



*Torrance Woman's Club*  
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## **MAY NEWSLETTER 2023**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Lynn Robinson**

Our TWC volunteers came through again for our community. Annette Degner, Ellen Jenkins, Susan Warner and I stuffed envelopes for H.E.L.P. on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The letters were for donations for their Gala Fundraiser. We did about 100 envelopes in a little over an hour. Thank you, ladies. You made TWC look good!

Reminder the number of **paid** members we have at the end of May is the number that is used by the District, State and National to determine our club size for the year. If we don't have your dues, you won't be counted.

I hope those of you who attended the District Convention had a great time. Thank you for supporting our District and making sure they knew Torrance was there!

Several of us will be attending the CFWC Convention in Santa Ann on May 18 -20 to represent TWC and the Marina District. Pam Ament and Carolyn Pohlner are running for positions as the Area C representatives on the

Bylaws and Resolutions Committees. There is always a lot to learn at the convention and we will bring back information to you.

Happy Mother's Day.



### **Items to bring to the May meeting.**

Plastic lids for buddy benches

Medicine bottles w/ lids for guide dog training

Food for Volunteer Center-cereal, pasta, soup

Loose change for Penny Pines and Cup of Joe

Calendars w/ scenic pictures

## **1<sup>st</sup> VP – Dean of Chairmen**

### **Carolyn Pohlner**

#### **Advocates for Children**

There will be one last food drive for the year for the Volunteer Center's "Food for Kids" Program. Please remember to bring to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> general meeting. a box of cereal, a can of soup, a package of pasta and/or whatever else strikes your fancy when grocery shopping this week. This will be the final food drive of this club year. Thank you, ladies, for all your donations to this worthy cause throughout the year! With the Federal Government terminating the pandemic-extended Emergency SNAP benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps Program) effective March 1, 2023, 30 million more Americans are facing food insecurities due to higher grocery prices and lower or non-existent wages. Food pantries all across the country are suffering and cannot keep their shelves stocked fast enough. Won't you help the low-income school children in our South Bay community and contribute one last bag of staples so the kids have something to eat during the summer months while they are out of school.

#### **CFWC Matters and Concerns**

##### **Call to Convention ! May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Several TWC Officers will saunter down to Santa Ana for the CFWC State Convention mid-May in the expectations of becoming better informed and more knowledgeable about all things "Federated!" With this year's theme of "Children at Heart," I expect we will have a good deal of *fun* learning about Leadership Skills, Membership Tips, Effective Communication Techniques and Legislative Resolution actions proposed on behalf of CFWC. Reports to follow - see June's newsletter for more details.

#### **Civic Engagement & Outreach**

- "Cup of Joe" mugs are back on the tables for your pocket change, along with the "Pennies for Pines" containers.
- We continue to collect travel-sized toiletries for the troops passing through the USO.

Have you ever wondered what is done with all the donated wall **calendars** dropped off on the back table in the Clubhouse? They are delivered to our local Torrance-Lomita Meals on Wheels Office, where certain volunteers laminate scenic pages into placemats for the clients. Just one small way to brighten the day of a disabled or housebound senior receiving a gift of cheerfulness along with their meal!

#### **ESO, Libraries, and Education**

The TWC Book Club (we need to come up with a catchy name!) gathered for its second meeting at The Huntington Retirement Hotel. This is the new residence of member, Anita Dinicola who recently joined the Book Club. Anita participated in the discussion of Lessons in Chemistry on the afternoon of April 16<sup>th</sup> with Brenda Holcomb, Mary Alessandra-Cook and Carolyn Pohlner.

Next month, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm, we will meet at the TWC clubhouse. There's plenty of room for more members to join us! Please plan on coming to share your insights and opinions about Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel. Discussion leader will be Mary Alessandra-Cook. Please contact Carolyn Pohlner, 310-370-2494 for further details. We welcome TWC members who have read the book, or are in the process of reading it, to participate in the discussion, BUT BEWARE - we remind all who attend, that the book will be discussed and reviewed in its entirety, including the ending!

