



Torrance Woman's Club

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Marina District #18

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

At our November 3rd meeting, we had speakers from H.E.L.P. and A Place For Mom that both spoke on topics that were definitely of interest to all 91 of us in attendance. This program offered up another resource option for information about senior care and aging preparedness.

CitiCABLE 3 is producing a half hour program highlighting the origin and accomplishments of the Torrance Woman's Club. TV producer Perinne Bakhshay and her cameraman were hard at work conducting interviews and shooting footage during the meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to promote our Club and its place in our community with the focus on not only what our members contribute but also on the end results. Thanks to **Kathleen Davis**, our perfect liaison for the project as she so deftly arranged the interviews including representation from key organizations in the community who speak very highly of our Club. The show, *Common Cents*, is set to air beginning November 24th on Channel 3 or if you have Verizon FIOS it's Channel 31.

Two representatives from the Torrance-South Bay YMCA made a surprise visit to present the Good Neighbor Award for 2010 to **Anita Dinicola**. Anita was nominated by our club for this award and it was indeed fitting the announcement of her selection be made at our meeting. Anita was also an honoree at a dinner held at the Doubletree on November 18th. Congratulations, Anita, on a well deserved honor.

Another of our members, **Pam Barrett**, was named as a finalist in the Volunteer of the Year category for Women of Distinction Awards sponsored by The Daily Breeze. Congratulations, Pam, on this achievement.

The recognition of both of these women by their peers and members of the community speaks volumes about the volunteerism pervasive in The Torrance Woman's Club.

We are so saddened by the loss of **Ann Smisek** and offer our condolences and prayers for her husband and family members as they face this enormous loss.

November has been a busy month starting on the 1st when 13 of our members worked together with 2 other groups packing 500 Teddy Bear Backpacks at The Volunteer Center.

We followed that with a fundraiser at El Paso Cantina on November 10th who so generously offered us 25% of the proceeds from that day from those with a flyer showing TWC as the beneficiary. While we do not have the final results, I can personally attest to a wonderful "showing" of our members at lunch and also at dinner.

And, we are just basking in the warm afterglow that follows a very successful Gala Winter Wonderland dinner on November 20th. The evening was perfect from beginning to end with the clubhouse transformed into a beautiful and elegant Supper Club. **Ron and Anouka Spears** worked their magic on the food, service and ambiance. The guests included high ranking members of the Torrance Police Department including the Chief and Torrance City Councilman Tom Brewer. Our members and guests dressed to fit the room and the occasion which added up to a very elegant affair. And, we had entertainment as well, as we listened to the melodious tones and tunes of Jordan Preston. Congratulations to **Barbara Freeman, Anita Dinicola and Jeaninne Glomboske** for putting together and pulling off a spectacular event. The proof is in the pudding, however, and the support of everyone from club members, families, friends and community involvement will be evident when we present our contribution to the Torrance Police Department for Retro Fit Training Kits. This is just one more example of what the Torrance Woman's Club can do by working together! And we do it month after month demonstrating our **"Teamwork With Community."** Ladies, I will never tire of saying what a great Club this is and how proud I am to be a part of it.

My very best wishes to each of you for a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a Happy Kwanzaa and an incredible New Year.

*Love,
Deanna*

Happy Birthday to our December Ladies

Angelina Babick, Carol Cooper, Anita Dinicola, Lila Dischner, Joan Earhart, Carol Fillerup, Faye Garry, Virginia Giacomelli, Frances Grosso, Sara (Jackson) McGanty, Billie McCord, Margery Mooney, Patricia Piker, Vivian Prosis, Marcella Schott

Kitchen Duty - December Meeting

This month it's the **T, S, N, & O's** turn to help set up on November 30th and help serve on December 1st. Your leader is **Sharon Saffer**. The club members Thank You for your help.

Dates to Remember

11/30	Dec. Meeting Set-Up	9:30am
12/1	General Meeting	
	Torrance Civic Chorale	11:00am
12/7	Mission Inn Trip	2:30pm

NO Helping Hands in December

NO Mexican Train in December

NO Bunco in December

1/4	Jan. Meeting Set-Up	9:30am
1/5	General Meeting	
	Joe Burrow	11:00am
1/10	Mexican Train	1:00pm
1/12	Helping Hands	10:00am
1/19	Rehearsal/Stories from Grannie	
1/19	Bunco	1:00pm
1/21	Marina Dist. Meeting	
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Helping Hands - Bette Herbst

NO HELPING HANDS IN DECEMBER

Hope to see you all on the 2nd Wednesday in January. Some things for 2011 will be knitting and crocheting. We will also continue with our quilts for Rainbow Services. Come check it out.

First Vice President - Barbara Freeman

Your TWC Reports are DUE! We really need all your hours and dollar amounts for your volunteer projects and events. If you aren't sure where it belongs on the form or if it even belongs, include it. We can move it or take it out when we write the report. THANKS to those who have turned theirs in. It really helps us get started early.

Many TWC Ladies attended the **Marina District Comedy Night Fund Raiser**. It was a lot of fun. Mary Linn and I were in charge of appetizers and we want to thank Bette Herbst and Marilyn Keller, who could not attend, for helping out by making some appetizers for us.

