



# The Torrance Woman's Club Voice

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TWC Officers: President-- Carolyn Pohlner , 1st VP/Dean-open, 2nd VP-Carol Woods, 3rd VP-Lynn Robinson, Recording Secretary-Ellen Jenkins, Corresponding Secretary- Carol Delome, Treasurer- Sharon Broadbent, Auditor- Sacha O'Hara, Ways and Means-Pam Ament, Program--Pam Barrett-Hill, Press-Pam Ament and Carol Delome, Yearbook- Lynn Robinson, Newsletter- Lynn Robinson, Reservations--Betty Robertson, Parliamentarian- Pam Ament

## JANURY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENT**

#### **Carolyn Pohlner**

New Year wishes hold significant meaning as they traditionally symbolize hope, renewal, and connection. They provide a heartfelt way to express gratitude, spread positivity, and strengthen relationships as we transition into a new year.

As we step into another year, I want to thank the Torrance Woman's Club Members for being such an important part of my life. May 2025 bring you all endless happiness, good health, and success. May your support and commitment to TWC continue to strengthen and grow. Happy New Year!

Carolyn

*"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been."* Rainer Maria Rilke

### JANUARY CALENDAR

<b>Jan. 02</b>	<b>Reservations due for Jan. Meeting</b>
<b>Jan. 06</b>	Board Reports and /or Volunteer Hours due to Carolyn
<b>Jan. 07</b>	10 am Meeting Set Up
<b>Jan. 08</b>	General meeting 10 am Social Hour 11 am. Business Meeting 12 pm Lunch & Program Bingo
<b>Jan. 08</b>	<b>Creative Writing Contest Deadline</b>
<b>Jan. 15</b>	11 am Helping Hands
<b>Jan. 29</b>	10 am Board Meeting
<b>Jan. 30</b>	<b>Reservations due for Feb. Meeting</b>



### THINGS TO BRING ON JAN. 8TH

1. **Items for the Volunteer Center Food Bank**
2. **Creative Writing Contest Entries**



## MARINA DISTRICT CALENDAR

Jan. 17	9:00 am.	District Meeting El Segundo WC Reports Due
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### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/ Dean of Chairmen OPEN



We're looking for someone to fill this position!

Since we do not have a First VP Dean of Chairmen, I will be compiling the Board Officers' and Committee Chairmen's hours and reports for TWC's Annual Report this year. I ask that all members please submit their Hours as soon as possible **after Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, but no later than Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** to me. You may use the Volunteer Hours Form attached at the end of this Newsletter. Thank you!

Carolyn

### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – MEMBERSHIP Carol Woods



At our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be introducing two of our newest members, Elaine Hayashi and Daphane McMillan. Please make them feel welcome.

Carol

### THIRD VICE PRESIDENT/ HOUSE CHAIRMAN Lynn Robinson

The House Committee will be meeting this month to determine what issues we need to address, what order they need to be done, what information we need to obtain and the estimated costs.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formal opening of the clubhouse will be October 22, 2025. The committee will begin discussing how to celebrate that event.

### RESERVATIONS Betty Robertson



Hello everyone. As we look forward to 2025, I look forward to seeing you at our meeting in January. Please remember to call me with your reservation for lunch, no later than January 2nd, for the meeting on January 8, 2025. And a friendly reminder, if you bring a guest, the cost is \$20.00 for their lunch. See you soon!  
Betty Robertson,  
310-367-1188 [betsew@aol.com](mailto:betsew@aol.com)



### JANUARY

2	Kathleen Davis
8	Judith McCoy
13	Millie McFadden
16	Nuria Bustamante
20	Teresa Henderson
25	Pollick Linda

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!**

## HOSPITALITY



Lois Koza 





Happy, Happy New Year

Ladies  

Just a reminder set up for our Wednesday, January 8th meeting will be on Tuesday, January 7th at 10:00.

Please come and join in setting up and decorating our first meeting of 2025!  

Let's continue to keep our clubhouse looking spectacular!!!  

Thank you! 

