Torrance Woman's Club
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October 2009

Presidents Message...

Dear Friends,
Our September meeting was a magnificent way to reconvene following our summer break! The 80 members attending (and I hope you were there) were able to meet, to listen and to learn from Mary Lou Weiss, Manager of Torrance Farmer's Market whose presentation was wonderful. It was informative, well done and served to remind us all of the importance of nutrition and what a valuable asset the Torrance Farmers Market is to our community.

We were able to promote our club at the Torrance Block Party on August 30th and our thanks to Barbara Freeman for putting together a great club overview through the use of photographs, descriptions and "props" illustrating some of the things we do and projects we work on. Great job, Barbara and thanks to the ladies who manned the booth and enthusiastically answered questions. Our members are our lifeblood and this is just one of the ways we attract new members.

Planned activities in October begin with our general meeting on October 7th. This fall potluck is a favorite of everyone and our featured guest speaker is Torrance City Clerk, Sue Herbers. At this meeting, and at the November meeting, we all can enjoy the satisfaction of helping others by generously contributing non perishable food items for Anita Dinicola's special project of Food Baskets/Holiday Dinners for as many needy families as we can accommodate with our donations. This year the need for help seems to be greater than ever but I'm sure that collectively we can make a difference in the lives of several local families that may be going through tough times.

Our excursion to Las Vegas is October 13th through 15th. On October 16th the Marina District Council Meeting means breakfast at the Playa Del Rey Clubhouse at 8039 West Manchester in Playa del Rey with your Marina District 18 friends. And, before you catch your breath, the next day, October 17th, we hope to see many of you at the Area C Conference at the Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley starting at 9:00 a.m. We're not finished yet....one week later, October 24th is our Harvest Hoedown Fundraiser at our Clubhouse which means dinner, (build your own potato with toppings; build your own salad and build your own ice cream sundae) entertainment and fellowship. The proceeds go to the Bob Hope USO at LAX. We expect a great time to be had by all so it should be an evening where both time and money are well spent!! **(continued page two)**

Executive Officers: President-Deanna Hanson; First VP-Barbara Freeman; Second VP-Beverly Greene, Co-Chairman-Darlene Payne; Third VP-House Chairman-Fran Day, Co-Chairman-Pam Sheerin; Recording Secretary-Edith Tucker, Corresponding Secretary-Betty Abbey; Treasurer-Jeaninne Glombeske; Auditor-MaryLinn Coleman; Ways & Means-Barbara Bounds, Co-Chairman-Caroline Marlin; Programs-Sandra Burchell, Co-Chairman-Fran Glauber; Press-Louise Lowery, Co-Chairman-Kathleen Davis; Yearbook-Frances Demeules, Co-Chairman-Mary Alice Flatz; Newsletter-Joan Earhart, Co-Chairman-Helen Anear; Reservations-Mary Alice Flatz, Co-Chairman Faye Gerry; Parliamentarian-Kathleen Davis; Historian-Anita Dinicola; Director-Madonna Davenport, Sharon Hooper, Nona Kozak.

Presidents Message...continued

Now for news from the District - On September 18th seven TWC members attended the District Council Meeting at the Neptunian Woman's Club of Manhattan Beach. Several Marina District officers had attended the State Boards in Eureka and brought back information to share with us. With all of the California wildfires, our forests are now in need of our help more than ever and Pennies for Pines, which is a program near and dear to the hearts of California Federated Woman's Clubs, needs our increased support. Another program that the Marina District Board has voted to support is Advocates for Children - It Takes a Village to Raise a Foster Care Child. This is a community outreach program reaching eight regions from El Segundo to Long Beach. Look for more information to be available at our Club meeting.

