



Torrance Woman's Club

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Marina District #18

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

We were thrust into the Holiday Season by the Torrance Civic Chorale at our December meeting. This Program was definitely a great way to start the Season and enjoyed by all 94 of us in attendance.

We are thrilled to anticipate the start-up of a new South Bay Club and welcome the opportunity to mentor and support their becoming well established during the coming year. Their youth with fresh ideas and new enthusiasm will be an inspiration to all.

On December 7th, members and friends filled the bus and marveled at the beautifully decorated Mission Inn in Riverside. A huge round of applause to **Sandra Burchell** and **Judy Burrow** who organized this excursion. And, on December 14th several members attended the Torrance City Council meeting where we proudly presented a \$4000 check to the Torrance Police Officer's Association. This donation was the result of our very successful Gala Winter Wonderland evening on November 20th.

December events also included the gift wrapping project at Barnes & Noble and we must not forget the efforts of **Anita Dinicola** and **Louise Lowery**. Anita shops for food and gifts and assembles Holiday Baskets for those who may be facing temporary lack in their lives and Louise shops for and delivers gifts to the Rainbow Services shelter. Thank you from all of us for the work you do on behalf of our Club.

We were saddened to hear of the loss of **Dotty Petrat** who had been a member of TWC since 1987 and offer our sincere condolences to her family members.

In searching for words to describe what has been accomplished by the Torrance Woman's Club this past year, awe-inspiring pops up. Upon reflection, it is truly amazing to see what we've accomplished in fundraising

and donations through teamwork by this group of 150 like minded women. January will start with our proudly recording, summarizing and submitting the results of our past year's activities and accomplishments. Then, we're off with a bang to the various contests during the first quarter of the year. In anticipation of another busy, rewarding, successful and fun-filled, joyful year, we encourage all of our new members to become involved and say yes to all the opportunities awaiting our participation.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Love,
Deanna

Happy Birthday to our January Ladies

Mary Linn Coleman, Kathleen Davis, Natalie DiMercurio, Mary Fitzpatrick, Arline Hedding, Dorothy Mahoney, Judith McCoy and Milli McFadden.



Kitchen Duty - January Meeting

CHANGE!!

Attention all ladies with last names starting with "W" or "R". **Frances Grosso is your leader but the Kitchen Set Up will be done by Ron on Tuesday evening, January 4th. If you are assigned kitchen duty for the January meeting please come at 9:30am on Wednesday, January 5th to help with the finishing touches. THANKS**

Dates to Remember

1/5	General Meeting	
	Joe Burrow - speaker	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	
	Redondo Bch Woman's Club	
2/2	General Meeting will be POT LUCK	
2/16	Clothes the Deal	8am to 1pm

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.

The Marina District did not meet in December so there is not a District Report. I would like to tell you about one of the Marina District Projects - "It Takes A Village To Raise A Foster Child". The District put on a Holiday Party for the teenage foster children. The younger children had a party but the teenagers did not have one planned for them. So the Marina District led by Gina Radocchio (Advocate for Children chairman) put on a Bowling/Pizza party for the teenagers and they each received a gift card. Gina does such a good job with this project and has asked for different items for the children. What I would like to collect for these children are suitcases. It was discovered that at 18 when these children, young adults, leave the Foster program they only have a black garbage bag for their items. The Marina District is collecting suitcases to provide them with something for their things. If you would like to donate one you can bring the suitcases to our meetings or call me and I will pick them up.

Second Vice President - Beverly Greeno

Greetings!

We've "heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play" - "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward men" - now it's time to

"Ring in the New Year"!

As the new year approaches, we begin a new decade, 2011 - for TWC history, for positive goals, for continued philanthropy in the community, for change in leadership, and for life in general, everyday living.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!!

To all members: Begin the new year by attending January 5th, 2011 general meeting. Attendance has been

approximately 60% of current membership. YES! Let's bind together and strive to make this 90th Anniversary year a time of positive recognition by increasing our attendance to support general meetings/functions and continue with involvement in our Teamwork With Community.

ANNETTE LIEVENSE is our new member for year end, 2010. Her official introduction and welcome to TWC shall be Wednesday, January 5th. Thanks to **PHYLLIS DONABEDIAN** (mentor) for introducing and inviting Annette to our club benefits and membership.

