



Torrance Woman's Club

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Marina District #18

California Federation of Women's Clubs General Federation of Women's Clubs
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President's Message TERRIFIC WOMEN CAN

We had a great start for 2012 with a delicious lunch prepared by Ron and a great program set up by Fran Glauber. How lucky we were to hear my friend Bob Chiota talk about his and Bella's experiences at Torrance Memorial. Bob is such a great guy and takes Bella his Beagle to visit patients. I know it gives them a good feeling when they get to interact with Bella. We also heard from two city disaster team speakers. One from ADT (animal disaster team) and the CERT (city emergency response team). I do think Bella stole the show.

Sharon Hooper is all smiles as she finished our reports and they were great. All of you do so much for the community and Sharon wrote it all up in a terrific annual report. Thank you Sharon, we owe you lots.

Some of us attended the Spaghetti Western Dinner put on by Marina District. I had a good time line dancing to Dave Donaldson. He also sang some of his Elvis songs. Because most people left early, Dave and I were the proud winner of the costume contest. My prize was a great seed pearl rope necklace. How appropriate it was a rope (going along with the Western theme). Sandy Burchell won last year so TWC is Two for Two.

I'm looking forward to our Pot Luck and Brown Bag Auction at our February meeting. TWC members sure are good cooks. Also at this meeting we will start the process of preparing a ballot for the election of new officers. If you are interested in a particular role or chairmanship make sure your name is added to the ballot. We need new faces and new ideas. Remember, to be nominated for a position on the Executive Board, a member must be a member in good standing for one year.

Love, Barbara

February 1st Meeting Potluck - Brown Bag Auction.
Pot Luck A-F salad, G-L Dessert, M-Z hot food.

Brown Bag Auction

Chairmen - Toni Baldwin & Lillian Albanese

This is a fun event and enjoyed by all. We need members to bring new items to the club house on **Tuesday, January 31st** in the morning so they can be set up for the meeting the next day. The new items you bring in will be set out on the tables with a "Brown Bag" taped in front. You will buy your tickets and place them in the bags in front of the items you wish to take home. Tickets are drawn and winners take home their prizes. There will not be the normal door prize drawing at this meeting.

Please bring items for the Brown bag auction.

**Meetings starts at 11:00am so if you want to visit with your friends,
please come early so we can start the meeting on time. The doors are open at 10:00am.**

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 - Louisek Lowery, Yearbook - Frances Demeules, Newsletter - Gerry Bennett, Reservations - Susan Warner, Parliamentarian - Deanna Hanson, Historian - Lynn Robinson, Directors - Nona Kozak, Madonna Davenport, and Barbara Bounds.

Kitchen Duty for February Gerry Massa and all M's

If your last name starts with **M** you will need to come on Tuesday, January 31st at 9:30am to help with set-up. Then on our February 1st meeting day, you will need to help in the kitchen, serving and also take home the laundry. **The club Thanks You for your help!**

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - - DEAN OF CHAIRMEN: Sharon Hooper

Reports are done and distributed. Our club is truly amazing. I will have the totals for everyone to enjoy at the business meeting. Thank you to Anita Dinicola for doing the Education report, Kathleen Davis for doing the Communication report and our President for doing the Leadership report. They look great!

MARINA DISTRICT REPORT

Looking forward to a great time at the Spaghetti Western event. I will give a full report at the meeting!! The February 17th District Council meeting will be held at the El Segundo Woman's Club, 541 Standard St., El Segundo. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting.



Happy Birthday to our February Ladies

Betty Abbey, Carol Abscher, Pam Carnesi, Carole Colby, Frances Demeules, Leslie Galvan, Joan Gillum, Joyce Gohata, Monica Grundmann, Lois Jones, Jeralyn Kirby, Velta Lanham, Judy Wagner, Cindy Wall, and Lillian Worgul

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT - MEMBERSHIP - Beverly Greeno

February is "National Chocolate" month. LOVE the life you live and treat yourself. Enjoy Valentine's Day.

February is National "wear Red day". Now is the time to LOVE your heart. Say "no" to unhealthy habits such as smoking and lack of exercise. LOVE is good for your health.