Lois

Ladies, just a reminder that wine prices have increased to \$2.00/glass for our monthly General Meetings. We would like to ask Members to consider donating bottles of their favorite wines, Prosecco, and other libations to supplement the TWC Wine "Cellar"! All contributions are very much appreciated!

Thank You!

TWC Board



## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

**Pam Barrett**

HELLO LADIES--

Due to circumstances beyond my control, we are unable to hear from the panel of doctors from Torrance Memorial Hospital. With so many doctors unavailable because of the holidays, this was the wrong time of year to schedule this event.

Instead, we are going to start the "new year" off with a game--bingo! All members will receive one Free card. For those who wish to purchase additional cards, *for a small donation*, you may buy one for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

We will play "4" games, time permitting. Please bring lots of one-dollar bills (but we will have change too). Let's have fun and there may be a prize awaiting you!!

By the way, the "USO" tour was cancelled due to "800" marines arriving on the Friday we planned to tour. Carolyn did take "15" boxes of lollipops to the USO, for the marines to enjoy--thank you  
Carolyn  
Pam

## TECHNOLOGY CHAIR IN THE CORNER

**Mary Alessandra-Cook**

As we close out 2024, and boldly step into 2025, I was looking for something positive in the technology world that could help change people's lives, even if in a small but important way. How about being able to test your hearing with devices you may already be carrying around? Sounds pretty cool.

### Apple's Revolutionary Hearing Test Feature

Apple's AirPods Pro 2, paired with an iPhone running iOS 18, now offer an FDA-approved hearing test feature. This innovation is tailored to detect mild to moderate hearing loss early, giving users insights into their hearing health in just 10 minutes.

### Requirements:

**Apple AirPods Pro 2** (specific models: A2931, A2699, A2698, A3047, A3048, A3049).

**iOS 18-compatible device** (check Apple's compatibility list).

**Firmware version 7B19** (update, if necessary, by connecting AirPods to a power source with Bluetooth enabled).

### Steps to Test Hearing:

Pair your AirPods with your device.

Navigate to *Settings > AirPods Pro > Take a Hearing Test*.

Follow on-screen prompts to complete the 10-minute test.

If hearing loss is detected, Apple offers built-in hearing assistance features for mild to moderate cases (*Settings > AirPods Pro > Hearing Assistance*).

#### **For Android Users**

Though Android lacks FDA-approved hearing devices, apps like **Sennheiser Hearing Test** and **Hearing Test by e-audiologia.pl** provide quick evaluations. For precise results, consult a hearing specialist.

#### **Understanding Hearing Loss**

Hearing ability is measured in decibels (dB):

**Normal (0–25 dB):** Clear hearing.

**Mild (26–40 dB):** Difficulty in noisy settings.

**Moderate (41–55 dB):** Repeated conversations needed.

**Severe (71–90 dB):** Conversations are nearly impossible.

**Profound (91+ dB):** Only very loud sounds are faintly heard.

#### **Advanced Options: Horizon IX Hearing Aids**

These modern, discreet devices offer:

Crystal-clear sound processing.

Smartphone connectivity.

45-day no-risk trial and money-back guarantee.

**Take Action:** Test your hearing and consult a professional if necessary. Share this life-changing information with loved ones!

Happy New Year,  
Mary Alessandra-Cook

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH – Mary Hileman**

**SEASONS GREETINGS! I WISH YOU ALL A  
HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**

**David Benoit, famous jazz pianist and composer,** is performing at the Armstrong Theater on Sunday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 to \$50.00 and are available online or call the box office.

**torrancearts.org    310 781-7171    Box Office**

#### **Torrance Art Museum**

The Museum is closed until January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**January 18 – March 1, 2025:**

**In the Main Gallery: Outside In – the Billy Shire Collection.** The rise of “low-brow” and pop-surrealist art

**Gallery Two: Burner International Street Art**

**Dark Room: The Anthropocene Foundry LA 2025 – Finiteness/Infinity:** International multi-artist video project from the New Museum of Networked Art (Germany), consisting of 6 video programs curated by Wilfried Agricola de Cologne

**Tam Hallway – Liminal Level: an immersive hallway experience featuring a new site-specific installation by artist Darel Carey**

**3320 Civic Center Dr. N.    310 618-6388, call for hours the museum is open**

#### **COMMISSION ON AGING**

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Commission Meeting room in the West Annex building (3031 Torrance Blvd.), located next door to the City Hall.