We can be proud of our philanthropy donations and events throughout 2010 and hopefully, well into the new year, 2011. "KUDOS" to our outstanding leaders and volunteer chairmen and all who support the variety of events and miscellaneous projects. Planning a function is step #1; but the "helping hands", the participation, and the support (steps #2, #3, #4) are the keys to the success of the function. There are many, truly accomplished and dedicated women in our club membership. YES! As we prepare ourselves to begin a new year --- TWC 90th year; keep in mind a positive, 2011 resolution:

"BE PROUD YOU'RE A TWC VOLUNTEER MEMBER". The efforts that our TWC members contribute towards the volume of community projects has an effect on helping to make our club in our community a better place to live. The help we provide to those in the community provide many benefits. We feel like it's our duty to assist those who aren't as fortunate.

2011 should be an exciting time at TWC with our increase in membership; the launching of our TWC 90 year service anniversary and the perspective, organization of SOUTH BAY WOMAN'S CLUB.

Strong leadership and responsible membership support shall mean that TWC volunteers shall continue to offer dedicated time, energy, and hours --- our tribute to 90 years in the local community.

In closing, I quote Derek Fisher (NBA Lakers Guard) to say: "We're all working together here to do something that's not just good for the members now but for the club going forward:."

Check out the Torrance Woman's Club website

www.torrancewomensclub.org

Helping Hands - Bette Herbst

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. If you are planning on learning how to crochet, please bring yarn and a crochet hook size "G".



Mission Inn Bus Trip

What a fun outing. We toured the Museum of the Historic Mission Inn and the Inn itself, learning much of the interesting history that took place in this grand Hotel. We also enjoyed the Festival of Lights on the grounds of the Inn. They were beautiful and certainly brought the holiday season into focus.

Bus Trip - Judy Burrow

The Bus Trip to the Riverside Hotel, Laughlin is April 12-14, 2011. If we have 38 or more guests the cost will be \$110.00 each- double occupancy -\$130.00 for a single. This includes a breakfast buffet and another buffet along with the room, bus trip, and baggage handling with the Main Street Tour Company. Less than 38 guests, the price would be \$20 more for each person. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!!!!**

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR AND SIGN UP AT THE JANUARY MEETING!

Payment to TWC is due at the March meeting - Contact Judy Burrow

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. **You will still receive your discounts.**

Barnes and Noble Gift Wrap

Thanks to all the ladies who braved the cold and helped with this fund raiser.

Day Trip to Pala

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.

Along the Garden Path

April 9, 2011

It's time to think about the TWC Fashion Show!

At the January meeting, there will be sign-up sheets for reservations and for volunteers.



We are trying something new this year. Each month through April, there will be a gift bag filled with envelopes on each table. If you have a gift card(s) to donate OR if you would like to make a cash donation that will be used to purchase gift cards, please:

1. Write your name on the envelope. (We would like to acknowledge every donor this year).
2. Place your money or card inside the envelope. They will be collected at the end of the meeting.

Ladies, the fashion show is a success every year because of your generosity. Thank you in advance for your donations of time, gift items, and money. All the money earned will be used to fund scholarships for graduating Torrance students.

Linda Eisenbart and Cindy Wall
Fashion Show Co-Chairs

Program - Fran Glauber

Joe Burrow (Judy's hubby) will be presenting the program at the January 5th meeting. He will be discussing the life and poetry of a modern American poet, Jane Kenyon. Program is rated: PG !!!!!

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.

The Torrance Civic Chorale members thank the TWC women who served as hostesses after the Chorale's December concerts.

Special thanks to husbands Bud Krause, John McRae and Gary Kirby.

Also, thank you to Barbara Bounds and Susan Warner for supervising the events.

The Clubwoman Crafts Contest will be at the District Meeting in February at the El Segundo Woman's Club.

Club Woman Crafts - Marilyn Keller

Craft items are due to me by our February General 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. I will be taking them to the District Meeting in February

The Club Art and Photography Contests will be held at the March District Meeting at the Santa Monica Woman's Club.

Art Contest - Lou Schumacher

Art Items are due to me at the February General 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. Please fill out the 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.

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.**

March Play - Fran Glauber

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

Mexican Train and Bunco returns this month!!

Come join the fun.

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.

Conservation - Sharon Dorin

Happy, Happy New Year to you all!!

Time to recycle your Christmas tree (no taller than six feet) between December 27 and January 14. Remove all decorations and place at the curb. Flocked trees will be picked up, but not recycled. Maybe next year, you might like to "rent" a tree.



Are you left with lots of used Christmas wrap? Shred it and use for packaging fragile items.

DO YOU RECEIVE LOTS OF ADDRESS LABELS FROM VARIOUS CHARITIES? USE THEM INSTEAD WHEN YOU RUN OUT OF TAPE. THEY WORK AND IT SAVES MONEY.

So our motto for 2011 is: Rethink, Reuse, Reduce, Recycle.

May 2011 bring you much good health, happiness and new friends.