#### **Health & Wellness**

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water, the following excerpt is from the NYT, April 20, 2023

*"The Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday authorized an additional round of bivalent booster shots for adults who are 65 and over as well as people with compromised immune systems. The effort is to ensure ongoing protection against Covid, which is still claiming more than 1,300 lives each week. The bivalent shots target Omicron variants of the coronavirus. The agency said people who are 65 and older who have not had a bivalent booster shot in at least four months may get another one."*

## **MAY 2023 PROGRAM**

### **Carolyn Pohlner**

Come May, TWC traditionally celebrates Past Presidents' Day when we recognize and show appreciation to those members among us who have served as club president. Please join us May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Clubhouse, when we introduce 13 of our former TWC Presidents and present an historical reenactment in their honor, showcasing a 'different' past president Edith Galt Wilson - Woodrow Wilson's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife and "America's First Woman President."

Gay Storm is a professional actress and has been a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution for over twenty years. She is an Honorary Past Regent for the Los Angeles-Eschscholtzia Chapter and has also served as District IX Director. It is her association with the DAR that inspired her to create Hatboxwilltravel.com, her repertoire of one-woman shows which feature iconic American women such as Clara Barton, Mary Todd Lincoln, the Statue of Liberty, Lady Bird Johnson and, most recently, Edith Galt Wilson.



Last month's entertaining and informative program about bees and how they can help the environment was presented by Alysa Quitoriano, aka "The Bee Lady."



## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

1	Juanita Davis
4	Irma Chiota
4	Marjorie McKarns
5	Elizabeth Palmblad
10	Bette Herbst
14	Joy Marcon
15	Anne Imrie
16	Teresa Furey

## **MAY CALENDAR**

### **MAY 3**

10 a.m.  
11 a.m.  
12 noon  
1:00 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Social Hour  
Business Meeting  
Lunch

### **PROGRAM: HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS**

### **MAY 6,**

### **FASHION SHOW**

11:00 a.m.

### **MAY 12**

### **MARINA DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

### **MAY 12**

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

### **MAY 17.**

### **HELPING HANDS 10 a.m.**

### **MAY 17-20**

### **CFWC CONVENTION Marriott Hotel, Santa Ana**

### **MAY 26**

### **MARINA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING El Segundo Woman's Club**

### **MAY 31,**

### **TWC Board Meeting 10 a.m.**

## **RESERVATIONS**

Dear TWC ladies,

Thank you for making a reservation for in person attendance at our monthly club house meetings. The day to reserve is the Thursday before the first Wednesday of the upcoming month. For our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting the reservation date is Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Richard, the club house caterer, is given a preliminary count the next day [Friday]. I give the final count to Richard Monday morning, two days prior to our Wednesday meeting.

The club is responsible for the meals ordered. If you make a reservation and, due to unexpected circumstances, you are unable to attend the meeting, we kindly request that you be responsible for the \$20 fee. Please notify the treasurer,

Sharon Broadbent.  
1903 W 261<sup>st</sup> Street  
Lomita, CA 90717  
Tel: 310-283-2247

Reservations are made with Susan Warner

E-mail: [luvsapanda1@aol.com](mailto:luvsapanda1@aol.com)

Tel; 310-283-2247

Sincere thanks for your understanding.

Susan Warner



## **HELPING HANDS**



Hi to all my TWC friends. We're enjoying a beautiful spring and it's motivating some of us to get more creative and to clean out craft supplies. A big "thank you" to G.G. for bringing 2 bags full of items that we'll put to good use. And another big "thank you" to Liz Palmblad for donating lots of yarn. Will probably use that to make scarves for Operation Gratitude. We had a nice turnout of 11 members for Helping Hands on 4/19.

Thanks to all of you, Hildegard Graeber

## **SET-UP**

Ladies, we are coming to our final meetings of this year and still need volunteers for setup and decorations on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 and for quick cleanup after our Wednesday meeting. Please contact me directly about the May setup and the signup sheet for June will be on the back table.

Thank you!

