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**General Federation of Women's Clubs - California Federation of Women's Clubs - Marina District**

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## **MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### **Lynn Robinson**

Happy March! In addition to the TWC and Marina District events this month there are many other things on the calendar.

Daylight Saving Time begins on the 10<sup>th</sup>,

St Patrick's Day is the 17<sup>th</sup>,

Spring begins on the 19<sup>th</sup>,

Palm Sunday is the 24<sup>th</sup>,

Good Friday is the 29<sup>th</sup>

Easter is the 31<sup>st</sup>!

Also, the Torrance Fire Department's Annual Spaghetti Dinner is on the 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at the Ken Miller Recreation Center. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 8 and under.

Remember that the Nominating Committee will announce the 2024-2026 Slate of Officers at the March meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor. The election will be in April.

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. Carolyn, Janice and I are already Marina delegates because of our positions on the District board and cannot be delegates for TWC.



There are several flyers attached to this newsletter so please be sure to read them.



### **MARCH CALENDAR**

<b>Feb. 29</b>	<b>Reservation deadline</b> for March 6th meeting
<b>March 5,</b>	<b>Set up</b> for tomorrow's meeting <b>10 am</b>
<b>March 6</b>	<b>General meeting</b> 10 a.m. Social Hour 11 a.m. Business Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch & Program <b>"Literary women"</b> in honor of National Women's History Month
<b>March 10 2-4 pm</b>	<b>Celebration of Life of Hildegard</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Newsletter articles due</b>
<b>March 20, 10-12 pm</b>	<b>Helping Hands</b>
<b>March 22 9 – 12</b>	<b>Rummage Sale Drop Off</b>
<b>March 23, 8 – 1</b>	<b>Rummage Sale</b>
<b>March 27, 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Board Meeting- Zoom</b>
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Reservation for Apr 3rd mtg.</b>



## MARINA DISTRICT CALENDAR

**March 15** Marina District Council Meeting  
10 a.m. Santa Monica Bay  
Woman's Club

**April 13** Marina District Convention  
Torrance Woman's Club.

Registration and breakfast start at 8:00 am and the convention starts at 9:00 am. Cost is \$65.00 and checks are to be given to Sharon. She will send one check from the club.



## Membership

**Janice Petrosino**

Well spring is almost here and soon I will be collecting dues for 2024-2025. As of today, we have 97

members.

As a club member we are the key to recruiting new members. This will keep our club growing for years to come.

Our club has a brochure that we can carry and hand out to prospective members. Please come and see me for one. There are women that are just waiting to be asked to join our club.

Remember it takes each and every one of us to reach out for new members.

## HOSPITALITY

**Lois Koza**

Hello Lovely Ladies

Our meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6th and setup will be on Tuesday, March 5th 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

## RESERVATIONS

**Susan Warner**

Reservation due date is Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 luvsapanda1@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 month.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Karen Delpozio
5	Sharon Broadbent
9	Sacha Ohara
10	Hanna Knight
11	Lois Koza
13	Pam Sheerin
15	Jeanne Gilbreth
16	Patti Fuchs
20	Yoko Mendelson
24	Alycia McCord



## ESO CHAIRMAN

**Anita Dinicola**

Like to read? Earn awards and pins for your love of books. EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON [ESO] is an honorary educational society where club women are given direction in planned reading for self-enrichment and personal growth. The program is open to all women. Members can read as part of a book club or on a personal level.

Mary Alessandra-Cook has earned the ESO Torch Award, presented to her at the February meeting. The Torch Award is received after reading 64 books. Mary read over 150 hours.! If you would like to participate in this activity, let Mary know. She is the new ESO Chairman for 2024-2025

**Congratulations, Mary**

## Marina District Craft Contest

**Bette Herbst**

The Marina District's annual craft contest was held January 19, 2024, at the El Segundo Club House with 3 clubs participating.

The entries from Torrance were:

<b>Carol Woods</b>	Trash to Treasure	1st place
	Sculpture	1st place
	General Crafts	1st place
<b>Pam Sheerin</b>	General Craft	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
<b>Terry Moore</b>	Cross Stitch	1st place
<b>Lynn Robinson</b>	Jewelry	1 <sup>st</sup> place.

Thanks to all of you for your participation in this program. All 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will be shown at the District Convention in April.



## NEWSLETTER CONTEST

**Carol Woods, editor**

I have submitted our club newsletter to the CFWC and the GFWC Newsletter Contests. I selected the December 2023 Newsletter as our entry. Included in the entry was a cover sheet that stated the club district name, number of members, newsletter editor's name, address, phone number and email address. I wrote a 250-word narrative on how the newsletter is used, its distribution, frequency of the newsletter and any other information I felt was pertinent.

Club and district entries will be judged on content quality, presentation, design and adherence to GFWC rules. Those rules include: the front page of the newsletter must prominently display the official CFWC and GFWC emblem and mention membership in CFWC and GFWC. The emblem does not have to be the "new" GFWC emblem. The newsletter must also include the contact information of at least one member. Entries are due NO LATER than March 1, 2024. Watch for results in the April newsletter.

## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

**Irma Chioti**

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 mounted on a 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 Club 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, oceans, deserts, waterfalls, sandhills, rivers, 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)



## **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, March 5th, at 9:30 am. This meeting will feature a speaker from the city discussing the proposed plan for renovation and rejuvenation of the Civic Center.

We hope that you can attend.

### **City of Torrance Home Improvement Program:**

The Home Improvement Program is a free program in which Disabled Individuals and Senior Citizens can have home improvement services completed provided that they meet certain criteria and are Torrance residents. Services provided include, but not limited to, disability upgrades for the home and minor repairs. The application for this program can be found on the city's website.

**Centenarian Award:** 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. The application for Centenarian is on the city's website.

**Older American Award:** Every spring the Commission on Aging recognizes the older Americans in our community who volunteer in service to others. If you know someone who is a Torrance resident and has volunteered in our community over the past several years, please nominate them for the Older American Award. Recipients are honored at a City Council Meeting. The application for Older American Award is on the city's website.

**Mary Hileman, TWC Member**  
**Commissioner, Commission on Aging**

## **TECHNOLOGY CHAIR** **IN THE CORNER**

**Mary Alessandra-Cook (with ChatGPT assist)**

Here are five charging "don'ts" to keep in mind for everyday life and travel:

**Don't use unauthorized chargers:** Using non-certified or unauthorized chargers can pose risks to your devices. Stick to chargers provided by reputable manufacturers to ensure compatibility and safety. This means that the cheap look alike on sites like Amazon may not be the best charger for you to use and it's advisable to use the OEM, original equipment manufactured, that came in the box with your device.

**Don't overcharge:** Avoid leaving your devices plugged in for extended periods after they are fully charged. Overcharging can degrade battery life over time. Unplug your devices once they reach a full charge.

**Don't expose chargers to extreme conditions:** Avoid exposing chargers to extreme temperatures, whether it's too hot or too cold. Extreme temperatures can affect the performance and safety of the charger and the device being charged.

**Don't ignore damaged cables:** If you notice frayed or damaged charging cables, replace them immediately. Using damaged cables can lead to short circuits, overheating, or even pose a fire hazard. Once again, heading to Amazon or similar site to buy a knockoff may not be in your best interest long time. When my Apple charging cord needs to be replaced, I buy from Apple and know that I am getting the safest cable for charging my Apple device.

**Don't charge in risky locations:** Avoid charging your devices in locations where there's an increased risk of damage, such as near water sources or in dusty environments. Charging in safe and dry locations helps prevent accidents. Another risky place for those of you traveling this year is the airport. Do not plug in your USB port to charge in the convenient kiosks for charging. Hackers love to grab your data there. Instead use the charging "brick", plug your USB end of the cord into it and your device, and find an electrical outlet along the wall where you are waiting for your flight. Using the direct plug into an electrical outlet is much safer in the open airport environment.

Following these charging guidelines can help prolong the life of your devices and ensure a safer charging experience.



## **FASHION SHOW Update** **Carolyn Pohlner**

The first planning session of the Fashion Show Committee met Feb 6th and the following members have volunteered to work together to bring you another outstanding event! Sharon Broadbent, Pam Barrett-Hill, Irma Chiota, Lois Koza, Lynda Myers, Janice Petrosino, Janet Payne, Lynn Robinson, Susan Warner and myself. Sub-committees have been formed, and it's not too late for others to sign up.

Our theme has been established - "High Heels and Pearls" and a reservation flyer is attached for your convenience. Save the date - Sat, April 27<sup>th</sup> 11-3pm.

The Donation Request Letter has been updated and a copy is attached for every member and we encourage you to begin your solicitations NOW! It's never too early to begin asking your favorite businesses for a donation for our Fashion Show Silent Auction or Raffle. If begging isn't your style, please consider donating a basket or Gift Cards yourself. No Donation is ever too small.

There will be envelopes at each table for the next 2 months for your Gift Card contributions - \$5, \$10 or \$25 Gift Cards as well as cash to purchase more. If you have Gift Cards you wish to donate, please contact Lois Koza ( #203-545-9048).

The menu hasn't been finalized with Richard yet, but we will offer a Chicken entrée with a salad, rolls, a starch ( rice or potatoes), fresh vegetables, beverage and cake for dessert. Cost \$70. There will be a pasta entree offered as a vegetarian option. All of the Wine, Prosecco and Champagne has been generously donated and will be available for \$5/glass or \$20/bottle.

New Club members will be asked to model fashions from an independent vendor, Pauline Goldstein, with Pegboard Highway. Her clothing will also be on sale in the Lobby the day of the FS, along with jewelry from Uniquely You (same jewelry vendor as last year).

