



# The Torrance Woman's Club Voice



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## APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENT Carolyn Pohlner**



Spring is Nature's way of saying "Let's Party!"

Mother Nature enjoys puttin' on her finest and celebrating the onset of Spring, which began March 20th, with gorgeous shades of robin's egg blue, new grass green and daffodil yellow. Perhaps we'll see some of these colors on the hats of Club members at our upcoming Kentucky Derby Event on May 3rd - "Big Hats and Mint Juleps". There will be a Grand Prize of \$100 for Best Hat. Yes, I know that's a ways off yet, but I'm getting excited for the day to arrive! I have been busy soliciting donations for the Silent Auction and I encourage each Club member to ask for a gift certificate from their favorite restaurant, hairdresser or nail salon. If the thought of directly asking for a donation intimidates you, then please consider donating to the envelopes on the tables at our next General Meeting, April 2nd. We will be collecting money to fund our popular "Gift Card Grab Bag". Or you could put together your own basket for our Silent Auction. Any and all donations welcomed!

Many thanks to all the ladies who brought in food for The Volunteer Center's Food Pantry last month

– we collected 275 items for the "Food for Kids" Program! Outstanding!

As if that wasn't enough of a display of TWC members' generosity, you donated 117 tubes of lipstick for survivors of domestic violence! I will be delivering these lipsticks to the Rainbow Services administrative office the last week in March!

And don't forget our military – we're donating See's lollipops once again - so if you haven't placed an order yet, it's not too late to purchase a box before March 28th!

Happy Spring!

Carolyn



### **MARINA DISTRICT CALENDAR**

Apr. 26	10:00 am. District Convention King Harbor Yacht Club
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## APRIL CALENDAR

<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>Reservations due for Apr. Meeting</b>	
<b>Apr. 01</b>	10 am	Meeting Set Up
<b>Apr. 02</b>	General meeting	
	10 am	Social Hour
	11 am	Business Meeting
	12 pm	Lunch & Program
	Women's Health Issues and Bank Fraud	
<b>Apr. 09</b>	10 am	Craft Day
<b>Apr 09</b>	1 pm	Game Day
<b>Apr. 16</b>	11 am	Helping Hands
<b>Apr. 30</b>	10 am	Board Meeting
<b>May. 01</b>	<b>Reservations due for May Meeting</b>	

### THINGS TO BRING ON MAR. 5TH

1. **Items for the Volunteer Center Food Bank**
2. **Dues**

## **MORE NEWS AND REMINDERS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT . . .**

Ladies, I want to tell you about another big Party on the horizon this Spring - - - **the 69th Annual Marina District Convention, April 26th, held this year at the King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach.** There will be lots of entertainment - a magician from the Magic Castle performing at each table during Lunch, music and singing, interactive games and activities geared towards member-bonding, and more! Plan on attending – **sign-ups will be taken at our April 2nd General Meeting. Tickets are \$65.00 each, but a discount is available for tables of 10 at \$600.**

TWC is eligible for **5 Voting Delegates** to attend and their **admission is paid by the Club-** please see Carolyn Pohlner if you wish to serve as a Voting Delegate that day. (See Flyer at end of Newsletter.)

Here's a special opportunity for Mother's Day, Birthday, or Graduation gift-giving – Christina Cole's Paparazzi Jewelry will be on display at our April 2nd General Meeting in the Lobby. All items are only \$5.00! Perhaps you'll find something perfect to accessorize the outfit you're planning to wear to our May 3rd "Derby Day"! Carolyn Pohlner

## **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/ Dean of Chairmen OPEN**



**We're looking for someone to fill this position!**

## **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – MEMBERSHIP Carol Woods**



We will be awarding Service Year Pins in April be sure to come and celebrate our ladies!

A big thank you to the ladies who paid their 2025 yearly dues at the March meeting. Remember it is that time of the year when we collect \$50 in preparation for the upcoming term. We can accept cash or check made out to The Torrance Woman's Club. Either bring it with you to the April meeting and give it to the membership committee or mail it to the treasurer, Sharon Broadbent.

We will be awarding Service Year Pins in April to 9 women. Their years of service totals 185—can you imagine!!! We will also be celebrating April birthdays.



**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT/  
HOUSE CHAIRMAN  
Lynn Robinson**

The House Committee met on March 25th. We have selected a painter for sanding and painting the front railings and will be asking the membership to approve the expense. On April 10<sup>th</sup> Quality Assured Woodworking will come out and look at the floor in the main room and give us their opinion of its condition and what may be needed. We're still trying to get answers from the City regarding the sign ordinance before we can look into a new sign. Lynn still needs to meet with Fred's Carpet. Carolyn is waiting for the estimate for the Westside Door replacement.



The 100th Anniversary of the clubhouse is in October. If you would like to be on the committee to plan the celebration please contact Lynn.

