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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,

Congratulations to **Barbara Freeman** for chairing last month's wonderful fundraiser for the Bob Hope USO at LAX. The event was a success, and we thank Barbara and her committee for all their hard work. Furthermore, TWC will participate in the Torrance Memorial Hospital **Festival of the Trees** fundraiser. Be sure to check

out our beautiful tree that will feature USO decorations thanks to Barbara and her committee.

At our December 3 meeting the **Helping Hands Committee** chaired by **Bette Herbst** will have lots of lovely items to help us get ready for the fast approaching holidays, and we look forward to the **Torrance Civic Chorale** program.

Remember to bring canned food and non-perishable items to our December meeting, so **Anita Dinicola** can take your donations to needy families. Your caring spirit of generosity throughout the year certainly is appreciated because "Together We Care."

Our prayers go out to the many people who lost their homes in the recent California fires.

If you are traveling over the holidays be safe, and may each of you enjoy the blessings of good health as you share in Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanza festivities with your family and friends.

With love,
Kathleen



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 12/2 | Meeting Set Up | 9:30 am |
| 12/3 | General Meeting | 11:00 am |
| | Torrance Chorale | |
| 12/4 | Senior Day at the Festival of Trees | |
| 12/16-19 | Borders Gift Wrap | |

NO Helping Hands in December

NO Bunco in December

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 1/6 | Meeting Set Up | 9:30 am |
| 1/7 | General Meeting | |
| | Jewelry Exchange | 11:00 am |
| 1/14 | Helping Hands | 10:00 am |
| 2/21 | Rummage Sale | |
| 2/25 | Clothes the Deal | |
| 4/7-9 | Laughlin Trip | |
| 4/25 | Fashion Show | |

Happy Birthday to our December

Ladies - Angelina Babick, Carol Cooper, Anita Dinicola, Lila Dishner, Joan Earhart, Virginia Giacomelli, Sara Jackson, Billie McCord, Margery Mooney, Corrinne Orr, Patricia Piker, Virginia Prosisie

KITCHEN DUTY

It's the B's turn with Sandy Burchell as your leader.

So, if your last name starts with B it's your turn to be at the Club House on Tuesday, December 2nd at 9:30 am, to help set up. You will also be serving at the General Meeting lunch on December 3rd and taking the linens home to be washed. **THANK YOU for your help in making the luncheons an enjoyable time.**

First Vice President - Deanna Hanson

On October 25, 2008, 214 Area C Clubwomen attended the Area C Conference held at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro. There were 7 TWC members in attendance.

Valerie Barnes, CFWC 2nd Vice President, spoke about "Membership How-Tos". How to promote; how to recruit; how to involve; how to communicate; how to retain and how to have fun.

1st Vice President, Kathie McGraw spoke on Projects/Ideas/Why We Report and The Art of Reporting. If any of you wonder why, at this time of year, we keep repeating....."please get your reports in", consider this - - The reporting process documents what clubs are doing and also provides State and GF information on what works and what (if anything) can be dropped. So, at the risk of repeating myself, ladies, please, please turn in your reports.

Following lunch, our keynote speaker, Vickie Holden reminded us that Strong Roots Encourages New Growth. Jennie June started this whole process and was followed by the likes of Jane Adams, Eleanor Roosevelt and Margaret Chase Smith, all of whom worked towards enhancing the quality of life through volunteer service. Vickie strongly urged all of us to never, ever say no when offered an opportunity - - there are always life lessons to be learned.

It was a beautiful day at an absolutely gorgeous location in Southern California where a group of intelligent women presented a program that was productive, informative and thought provoking. It definitely was time well spent and my hope is that next year there will be many more TWC members that are able to attend.

Second Vice President - Beverly Greeno "Ladies of a Common Thread"

Today I had to stop and clean
It made me mad it made me mean.
So many things I'd rather do
Wouldn't you?

But when my guests came to the door
They were met by glistening floor
Flowers in the vase a 'bloom
No speck of dirt in any room.

My guests were so impressed
Until they saw how I was dressed.
Before their compliments they leveled
They noticed I was quite disheveled
With my bucket, broom and mop
Bandana wrap my 'do

What could I say? "I've spent the day
Cleaning just for you."

My guests objected, "All this fuss
You have made just for us?"

Then I replied, "No, thanks for coming!
Although it makes me mean
I'm glad to have a reason
Once in a while to clean!"

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?
When the holidays roll around, one is reminded of the hustle and bustle that comes with the season. One minute you've got plenty of time to prepare for the festive days. The next minute, you're struggling to keep your head above water. Stay 'stress free'; take time out to acknowledge your accomplishments. 'Celebrating success is a wonderful antidote to stress.'

