

# 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,

As our year comes to a close, we can all be very proud of our many accomplishments. Because of some of our great projects such as the Hoe Down, Rummage Sale, Festival of the Trees, Helping Hands Bazaar, Clothes the Deal, and the Fashion Show, we were able to meet our philanthropy goals.

Furthermore, your support at our general meetings with donations to the military, prizes for our drawing table, clipped coupons, used eye glasses and batteries also helped us achieve success.

As your president, I am very proud of each of you for your support and dedication to our club's purpose, and I look forward to the challenges ahead next year. Thank you for the opportunity you have given me.

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Board members, who will do a wonderful service to TWC. Please feel free to contact me or any of the Board members with your suggestions and/or concerns because "Together We Care."

All members are welcome to attend any TWC meeting. Over the summer the Board, Helping Hands, and Bunco will meet. The schedule is available at [www.torrancewomensclub.org](http://www.torrancewomensclub.org).

Enjoy your summer.

With love,  
Kathleen

**We all THANK Kathleen for a great year!!**

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Three ladies have quietly gone about their business this year doing their job. They have decorated our tables with such talent and we really appreciate them. **They are Jeanne McRae, Joan Gillum and Betty Abbey. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

6/3	Meeting Set-Up	9:30 am
6/4	General Meeting	
	Installation	11:00 am
6/5-6/8	Palm Desert trip	
6/8	"Down Town" Torrance	
6/9	Helping Hands	10:00 am
6/11	Huntington Library	
	Trip	9:30 am
6/18	Bunco	1:00 pm

## Remember

**No General Meetings in July and August**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

8/18	Bragger's Tea	
	Redondo Bch	11:00 am
9/3	General Meeting	11:00 am
10/7 - 10/9	Nevada Trip	
10/25	50's Night	

## Happy Birthday to you

Debby Cross, Madonna Davenport, Fran Day, Frankie Manker, Marguerite McConnell and Juanita McLaren.



## Kitchen Duty - June Meeting

### It's "P" not "T"

The TWC book says "T" but they already had a turn. It's suppose to be "P" so if your last name starts with a **L, P, or Q** it's your turn to be at the Club House on Tuesday, June 3 at 9:30 am, to help set up. You will also be serving at the General Meeting lunch on June 4 and taking the linens home to wash. Your leader is Lee Large. We appreciate all of the members who help out at the meetings.

## 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-Jeanine 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

Thirteen TWC members attended the May District Meeting hosted by TWC on May 16<sup>th</sup>. After breakfast the meeting was opened to the melodious tones of the Chimes Award that was won by Marina District at the recent State Convention in Irvine. There is an explanation of this Chime Award below. We were honored by the presence of our newly elected GFWC/CFWC President, Vicki Holden, who served as installing officer for the 2008/2010 Marina District Officers.

The theme of the installation was an audition for starring roles in a production which began with each of the members of the upcoming cast stating her qualifications and why she was best suited for the "role".



## Our own Sharon Hooper, out going Marina District President and the new Marina District President, Pam Ament.

Pam Ament is our new President for Marina District 18. Her focus TEAM of Talent, Enthusiasm, Amusement and Members will work together on setting the stage for Friendship and Federation.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Summer Kick Off which will be the Annual Bragger's Tea on August 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Woman's Club of Redondo Beach. Plan to attend and cheer on your TWC members as we "brag" about our accomplishments over the past year!! Sign up at the June meeting.

## General Federation of Women's Clubs California Federation of Women's Clubs Perpetual Chimes Award

At the recent 105th Annual Convention held in Irvine, California, GFWC California Federation of Women's Clubs president Tammy Guensler awarded Marina District 18 the prestigious Chimes Award for Area C. Sharon Hooper, Marina District President accepted this award on behalf of eleven South Bay woman's clubs for their 2007-2008 membership totals. Marina District gained 120 new members bringing their current district membership to 750 members. CFWC is a federated non-profit organization that has over 300 clubs, which are assigned to Area A, B, C, or D. Each club promotes civic betterment for education, health, beautification, home life,

Arts, resource conservation, literacy, citizenship, and reaching out internationally. For further information, please visit [www.CFWC.org](http://www.CFWC.org).

The GFWC/CFWC Past President's Chimes perpetual award is presented annually to one district in each Area for the highest membership percentage net gain.