The next committee meeting is set for Wednesday, April 23rd at 10:00 am.



**APRIL**

4	Allison	Jones
6	Ghislaine (Ges)	Davis
11	Pam	Barrett-Hill
13	Joan	Haefeli
18	Janice	Petrosino
20	Betty	Robertson
25	Carol	Woods

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!**

**RESERVATIONS  
Betty Robertson**



Hello, Ladies of Torrance Woman's Club. I just want to remind you to contact me if you will be attending the March meeting. The deadline for reservations is **March 27**. Please call me at 310-367-1188 or email me at [betsew@aol.com](mailto:betsew@aol.com). I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the meeting

**HOSPITALITY  
Lois Koza**



Hi Dear Ladies, 🍄🍄🍄

We will be setting up on Tuesday, April 1st at 10:00 A.M. for our meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd! 🐰🐣🐣🐣

If you have some time on Tuesday, please come to the clubhouse and give a hand to help keep our room looking great! It only takes about an hour and you get to share some additional good camaraderie! 🐣🐣🐣🐣

Hope to see you soon! 🐰🐣🐣🐣

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"! Screw top bottles are preferred. All contributions are very much appreciated!



Thank You!

TWC Board

## PROGRAM DIRECTOR

### Pam Barrett

For the month of MARCH, we enjoyed a wonderful presentation given by five talented actors and written by Steve Norris. We learned the history of "Woman in Space" and their determination to make a difference!

Now, in APRIL, we have a full Program. Besides honoring the Past Presidents and presenting service award pins to certain members, we have two of our members--MARY HILEMAN--speaking on "Woman's Health Issues" and SACHA DUNCAN--speaking on "Bank Fraud." Aren't we lucky to have such knowledgeable woman in our club!!

We will also hear from Mr. David Henseler, from the Sunrise Rotary Club, about the needs of the military at Camp Pendleton! You will be shocked at the information he has to tell you--thanks, Pam B.

## WAYS AND MEANS

### Pam Ament



The TWC Ways and Means Committee is buzzing with excitement as we are gearing up for our biggest fundraiser of the year on May 3, 2005! Join us at the Races, hosted in our beautiful clubhouse, for an event that promises to be nothing short of thrilling!

With "Big Hats and Mint Juleps," you can expect a fantastic day filled with fun, fashion, and fantastic company. Grab your friends and don your most extravagant hats as we come together for a day of excitement and support!

We can't wait to see you there and appreciate your enthusiastic support! Let's make this an unforgettable event together!

Get Ready for the Big Hats and Mint Juleps Fundraiser! Mark your calendars for an

unforgettable afternoon on May 3, as we kick off our Springtime fundraiser in grand style, coinciding with the excitement of the Kentucky Derby! Join us for a fabulous day filled with lunch, laughter, and lots of fun as we come together to support our wonderful philanthropies.

We're calling on all members to bring their A-game—let's see those biggest and boldest hats ever! We need basket items, silent auction treasures, and plenty of enthusiastic helping hands to make this event a smashing success.

Don't miss out—fliers are available, so grab yours and spread the word! Let's collect an amazing array of prizes, invite our friends, and celebrate the Derby in style!

### **Fliers will be emailed soon!**

Christmas in March - Paper-Bag Auction Recap! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our Christmas in March Sale! We're thrilled to announce that we raised nearly \$450.00, and it's all thanks to your incredible support!

Your generous donations and enthusiastic purchases made this event a fantastic success. We couldn't have done it without you! Let's keep the spirit alive – your generosity truly makes a difference!

There is even more to come, but we will leave that for another time, see you in April!

Luv from your TWC Ways and Means Committee,

Pam Ament

Janice Petrosino

Lois Koza

Linda Pollick

GG Mansfield

Betty Robertson





## TWC MONTHLY “CRAFTS DAY” AND “GAME DAY”

Ladies, our first “Crafts Day” was very successful. Carol Woods brought all her card-making supplies and we created beautiful cards for all occasions to send to the Troops. Our next gathering is Wed, April 9th from 10-12pm in the Clubhouse - Coffee and baked goods will be available.

Bring a brown bag lunch and remain for the afternoon activity - “Game Day” which begins at 1 and we’ll play Mexican Train. ( or ay other game of your choice!) Refreshments available. 1-3pm in the Clubhouse.

Carolyn Pohlner



## TECHNOLOGY CHAIR IN THE CORNER

**Mary Alessandra-Cook**

The Hottest AI Trends right now in 2025.....

AI continues to dominate headlines in 2025, with major breakthroughs shaping industries and daily life. One of the biggest trends is autonomous agents—AI-powered assistants that handle tasks like scheduling, shopping, and research. These agents are improving reasoning abilities, making them more practical for businesses and individuals alike.

