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JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

President's Message Lynn Robinson

It's hard to believe we are at the last month of our club year. There will be no general meetings in July or August. The board, Book Club and Helping Hands will continue to meet. The board will be working on having some "just for fun" events during the summer. A wine and cheese afternoon and a pajama breakfast have been suggested. If you have any ideas let me know.

Marina District is planning some Zoom workshops during the summer. Watch for them in the Ship's Log. CFWC will be having a CFWC Communications Roundtable monthly hosted by Chairman Sonja Hults. The first one will be June 21st at 6:00 pm. It will be posted in QuickBytes.

I want to thank all of you for everything you did to make this year a success for TWC. It is everyone working together that makes this a great club.

Lynn



Things to bring to the next meeting.

Gently used bras / clean underwear
for "I Support the Girls

Toothbrushes/crayons/coloring books
small toys for South Bay
Children's Center

JUNE CALENDAR

June 1

**Reservations for general meeting
due to Susan Warner**

June 6 10 a.m.

Set up for meeting.

June 7

General meeting

10 a.m. Social Hour
11 a.m. Business Meeting
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. Program:

June 16

Newsletter articles due

June 21, 10 a. m.

Helping Hands

June 21, 2 p.m.

TWC Book Club

June 28, 10 a.m.

Board Meeting

FASHION SHOW FINAL REPORT

If you were one of the 120 members and guests who attended the “Queen for a Day” Fashion Show on Saturday, May 6th, then you already know what a wonderful event it was! Now we have the figures to prove it— The Torrance Woman’s Club profited **\$9,758.32.** A complete accounting is available for anyone to see and will be posted on the back table at the June 7th General Meeting.

Vendors did well, Raffle Baskets averaged over \$50/basket and the Silent Auction was highly profitable! The Bar did extremely well - mainly because the wine, prosecco and beer were all donated! A Special Big Thank you to Sharon Broadbent, Janet Payne and Pam Ament!

I heard nothing but happy, positive comments and compliments all day long – what more could any event coordinator ask for! From the moment guests began arriving at 10:30am and entered the beautifully and elegantly decorated Clubhouse in shades of palatial purple, silver, and white, to the instant the first Gift Basket was raffled, to the time the delicious lunch was served, to the moment the first model sashayed down the runway, to the long-awaited coronation of the “Queen-for-a-Day”(Carolyn Pohlner was the lucky winner!), the Fashion Show was buzzing with excitement, laughter and smiles!

The pretty purple program (Thank you, Sharon!) listed all the members involved in making the Fashion Show so successful - and I’d like to once again thank each and every one of you - but I would be remiss if I didn’t take this opportunity to recognize some truly indispensable volunteers – Sharon Broadbent, Lynda Myers, Lois Koza and Susan Warner - who went above and beyond in every aspect of the planning, preparations, and execution of the Show itself. Irma Chiota’s gorgeous hand-made centerpieces and Elizabeth Shafer’s loan of the glittery, gossamer table-top overlays helped create the desired effect of the Regal theme.

Irma (Crown and Roses Bouquet)), Elizabeth (Robe, Scepter and Goodies Gift Basket), Alberta Brice (Goodies Basket), Lynda (Sash and \$50 Rosettes)) and Carolyn (Burke =Williams Spa Gift Card) all

participated in perfecting the “Queen’s Package of Perks”, which any Queen would absolutely enjoy! (And I do! Thank You, Ladies!) Opportunity Tickets sold well.

Our Scholarship Fund is sitting pretty right now - \$9.800 prettier thanks to a united effort by all The Torrance Clubwomen who attended the Fashion Show. Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Pohlner
TWC Fashion Show Chair

Program – Carolyn Pohlner

Our June 7th General Meeting’s featured speaker is Ms. Lisa Dagget-Cummings from the South Bay Childrens Health Center. She will speak to us about all the different programs and services her organization offers throughout Torrance, Lawndale and Redondo Beach, including Mental and Dental Health Clinics. If members would be so kind as to bring a box of 8-count crayons or a child’s toothbrush, it would be much appreciated. At their health facilities they provide a toy chest stocked with toys, and crayons and coloring books and these items are always the first to go!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 11 | Joy Wright |
| 11 | Madonna Davenport |
| 18 | Juanita McLaren |
| 22 | Lori Ann Flaherty |
| 27 | Fran Day |

1st VP – Carolyn Pohlner

Civic Engagement & Outreach

The June General Meeting Tables will once again hold the mesh lingerie bags for “I Support the Girls”. This will be the last bra and panty drive I’ll do for this year, so please be sure to bring in any gently used bras you may wish to donate to this worthy cause. Remember panties must be brand new.

Education and ESO

The TWC Book Club IS planning to meet throughout the Summer, so please consider joining us the 3rd Wednesday afternoon of every month at 2pm – the exact location will be announced every time, but we will be meeting either at the TWC Clubhouse or at The Huntington Retirement Hotel. Where Are The Yellow Flowers? A True Story of Hope Through Unimaginable Loss has been chosen for our next meeting on June 21st. Lynda Myers will lead the discussion, please contact Carolyn Pohlner (310-380-2404) if you would like to attend.

