



Torrance Woman's Club

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FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lynn Robinson

It's hard to believe there are only 4 months left in my term of office. At the February meeting we will elect 3 members of the Nominating Committee and 2 alternates. We will also fill out the straw ballots. The slate will be announced at the March meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor. The election will take place at the April meeting and installation will be June. Please see Article IX: Election of Officers in the bylaws for requirements and procedure. (Pages 44 and 45 in your yearbook.)

At the March meeting we will be electing delegates to the Marina District Convention in April and the CFWC Convention in May so give some thought to being one of our delegates.

I want to thank Bette Herbst for agreeing to take over Helping Hands until June after the sudden death of our dear Hildegard. Also, thanks to Sharon Broadbent for helping Gina and Bette make deliveries.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb. 1 *Reservation* deadline
for Feb. 7th meeting

Feb. 6, 10 a.m. *Set up* for
Feb. 7th general meeting

Feb. 6, 11:30 a.m. Fashion Show Committee
Meeting

Feb. 7 *General meeting*
10 a.m. Social Hour
11 a.m. Business Meeting
12 p.m. Lunch & Program
POUND AUCTION

Feb. 16 Newsletter articles due

Feb. 21, 10 a.m. *Helping Hands*

Feb. 28, 10 a.m. *Board Meeting*

Feb. 29 *Reservation* deadline
For March 6th meeting

WHAT TO BRING TO **FEB. 7TH MTG.**

GROCERIES—

Cereal/Peanut Butter/Pasta

Gift - wrapped "Pound of Something."

1st VP – DEAN OF CHAIRMEN, **Carolyn Pohlner**

Advocates for Children

The Volunteer Center- Food Pantry

Just a friendly reminder that TWC will continue to collect your cereal and pasta and whatever other groceries you wish to donate, at every monthly general meeting for the rest of this year. Mr. Jon Phelps, from The Volunteer Center, graciously AND gratefully swings by our Clubhouse each month and personally loads up his van with our contributions and delivers them down the street for their “Food for Kids” Food Pantry. Thank you, Ladies, for making this small effort every month - it translates into something BIG for our community’s school children! But don’t just take my word for it- read below what the TVC Director has to say about your donations:

*“We have all witnessed how challenging this past year has been for many families and communities. It was inspiring to see groups of all ages, from **The Woman's Club** and Affinity Group to Cub Scouts, National Charity League, South Bay Food Initiative, and faith communities like Journey of Faith, Tried-stone, and Temple Menorah, to name a few - all unite to provide nearly 100,000 meals and over 1,700 hours of volunteerism to combat hunger in our schools”* Josh Gezahegn

Operation Teddy Bear –

It’s not too late for members to sign up to distribute Teddy Bear Backpacks and to read to First Graders at local South Bay schools. TVC’s mission is to reinforce the message of volunteerism in the community. Please consider helping. See the link below for more information and to sign up:

[Volunteer Center: Operation Teddy Bear 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

Health & Wellness

COVID Surges, RSV, FLU – enough said. Please keep up your vaccinations. We want to see you happy and healthy at all upcoming TWC functions!

Community Affairs

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) is presenting a Forum on City Council Candidates from Districts 2, 4 and 6 on January 30th at 8:30am at The Chamber. For your convenience, you may click on the link below to make your reservations:

[Candidates Forum 2024 – TACC \(torrancechamber.com\)](https://torrancechamber.com)

AND, if you really want to “get up close and personal” with your District’s representative, TACC’s “Women in Business” is inviting you to hear insights from Bridgett Lewis and Sharon Kalani about “The Ins and Outs of Serving Your Local Community as an Elected Official” - now, THAT’s a mouthful! Ladies, I believe we can ALL benefit from what these women want to share, especially as it may relate to our own members serving on the TWC Board and in our community!! Join me at this talk, January 24th at 8:30am at The Chamber. Reservations required. See Link: [Women in Business - TACC \(torrancechamber.com\)](https://torrancechamber.com)

Military

I mailed a packet of handmade Valentine Cards to the Operation Gratitude headquarters for distribution to First Responders, Veterans and Troops abroad. Heart-felt thanks to all the ‘sweet ladies’ who made and wrote messages – you are the Best Valentines!

Environment

Mangia at the Marsh! Calling all “Friends of the Madrona Marsh” - Jan 28th from 1-3pm is their Annual Membership Meeting and Lunch and a wonderful social occasion to meet and greet their new Manager & Naturalist. Reservations are a must. Please RSVP by Jan 23rd : 310-782-3989

Fundraising: Annual Fashion Show

It’s time to start planning for the April 27th TWC Fashion Show. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please contact Carolyn Pohlner, at cpohlner@gmail.com or #310-370-2494. We will schedule the 1st Planning Committee for Tuesday, Feb 6th, at 11:30am, AFTER we set up for Wed’s General Meeting.

FEBRUARY POUND AUCTION

Irma Chiota

Hello Ladies, this is a reminder to bring your One Pound Gift/Surprise for the February "Program." I went to one of these at a Marina District Meeting and it was a lot of fun. You bring in a ONE POUND item WRAPPED, and we bid on it. Hopefully you bring in something very nice or it could be a pound of who knows what. Hope too many don't bring in those "What's" vs "Diamonds or Dollars".

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Irma Chiota

Entries can be brought to our March meeting or bring them to the Marina District Meeting at the Santa Monica Woman's Club meeting on March 15th before 10 AM. The entries will be judged at that meeting and first place winners in each category will be sent to State.