The November Marina District Council Meeting was attended by three TWC members. The Presidents all spoke about what was happening in their club last month, this

month and next month. Of course Deanna was the BEST! The speaker at this meeting was Sharie Meyer, Resolutions Chairman. Her main topic was Violence and Teen Dating. It was very informative and makes you think about things and ways you can encourage teens to stand up for themselves and not accept teen violence. Part of the "Resolve" of the Resolution was to make **FEBRUARY National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month**.

No Marina District Meeting in December
Happy Holidays to each and every one of you!

Second Vice President - Beverly Greeno ***Greetings!***

When the hustle and bustle of the season pulls you in different directions, there's a place you can turn for help. VISIT TWC! President Deanna presents a structured, general meeting; hostess committee of the month (page 4 of your yearbook) arranges for a tasty, holiday lunch; and, there's a no host wine bar, a social hour, surprise opportunity drawings and a program. What more could we wish for? (Santa, maybe). This holiday season brings the Torrance Civic Chorale back to TWC. HOLLY-LUJAH! These activities are all benefits of being a member at TWC.

On behalf of TWC General membership and as membership chairman, I'm pleased to report that Bobbie (Roberta) Bowman has joined our club. Together, Bobbie and her mentor, Betty Eggum, shared time at the November meeting. Bobbie "liked what she saw" and was impressed with "what she heard", thus her membership application was completed before she left for the day. We look forward to your continued interest, your regular attendance, and your involvement in the months and years ahead.

We invite you to read the monthly newsletter to learn more about our community support as well as our club house activities for and by our members. TWC offers its members opportunities to participate in volunteer services to strengthen our community --- "Connecting with others is really what counts"

'Tis the holiday season! Again, share the joy --- friends are the best presents.

Third Vice President - Fran Day

Fran is again doing her magic. She is gathering ladies to volunteer at the Torrance Memorial Holiday Festival. I can't resist including this photo of Fran along with Susan Warner manning (ladying) our wine and beer bar at our recent Gala Winter Wonderland Event. Are those pink angel wings over Fran's head!



Ways and Means - Sandy Burchell

Ralph's Sign-up

Let's get an allowance from Ralph's Market. Bring your Ralph's Card number and we will get a Community Contribution from them. The sign-up sheet will be at December's meeting. **You will still receive your discounts.**

Barnes and Noble - December 13 - 24th.

We're looking forward to a new location to "Wrap" and we have a good time too.

January Fund Raising

A sign-up sheet will be available for a day-trip to the **Pala Casino**. A \$20.00 fee will cover the bus trip, a gratuity for the driver, and you will receive a \$5.00 voucher for the Casino.

El Paso Cantina Fund Raiser

A special **THANK YOU** to all who attended the **El Paso Cantina Fund Raiser**. The food was good and the company was Bueno Bueno Bueno. **ALSO** a big **THANK YOU to Pam Barrett** for organizing this event.

Bus Trips - Judy Burrow

TWC Bus Trip to the Mission Inn, Riverside Tuesday, December 7, 2010

We will depart from the Torrance Civic Center parking lot at 2:30 p.m., arriving home by 8:30 or 9:00 p.m. traffic permitting. Docent tours will be at 4:40, 4:45, and 4:50 p.m. When you get off the bus, please form into groups of 15. Wear a warm jacket, as you will be outside to view the lights. Dinner on your own at the Inn or at local restaurants (within a walking block of the Inn). Bring your own water and \$1.00 to play a game on the bus.



Call Judy Burrow if you cannot make the trip.

Trip to Laughlin for April 12-14, 2011

We will be staying at the Riverside Hotel, using The Main Street Tour Company for the trip. If we have 38 or more guests the cost will be \$110.00 each- double occupancy and \$130.00 for a single. This includes a

breakfast buffet and another buffet along with the room, bus trip, and baggage handling.

Less than 38 guests, the price would be \$20 more each.
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!!!!

**CHECK YOUR CALENDAR AND SIGN UP AT THE
DECEMBER MEETING!**

A Big Thank You from Anita Dinicola

Ladies we did it again. Six families will receive a **BIG FOOD BASKET** from the TWC members for their Thanksgiving meal.

All your donations: monetary, food, time and energy once again made a gift from the heart. Be proud knowing others will enjoy their holiday dinner because of you. God Bless you all and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Program - Fran Glauber

The Program for December is The Civic Chorale which has become a favorite for the club for many years and promises to be great again this year. Don't miss this wonderful song fest as we get into the holiday spirit.

Program for January will be **Joe Burrow**, an outstanding speaker and commentator of many versatile topics.

Good job Fran. Our programs have been very interesting and informative.

Stories and Poems - Fran Glauber

Roses Are Red, Violets Are Blue
I Can Write And So Can You!

How many times have you told your children or grandchildren a story about when you were young? This is a memoir and you probably have many more. Put them down on paper, submit them to the Woman's Club's Short Story and Poetry Contest. In fact put a lot of your stories to paper. Just think how much your family will enjoy reading them. There are many categories that you can enter such as "spoon, moon, June" (look you've written a poem). If you have a grandchild or other youth in your family who writes, there are categories for them.

