



Torrance Woman's Club Newsletter December 2015

Marina District #18 CFWC - GFWC

President's Message - Fran Day



We've got Thanksgiving over (and under and around). Now we can work on Christmas. The beautiful voices of the Torrance Chorale will be again bringing the Christmas season for us all to enjoy. The Christmas Bazaar will be in full bloom so everyone get their gift list a whole lot shorter.

Do slow down ladies and look

around, hug your friends and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. When you turn around it will be time to start a whole new year. So be happy and be safe

**Love to you all
Fran**



**First Vice President - Bette Herbst
Dean of Chairman**

This is the time of the year to be grateful and give thanks to all of our members who support our club in its various activities. Most recently the Supper Club Gala and Holiday Boutique and in the future the, Rummage Sale and Clothing Drive for DCFS.

Thank you for your contribution to our club, you are great members!.

The annual Hours, Dollars and In Kind reports for calendar year 2015 are due at the December TWC Meeting.

The December TWC Board Meeting will be held December 16th at 10:00AM.

No District Council Meeting in December.

Save the date January 23rd 2016 to attend the Marina District Fundraiser "Not Your Usual Fashion Show"! Happy Holidays to all.

Calendar of Events

- 12/1 Set Up 9:30am
- 12/2 Club Meeting
- Social/Bazaar 10:00am
- Meeting 11:00am
- Lunch/Program noon
- 12/9 Holiday Extravaganza
- 12/16 TWC Board Meeting 10:00am
- NO HELPING HANDS or NO GAME DAY**
- 1/30/2016 Rummage Sale

Happy Birthday to our December Birthday TWC members

- Irene Brooks 12/8
- Carol Cooper 12/12
- Anita Dinicola 12/03
- Joan Earhart 12/11
- Faye Garry 12/11
- Claudeene Lyon 12/30
- Marge Mooney 12/01
- Patricia Piker 12/12
- Gina Radocchio 12/08
- Marcella Schott 12/11



President - Fran Day, 1st V P - Bette Herbest, 2nd V P - Beverly Greeno, 3rd V P - Roberta Smith, Rec Secretary - Deanna Hanson, Corresponding Secretary - Fran Glauber, Treasurer - Mary Linn Coleman, Auditor - Jeaninne Glomboske, Ways and Means - Marilyn Keller, Program - Kathleen Davis, Press - Louise Lowery, Yearbook - Joan Earhart, Newsletter - Barbara Freeman, Reservations - Bernice Rose & Hildegard Graeber, Parliamentarian - Judy Burrow, Historian - Joan Earhart, Directors - Judy Burrow, Pam Sheerin, and Jeannine Glomboske

Save the Date!! 1/30/16 Rummage Sale

Save your items, clean out closets. Please keep your items at home until the day before the Rummage Sale. There isn't any place at the club house to keep all these items.

Kitchen Duty for December Meeting

December meeting will be those ladies with their last names starting with D, O, and V. The Hostess leader is Tina Olson. It's your turn to be at the Club House on Tuesday, December 1st at 9:30am to help set up. You will also be serving at the General Meeting lunch on December 2nd.

Helping Hands - Marilyn Keller

What a joy it is to be a part of this group. We always have a good time & so much is accomplished. We invite anyone to come join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10 to 12. We won't be meeting in December. We delivered 50 Cuddle Blankets to Rainbow Services and hope to do the same in December. We have several Huggie Bears ready to go to TMMC and Little Company of Mary. Also this year we will give to the Toy Drive through the fireman. We were given a large amount of yarn & would like to see if enough ladies that crochet or knit would be willing to make items for the hospitals or other worthwhile causes. Let me know if you would like to join us in this project. Come and join us and meet new friends.