## Certificates of Recognition

Certificates of recognition re: dedicated service as a member of Torrance Woman's Club were presented during the May General Meeting. Bevelry Greeno, membership Chairman made the presentations. Recipients receiving flowers and TWC Green Ribbons were: Judy Ciampa - 25 years, Patti Fuchs - 20 years, Betty Watson - 15 years, and Iolene Wittenbrook - 15 years.

Congratulations ladies! Your dedication and continued membership support is appreciated.

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## A BIG THANK YOU goes to Barbara

**Crochetiére.** She has done all the labels for mailing the newsletter for me and I really appreciate her. I love doing the newsletter but have never done labels. Ken always did them so I never had to learn and Barbara has helped me out each month. I find them in my mailbox usually a day or so before I even start working on the newsletter.

Barbara Freeman

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## Education - Jerri Plum

Jerri reports we will be giving a \$1,000.00 scholarship to each of the five high schools and four nursing scholarships at El Camino for \$750.00. We should all be very proud that we are able to help a student continue with their studies.

## Club Members Health

We send a cheerful note to all of the ladies who are not feeling well. We want you to know we are thinking of you and hope to see you all back at the club house enjoying yourselves soon.

## Way and Means - Judy Burrow

### Scholarship Drawing June meeting

Bring gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) to the meeting for the raffle. If you haven't brought a gift yet this year, now is your chance! All the ticket sales go toward our Scholarship Fund.

### Bunco June 18, 2008 - 1:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse

This is a great way to meet everyone and Bunco is easy to play. There will be dessert and coffee served!!

### Huntington Library Trip- Wednesday, June 11

The cost of this outing is \$20.00 per person, which includes the admission price, tip for the driver, and a small donation to TWC. Lunch will be on your own at the Garden Cafe.

We will depart from the Torrance Civic Center parking lot at 9:30 a.m. for arrival at the Library at 10:30 a.m. We will be leaving the Library at 3:00 p.m. Call Judy Burrow to sign up. Payment is due at the June meeting.

The cost for English Tea in the Rose Garden is \$24.95 plus tax and tip per person. If you want to partake of the tea, you will need to make the reservation on your own. Call: 626-405-2100 after May 5.



### Nevada Trip -

#### Primm Valley Hotel Stateline October 7-9

Please note the date change. Check your calendar and sign up at the June meeting or call Judy Burrow. We are booked at the Primm Valley Hotel, located between Buffalo Bills, and Whiskey Petes.

The cost is \$90 double and \$110 single. Two free meals are included. We will be offering a day trip to Vegas. Because we don't have meetings in July and August, we have started planning this trip now. Payment is due September 1.



## Fractured Follies Players



Many thanks to all of you for making our production of "Snow White, the Musical" such a success. We could tell by all the laughter that it was a big hit. We all had a fun time during the rehearsals, and an even better time on Wednesday. You are a wonderful group of ladies. And---thanks for the award and the beautiful flowers. Judy



In case you missed the play this is how funny we all looked!

## Fall Fundraiser - Barbara Freeman

You can put away your cowboy boots and hats and get out your poodle skirts for our Fall Fundraiser. We're going to have a **50's Night** with food, door prizes, and oh yes, lots of Elvis songs. You can even get up and dance to your favorite oldie but goodie songs. The date will be **October 25th** right here at our clubhouse. So circle that date on your calendar and be prepared to have some fun.



## Conservation - Joy Marcon

This is an important message for all of us who live alone concerning the conservation of our own health and safety. The Torrance Fire Dept. is sponsoring a promotion called **Vial of Life**. First of all they supply a vial about the size of a small jelly jar with a lid. This clear plastic vial will contain a document listing all of your medications and their appropriate dosages, recent or previous major surgeries, all medical conditions, the name of your doctor and hospital as well as vital stats and other medical information. This document will also disclose your emergency contact.

Once this form is completed by you, it is rolled up and placed into the vial. A small label entitled **Vial of Life** is attached to the outside of the fridge. The vial is then displayed in a prominent place inside your fridge and attached to a shelf with a rubber band. If necessary, Fire Fighters, Paramedics, and Emergency Medical Technicians will see the sticker that directs them to look inside the fridge. They will then be able to give you the best of care by reviewing all of your personal medical information. Call the Torrance Fire Dept. at (310) 781-7000 to obtain the vial, the sticker, and the form.