- Photographs may be vertical or horizontal, Color or Black and White
- They must be mounted on an 8 x 10 board. Overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch.
- Entries must be the original work of the dues paying member.
- Each photo must be taken during this last calendar year between 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2023
- One entry per category

GFWC Living the Volunteer Spirit:

These photographs capture the special moments in the lives of GFWC Clubs as they meet, plan, advocate, volunteer, or celebrate in groups or one-on-one.

Our World Up Close: Create a visual that offers a novel viewpoint or a macro image that takes the viewer into a whole new, tiny world.

Natural Wonders: Use wide angles and panoramas or moody landscape images to showcase mountains, meadows, sandhills, rivers, waterfalls, oceans, deserts or other magnificent vistas.

Reflections: Feature a setting, situation or landmark that brings back poignant memories, or captures a fleeting image reflected in glass, water or another mirrored surface.

Each entry must have a CFWC "Photography Contest Entry Form" attached to the back of the backboard and a Creative Arts Waiver. Students must have Photography Contest Entry Form, Creative Arts Waiver AND Minor's Publicity Release and Minors Consent and Release form.

Forms will be at the back table at the February and March meetings. If you prefer, I will send you the forms, just let me know.
(bobandirma@msn.com or 310-995-2014)

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Anita Dinicola

Ladies, it might be cold out but don't let it stop your level of social well-being. In the warmth of the afternoon, invite a couple of friends for a hot cup of tea or coffee. Play a simple card game or have a conversation about your favorite book or movie.

For the more energetic and athletic, go for walks. Many gyms honor Silver Sneaker cards and let you enroll in a variety of classes such as stretching, dancing, singing, step aerobics.

Hospitality

Hello Lovely Ladies

Our meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7th and setup will be on Tuesday, February 6th at 10:00 am. If you did not get a chance to sign up at the last meeting and would like to help with setting up ☕📺, please feel free to come on over! Your help is always appreciated and welcomed!

Thank you and see you soon! Lois

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

We're trying something different for the New Year! A "Pound" Auction. Take a Pound of anything- pennies, flour, fruit, candy – wrap it up attractively and bring it to the Clubhouse on Tuesday, Feb 6th, as we set up for the General Meeting the next day. After lunch on Wed, Feb 7th, we will 'auction off' each wrapped item to the highest bidder! At past meetings, the Marina District has offered this Program to their members and it's been a real crowd pleaser, as well as an easy **FUND**raiser! Let's start our own Torrance Woman's Club tradition and see how much money and fun we can generate!

Carolyn Pohlner, Programs Chair

RESERVATIONS **Susan Warner**

Reservation due date is Thursday, February 1st. The \$20 reservation fee is paid at the door when you arrive. If you do make a reservation and are unable to attend, we kindly request that you be responsible for the fee and notify our treasurer. Sharon Broadbent.

Please make your reservation with Susan Warner.

Telephone (310) 534-4092

Or

E-mail luvsapandal@aol.com

Reservations need to be made the Thursday before each monthly general meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of our incredible TWC ladies each Membership

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Lois Jones
10	Alix Plum
12	Jeralyn Kirby
22	Bonnie Kerber-Lover
24	Connie Notch
25	LaRee Lydon
28	Cindy Wall

2ND VP – MEMBERSHIP

Janice Petrosino

Now that the holidays are over, we are back getting busy with all our club events and fundraisers. Please invite your friends to our fabulous Fashion Show in April or just ask them to join us for a wonderful lunch at our meeting. They might just like what we are doing and want to join. You may be surprised as to what happens...we will gain new members. Last year we had six new members so let's see if we can double it in 2024.

This year let's all try to meet and greet new members and welcome them to the club. Volunteer to serve as a chairman or help at an event. Remember this club needs each and every one of us to make The Torrance Woman's a success.

CITY OF TORRANCE **COMMISSION ON AGING**

You are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Commission on Aging.

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

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th at 9:30 am.

This meeting will feature Shawn Plunkett, Supervisor of the City of Torrance Home Improvement Program. The Home Improvement Program is a free program in which Disabled Individuals and Senior Citizens can have a variety of home improvement services completed provided that they meet certain criteria and are Torrance residents. Services provided through HIP include, but not limited to, disability upgrades for the home and minor repairs.

We hope that you can attend.

Centenarian Award: Last year the Commission on Aging launched its new Centenarian Award Program. This is a celebration of Torrance residents who have reached the beautiful age of 100. Each Centenarian is honored at a City Council meeting with a City Resolution and a Commemorative coin.

If you are nearing 100 years of age, or know someone who is, let us know so that they may be part of this memorable celebration.

Older American Award: Every spring the Commission on Aging recognizes the older Americans in our community who have dedicated their lives in service to others. Volunteers are the backbone of our community. If you know someone, and we all do, who has volunteered in our community for the past several years, please nominate them for the Older American Award. Recipients are honored at a City Council Meeting.



CLUBHOUSE REPAIR UPDATE

We're on the home stretch. The window repairs have been completed. The subterranean termites have been treated and vanquished and the building has been tented and treated for those other pesky termites! The window painting is scheduled for January 22nd. We will arrange for the new drapes to be installed after the painting is finished. The roof repair is being scheduled. This will complete everything we set out to accomplish during the last 4 years. Future plans to be considered are obtaining National Register of Historic Places status and ADA accessibility.



JANUARY MEETING PICTURES



Brown bag auction



Last armful of Food Bank Donations.



Alex enjoying lunch. LOL.



Richard serving Carnival theme lunch.



Club guest & soon-to-be new member.