We hope you will consider attending the Area C Conference on October 17th at the Grand Vista Hotel, 999 Enchanted Way in Simi Valley. The cost for the day is $30 which covers registration, a continental breakfast, lunch and an opportunity to meet our GFWC/CFWC President, Vicki Holden and Valerie Barnes, GFWC/CFWC Second Vice President AND support our own Area C Vice President, Sharon Hooper. Guest speakers include TWC's Mary Linn Coleman our State Chairman for Arts in the Community. If you wish to be included in the activities of the day, please call either Barbara Freeman or me and we'll see that you get registered. We need to know as quickly as possible so the headcount can be finalized. Arrangements are made for a bus which will leave from the El Segundo Clubhouse - so you won't even have to hassle with freeway traffic. This sounds like a pretty good day to me and it will be even better if we see many of you there.

Sign-up sheets will be available at our October 7th meeting for the District Council Meeting on October 16th and the Area C Conference on October 17th.

There are many things going on and many programs that need our attention and our participation which provide each of us an opportunity to contribute and serve our community. And, after all, that is why we joined, why we act and why we feel the smug satisfaction of tasks well done. Never forget, We Are Women! - born to multi-task and accomplish.
See you at the October meeting.

Love, Deanna

DATES TO REMEMBER:

10/06	Set-Up for Meeting	09:30 am
10/07	General Meeting	11:00 am
10/14	Helping Hands	10:00 am
10/16	Marina District Meeting	09:00 am
10/17	Area C Conference	
10/21	Bunco	01:00 pm
10/24	Torrance Harvest Hoe Down	06:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/04	General Meeting	11:00 am
11/11	Helping Hands	10:00 am
11/18	Bunco	01:00 pm
11/20	Marina District Meeting	09:00 am
Hermosa Beach		
11/26	Thanksgiving Day	

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jan Avent
Barbara Bounds
Sandra Burchell
Eileen Edwards
Barbara Freeman
Deanna Hanson
Terry Helny
Kathoeen Klocke
Bernadette Kociemba
Louise Lowery
Lynn Robinson
Rose Sarukian

Kitchen Duty:
Please come to assist with set-up: All C,K & L's
Please arrive at the club house at 9:30 am Tues 10/06. You will also be asked to assist at the General Meeting the next day and take linens home to wash. We appreciate all the members helping out with kitchen duty.

ALL Members: Pot Luck Lunch
A--F Hot Food
G--L Salad
M--Z Dessert

Thank you. Fran Day

First Vice President...

The next Marina District Meeting will be on October 16th hosted by the Woman's Club of Playa Del Rey at their Clubhouse. The address is 8039 W Manchester in Playa Del Rey.

The AREA C Conference is scheduled for October 17th in Simi Valley. There will be a bus from El Segundo if you would like to catch a ride to the Conference. This Conference includes a Continental Breakfast at 9:00am with the meeting starting at 9:30am. At noon there will be a break for lunch with the meeting resuming at 1:00pm.

The Speakers are our own Mary Linn Coleman – Arts in the Community Chairman, Pam Ament, Marina District President: LEADS , and Julia Rosenberg, Legislation and Public Policy.

There will also be awards for clubs with the highest number in attendance and the District with the highest attendance. The cost is $30.00. The Conference will be held at the Grand Vista Hotel, 999 Enchanted Way in Simi Valley. I hope some of you plan to go. It will be lots of fun to meet new people and renew old friendships.

Barbara Freeman

Second Vice President..

All of us who volunteer at Torrance Woman's Club have reason to be excited -- and proud to watch our membership grow. Please join me as we welcome Joyce Zima and Mae O'Reilly to our club and "Act in October" annual membership drive. You'll have an opportunity to meet and greet these ladies on Wednesday, October 7th, our next meeting

"Act in October" is the membership theme/incentive to "recruit, to retain, and to educate" our members. This is an annual, nationwide, membership event promoted by Marina District 18. The General Federation Woman's Club (GFWC) theme this year is: "5 New Members Would Be Divine, in October, 2009!"