Marilyn Keller

Ways and Means - Marilyn Keller

The Holiday Bazaar in November was a big success, Thanks to Cindy Wall & Pam Ament for organizing it. Also thanks to everyone who brought items and those who purchased them. There will be another one at the December meeting. The first restaurant fund raiser was held at the El Paso Cantina. Thanks to everyone who helped support this event. Thanks to Lisa Marie Silver for arranging this fundraiser The next big event is the Rummage sale on January 30th. Start saving. Some ones junk is some one else's treasures.

Marilyn Keller

Program for our December 2nd meeting will be the Torrance Chorale singing holiday songs. They are always so enjoyable.



Holiday Bazaar - part 2

First thing, ladies of TWC: a huge thank you!!! We sold \$1,012.00 at the November sale. Last year that was the approximate total for both days.

Thank you to all who brought the delicious and creative donations!

If you missed November's sale, you're in luck! We will be selling more items at the December meeting. Selling begins at 10:00. We accept cash or checks.



If you have something to donate, please bring it to the clubhouse between 9 and 11 on Tuesday, Dec. 1. If that doesn't fit your schedule, just come a little early to the meeting on Wednesday.

Again, thank you. The TWC Scholarship will be the recipient of your generosity.

Pam Ament and Cindy Wall

Public Issues - Barbara Freeman

Thank you for all the donations for the USO at LAX. Our member Allison Jones is a volunteer there and was kind enough to make the delivery.



Veterans hospital Long Beach - Joan Earhart

I delivered Cards the first week of November to our veterans at the military hospital in Long Beach. The staff there at the volunteer center were very appreciative. I am getting ready to take another batch of Christmas cards the first week of December. The number of patients can be from 250 to 300 each month. I have plenty of cards that have been donated by the women of the Torrance women's club to deliver this year.

Thank you all for supporting this project. Please continue to save your used and unused cards of all types and styles and I will be collecting Cards for the spring and for next year's holidays.

I am also collecting all types and designs of flag stickers to seal the envelopes. If you have questions about cards and envelopes, please call me.



Sunday Nov. 8, when some of us volunteered at the Torrance Historical Society event recognizing the Veterans.

It is a Holiday Extravaganza

On **December 9th** we will be going by bus leaving from Harmony Court at 8:00 AM. Our first stop will be **Weidner's Garden** where you will see lines of Poinsettias to admire or purchase and take home. After your visit here, we will go to **Balboa Peninsula** to lunch at the Harborside Restaurant and after lunch we're off to **Rogers Garden** to see their Christmas Fantasy display. The cost for this wonderful outing is \$70.00 (includes everything except personal pleasures).

Barnes and Noble Wrapping - Roberta Smith

Thank you to all the ladies who have signed up to do the gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble. The manager has given us a few more openings. Please let Roberta know if you can help

Second Vice President - Beverly Greeno

A Holiday Message for everyone: As Membership Chairperson, I want to use this 'End of Year, 2015' newsletter to **THANK YOU** for all you do as members who support TWC. Recommending women to come in our direction to "Step Into Our Club" to increase our membership is a **BIG GIFT** of appreciation.

Four women shall be stepping in as new members during our December 2nd, Wednesday meeting. It's always a **JOY** to introduce new acquaintances. They are: **Marilyn James (Mary Ann Kendall), Opal Wulff (Tina Olson and Madonna Davenport), Barbara Roamer and Barbara Loftus (Fran Glauber)**. Together, let's extend a warm, holiday welcome to each of them. The greatest **GIFT** we can

give to others is a good example. **MEMBERSHIP** is more than numbers. Numbers only tell part of the story. The other part involves and reflects upon our attendance, our personal participation and our volunteer support towards club involvement and/or community activities. **YES!** we are a growing number of dedicated volunteers representing TWC. One of the **KEYS TO SUCCESS** shall be the results of teamwork. We can offer guidance to new members and let them make the best choice of their abilities. Membership may be a social gathering, but better known as a productive mission led by experienced officers and dedicated chairman. **KUDOS** to all! Another **KEY TO SUCCESS** towards a successful year is good communication. Be proud of your volunteer hours and your support given during the year.