Watch for details at the December meeting.

I looked out the window and saw the sky
I sighed and thought oh my, oh my
The blueness was so bright and clear
I felt I could touch it, it was so near.

Put it down on paper, write! write! write!

***Mexican Train and Bunco
return in January!***

Art Contest - Lou Schumacher

Our Club Art and Photography Contests will be held at the March District Meeting: Santa Monica WC.

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 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.

Photography Contest - Kathleen Davis

Categories for club members are: **The World in Pictures**, (1. natural history, 2. scenic, 3. feature) and **Volunteers in action** (Woman's Club action shots). 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 Student Categories; **Grades 6-8, 9-10, 11-12 & Special Ed.**

Message from Natalie DiMercurio

Thanks to all of you ladies for your help for all the donations for this year. Just a quick reminder to save the following items for recycling---

Food Coupons (please remember to count)
Pull tabs
Pink Yoplait lids
Box Tops for Education
Soup labels that have education logos
Used Cell phones
Ink cartridges
Eye glasses and hearing aids
Toiletries (Normally given out at hotels)

March Play - Fran Glauber

For those of you that are in the **March Play**, "Stories From **Grannie**" the first rehearsal is **Wednesday, Jan. 19th**

TWC voted to purchase a "Brick" for the Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park in Redondo Beach. The bricks are engraved with the contributors organization for the Memorial Brick for the Veterans Walkway.

Clothes The Deal

Start going through your closets and drawers ... Clothes The Deal is coming in February. As a matter of fact the date is Wednesday, Feb. 16th in the lobby of the clubhouse from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Any clothes you were planning for the rummage sale, please bring to the Clothes The Deal Collection. Any ??? call Fran at 310-370-3005.

Conservation - Sharon Dorin

Tis the season to be jollier!

Just a reminder for the holidays: Reuse, recycle or dispose properly, please.

A few questions to ask yourself this time of year and, of course, all year:

1. Am I careful purchasing holiday paper, cards, paper bags, etc. that can be recycled or reused in a new way? No mylar, please.
2. Do the gifts come in excessive packaging that can't be recycled?
3. Were they made with environmentally preferred materials? Will they serve for more than one purpose?
4. Am I buying on impulse or with good intention?

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY TO ALL THE WONDERFUL TWC LADIES!!

Muscular Dystrophy Walk - Joan Gillum

I am walking for my grandsons Richard and Michael. I will be Walking the Muscle Walk for Muscular Dystrophy on January 29, 2011, this is a 5k walk. If anyone is interested in Walking the Muscle Walk please contact me, I would be happy to have you on my team. If you would like to donate you can also contact me.



Our own Anita Dinicola is voted the "Best Neighbor Award" by the Torrance YMCA.

Gala Winter Wonderland - Jeaninne Glomboske and Barbara Freeman

What a fun and beautiful evening. Everyone in their finery enjoying each others company while we dined and listened to Jordan Preston entertain us. It was an overwhelming evening in support of our local Torrance Police Department.

First we must thank **Anita** for jumping in feet first at a fast pace in getting door prizes, police attendance and city council attendance. I know this would not have happened without her.

Next a BIG thanks to **Ron** who made our club house into a Winter Wonderland. As he said, this isn't your normal "Hoe Down" affair and it wasn't.

It took lots of ladies to pull off this event and we thank you one and all. **Bette Herbst, Milli McFadden, and Anita Dinicola** for donating door prizes, **Lou Schumacher and Fran Glauber** for checking in everyone at the door, **G.G. Mansfield** for wearing our \$100 Hat and selling the tickets, **Donna Webb and Anita Dinicola** for selling raffle tickets, **Fran Day and Susan Warner** for hostessing our bar, **Joan Gillum and Barbara Crochetiere** for helping hand out door prizes and to anyone else we have forgotten. You were all amazing, beautiful and helpful. Did you see **Barbara Bounds** in that great white jacket? What about **Madonna** in all her sparkle? Should probably name each and every one of you but we'd probably leave someone out so we'll end by saying THANKS. Hope you all had as good a time as we did. Also THANKS to **Deanna** for her welcome and that nice toast.

GALA WINTER WONDERLAND
PHOTOS by Joan Gillum



Jordan Preston our entertainment

Men Backing Up
Jordan



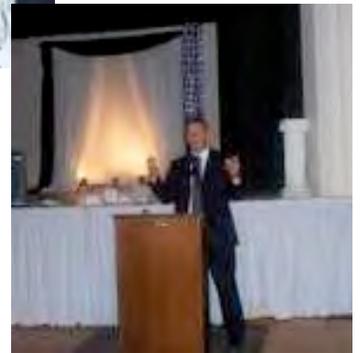
Jordan with Ladies back up - notice Madonna and Deanna

Fran Glauber
lucky winner of the
\$100 HAT



Jordan dancing
with Anita

Police Officer, Donnie Edmond, telling us about the RETRO FIT KITS which will be purchased from our fund raising event.



Couldn't resist
one more
picture of
Madonna and
Deanna

