



Torrance Woman's Club

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Marina District #18

California Federation of Women's Clubs General Federation of Women's Clubs

December 2011

President's Message Terrific Women Can!

Dear Friends,

November has been a busy month as we started with a great November meeting. We were lucky to have **Joe Burrow, Judy's** husband give a talk on Pilgrims and the Mayflower. We also had our annual Holiday Bazaar put together by Bette Herbst. The table was so festive with all the handmade items.

Our November 4th Gala Fundraiser for the Foster Children's ILP was a huge success thanks to **Jeaninne Glomboske, Cindy Wall, and our Ron Spears**. You made the clubhouse a winter wonderland of pink and platinum and good food and friendship was had by all. Those great backup groups for Jordan Preston should take their show on the road, right out of town. All kidding aside it was a really great evening and for such a worthy cause.

Anita Dinicola has been working her magic and wearing lots of hats. She is collecting non perishable items for the needy family baskets, setting up the Barnes and Noble gift wrapping and also setting up the "Book Fair" at Barnes and Noble for Torrance Elementary. "Good job Anita"

There are a few of our ladies running/walking the Torrance Turkey Trot getting ready to enjoy their great feast for Thanksgiving and looking forward to the holiday month of December. At our December meeting we will have a chance to hear our favorite group, the Torrance Civic Chorale, sing their holiday songs. I so love this time of year with friends and family enjoying all the festivities of the holidays. My wish for you is a very Happy Holiday Season and I'm looking forward to a great New Year here at TWC.

Love, Barbara



Kitchen Duty for December Monica Grundmann and all **G, U & J's**

If your last name starts with G,U,or J you will need to come on Tuesday, DECEMBER 6 at 9:30am to help with set-up. Then on our DECEMBER 7th meeting day you will need to help in the kitchen serving and also take home the laundry. **The club thanks you for your help!**

Don't forget to check page 4 of your yearbook for doing hostess duty.

President - Barbara Freeman, First VP - Sharon Hooper, Second VP - Beverly Greeno, Third VP - Fran Day, Recording Sec. - Anita Dinicola, Corresponding Sec - Caroline Martin, Treasurer - Jeaninne Glomboske, Auditor - Mary Linn Coleman, Ways and Means - Sandra Burchell, Program - Fran Glauber, Press - Louise Lowery, Yearbook - Frances Demeules, Newsletter - Gerry Bennett, Reservations - Susan Warner, Parliamentarian - Deanna Hanson, Historian - Lynn Robinson, Directors - Nona Kozak, Madonna Davenport, and Barbara Bounds.

Hi from Sharon Hooper - First Vice President/Dean of Chairmen

It is report writing and hour gathering time. Please give me a list of your hours on projects. If you headed the project, list the reason you felt this particular project was important, the number of members participating (or number of members that donated items.) What the report we finalize needs to know: What the project was about, monies raised, number of items involved and any donations given by the members and the hours spent. TWC does a myriad of projects, let's report them. If you knitted scarves or blankets for the Veterans, please list the hours it took you to finish the item. A good estimate is close enough. Please don't use the word "some", "a few", etc. put down a hard number (estimate is OK).

Marina District held their "Laugh It Up" fund raiser at the TWC clubhouse. Everyone had a great time and truly did laugh-it-up. Great job Marina and great job to our talented gourmet chef, Barbara Freeman, for the fantastic appetizers. Yum!!! There is no December Council Meeting as everyone is busy with the Holidays.

There will be several Project Advisers (case work for Chairman but don't tell them), reporting in December. It will be a great and very important meeting, hope to see all of you.

Happy Holidays....Love, Sharon

Conservation - Sharon Dorin

Conserving your peace of mind is also considered **conserving** of a special nature. For instance, we all experience charity giving to be mind lifting. But, we all may be contributing to certain scams this time of year. When we give to philanthropies, we should be cautious in noting how much of that contribution goes to so-called administrative costs. For instance, the Paralyzed Vets of America (one of my favorites) has a grand take of administrative costs....and is diverted from the intent of helping our paralyzed vets. Surprised? I was! This is only an instance of many.

So, please give with your heart, but a very objective mind to avoid the thieves in our midst. One can go to navigator.com and click on Charity Watch or call (231) 996-1260 which is the LA Police Commission for Charitable Services or www.lapdonline.org.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Education - Anita Dinicola

Anita is presenting a \$300.00 check to Dr. Joseph, the principal of Torrance Elementary School. The check is for grades first through third for library books for the classrooms. The teachers will choose the books for their classes. Dr. Joseph is new this year to Torrance Elementary School and was very impressed with our donation. He has also said "YES" to a "Literacy Night" at Barnes and Noble and we will be moving ahead with that project.