Tech giants are also pushing the limits of AI. Meta recently launched Llama 4, its latest language model, which enhances voice interactions and conversational AI. The company is also developing AI engineering agents to assist with coding and complex problem-solving.

In the pharmaceutical industry, major players like Johnson & Johnson, Merck, and Eli Lilly are investing heavily in AI training. As AI reshapes drug discovery and compliance, companies are

prioritizing AI literacy among employees to stay competitive.

Meanwhile, a new concept called “Living Intelligence” is emerging, blending AI, biotechnology, and sensors to create adaptive, learning systems. This technology has potential applications in healthcare, education, and beyond, revolutionizing how machines interact with humans.

With AI influencing everything from medicine to daily tasks, it’s clear that 2025 is a landmark year for artificial intelligence. These advancements are not just about smarter machines—they’re about creating AI that enhances our lives in meaningful ways.

The above ChatGPT article is based on recent reports from the following sources:

Reuters – Discusses the rise of autonomous agents and their role in assisting with tasks like scheduling and purchasing. (Source)

Financial Times (FT) – Covers Meta's AI advancements, including the launch of Llama 4 and its work on AI-powered engineering agents. (Source)

Business Insider – Reports on how pharmaceutical companies like Johnson & Johnson, Merck, and Eli Lilly are focusing on AI literacy and training employees to integrate AI into drug discovery and compliance. (Source)

Wikipedia – Introduces the concept of "Living Intelligence", which combines AI, biotechnology, and advanced sensors for adaptive and evolving systems. (Source)

These sources provide insights into the hottest AI trends shaping 2025 across industries like tech, healthcare, and business.



## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH – Mary Hileman

### South Coast Botanical Gardens: “Music in the Garden”

Enjoy Music in the Garden, presented by the Peninsula Committee LA Philharmonic and South Coast Botanic Garden. This wonderful afternoon of music will showcase young South Bay musicians playing music surrounded by the Garden’s natural beauty.

**Saturday, April 26, 2025, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., P.V. Peninsula  
**(424) 452-0920 for ticketing information**

**Torrance Travelers:** The next Torrance Travelers excursion will be a trip to **Olvera Street** on **April 30th**.

Contact the Bartlett Center at (310) 320-5918 for more information.

**Torrance Theater Company:** Upcoming at the Torrance Theater Company will be **“The Book of Will”**. An unforgettable true story of love, loss, and laughter, and sheds new light on a man you may think you know. (William Shakespeare)

**April 5-26, 2025**

[www.torrancetheatrecompany.com](http://www.torrancetheatrecompany.com)

1316 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance (424) 243-6882

### COMMISSION ON AGING

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 April 1st, 2025 at 9:30 am.**

**The speaker at the meeting will be Joan Perkins, on the services provided by WelbeHealth.** A full-service health care and personalized support program to help you age well at home and in your community. Their Program of All-inclusive Care

for the Elderly (PACE) meets the changing needs of seniors, often at no cost.

### HEALTH and WELLNESS

#### MARY HILEMAN



Walking is a great way to stay active and keep moving. It is good for developing and maintaining physical stamina. It is important for the cardiovascular system and bone health.

You can walk around the house, walk up and down stairs, walk around the block, walk around a store or at the mall. You can walk alone or with a friend. You can join a walking club.

#### Bartlett Center Walking Club:

The Bartlett Center Walking Club meets twice a week on Mondays and Fridays, at 10:00 am.

**Every Monday** the club meets at the Bartlett Senior Center (1318 Cravens Ave.), and each Friday the club meets at different locations.

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** Meets at Lago Seco Park at the corner of 235<sup>th</sup> St. and Adolph Ave.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday:** Meets at Veterans Park in Redondo Beach under the big tree. 309 Esplanade at Torrance Blvd., near the pier.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** meets at the Madrona Marsh in front of the Nature Center, by the parking lot – 3201 Plaza del Amo Blvd. (310) 782-3989

**4<sup>th</sup> Friday** meets at Delthorne Park in the parking lot on Spencer Street (3401 Spencer St.)

**5<sup>th</sup> Friday:** If there is a fifth Friday, meets at Madrona Marsh in front of the Nature Center.



### HELPING HANDS Bette Herbst

Helping Hands will continue the Bear Program for the hospitals and fleece blankets for the painted turtle camps along with blankets for rainbow services. Meeting the third Wednesday of every month from 10 AM until 1 PM.



## ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN PROJECT: GINA RADOCCHIO, CHAIRMAN

Thank you for your continued support of foster children. It is heartbreaking what these children go through and your generosity brings some joy and relief into their lives. Their needs are varied and basic. Schools have a list of items that the children must have when school starts. Unfortunately, these children have no way to purchase these items and need our help. If you would like to purchase some back to school items the requested list is: wide and College Ruled Paper, Spiral notebooks (3 and 5 subjects), composition notebooks, Folder (2 pocket paper folders), Dividers, 3 hole binders (1", 2" and/or 3"), Pencils, Pencil sharpeners, Pens, Crayons, Markers, Glue sticks, Highlighters, Index cards, Pencil/pen pouch holders, Scissors, Compass, Liquid paper/correction tape.

The school year begins in mid-August so in order to have everything organized I am requesting that the items be purchased no later than July 31st. I am happy to pick up your donations. If you would prefer, I am happy to shop for the requested items. Please make your check addressed to The Torrance Woman's Club. Thank you for your kindness for these children.

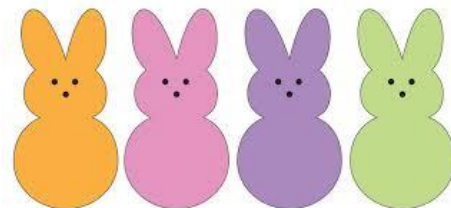
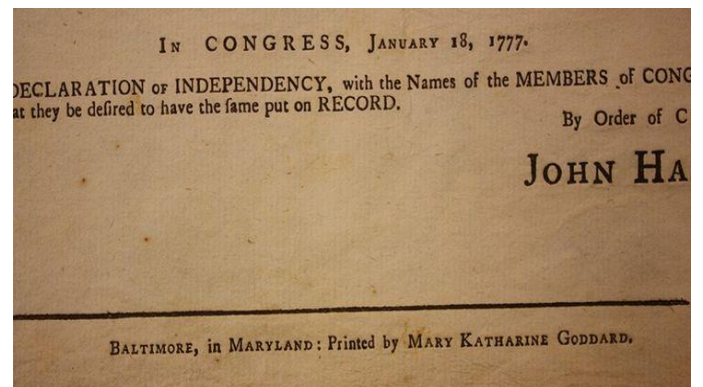
## WOMEN'S HISTORY Janice Petrosino

MARY KATHARINE  
GODDARD  
Printer and Postmaster



Born in New London, Connecticut in 1739, Goddard learned the printing business from her younger brother William. Goddard followed William from New London to Providence and on to Philadelphia. William started the Pennsylvania Chronicle newspaper in 1767, and the Goddard family used a Franklin-owned press in a Franklin-

owned house during at least part of their time printing and publishing in Philadelphia. In December 1776, the Continental Congress relocated to Baltimore, just blocks from Goddard's printing office/bookstore/post office. As the official printer to the Continental Congress and a proud supporter of the American cause, she printed Congressional resolutions and notices as well as the Declaration of Independence with the names of the signers. Goddard's imprint at the bottom of the document identifies not only the city where she worked for so many years, but also her full name: "Baltimore, in Maryland: Printed by Mary Katharine Goddard."





## OUR HISTORY

### CRAFT DAY



### TORRANCE HERALD

**TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1946**

### **TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB MORTGAGE BURNING WILL BE CELEBRATED TODAY**

Torrance Woman's Club will hold open house at the club house, 1422 Engracia Ave., on the evening of Wednesday, May 15 from 7 to 9 o'clock, to mark the celebration of 28 years' successful service in cultural, philanthropic and civic activities, and burning of the mortgage on the building. At a luncheon for members and past presidents, to be held at noon the same day, the mortgage will be burned.

A beautiful spring flower show to be presented under the direction of Mrs. L. C. Burger and her committee will enhance the setting for the luncheon as well as for the open house program scheduled for the evening hours. Mrs. C. E. Rupfel will be soloist at the luncheon/meeting and during the evening Jose Arias, of Los Angeles and his assisting artists will serenade the guests. Invitations to the open house program have been Issued to representatives of all local organizations and club members have been busy contacting former members and other friends of the club. Special effort has been made to reach charter members and those who cooperated with the club during the USO program in Torrance when the clubhouse was used as headquarters. All who can assist in notifying interested persons are asked to do so. The club's ability to achieve this milestone Is due to the splendid leadership and vision of the president, Mrs. R. R. Smith, and the strong cooperation of the members who have been inspired by her determination to accomplish a goal which for a long time seemed almost a mirage.





## HELPING HANDS





# **Marina District 69th Convention**

## **Saturday April 26, 2025**

Doors 9:30am

Convention 10am - 2:30pm

King Harbor Yacht Club

280 Yacht Club Way, Redondo Beach

Ample FREE parking onsite

**Entertainment**

**Awards - Opportunity Baskets**

**Vendors - Door Prizes**

RSVP by April 15

to your club with \$65 payment.

10 or more per club is \$60 per person.

Specify Tri-Tip, Chicken or Vegetarian.

**Don't miss the boat!**



Questions?  
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Convention Captain  
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