Eat, drink, and make memories. Make this a wonderful
DECEMBER TO REMEMBER.
Live, Love, and Laugh!
Merry holidays to all.....

REQUEST FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Just recently, two mishaps have occurred at TWC Clubhouse property. (Note: Both members are on the mend, are "out and about", and recuperating under doctor's recommendations).

Please be aware that club must maintain current information about their members --- especially emergency contacts (names and phone numbers) and special needs if necessary.

A current review of the TWC Emergency Card File has prompted me to contact a few members asking for their important information as a reference via the club file.

If you receive a request by mail, please complete the form and return immediately to
TWC Membership Chairman
Beverly Greeno
2542 Maricopa St., Torrance 90503

Suggestion

It has been suggested that we put a small card in our wallet behind our drivers license which would include a contact person with phone number, any health issues we have and medicine we are taking. There might be a situation when we might not be able to verbally give this information so it would be available quickly if needed. Also put your insurance cards together with this card or somewhere noticeable.

Ways and Means - Judy Burrow Scholarship Drawing

The December 3rd meeting will have a 50/50 drawing. You have a chance to win if you buy a ticket. The money will go into the Scholarship Fund.

No Bunco in December

Borders Gift Wrap – December 16, 17, 18, & 19

Borders book store will provide the paper, tape, scissors, etc. and we provide the “elbow grease,” for tips from customers. There are 4 hour shifts each day: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 to 5 p.m., and 5 to 9 p.m. Sign up for one of the shifts at the meeting or call Betty Abbey to volunteer.

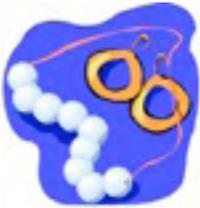


Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza Event - November 11

Thanks to Sandy Burchell for a fun evening at Sammy’s. The food was delicious and we enjoyed meeting other TWC members at the restaurant.

Jewelry Exchange Fund Raiser - January 7 meeting

Jewelry and accessories will be displayed for sale at the January meeting. Thanks to Bette Herbst and Barbara Jarvis for offering to chair this event. Bette and Barbara are adding accessories such as scarves, belts, and handbags to the list of items for sale. Bring your items to the December meeting or to the Clubhouse on Tuesday, January 6, the day before the January 7th meeting. We will not be able to accept jewelry on the day of the meeting.



Torrance Civic Chorale Concert – December 12 & 13

Sign up today to help serve coffee, punch, and cookies after the concerts on Friday and Saturday. You will receive a free ticket to the concert on the evening that you help.

We still need one more volunteer for Friday the 12th and four more volunteers for Saturday the 13th. Please be at the Armstrong Theater by 7:00 p.m. on your night to be hostess. Call Judy Burrow if you wish to help at this event, or sign up at the December meeting.

Check your calendar and save these dates:

Rummage Sale - February 21, 2009

Start saving for this event – clean out all your closets!!!!

Aquarius Hotel, Laughlin – April 7-9, 2009

The hotel rooms are all newly furnished and very comfortable. Sign up for the trip at the December meeting.

Fashion Show – April 25, 2009

Joan Gillum is planning a spectacular afternoon for us. Plan to attend.

Third Vice President - Fran Day

Fran has been keeping everyone busy promoting TWC and what it stands for.



Barbara Jarvis working at the Expo on October 30th

Reservations - Mary Alice Platz

If you can not make the general meeting and luncheon, please call Mary Alice and let her know. It helps with planning seating and food. Also, if you are bringing a guest, call and let her know.

Natalie DiMercurio

Ladies, thanks to all of you who cut and count coupons, those of you who save pull tabs, cut out Box Tops for Education and soup labels. Also, don't forget the yoplait lids, cell phones, ink cartridges, eye glasses and all the toiletries from our hotel and motel stays. Each and every item is donated to a worthy cause. Thanks so much.

Helping Hands - Bette Herbst

Thank you to all of the members that made the Helping Hands Holiday Craft Sales successful. There was a large variety of items for sale and lots of members participating. There will be one last bazaar at the December 3rd meeting.

In January we will meet on Wednesday, January 14th, to discuss plans for 2009, work on Huggie Bears and discuss the cutting and sewing of our Comfort Quilts (formerly cuddle blankets). The meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of each month as this will provide for more member participation.

Again, thank you to our members who took part in the November Bazaar and also the Senior Craft Fair, and to those who work so hard making items to sell, and lastly to those persons who bought our goods!!!!