Lois Koza



## **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

Janice Petrosino

Our 2022-2023 Club Year ends May 31, 2023. We are now collecting dues for 2023-2024 which are still \$40.00. A big thank you to many of you who have paid your dues. For those of you who have not paid, please bring your dues to the May general meeting. I will have my basket there to put your check in or you can mail it to Janice Petrosino.

I am pleased to announce that Connie Hay has joined our club. I will introduce her at the May meeting. Thank you to the Women who have promoted membership and encouraged others to be a member of Torrance Woman's Club.

### **Technology Chair in the Corner**

No specific tips this month as I really need to update you on the great progress made by the TWC Website Committee. For the past month, the website has really been a major focus of my technology area. I've been out of my chair, so to speak, and at my technology desk, trolling through the website as the "unofficial" website chair.

Over the course of 2 weeks, 1 hour each week, the committee members gathered by Zoom and reviewed a list of over 40 suggestions for improvements and requirements needed to update our TWC Website for the better. Not that it is not a good website; it has served the TWC Club well over the years. However, there are some key content ideas and content corrections needed so that the website just shines as a communication tool with the world.

I would like to thank the following members for participating: Pam Ament, Carol Woods, Pat Green, Lynda Myers, Sharon Broadbent, Lynn Robinson, Irma Chiota. You all made terrific suggestions, offered candid thoughts, respectfully listened to each other, and just made it overall a really great committee!

Going forward this month, several members are working on action items that came out of the sessions and soon we will have a final requirement listing for help from our Go Daddy host on items we just are not able to do on our own. Once finished, I

will make sure to update everyone. Thanks for your patience as we work through the process.

Mary Alessandra-Cook

## **NEWS FROM THE CONVENTION**

The Marina district officers singing out the "news."



Richard Brice being honored for his work as manager of the club house



TWCs  
singer in the  
music contest.

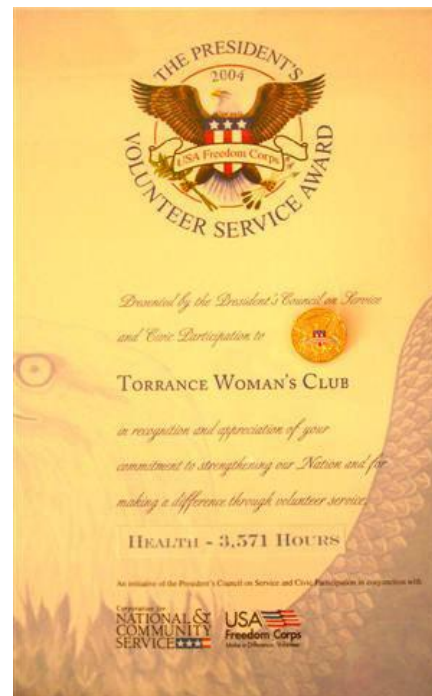
## Capital Campaign for the Preservation Fund

It has been a year since the first committee work to start a preservation fund for our Clubhouse occurred in the Spring of 2022. As we look back on the past year, we are grateful for the support of our donors- clubwomen, local businesses, family, and friends, who responded to our request for help so that we can start on necessary repair and upgrade projects. With the recent merger of the 2021 Window Fund and the 2022 Preservation Fund, we are just shy of raising \$50,000. We could not have done this in such a short time without the support of our generous contributors. We are grateful for each dollar raised in different tiers. Please see the following Donor Roll which acknowledges each donation.

All contributions are listed in tiers for now. Perhaps we can have a contest to see who can come up with some great names for our tier levels, beyond the normal metal ones (platinum, gold, silver, bronze, friend, etc.). Can you think of something new, cool, fresh, dignified, and inspiring? Put your creativity caps on and send me your suggestion by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If your idea is selected, I will personally give you a \$50 gift card.

Remember that when all our projects, including the ADA ones, are complete, we are going to post these donor lists on a beautiful wall plaque in our Clubhouse. So those tier names need to be *really good* as they will be standing up in perpetuity! Only tiers at \$500 and above are slated to go on the wall, so if you want your name in a specific tier, it is not too late to make another tax-deductible donation this year to move on up!

