SHOW"	
4/26	Torrance Chorale Concert	
4/30	Rehearsal - "Snow White"	12:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/1 - 5/4	CFWC State Convention	
5/6	Dress Rehearsal "Snow White"	12:30 pm
5/7	General Meeting - "Snow White the Musical"	
5/16	District Installation at our club house.	
6/5-6/8	Palm Desert Trip	

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THE APRIL MEETING*

Kitchen Duty - April Meeting

If your last name starts with a "**F or G**" it's your turn to help set up on Tuesday, April 1st and help in the kitchen at the General Meeting on April 2nd. Your leader is **Patti Fuchs**. We thank you all for your help.

Next month it's those starting with **K, O and W** and your leader will be **Beth O'Gorman**.

Happy Birthday to You!!

Lillian Albanese, Toni Baldwin, Pam Barrett, Mildred Blazejack, Judy Ciampa, Eleanor Edwards, Beverly Greeno, Joan Haefeli, Sharon Hooper, Barbara Jarvis, Ann Marks, Darlene Payne, Lenore Ulrick



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

Friday, March 21st found seven TWC members at the District Meeting at Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. The Art and Photography Contest was held and ribbons were won by **Kathleen Davis, Sharon Hooper, Fran Glauber, and Lynn Robinson.**

There is a new scam to be on the lookout for. You may receive an email from A Name@irs.gov. Do not open or respond. Check out Consumer Connection at www.dca.gov/publications/newsletter/spring2008/newsletter.pdf or call 916-574-7562. Report to PSHING@IRS.GOV.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS to attend a free "Smarter Seniors Forum" to hear information of interest to all of us about telemarketing and common consumer frauds, identity theft, credit problems, advance health care directives, financial abuse, and much more. You will have an opportunity to speak with an "expert" on topics of special concern to you. I will have a flyer at the April meeting or you may call 213-974-7238 for information. **The Forum will be held at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center from 1-4 p.m. on April 7th.**

The next District Meeting will be Convention meeting on April 12th at Marina Marriott Courtyard in Marina Del Rey. The cost for the day is \$35 which covers registration, breakfast, lunch, entertainment and the chance to spend the day with members from other clubs in the District. There will be guest speakers, performances by Music Contestants and presentation of District Chairmen Awards. As a matter of interest, Marina District Totals for 2007 Club Year are: 399 club programs; 72,512.5 hours volunteered and \$305,802.04 earned/donated. These figures could not have been attained without your participation. Give yourself a huge pat on the back as this is a really good thing!

3rd Vice President - Beverly Greeno

SPRING: Spring has arrived! Do you have 'spring fever' and are you ready to participate in our busy, busy calendar of events applicable to TWC and community?

ARRIVAL: Along with spring arrival, five new members arrived! They were introduced during the March 5th general meeting. "Flower power" was in the air while membership cards, TWC pins and green ribbons were presented to **Carol Cooper, Debbie Cross, Shirli Kabana, Donna Webb, and Paula Wiley.** Welcome ladies! We invite each of you to 'spring into action' and participate in various activities. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 2nd. The time is 11:00 am and the lunch fee is \$10.00.

ACTION: Ladies, it's that time of year again! Spring arrived and TWC membership renewal time

has also arrived. Be an early bird! Stop by the table in the foyer on April 2nd with money in your hand. Dues may also be paid by check to TWC and mailed to Beverly Greeno, membership chairman. The dues remain the same, \$40.00 per year. New members: throughout the year your membership dues were prorated pending the month your application was completed and you joined the club. Now --- begin the new year with your payment for membership renewal. Various Federated reports are due based on current membership of club, thus, May 15th is a suggested final due date. **Note:** if you have personal e-mail information, please share it with us for publication in our revised, membership roster.

VOLUNTEER: Volunteers make our world go 'round! Our dedicated chairmen encourage more women to be involved in our club and community. Involvement brings new blood and energy; new ideas to our events; it's a terrific opportunity to work with new and old members and to gain friendships. We really do have fun and accomplish much with our projects -- knowing that others shall benefit from our worthy tasks.

It all happens because **"Together we care" and "Together we can do it!"**

Ways and Means - Judy Burrow

Lucky Paper Bag Auction

Thanks to **Lillian Albanese** for all her work setting up the Paper Bag Auction. It was a great success. Thanks to all the great prizes and the tickets purchased, we made \$438.00 to donate to several charities.



Bunco - April 16, 2008 - 1:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy an afternoon with other club members.