The next FS Planning Committee meeting is Tuesday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am, immediately after the Clubhouse Set-up. We'd love to see you there



## **UPCOMING PROGRAM S** **Carolyn Pohlner**

In March, we'll welcome back Steve Norris and the Arts Council of Torrance for another engaging and educational skit entitled "Women in Literature" for National Women's History Month. We'll hear from Louisa May Alcott, Jane Addams, Gertrude Stein and Phyllis Wheatley. Not familiar with some of these names? - then be sure to attend the Mar 6<sup>th</sup> General Meeting to learn more about them!

Keeping with TWC's tradition, we will celebrate Past Presidents Day at our April meeting with Recognition and Appreciation Awards, I am requesting assistance from a committee to help make favors for our Past Presidents. Please contact me if you wish to help (310) 370-2494.

The Program that day will feature Ms. Gay Storm, an Historical Impersonator, performing as "Missed Manners" - illustrating how proper manners and etiquette have evolved over the years.



### **RUMMAGE SALE**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

Saturday, March 23, 2024

8AM till 1PM

Free admission

Lots of good stuff on sale.

422 Engracia Ave . Torrance CA 90501..

Call. Janet 310.328.7549 with any questions

Drop-off of your items to donate.

Friday March 22 9:00 am - noon.

# FUN AT THE POUND AUCTION

PICTURES BY Irma  
Chiota



*Torrance Woman's Club presents*

*High Heels*

*& Pearls*



*Fashion Show*

*Saturday, April 27, 2024*

*11:00 am to 3:00 pm*

*Torrance Woman's Clubhouse*

*1422 Engracia Ave, Torrance CA 90501*

*\$70 per person*

*Proceeds to the Scholarship Fund*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check payable to the Torrance Woman's Club

Sharon Broadbent ~ 1903 261<sup>st</sup> Street, Lomita, CA 90717

Please provide guest's names with your payment

Priority seating for complete tables of 10 reserved by March 27

Please indicate if a vegetarian meal is required



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February 2024

Dear Donor,

I would like to introduce you to The Torrance Woman's Club, a non-profit organization, which recently celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving the community since 1921. We currently have over 100 members, all residents in the South Bay area. Our philanthropic projects are directed toward participating in and contributing to state and national charitable organizations, as well as fulfilling the needs in our own local community. Last year we were able to raise monies and donate goods and services to the following charities:

Department of Family and Child Services - Foster Children Division  
The USO at LAX  
Trinity Kids Care Hospice Program  
Little Company of Mary Hospital - 240 Huggy Bears donated  
Torrance-Lomita Meals on Wheels  
The Volunteer Center's "Food for Kids" Pantry  
Torrance Memorial Medical Center - 240 Huggy Bears donated  
Local Educational/ Arts Scholarships

This year our major fundraising event will be a Fashion Show and Luncheon to be held on April 27, 2024 at our historic 99-year-old Clubhouse illustrated above. The proceeds from this event are designated for our Scholarship fund, which awards selected graduating seniors from all five Torrance High Schools and a nursing student from a local Community College. This year, our goal is to provide six \$1,000 scholarships, as we have consistently done in years past. It is our hope you will assist us by donating items and/or a gift certificate for our Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction. We are supportive of our donors and sponsors and list them in our programs for fundraisers. If you need additional information, please contact us. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Pohlner  
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*California Federation of Women's Clubs*



# Marina District

## 68TH CONVENTION

*April 13, 2024.*

The Torrance Woman's Club

Continental Breakfast

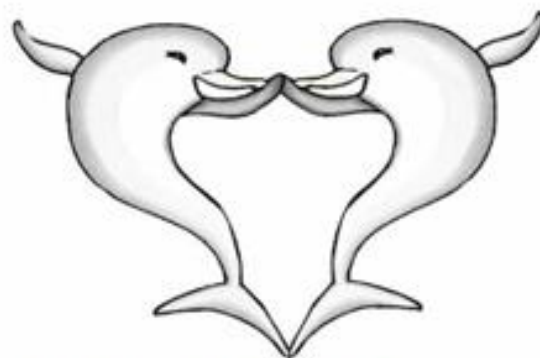
1422 Engracia Avenue

3 course Luncheon

Torrance, California 90501

CONTEST WINNERS

CLUB AWARDS



Entertainment by Music Scholarship Winners

Opportunities and Opportunity Baskets

Special Gifts for First Timers

*all for \$65.00*

*please join us for a*  
*Celebration of Life*  
*in loving memory of*  
*Hildegard Graeber*

*March 15, 1945 - December 14, 2023*

*Sunday, March 10, 2024*  
*from two o'clock in the afternoon until four*  
*Torrance Woman's Club*  
*1422 Engracia Ave, Torrance, CA 90501*

*Kindly RSVP via text by March 1 to:*  
*Annette Franz @ (949) 244-5130 or Bonnie Louvet @ (310) 753-4695*

*Please bring your puppies!*  
*And bring your favorite Hildegard stories to share!*