**The next meeting of the Commission on Aging is scheduled for January 7th, 2025 at 9:30 am.**

#### **Focal Point on Aging**

This program offers easy access to a comprehensive range of services designed to address the unique needs of our older residents. From transportation to healthcare, Meals on Wheels, social and legal services, and more.

Focal Point operates exclusively by phone, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 12 noon, 310 320-1300. This program is proudly sponsored by the Commission on Aging through the Torrance Community Services Department.





## HEALTH and WELLNESS

Mary Hileman

### Torrance Coyote Management Program

Have you seen a coyote in your neighborhood? Coyotes can jump a six-foot fence. Take care if you leave your pets outside.

To report coyote activity, call the 24-hour Coyote Hotline at 310 618-3898. If you see a coyote showing aggressive behavior or attacking a person, immediately call 911.

For questions or concerns regarding the Coyote Management program, call 310 618-2945. For sick or injured coyote call animal control at 310 618-3850.

[TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes](http://TorranceCA.Gov/Coyotes)

### GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

Guide Dogs of America no longer needs prescription bottles so we will no longer be collecting them. If we find another use for them, we will let you know. (They are a good size to keep quarters in!)

### LIBRARY

Janet Payne

At our January meeting, if you buy a hardcover book you will receive a New Year's bookmark.



### HELPING HANDS

Bette Herbst

Helping Hands will be meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>.



### ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN PROJECT:

#### Start the New Year off right by volunteering - - -

Operation Teddy Bear helps address education inequity by setting an annual goal to distribute literacy school bags to first graders. Each brightly colored school bag includes reading books, STEAM kits, coloring books, learning clocks, hygiene supplies, and a teddy bear.

The Torrance Volunteer Center will be packing 5,000 bags right here in Torrance, between **January 4th - 20th**. Please contact Carolyn Pohlner (310-270-2494) if you wish to sign up to help. Many dates and times are still available.



Toys we donated to DCFS for Christmas. We also donated lots of pajamas!

**Torrance Woman's Club**  
**Annual Reporting - January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

**Please complete description, hours, dollars and in kind. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	DOLLARS	IN KIND
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS</b>				
	<b>  ARTS</b>			
Art Contest Writing /Photography/ Crafts/ Music Contests Torrance Civic Chorale/Local Theatre Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation Attend Concerts /Ushers Torrance Rose Float TMMC "Festival of Trees"				
	<b>CONSERVATION</b>			
Paper Recycling Green Recycling Bottles, Cans, Etc. Gardening Other – "Pennies for Pines"				
	<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Teacher's Aids Book Club/ESO hours Back Packs Reading to Students Donate Classroom Books Donate to Local Libraries Volunteer at Library Dr. Seuss Books Other				
	<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS</b>			
Hospital Volunteers H.E.L.P. Volunteers Fitness "Girls Love Mail" notecards Torrance EXPO Immunizations - COVID, Flu Shots Mammograms				
	<b>INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH</b>			
Other- Huggy Bears to Poland				
	<b>CIVIC ENGAGEMENT &amp; OUTREACH</b>			
Service Dog "Cup of Joe" "I Support the Girls"				