We have two new members (Joyce and Mae) – let's go for five or more, O.K.? You bring the guests; I'll bring the membership applications! (Deal or No Deal)

This is our busiest time of the year at club level. Activities of interest are upon us. To mention a few: sewing cuddle (comfort blankets) and bears; knitting for wounded heroes at Long Beach Veteran's Hospital; donating fast food items to Bob Hope USO; cutting cents off coupons; assembling holiday crafts; promoting membership; volunteering at community events; vacations; and "time out for fun, three days in Los Vegas". Plus – don't forget to support the Hoe-Down with its Western "Bars" - another fun evening at our club house on Oct. 24th. Are we busy? YES, thanks to the leadership by our dedicated chairmen.

Philanthropy recipients rely on our membership because our club volunteers are so dependable, so willing, so humble, and always ready to volunteer their time and monetary donations to those in need.

"ACT IN OCTOBER" --- Let's Go, Go, Go and Grow, Grow, Grow!
Let's CELEBRATE our success in a big way! Beverly Greeno

Act in October

The USO Thanks You All

Thanks to Fran Glauber, the USO at LAX will be well supplied with items they need. She has received lots of support from the people in her complex plus friends in other organizations. She is such a hard worker for good causes. The USO will be so happy to receive the items she is collecting.

On another note, I want to thank all of you who bring items for the USO at LAX. They are very thankful for everything they get donated. It really helps the military troops coming through the airport to have a place filled with items they need.

ART, MUSIC, CRAFTS AND OTHER FUN STUFF!

CFWC Arts in the Community Chairman, Mary Linn Coleman

Here is some great news about what is happening in the CFWC Art Department. As the Arts in the Community Chairman, one of my jobs was to organize the exhibit of Art and Craft entries at our Annual Convention last April/May. Connie Biggers is the Creative Arts Chairman and she organized the Photography exhibit. We hope all who were able to attend the Convention took the time to view the exhibits and to vote for their choice for Best of Show!

Both Connie and I feel that the exhibit is in need of easels to display all the creative District entries. We have found wonderful Wood Foldable Adjustable easels. The plan is to purchase 100 easels and offer an Adopt-A-Easel Program to all members. Any Club, District, Individual, etc. can Adopt-A-Easel by sending a check in the amount of $20.00, payable to CFWC/Adopt-A-Easel to me. I will record the names, forward the information to Connie to have plaques made and send the funds to CFWC. The plaque will read "Proudly Adopted by _____ of _____District" and be attached to the front of the easel. Please send your order to: Mary Linn Coleman, CFWC Arts in the Community Chairman, 3612 Nipomo Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90808 (562) 425-8382 tersbob@msn.com. Then look for your easel at our exhibit next May during our Annual Convention!

Philanthropies.
Ladies, please remember to bring in your food coupons, pull tabs, soup labels, Labels for Education, toiletries from your hotel stays, cell phones, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and used ink cartridges.

The only change is we can no longer collect card fronts, so please do not bring any more to Club.
Thank you so much for your donations, Natalie

THANKSGIVING -- Needy Family Baskets
Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted this month for Thanksgiving for needy family baskets. There will be boxes/baskets in the back of the hall at the meeting. Please check the dates on the cans and boxes.

I will have a sign-up sheet for anyone wishing to donate a turkey. We could use about 4 turkeys. There will be a jar for money donations for perishables i.e.: bread, desserts, fresh milk, eggs. The Farmers Market generously offered fresh produce and that will cut the cost of these items greatly. Any $money$ or food left over, I'll save for the Christmas food baskets and for gifts to go with them. I will request more in November.

Thank you in advance for your generous offerings. The families always feel special and it's a good feeling to know we helped make happiness!! You are indeed a charitable group - we always get enough to feed many!! Anita Dinicola

Ways and Means…

BUNCO…
A reminder that the next Bunco will be held on Wednesday October 14th, 1:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. This is a fun way to get to meet new TWC friends and support a worthy cause. The benefit for October is Madrona Marsh. We ask for a $5.00 donation at each Bunco. Prizes are awarded; dessert, coffee and tea are served at the end of play. Bring a friend!

SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING - Dorothy Mahoney
The drawing at the October 6th meeting will benefit our Scholarship Fund. This month we will have a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are 3 for $1.00 or 7 for $2.00.

SAVE THE DATES!
The following Ways & Means Projects have been approved for 2009-2010…be sure and update your calendars!

***Tues., Wed. Thurs., Oct. 13-15 - Laughlin Trip**
*** Saturday, October 24th - Hoedown at TWC Clubhouse… dinner, prizes, games, entertainment**
*** Rummage Sale - Thursday, February 5th, 2010 - set up; Friday, February 6th - Sale**
***Bloodmobile at Rummage Sale - February 6th, 2010**
*** TWC Annual Fashion Show - Saturday April 10th, 2010**
*** Marcia's 5K Walk - Saturday, May 15th, 2010 - Start @ clubhouse**

I'll keep you posted as more events are approved.
Love, Barbara

Bus trip to Four Queens Hotel in Vegas - October 13-15 –
You will get your itinerary and luggage tags at the October 7 meeting.
The bus will be loading at 8:15 a.m. on the 13th with departure at 8:30 a.m.
Park your car in the Torrance Civic Center parking lot just south of the Police Department wall.

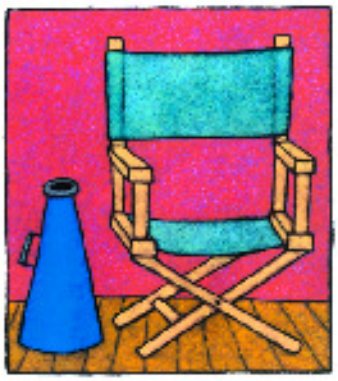
Make sure that Judy has your emergency information and the license number and make of car you will be leaving in the parking lot. This will be a fun trip. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, there is still room on the bus. Cost is $110 double - $130 single.

Contact Judy Burrow for more information.

Palm Springs Follies – February, 2010
The cost is $80, which includes the bus ride and tickets to the Follies, with lunch on your own. A date hasn't been chosen yet, just in February. We need at least 45 guests for the trip. A sign up sheet will be available at the October meeting. Judy Burrows

Casting Call !!! Casting Call !!! There will be a meeting to plan our Fractured Follies presentations on October 21, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. In March, for Women's History Month, we will continue the dialogs of four more President's wives. "Cinderella" will be our play and musical in May. So there are many opportunities for all you frustrated actresses and those of you who would like to join us for a fun time. Even if you have never been on a stage before, we will have a part to fit your talent.

Call Fran Glauber or Judy Burrow for more information.
Bring your lunch and stay on for Bunco.



STILL HAVING HIGH ENERGY BILLS?

As time goes along, families go through many lifestyle changes that can affect energy usage. They buy new products such as big-screen TVs or electric coffee makers and juicers that use energy. Their little kids grow up and start taking longer showers, leave their cell phone chargers plugged in all the time and find standing in front of an open refrigerator, while they survey the food inside, can be one of life's great thrills.

We all do this.....can we stop? How about turning lights off when not in a room? Do you remember your parents demanding this? I do. All of our appliances, lamps, etc. are using energy just being plugged in. There has been a study done to leave plugs in or out. Depending on how many appliances are plugged in and not used, you can save money on your electric bill. But, then there are those who don't want to plug/unplug every day. The fact is if you unplugged rarely used appliances you would save on your energy bills.

You have to decide if it is worth it to you..... Sharon Dorin

TWC's Harvest Hoe Down Saturday October 24th

Don't forget our Harvest Hoe Down. There will be a Salad Bar, Baked Potato Bar, and a Sundae Bar. It should be fun making your own dinner. We will again have Dave Donaldson singing his Country Western songs and maybe we'll get an Elvis song out of him.

We will be having an auction this year. You will need to bring some quarters to participate. It should be fun with the prizes being dinner/lunch gift cards to local Restaurants.