Bus trip to the Aquarius Hotel in Laughlin - April 8-10

The bus will be leaving from the Torrance Civic Center parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Park just **SOUTH** of the Police Department wall. You will receive your luggage tags and itinerary at the April 2 meeting. Please let **Judy Burrow** know the make, model, year, and license plate number of the car you will be leaving in the parking lot. Call Judy's cell phone on the 8th if you have a problem getting to the bus on time - 310-890-5043.



“Snow White the Musical”

Be sure to put the May 7th TWC meeting on your calendar and plan to see our Fractured Follies players presentation of “Snow White, the Musical” This is a Snow White production like you have never seen before and will never see again! So don't miss it.



The next rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at 10:00 a.m. The date is “Bunco Day” so bring your lunch and stay on for Bunco.

Prize Drawing at April Meeting

Please bring prizes for the Scholarship Drawing at the April 2 meeting. It is so tempting to “Regift,” but try to bring in some new items. The prizes can be wrapped, in gift bags, or not wrapped. Thanks to everyone who helps out with the fund raiser. Tickets are 3 for \$1.00 or 7 or \$2.00.

Fashion Show - Jeaninne Glomboske

The date for our Fashion Show is April 26th

Don't forget to get your money in for the TWC Fashion Show. **There are only 120 places** and we are getting close to selling out. It's a Mardi Gras theme with great fashions from CJ's and lots of prizes.



So many great prizes that you'll be disappointed if you miss out. And YES, we're having the balloons again. We are asking members for \$5.00 and \$10.00 gift cards to use in the balloons. Please bring them to the April meeting.



Rainbow Services - Louise Lowery

Thank you so much for your generous contributions on behalf of the battered women and families that seek help at the Rainbow Services in San Pedro.

TWC donated 25 cuddle blankets made by the ladies in the Helping Hands craft group. Also donated were 50 Easter bags filled with candy for the children.

Our donations included socks and underwear, craft items and twelve \$10.00 gift cards from Target. Total for our Easter project was \$904.41.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support and generosity to help us achieve this goal. Judy Hessick, from Rainbow Services, sends her thanks to all for our efforts.



TWC's Louise Lowery and Rainbow House's Judy Hessick with the Easter bags for the children.

Helping Hands - Bette Herbst

Helping Hands will meet Monday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse. We will continue working on cuddle blankets and huggie bears. Louise Lowery took our Easter Bags and some cuddle blankets to Rainbow Services. Thank you to all who worked on these projects.

TWC District Art Contest Winners

Lynn Robinson

Art - Novice Watercolor - scene - 1st place

Fran Glauber

Art - Scrapbook - 1st place

Sharon Hooper

Photography - Feature - 1st place

Kathleen Davis

Photography - Scenic - 2nd place

Sharon Hooper

Photography - Scenic - 3rd place

Kathleen Davis

Photography - Natural History - 1st place

Max Bird

Student Art Contest- Grades K-1 - TWC 1st place

Tara Lara

Student Music Competition Contest - TWC 1st place

You can see these great art pieces at our April meeting.

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Conservation - Joy Marcon

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

Here are some Climate Project Suggested Solutions presented by Ted Lieu, Assembly member, 53rd District of the California Legislature. Listed below are ten things you can do and how much carbon dioxide you'll save by doing them.

1. Change a Light. Replacing one regular light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb will save 150 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.
2. Drive Less. Walk, bike, carpool, or take mass transit more often. You'll save one pound of carbon dioxide for every mile you don't drive.
3. Recycle More. You can save 2400 pounds of carbon dioxide per year by recycling just half of your household waste.
4. Check your Tires. Keeping your tires inflated properly can improve gas mileage by more than 3%. Every gallon of gasoline saved keeps 20 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.
5. Use Less Hot Water. It takes a lot of energy to heat water. Use less hot water by installing a low flow showerhead (350 pounds of CO2 saved per year) and washing your clothes in cold or warm water (500 pounds saved per year).
6. Avoid Products With a Lot of Packaging. You can save 1200 pounds of carbon dioxide if you cut down your garbage by 10%.
7. Adjust Your Thermostat. We went over this one before but it's worth repeating. Moving your thermostat down just 2 degrees in winter and up 2 degrees in summer (if you use air conditioning) you could save about 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year with this simple adjustment.
8. A single tree will absorb one ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime. Hooray for our Pennies for Pines contributions every month! Keep up the good work ladies!
9. Simply turning off your television, DVD player, stereo, and computer when you're not using them will save you thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide a year.
10. Please spread the word.

If you'd like additional information on conservation from Ted Lieu, please contact him at the District Office, 500 Center Street, El Segundo, CA 90245 The phone number is: 310 615 3515. Ted's email address is: assemblymember.lieu@assembly.ca.gov.