**One of the best ways to save the planet is to eliminate waste before it is created.** The suggestions listed below will allow us to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor.

- \*Buy reusable rather than disposable products.
- \*Bring your own bags for purchases from department stores and markets.
- \*Buy in bulk whenever possible.
- \*Avoid individually-wrapped or single serving products.
- \*Choose products with refillable or reusable containers.
- \*Buy fresh produce without packaging.
- \*Donate items to charities that are no longer of use.
- \*Compost yard waste and kitchen scraps.
- \*Send e-mail instead of paper memos.
- \*Use the back of discarded paper for scratch paper.

**These are simple steps however,  
if we all begin to practice them,  
our combined efforts will make a difference.**

## USO - Barbara Freeman

The troops and retired military are certainly enjoying the snacks sent to the LAX - USO Center. It seems this last month we have seen more troops coming through from 29 Palms and Camp Pendleton. They are all very appreciative of all that is done for them.

Also, a big HUG to Caroline Martin for the four boxes of children's books for the Iraq USO Center. There will be some mighty happy children receiving those books and a dvd of their mom or dad reading it. Also, some are sent by brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and friends. It means a lot to the children. Thank you to everyone that brought me books to send.

With the weather turning warm I asked if they still want the candy. Shari said they love the M & M's. She puts them in the freezer when she gets my box full and the troops help themselves when they come in. If anyone would like to donate M & M's I'll be glad to mail it with my box.

Again I can't thank the ladies of the club enough for all you do for the troops with the Blue Star Mothers, Catherine's Friends, USO, or a group of your own. It warms our hearts to know they appreciate it and for some it's all they get.

## Thought you might like to see a portion of an email I received from the USO in Balad, Iraq.

Referred to as "Mortaritaville" because of the area's history of frequent mortar and rocket attacks by insurgents, the center will provide a range of conveniences designed to connect troops with the comforts of home. Among the many amenities offered by USO Balad are free Internet and e-mail access, pre-paid phone cards, access to video games and movies, resting areas with recliners, and refreshments.



## **Congratulations!**

CAROL QUINN, TWC member for 44 years has retired.

Carol was guest of honor at a coffee and cake reception on Thursday, May 23rd and a luncheon on Friday, May 24th. Both events were sponsored by the City of Torrance, YMCA.

We look forward to Carol being active at our club meetings again. Welcome back Carol.

## **Third Vice President - Beverly Greeno**

June is a month for celebrations! Graduation - wedding - anniversary - Dad's day - Flag Day - installation and the BEGINNING of a NEW TWC YEAR: 87th YEAR.

Hallmark says "celebrate the occasion"! As we begin a new year, let's celebrate and strive to promote President Kathleen's repeat theme of "TOGETHER WE CARE". With summer recess we'll be relaxed and ready to connect with one and all when club meetings convene on Wednesday, September 3rd.

"Connecting with others is really what counts" - so share the news of our good deeds, the tasty luncheons, the fun activities, and the friendship experienced through membership at TWC. We'd like to have your friends complete an application for membership and come for an introduction at a meeting. Members are most important for our club growth, our active participation and our monetary support. "Together we can grow".

Thanks to current members, Pam Barrett, Fran Glauber, and Kathleen Davis for recommending four ladies and encouraging them to become members. Result: We welcome MARILYN BARKER, JOHANNA KNIGHT, SHARON SAFFER, and ANN SMISEK to our membership roll. "Together We Care"

See you in September!

**Beverly has done a terrific job adding 15 new members this year. TWC placed 1st (large club) in the District Membership contest.**

**Way to go Beverly.**

**We have Four New Members joining TWC in June. They are**

- 1. Marilyn Barker**
- 2. Hanna Knight**
- 3. Sharon Saffer**
- 4. Ann Smisek**

**You'll find their addresses, phone numbers and emails in the new TWC Booklet when it is distributed in September.**

## **Ladies who walked the 5k for TWC May 17th**



A big thank you to the 9 ladies that did our 5K walk this year. Kathleen Davis, Fran Day, Natalie DiMercurio, Patti Fuchs, Margaret Hall, Deanna Hanson, Joan Gillum, and Mary Alice Platz. And another thank you to all that donated to our 5K Walk, the money will be set aside for Scholarships next year. So far we raised \$360.00, with more coming in. With earlier notice next year, I hope we will have more members participating.

Thank You,  
Judy Ciampa