It's time to act this spring. Let us build upon our accomplishment from last year and raise the remainder of the money needed to complete all the repairs and embark on our ADA compliance projects. We are going to need at least another \$50,000. Spring into action today, as we cannot do this without all of you. "All of You" means more than just our 116 established and new members. Contact the businesses you know and support, your friends, and your families. Let others know how important it is to make our Clubhouse universally accessible to all. Let them know we need their help now, before the summer starts, so that we will be on track to celebrate the Clubhouse's 100-year birthday in 2025 in a fabulous new fresh way.



# **The Torrance Woman's Club Preservation Fund 2022 and Window Fund 2021**

## **Thank you to our Donors!**

### **Preservation Fund**

*Tier \$5,000 and up*  
John Gogian Family Foundation  
Janet Payne  
Mary Alessandra-Cook

#### *Tier \$1,000 to \$4,999*

Barbara Freeman  
Maxine Trevethen  
Pam Barrett-Hill  
Patricia Green  
The Torrance Historical Society and Museum  
The Lindsay C. and Anita L. Olson Trust  
*Tier \$500 to \$999*  
Sharon Broadbent  
Torrance Bakery  
Betty Robertson  
Char Kyes  
Claudeene Lyon  
Judy Burrow  
Judy Foster  
Torrance Refining Company  
Kerry Welch, Welch & Co. Accountancy Corp

#### *Tier to \$499*

Celestron  
Ashley Matsui & Michael Broadbent  
Linda Smith  
Greg Alessandra, Alessandra Capital Management  
Suzanne Dyer, Christie's Strand Hill  
Ganahl Lumber  
Doris Brigham  
GG Mansfield  
Ghislanine Davis  
Heidi Spangler  
Mary Varieur  
Jeannie and Archie Johnson, In Memory of Marie  
Alessandra  
Allen and Paula Boothe  
Desi and Ann Armstrong  
Gordana Swanson  
Steve Cook  
Nancy Hanks Cummings  
Alberta Brice  
Anne Imrie  
Barbara Bounds  
Connie Vassie  
Hildegard Graeber

#### *Tier to \$499 continued*

Karen Delozo  
Marilyn Keller  
Anonymous  
Alec and Yon Ok Alessandra  
John and Helen Alessandra  
Carolyn Elliott  
Robert and Chris Acherman, In Memory of Jim  
Hill  
Allan and Sue Frew  
Farmers Insurance  
Allan and Kelli Vieweg  
Leona Hiraoka  
Susan Shultz  
Fred's Carpets Plus  
Green Virtue Corporation  
Francine Plushner  
Francine Plushner  
Kathleen Aldrete  
Creative Images Unlimited  
Alice Honda  
Elizabeth Palmblad  
Sharon Broadbent, In Honor of Marilyn Keller  
Juanita McLaren  
Elana Helgesen  
Mr. and Mrs. Anton and Sharon Matesi III, In  
Memory of Marie Alessandra  
Ray and Anne Destabelle  
Jeannette Grieco  
Lee Large  
Merle Norman Cosmetics & Spa  
Roselyn Ibanez, In Memory of Barbara Austin  
Carolyn Pohlner  
Lynn Robinson

### **Window Fund**

#### *Tier \$1,000 to \$4,999*

Barbara Freeman  
Pat Green  
Char Kyes

#### *Tier \$500 to \$999*

Barbara Freeman  
Mary Alessandra-Cook  
Kathleen Davis  
Linda Eisenbart

#### *Tier to \$499*

Irma Chiota  
Linda Smith  
Anonymous  
Helen Anear  
Carolyn Pohlner  
Allison Jones  
Cindy Heistand  
Sharon Broadbent  
Gina Radocchio  
Benivity-Broadbent  
Judy Foster  
Jo Anne Weber  
Betty Robertson  
Janice Petrosino  
Ericka Chapman  
Marjorie McKarns  
Hildegard Graeber  
Terry Moore  
Hildegard Graeber  
Cindy Wall  
Lee Large  
Susan Warner  
Lois Koza  
Marilyn Keller  
Karen Delozo  
Janet Payne  
Lee Large  
Anita Dinicola  
Irene Brooks  
Joan Earhart