Time is flying by -- so much more to finish before the year ends. We've done a lot of volunteering to help others. The past few months we've been busy busy **ELVES**. The more we are involved throughout the year, shall be a wonderful **GIFT OF ACHIEVEMENT!**

Again, my appreciation and friendship to each of you. I look forward to reporting membership activity to you next year, 2016. **CELEBRATE THE JOYS OF THE SEASON.**

Save The Date

Torrance Woman's Club
Safari "Let's Go Wild" Fashion Show
Date: Saturday - April 9, 2016



Place: Torrance Woman's Club Clubhouse
Time: 11am - 3:00pm
(details and announcements to follow)

This months newsletter is late and only I am to blame. I got way too busy and if Lou Schumacher had not called to check on when she would get it you probably wouldn't have it. Sorry, Barbara Freeman, Newsletter Chairman

Towels for Guide Dogs of America

Ladies, as you are doing your holiday shopping, IF it includes a purchase of new towels and you want to dispose of your old towels, I'm hoping that you'll consider donating them for use by the Guide Dogs of America. It's OK if the old towels have frayed edges or are discolored or even have small tears. And any size is acceptable.

It's been almost 2 years since we made that memorable trip to Sylmar to visit the Guide Dogs school, and at that time we brought them a huge donation of our old towels. They were so pleased and grateful for them. They made good use of all of them. But they would be happy to accept more old towels. If you have any to donate for that purpose, let me know and I'll be glad to take them, because I still make occasional visits to the school.

Thank you.

Hildegard Graeber

Pam Ament~

CFWC Leadership Chairman 2014 - 2016

Leadership Tip: LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND

Many of you have heard me say: Listen to Understand, not to reply. Although this is not my quote, I do believe it to be a great Leadership point. Listening is perhaps the best tool we should hone in Leadership and Membership.

We as the listener may not want to hear what is being said & we may not believe what is being said, but it is important to listen and understand what is said with our mouths closed and our full attention upon the person speaking to us. As Federation Members, we sometimes forget to listen to what people are saying. Often, we hear the beginning of something with our ears and our minds start to whirl as we think of a reply. When that happens, we do not hear the entire statement being conveyed and that can cause problems & misunderstandings. At other times we don't really hear what is being conveyed at all.

As listeners we pick out certain words and put them together to form our own truths, missing the point completely. Our own reality then becomes skewed by our lack of listening & focus skills. In other cases, we are heard very clearly, however, the person receiving the

words is in a state of refusal to believe that you are speaking about them.

Listening is a Leadership & Member Talent. Listening is not easy and must be practiced. To be a great listener, you must do so with complete impartiality, leave out the way the words make you feel and all other personal issues. To be a great listener you must shut your mouth, lean in and focus on the words that are being said to you and you must openly be receptive to the words being shared. I am an organized leader, I do not micromanage and I trust those who promise to do a job to do it in their own fashion on time. I listen and convey to the best of my ability in at all times including those of crisis. Very few things surprise me as a leader, for often I see them quite clearly. However, I am always surprised & disappointed when talking with someone and I hear the words: You didn't tell me that. Well, I did tell you, you just didn't listen to understand, you listened to reply. ~

The above article is by Pam Ament, TWC member and CFWC Leadership Chairman. She did not ask to have this included in our TWC newsletter. This was my decision as I could see myself in some of the information she was conveying.

This information is not about any TWC member but people in general so please don't feel it was included for any one person, just general statements to make us all better leaders and TWC members.

A lot goes on at our meetings and I know it is sometimes hard to get everything said from the people speaking at the front. Please don't hesitate to come ask what the information was and what it was about. You might miss out on some fun stuff as there's lots going on in our club.

I for one treasure all TWC members. You all support our club in many ways and when we are at District our club always stands out because of the members and what they do to make our club strong.

Thanks for all you do to make TWC what it is. You are the backbone of the club and very much appreciated.

Barbara Freeman, TWC Newsletter Chairman