Thank You from Jeaninne

Jeaninne and her family say "*Thank You*" to all the ladies who have called, sent cards, and helped out at her son Chuck's memorial and dinner. Chuck was only 57 years old and Jeaninne is thankful for the support she has received from the members of TWC.

Palm Desert Trip - Lee Large

The date for our Palm Desert Trip is Thursday, June 5th to Sunday, June 8th. Some of the ladies are coming in on Friday, June 6th. We will be staying at the Residence Inn and the cost is \$140.00 for three nights and \$100.00 for two nights. Each condo holds four people and there are lots of rooms left. We do have a condo with only three ladies, so don't hesitate to sign up. This is a fun weekend of shopping, eating, and relaxing. **Did I mention shopping?** I know for sure that Madonna knows where all the good shops are. For more information contact Lee Large.



Clothes the Deal - Fran Glauber

This event was a huge success and we THANK **Fran** for all her work. We gathered 1410 pieces of clothing (which included pairs of shoes and suits) with a value of \$7,100.00. **TO ALL THAT HELPED AND DONATED, A VERY BIG THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU from FRAN!!!**

Jeopardy Bus Trip in March



What a fun day we had going by bus to the taping of three Jeopardy Shows. We even got to pass by the line of people waiting to go in. The host, Alex, was so friendly and he talked to

the audience during each commercial break. Some of our ladies became known as the "Laker Girls" and some ladies won prizes.



March TWC Meeting & Luncheon

Janet Payne brought some very special guests to our March meeting.



L-R Sue Golden (wife of Kurt Weidman City Council candidate), Helen Nowatka (wife of Paul Nowatka, City Councilman), Jonna Smoot (daughter of Helen and Paul Smoot) and Janet Payne



L-R Ann Smisek (VP Programs Torrance Historical Society), Debbie Hays (President of Torrance Historical Society), and Pat Simpson (Debbie's mom). Missing from the photo but guest at the table in attendance was Cindy Scotto (wife of Mayor Frank Scotto) and Susan Rhilinger (City Council Candidate).



Caroline with the finished art work from our last meeting.

Thank You from Pam Barrett

I wanted to say "thank you" to all the caring and thoughtful women of the Torrance Woman's Club who took the time to send a nice sympathy card in regards to my Father.

Thanks, they were appreciated!

Pam

A Note from Natalie Di Mercurio

If you can spare some time to help clip coupons let Natalie know. Remember we still collect toiletries from hotels, pull tabs, box tops for education, soup labels, cell phones, ink cartridges, yoplait pink tops and greeting card fronts. We also collect eye glasses and hearing aids. This is an ongoing project and there is always a box for these items at our monthly meetings.

Blue Star Mothers - Pam Sheerin

The Blue Star Mothers box is at our monthly meetings. Here's the list of items they are collecting. We will be notified of the date for the next Blue Star Mothers packaging. Thanks to all who donated and helped box items.

FOOD ITEMS: Food/Snack items individual sizes are the best. Trader Joe's Peanut Butter Filled Pretzels, Good Ground Coffees, Creamer, Sweetener and Sugar packets, Flavor Herbal or Regular Tea Bags, Pre-sweetened powdered drink mixes, Hot chocolate packets, Hot cider packets, Tuna or Chicken Creations/Lunch Kits with condiments, Small plastic bowls to heat microwavable items, Pop tarts, Breakfast bars, Instant Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat packets. Granola Bars or Cereal Bars, Breath Mints, Fruit Snacks, Chocolate only between November & April, Girl Scout Cookies, Cup a Soup or Easy Mac (individual servings), Nuts - small cans or packets. No Home-Baked Goods, Perishable Foods, or Pork Products.

GROOMING SUGGESTIONS: Good razors & shaving cream (for the guys - non aerosol), Body wash or shampoo (small sizes), DVDs (TV series, comedy movies, NO VHS tapes please. Good quality boot socks for women & men, Boxer type underwear - all sizes, Disposable Cameras, Batteries all sizes in original packaging especially Lithium 123 size for flashlights, Lady's underwear - small to medium sizes, 32"-34" support bras.

Something About Salt - Joan Gillum

Mortin Iodized Salt

1/4 Teaspoon = 590mg, daily value 25%

Sea salt 1/4 teaspoon = 580mg, daily value 24%

Mortin Kosher Coarse salt

1/4 teaspoon = 480mg, daily value 20%

Pency's Spices Kosher Flake Salt

1/4 teaspoon = 280 mg, Daily Value 12%