A big thank you to all the members. Because of TWC, six families from our Torrance Area School District will receive a food basket for Thanksgiving. Each year I am amazed at your generosity and you always outdo my expectations. Thank you for the donations of food, money, and turkeys. Gerry Massa is helping me put them together for delivery on Tuesday Nov. 22nd. A big "thank you" to the Jr Women Club member who also helped with packaging and to the Torrance Police Dept. Cadet, who again this year helped deliver them to the school. We had 3 cars full. **Anita Dinicola**



Happy Birthday to our December Ladies

Tracy Arcos, Angelina Babick, Carol Cooper, Anita Dinicola, Lila Dischner, Joan Earhart, FayeGarry, Virginia Giacomelli, Frances Grosso, Billie McCord, Sara (Jackson) McGanty, Margery Mooney, Patricia Piker, Vivian Prosis, Marcella Schott, Sherry Van.



Health Sharon hooper had a procedure on her back on Friday. She said they filled her back with cement. There is still some swelling but she hopes this does the trick.

Second Vice President/Membership - Beverly Greeno

Winter Greetings! T'is the holly-days! TWC TERRIFIC WOMEN CAN --set the mood for the season and bring the spirit into the year end holiday.

As we welcome this holiday season, share the joys of days long gone; share extra special stories; and share fond memories of holidays. Share your fun, exciting, festive, joyful and beautiful recollections to describe the simple statement "Holiday Happiness begins at home". Talk about your 'special' holidays you remember---why was it special? Who made it special? Sharing stories is part of what makes us human. It's amazing to hear how traditions filter down through families through the years, and on to the next generation. Yes it is that special time of the year to gather again for friendship and remembrance to celebrate the holiday season together. MEMBERS, plan to come to the TWC Clubhouse on Wed Dec 7 for the seasonal gathering of friends. To make our TWC holiday season a special time, the Torrance Civic Chorale shall arrive after lunch for their annual visit. The vocal group shall bring to us an assortment of holiday carols, new arrangements and selection of their choice. What a joy to hear and what a spectacular function in our very own clubhouse in the Torrance community. I look forward to your attendance and to meet and greet you as the doors close the year 2011.

Program - Fran Glauber

Once more we are honored to have the Torrance Civic Corrale for our December program. They will be singing some numbers for the holidays and we are fortunate to have some of our Woman's Club members being a part of the Choir. Make sure you come to the meeting and enjoy this musical program afterwards. There will be NO BAH HUMBUG once you hear them.

Ladies: January is the deadline for your creative writing to be turned in. Hopefully you are with pen in hand or sitting in front of your computer and creating an award winning story or poem. Look for the details at the meeting. Any ??? contact Fran at 310-370-3005.



Helping Hands - Bette Herbst

The November Holiday Bazaar was a success, due to the members who supplied the items to sell and for those members who purchased items as well.

We now have scholarship monies to give to a foster care person graduating from high school and going to college in 2012.

There will be another Holiday Bazaar at the next TWC meeting December 7th. Therefore, there will be no prize drawing at the December meeting.

The helping hands meeting will be held January 11th at 10 AM at the TWC clubhouse. Happy Holidays and a big thank you to all who made the November bazaar a success.

DATES and ACTIVITIES to REMEMBER

12-6	Set Up for meeting	9:30am
12-7	Business/luncheon meeting	11:00am
12-12	Mexican Train	1:00pm
12-14	Helping Hands	10:00am
12-21	Bunco	1:00pm

Pink and Platinum Gala Event

Thank you to all the TWC members who attended the Pink and Platinum fall fundraiser on Nov. 4. It was a magical evening! Ron and his West Coast Catering set the mood with the table decorations, background music, and the delicious meal. The martinis were a popular addition to the usual wine. TWC President, Barbara Freeman, received a pleasant surprise when Torrance Councilman, Pat Furey, presented TWC with a proclamation for supporting the ILP program of the Dept. of Children and Family Services. After dinner Jordan Preston sang songs that had the audience singing along.



Who were those dancers in the back of the room? We would like to thank all the members who helped make the night a success:

Barbara Freeman for passing the word throughout the Marina District
Kathleen Davis for letting her friends at the Daily Breeze know about the event
Deanna Hanson for contacting Jordan
Deanna and Fran for manning the reservation table
Linda Eisenbart for selling raffle tickets and assembling the gift baskets
Susan Warner for helping with the gift basket raffle
Judy Ciampa for donating a 2012 Entertainment book
Fran Day for obtaining a procedure from her esthetician
Joan Gillum for getting a donation from Fleming's Steak House and helping at the bar
Fran Glauber for donating a shawl she knitted
Velta Lanham for a See's certificate
Milli McFadden for a Costco gift card and gift
Anita Dinicola for donating one of her signature gift baskets
Jeaninne Glomboske for donating a gift basket
Bette Herbst for a monetary donation
Pat and Phil Rosseno for a monetary donation
Cindy Wall for donating gift cards

Thanks again to all of you! Jeaninne and Cindy



Don't forget the Marina District Photography Contest

Friday, March 16, 2012 – Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club

Either film or digital color or black and white (photos may be computer enhanced).