And, February 2012 is National Leap Year month. Yes, we at TWC shall appreciate the extra day (Feb 29th) because of our busy, busy calendar of events.

TERRIFIC WOMEN CAN and shall be active in many aspects. We'll strive to make each incident successful, eventful, and historical during the centennial observance of City of Torrance.

Welcome to TWC! Three guests and eighty three members attended the January meeting, enjoyed lunch and program. Guests were Char (Janet Payne & Barbara Freeman), Roberta (Fran Day & Beth Stevenson) and Virginia (Marlys Judd). Their interest of TWC philanthropy and civic involvement led them in the right direction - - to our open doors @ TWC Club House. As new members, Char (Charlotte) Kyes and Roberta Smith shall be introduced as our Feb, "Queens of Hearts". Come on Wed, Feb 1st to welcome them into our TWC membership.

- Come early to meet, greet and visit with your friends--
- Come early to participate in our annual brown bag auction --
- Come early and bring with you a favorite food to share at the noon, potluck lunch.

TERRIFIC WOMEN CAN - live, laugh and LOVE!

Thought for the month:

LOVE isn't LOVE until you give it away. Good friends are good for our health.



**Happy
Valentine's
Day**



Torrance Centennial Valentine Tea Kathleen Davis

Thanks to all of you that have signed-up for the February 12th afternoon tea. Some of our club members will bring guests, and we look forward to meeting them. The Valentine Tea Committee has planned a fun afternoon that we will all enjoy. For those of you that have not paid for your reservation (s), please bring your check payable to TWC to the Feb. 1st general meeting. Thank you. If you haven't signed up and paid for the Torrance Centennial's Valentine Tea put on by TWC this might be your last chance. The date is February 12th at 2pm. We are getting close to selling out so don't wait and miss this elegant tea where we will get a chance to relive some of Torrance's 100 years.

District Photography Contest - March 16

Forms to be placed on the back of your entries will be on the literature table at our Feb. 1st meeting. Be sure to bring your matted photo entries to the March 7 general meeting. There is no student fee for K through 12 and Special Ed. The Clubwoman photo entry is \$1 up to three entries. The category for The World in Pictures is *Natural History*: animals or science; *Scenic*: landscapes or vistas, and *Feature*: a parade or event. The category for Volunteers in Action is a photo of club members participating in an approved club project such as writing letters to the military, working on quilts for children, or planting trees. Your photo may be film or digital in color or black or white. Minimum photo size is 5"x7" and may be computer enhanced.

The Year in Pictures category involves one club submission directly to GFWC headquarters in Washington, D.C. The photo must be in color, horizontal, and matted to the size of 14"x16" (no glass). *Have fun taking your pictures!!!!*

Helping hands - Bette Herbst

Helping Hands will meet February 8th in the clubhouse at 10:00 am. At this meeting there will be a one stroke painting workshop conducted by Pam Carnesi.

Supplies to bring are a plant pot, either terra cotta or solid color ceramic, paper towels, water basin, lightweight disposable gloves that let you work with your fingers. The plant pot should not be smaller than six inches and a terra cotta pot needs to be sealed to make it water proof.

There will also be quilts to tie for those persons who did not wish to participate in the workshop. Helping hands needs members to sew huggie bears so take some home to sew. **Thanks** to all who help.

Conservation - Sharon Dorin ☺

Questions about the safety/disposal of the new energy-efficient CFLs. BE AWARE and read articles on the Internet about the products sold.

CFLs are known as an energy-efficient and money-saving alternative to standard incandescent light bulbs. However, questions about their safety are being raised. Look for the UL symbol.....tested, approved and made in the U. S. Made in China bulbs have created skin sensitivities, migraines, etc.

CFLs contain mercury and must be carefully handled and disposed of. Where? No local sites at this time. Just type in "dangers of CFLs" and decide for yourself. Snopes.com has some true/false statements you might also like to read.

This is not meant to **scare** you, but to **inform** you. Some people are storing up incandescent lights until the known safety of CFLs.

“Clothes the Deal” Fran Glauber

Clean out your closets and drawers, put in the new and give the old. Wednesday, Feb. 15th from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM we will be collecting clothes for "Clothes The Deal" Looking for good condition business clothing, casual clothing both for men and women. Purses, Shoes and other accessories are good. The clothing collected will go toward people who are looking for work and going on job interviews. Any ???, call Fran

Also the rehearsal for the March event will be on Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 10:30 AM.