Helping Hands items at the Holiday Craft Sale



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Art Contests

It's time to think about the District and State Art contests for members and students. Be sure to get your short story, poetry, and student entries to Sharon Broadbent. Please see Kathleen Davis for photography, Lynn Robinson for member and student Art, and Sandy Burchell for member crafts. February 20 the District Craft Contest will be held at the Woman's Club of El Segundo and the Art and Photography Contests are scheduled for March 20 at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club.

Photography: Submit black and white or color photos in one of the following categories:

- Natural History: flowers, animals, insects, birds, trees, and similar natural scenes
- Scenic: vistas, landscapes, seascapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, mountains, farm land, and similar scenes
- Feature: human interest pictures including people, events, and other features
- GFWC Volunteers in Action
- Year in Pictures (Calendar Contest) – must be color horizontal prints
- Youth Photos do not require an entry fee

Member entries are \$1 each and apply to this calendar year. Photographs must be matted 10 x 12 inches but no larger than 14 x 18 inches. No frames or glass.

Marina District Art Contest - Sandra Burchell and Lynn Robinson

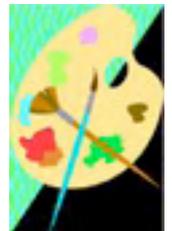
Time ticks, ticks and the contest will be here before you know it.

Categories are: Watercolor, Oil or Other Medium, China Painting, Music, Crafts, Poetry, Short Stories and Photography.

The **Craft Category** includes Quilting, Apparel Sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Counted Cross Stitch, Embroidery, General Crafts and Trash to Treasure.

The contest is for clubwomen and K through 12 students.

Entry fee is \$1.00 per item. Entry forms will be available at the February meeting. For further information contact Sandra Burchell for Crafts and Lynn Robinson for Art.



Anita Dinicola - Helping families at Torrance Elementary School

This is a plea to the grand ladies of TWC to continue bringing in some perishable food item for the Christmas baskets. Anita asked the school nurse to find us a few families for Christmas. Last year she was able to find and help seven families. She had donations coming from TWC, her family and friends. Some were kind enough to



give her money to buy clothing and a couple of toys and she knit some scarves and bought baby items (we had a homeless pregnant girl in the school area). This is a picture of the food minus all the turkeys, apples, celery, onions, potatoes, bananas, tangerines, and other fresh stuff going to Torrance Elementary School on Tuesday...we were able to feed more than 2 families.

At the December meeting Anita will collect any cash donations and food. Please help her out and bring what you can.

Message from LaDonn

I would like to thank my dear TWC friends for being so very helpful and thoughtful after my unfortunate fall outside the club house. I want to specifically thank Natalie, Fran Day, Kathleen, Pam, Betty Herbst and Ron for additional thoughtfulness and help.

Many thanks also for the cards, calls, and prayers.
Love
LaDonn

Rainbow Services - Louise Lowery

Louise continues to do a fantastic job donating to the Rainbow Services. This is a place for battered women and children to go when they are not in a safe environment. She is collecting items for the center, or cash which she will use to purchase items needed. Please contribute what you can to this worthwhile service. You can help put a rainbow in someone's life.

Program Book - Frances Demeules

The following ladies have not picked up their 2008-2009 Program Book: Jacqueline Booth, Marcia Bradford, Alice Nicholson, Anne Ortega, Patricia Piker, Maria Elena and Bobbie Rendon. The books are at the Clubhouse in Ron's office.

Scarves for the Veterans - Sharon Hooper

At our last meeting, Sharon Hooper made us aware of an on going project for Vets. Knitted scarves are needed to help keep them warm while they are recuperating from health issues. If you can knit it's an easy



project to knit up a few scarves while you're watching TV or sitting enjoying your garden. They will be appreciated by the Vets receiving

them.



November Meeting - What more could you want! Honor Past Presidents and Entertainment by Clem Pennington along with Crafts from Helping Hands

Past Presidents Tables



Listening and Dancing to Clem Pennington



Photo from Area C Meeting



Barbara Bounds, Sharon Hooper and Kathleen Davis. Great picture!



**TWC
Ladies sure
have fun!!**



**Happy Holidays to all the Ladies at TWC.
I hope those who are not feeling up to par will be
feeling better soon.
We all miss you when you aren't able to come to
the meetings and lunches.
So, feel better and we'll be looking forward to
seeing your smiling faces at future meetings.**

**Don't forget to check out the USO
Patriotic Tree TWC Sponsored at the
Torrance Memorial Holiday Festival
during the week of December 3rd.
Thursday, December 4th is Senior Day
and all seniors get in
free.**