The time is 6:00pm so put on your cowboy hat and boots and come on down.
If you want more information call me after October 4th. I'll be out of town until then.
Also there will be a work sheet at the next meeting. We will need help setting up the day before, helping with the food and auction during the event, and someone to wear the $100.00 cowboy hat.

Barbara Freeman

Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is underway as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

**** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.**

**** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.**

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Volunteers at Golf Tournament

Torrance RSVP Street Fair - Aug

Attendance at August Board Meeting

ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY
By Sheila Kutkus, District Arts in the Community Chairman

Creative Art - Short Story and Poetry are due at the District meeting in Jan. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, one side only, 1" minimum margins on all four sides, of 81/2 x 11 inch paper. In the top right-hand corner of each page have: Author's name, address, telephone # with area code, name of local club, district and state, also the title of manuscript or poem. Make 7 copies and keep one for yourself. The Prose Categories are: Short Story, Essay, Memoir, Inspirational, Skit or Play, Story for Children. The Poetry Categories are: Haiku, Whimsical, Limerick, Inspirational, Poetry for Children. Youth may enter only one Short Story and one Poem, Categories are; Grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Clubs please give or send ALL entries to your District Creative Arts Chairman, Sonja

What is your favorite craft? Our Clubwoman Crafts Contest will be held in Feb, at the District Meeting. The categories are Quilting (Hand and Machine), Apparel Sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Counted Cross Stitch, Other Needlework (Embroidery, Needlepoint), General Crafts and the ever popular Trash to Treasure. Please arrive early with your Crafts to be judged and do not take it away until 12 noon so everyone has a chance to see the winners. If you cannot attend attach a Clubwoman Craft Entry Form, $1 per entry up to $3 and give to Chairman.

At the Feb. District meeting Chairman Sheila would also like to collect the CD's of your student's music performance for our "Young Musicians' Competition". Cash awards will be made in each of the following categories: Vocal, Pianist and Instrumentalist. Applicant must be under 22 years of age. Please bring two selections; one classical and one of the applicants choice. If you cannot attend attach entry form and give to Chairman or mail them to Chairman Sheila, 2304 Curtis Ave. Redondo Beach, CA 90278, post-marked by Feb. 23.

Our Club Art and Photography Contests will be held at the March District Meeting:

Members can enter one in each Art Category: Watercolor, Oil or Other Medium; Portrait, Scenic, or Still Life; Novice or Advanced. We also have China Painting Novice or Advanced. Bring signed entry form and $1 per entry up to $3.
Cash awards will be made to 1st place winners in the following Student brackets; Graduating Senior (Scholarship) Grades 9-12; Grades 7-8; Grades 4-6; Grades 2-3; Grades K-1 and our Special Ed Students: Grades K-8 and Grades 9-12. No entry larger than 24" X 30" and No entry with glass will be accepted. Clubs need to bring a list of the students entering, their grade category with the club's name and be sure to have the Student Art Contest Entry Form Attached to each entry.
The Photography Contest Categories for members are: Great States Update (representative of California), World in Pictures (natural history), Volunteers in action (Woman's Club action shots), and A Year in Pictures (suitable for calendars). You may submit the same photo to all categories, (black & white or color). Entries must be matted 10"x12" or 14"x16"; photo must be at least 5"x7". Put the category, your name address, phone number, photo title and Club name on the back of the photo. Cash awards will be made to 1st place winners in the following Student brackets; Grades 9-12 & 7-8.

Awards will be presented at the District Convention in April. Remember we can only award monetary prizes from collected funds for the Arts Department. If your club has not yet donated please ask them to do so right away. We would like to award as much as possible to these students to encourage Art in the Community. Make checks payable to Marina District Arts Fund, and mail to our Financial Secretary, Joan Harman, 531 Main St., El Segundo, CA 90245. . To also support Musician Competition put music in memo.

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Creative Arts - Sonja Oakes - (310)-321-0433, worldclasslady7@aol.com