USO - Toiletries, See's Lollipops Military - "Operation Gratitude" Police Department Fire Department-Holiday Toy Drive Other Civic Activities				
	<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>			
	<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>			
Volunteer/Donations- "Doors of Hope" Toiletries				
	<b>ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN</b>			
"Buddy Benches" DCFS - "Food for Kids"/Volunteer Center "Helping Hands"				
<b>COMMUNICATIONS &amp; PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>				
Newsletter- Writing monthly articles Individual Community Activities				
	<b>LEADERSHIP</b>			
General Meetings Board Meetings District Meetings District Officer District Chairman CFWC Officer CFWC Chairman Historic Preservation Committee TWC Officers TWC Committees Other				
<b>LEGISLATION &amp; PUBLIC POLICY</b>				
Other - November 2024 Voting				
	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>			
Processing New Members & Introduction Mentoring New Member(s) /Other				
	<b>WOMEN'S HISTORY &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>			
Other				
	<b>FUNDRAISING</b>			
Fashion Show Holiday Bazaars "Brown Bag Auction" Ralph's Donations/See's Candy Fundraisers Other				

## TWC Clubhouse Preservation Fund Capital Campaign

Total Money Raised since June 1, 2022 – **\$73,876.82**

Donations to the Fund from Club Members – \$53,333.24

Donations to the Fund from Community Members – \$20,522.42

Total Expenditures	Preservation Fund	Clubhouse Fund	Total
Window Restoration	\$19,555.00		\$19,555.00
Window Painting	\$13,600.00		\$13,600.00
Draperies	\$5,000.00	\$3,727.80	\$8,727.80
Termite Repair	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00
Roof Repairs		\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Projection Project	\$6,000.00	\$7,260.07	\$13,260.07
Total	\$50,155.00	\$13,387.87	\$63,542.87

Balance Remaining in Preservation Fund – **\$23,721.82**

Reserves in Clubhouse Fund for Repairs – \$7,292.14

Budgeted for Clubhouse Repairs 2024-25 – \$10,000.00

## **SOUTH BAY SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB CAMP PENDLETON COMMITTEE**

Hi everyone, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now it is time to mark your calendars for January 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting items for Camp Pendleton, Fort MacArthur, Soles4Souls, The Westchester Rotary Club, Home Again LA and The Laptop Elf Project. I will list the items each organization is looking for.

### **Camp Pendleton and Fort MacArthur needs:**

Lots of diapers	Clothing for newborn to 13 years old	Sheets and towels and blankets
Pillows (no stains)	Sets of dishes, glasses and flatware	Pots and pans with lids
Cooking tools	Strollers, cribs, highchairs	Pack n play
Bicycles	Nonperishable food	Gift cards from Target or Walmart in \$25 increments

**They cannot accept electronics, stuffed animals or car seats. They do not have room for lamps or home decor**

**Soles4Souls will accept all kinds of shoes in any condition.**

**The Westchester Rotary Club needs books for their annual book sale fund raiser.**

**Home Again LA is an organization that helps unhoused families into permanent housing and job placement. They need:**

Men's and women's clothing suitable for job interviews and work.

Pants, shirts, skirts, blouses, blazers, jackets, ties, belts, dress shoes, work appropriate ear rings and necklaces

**The Laptop Elf Project takes used laptop computers, wipes the memory clean, cleans up any viruses and gives them to people in need.**

We all have so much to be thankful for, let's help those in need.

David Henseler

South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club

Camp Pendleton Committee Co-Chair 310-753-0929



In Partnership Present



# CAMP PENDLETON COLLECTION

Saturday, January 11, 2025

9:00am-12:00pm

## Support Our Military Families

There are over 70,000 Marines at Camp Pendleton and 10,000 children under the age of 5! More than 160 babies are born there each month! Most families arrive with whatever they can fit in their car. With a very low income, most do not have everything they need for newborns and small children. They have need to furnish an apartment and set up a kitchen.

The Rotary Clubs of District 5280 are collecting new and gently used items for these young families. The families will select what they need from our contributions to the "Warrior Warehouse".

**DROP  
OFF**

## ITEMS NEEDED

Diapers, diapers and more diapers  
Cloths-newborn to 13 years old  
Sheets and towels  
Pillows (no stains)  
Sets of dishes and flatware  
Sets of glasses  
Pots and pans with lids  
Strollers, cribs, highchairs  
Pack n plays  
Bicycles



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