TWC FASHION SHOW Lynn Robinson

Join us “IN THE WINNER’S CIRCLE” on **April 14th**. Post time is **11:00 am** and admission is \$40.00. Invitations will be distributed at the February meeting. Women’s fashions will be from Draper’s and Damon’s and men’s from Jos. A. Bank. This is a big event, our biggest scholarship fundraiser and a *BIG* job. We need help from everyone. Again this year we will be collecting \$5.00 and \$10.00 gift cards. There will be envelopes on the tables each month for them. Items and baskets for the opportunity drawing prizes are needed. Joan Gillum is doing a fantastic job on silent auction items. We have a really special one this year. If you have any contacts or ideas for more contact Joan. This event takes a lot of woman power.

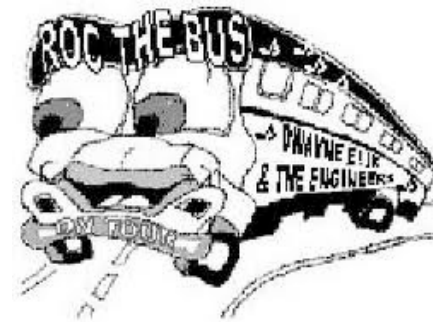
There will be a sign up sheet on the back table at the February meeting. We need all the hands of the “TWC Stables” to help get our entries ready and put us “In the Winner’s Circle”.



Bus Trips Judy Burrow

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, then call Judy Burrow to join in the fun!!!** Check to TWC is due at the February 1st meeting.

Bus Trip to the Riverside Hotel, Laughlin April 10-12, 2012
\$115.00 each- double occupancy - \$135.00 for a single Includes 1 breakfast buffet, 1 choice buffet, along with the room, bus trip, tip for the driver, and baggage handling. There is a waiting list now, but there may be cancellations, so get your name on the list. Check made out to TWC is due at the March meeting. Call Judy Burrow for information



Fractured Follies Practice

Our meeting for “A Fractured Fairy Tale” will be on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Please plan to attend if you would like to participate. Bring your lunch and stay on for Mexican Train. The play will be presented at the May TWC meeting. Contact: Judy Burrow

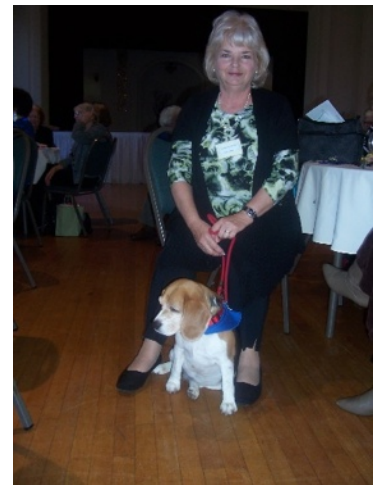
Dates to Remember

1-31 Set up Feb meeting	9:30am
2-1 Feb meeting	11:00am
2-8 Helping Hands	10:00am
2-12 Valentine Tea	2:00pm
2-13 Mexican Train	1:00pm
2-15 "Clothes the deal "	8:00am
2-15 Rehearsal for Mar event	10:30am
2-15 Bunco	1:00pm
3-6 Set Up March Meeting	9:30am
3-7 March meeting	11:00am

Bob Chiota



Irma Chiota with Bella



THE GAME of BUNCO

The game of Bunco dates back to the 1800's, under its original name, 8-dice cloth. In 1855, crooked gamblers introduced the game in San Francisco and they changed the name to banco. In Spain there was a card game called banca and a similar game played in Mexico known as monte. After the card game reached San Francisco it merged with the dice game, and the new game became bunco (or bunko). Gaming venues, called bunco parlors, began to sprout. In the late 1800s, bunco became a popular family or parlor game, and groups would gather to share food and drink. During Prohibition bunco parlors began to resurface, with illegal spirits now part of the experience. The term "bunco squad" referred to the detectives who raided these establishments. The popularity of the game dwindled until the 1980s, when bunco again became a group activity and remains popular to this day.