Minimum 5x7 photo and the entry must be matted 10x12 to maximum 14x16 (*absolutely no glass*). The photography submitted by students and club members must be taken during the 2011 calendar year.

Student Photography (no entry fee) Grades 6-8, 9-10, 11-12 & Special Ed

Clubwoman Photography (\$1 fee each entry up to 3 photos)

"The World in Pictures" Natural History: animals, insects, birds, or trees; **Scenic:** vistas, landscapes, seascapes, snow scenes, bridges, parks, mountains, or farm land; **Feature:** human interest pictures including people, events, parades, or meetings. **"Volunteers in Action"** Woman's Club action shots.

"A Year in Pictures" a colored horizontal photograph suitable for a calendar: *Note: this is separate from the district contest. This is a club entry where one photo from each club is sent directly to GFWC Headquarters for the GFWC calendar contest.*

Flyers will be available at our general meetings. Please tape the completed entry form onto the back of your photograph. Photography Chairman Kathleen Davis will collect the photo entries at the March 7, 2012 general meeting.

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 2PM for a Valentine Tea Celebration at our clubhouse. Our club is included in the City of Torrance Centennial celebration. We will host a delicious Valentine English Tea and enjoy a fashion show of authentic costumes by International Costumes. We will learn about our city's history and the wonderful contributions of our club's rich history. You won't want to miss the fun. The donation is \$25 per person. Our thanks to **Bette Herbst** and **Marjorie McKarns** who gracelessly will lend their silver tea pots to us for this occasion. We still need one more silver tea pot. If you can assist us please notify Kathleen Davis. More details to follow.

Trip to the Palm Springs Follies Wednesday, March 14, 2012

\$120 each includes lunch at the Hilton, the Follies, bus trip, tip for the driver, and a stop at Hadley's on the way home. There is still room on the bus, so check your calendar and sign up at the December meeting. Check payable to TWC is due at the February meeting. Our next trip will be to Laughlin the second week in April. **Judy Burrow.**

Torrance Civic Chorale Concerts - December 9 and 10

Thanks to the women who signed up to help at the concerts. Please plan to be at the Armstrong Theater by 7:00 pm on the night you are to hostess. Contact **Judy Burrow** if you are unable to serve.

The Marina District will hold it's 2nd annual Spaghetti Western Night on

Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the El Segundo Woman's Clubhouse. The address is 541 Standard St., El Segundo. The doors will open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:00 and movie at 7:00. Please park across from the clubhouse in the high school parking lot. There will be lots of Spaghetti, a corny Italian Western movie and Line Dancing all for a donation of \$20.00. Call Vicki Callahan for tickets at 310-540-0505 or vicki@yatbiz.com. This is a fun evening and there will be a prize for the best western costume.



CRAFTS, YOUNG MUSICIANS and ART CONTEST

Clubwoman Crafts Contest will be at the District Meeting February 17th at the El Segundo WC. 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 your Chairman.

“Young Musicians’ Competition” at the February 17th District meeting the Chairman will collect the CD's of your student's music performance or they may be mailed directly to Mary Linn Coleman by February 20. Cash awards will be made in each of the following categories: Vocalist, Pianist and Instrumentalist.

Applicant must be under 22 years of age and submit two selections one classical and one of the applicants choice along with their entry form.

Our Club Art Contests will be held at the March 16th District Meeting at the Santa Monica Bay Woman’s Club. **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.

Woman Club State and Area C Officers Injured In Accident

Valerie Barnes, CFWC First Vice President; Toby Kahan, Area C VP; Alice Slaughter, Promotional Sales Chairman; Janna Thompson; International Outreach Partnership Chairman were involved in a serious traffic accident on their way to the Temecula Valley Women's Club Home Tour Gala. Three were hospitalized. Janna has a cracked sternum and some ribs cracked. Alice and Toby both have a fractured pelvis, some rib problems and cuts due to the flying glass. Alice also has some head injury. Valerie is bruised and hurts all over but did not want to go to the hospital. Please keep these ladies in your thoughts and prayers. Cards can be sent to:

Valerie Barnes, 7366 lone court, Dublin, CA 95468

Toby Kahan 3624 Hollins Ave, Claremont, CA 91711

Alice Slaughter, 4710 Glen Way, Claremont, CA 91711

Janna Thompson, 11405 Cresta Lane, Dublin, CA 94568