2nd VP – Janet Petrosino

June is the beginning of the 2023-2024 club year. The Torrance Woman’s Club had a productive and fun year, and we are looking forward to more of the same.

We have enjoyed meeting and introducing the new members this year as our Club continues to grow. Thank you Mary Linn Coleman and Roberta Smith for your support on the membership team.

Last month I installed Thel Curran as a new member. Welcome Thel to the Torrance Woman’s Club.

Thank all of you for your renewal of your membership. For those who haven’t renewed I still will be collecting them at our June meeting. Our membership dues are still \$40.00.

Enjoy your summer of relaxation or traveling. I am looking forward to hearing from you on what you did on your vacation. See you all in September.

Treasurer – Sharon Broadbent

We are nearing the end of our Club's fiscal year, June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. I would like to share with you the results of our club's generosity.

Thank you to everyone that contributed, from personal donations, participation in club meetings, and fundraising efforts. You all deserve a big pat on the back for everything you do to help enrich the lives of others. BRAVO!

2022-23 Fiscal Year Club Donations June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023

Bob Hope USO at LAX	\$ 300.00
Community’s Child	\$ 300.00
Cup of Joe	\$ 172.50
DCFS	\$ 1,695.00
Doors of Hope	\$ 300.00
El Camino College Foundation	\$ 300.00
FANHS	\$ 300.00
Fisher House	\$ 300.00
Food For Kids	\$ 410.00
Friends of Madrona Marsh	\$ 300.00
Girls Love Mail	\$ 100.00
Guide Dogs of America	\$ 300.00
Heifer International	\$ 300.00
I Support the Girls	\$ 185.70
March of Dimes	\$ 300.00
Meals on Wheels	\$ 300.00
Nat. Search Dog Foundation	\$ 300.00
Operation Gratitude	\$ 200.00
Painted Turtle Camp	\$ 300.00
Penny Pines	\$ 476.00
Rainbow Services	\$ 300.00
Ronald McDonald House	\$ 300.00
South Bay Village	\$ 100.00
St Jude Research Hospital	\$ 553.00
Starfish Project	\$ 200.00
The Attic	\$ 300.00
Torrance Arts Council	\$ 300.00
Torrance Historical Society	\$ 100.00
Torrance K-9 Unit	\$ 300.00
Torrance Rose Float Assoc.	\$ 300.00
Trinity Kids	\$ 902.42
UNICEF	\$ 725.00

Total \$ 11,519.62

SET UP – Lois Koza

Ladies, this is the last meeting for our club and anyone who would like to help with the set up and/or decorating on Tuesday, June 6th at 10:00. My phone number is 203-545-9048.

Our club has a closet filled with a variety of decorations and you can have fun being as creative as you would like!



HELPING HANDS Hildegard Graeber

Hello to all my friends in the Torrance Woman's Club. We're enjoying the lovely spring weather now and getting ready for summer. And that includes a reminder that the Helping Hands crew will continue meeting the regular 3rd Wednesday of each month [JUNE/JULY/AUGUST]. And we're always looking for new hands to participate in our activities, especially new members who might have other skills and talents to share.

Also want to express my thanks to so many "hands" that helped keep our group producing "Huggy Bears" and "cuddle blankets" and most recently the fleece no-tie blankets. Further I want to mention how much I have appreciated donations of fabric and yarns and craft items, as well as the gift of time and effort. Some memorable gifts – Helen Anear, Natalie DiMercurio, Beverly Greeno, Pat Green, Bette Herbst, Marilyn Keller, Louise Lowry, GG Mansfield, Joy Marcon, Margie McKarns, Darlene Payne, Loretta Storm, Donna Webb, Sachi Kanenaka, new members Teresa LaVerne, Bonnie Louvet, and Juanita Davis, and a Mr. Smith who came to the clubhouse and donated several boxes of his wife's leftover fabric stash. Some

members took the time to buy and donate PolyFil to stuff the bears. Pat Green spent many days cutting out the circles that make up the facial features of the bears. I know that there are more members needing to be recognized for their help, and I'm scratching my memory cells to recall them. Please know that all of you are dearly loved and appreciated for joining me for a few hours each month to put things together. Hope to have another happy summer.

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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. June 1st is the reservation date for the June 7th meeting.

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.

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Reservations are made with Susan Warner

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Sincere thanks for your understanding and help.

FASHION SHOW 2023



1st VP – Dean of Chairmen Carolyn Pohlner

The following article appeared in the May 2023 issue of the Marina District Ship's Log. For all you TWC "Helping Hands" crafters – pat yourselves on the back – your efforts are being appreciated.

SAMPLES OF TWO WINNING REPORTS

Angie Waller: The Torrance Woman's Club - Advocates for Children

Project Title "Huggy Bears" for Children at Local Hospitals

Hours 2424

In kind: \$882

During their monthly meetings, The Torrance Woman's Club "Helping Hands" committee makes "Huggy Bears" for children. Each bear takes about 5 hours to make and \$7 worth of material. Club members work on these bears in person at the Clubhouse meetings as well as at home. And we have the photographs to prove it! Our "Helping Hands Chair" is also an amateur photographer and loves to post snapshots in the monthly newsletter of the "crafty" ladies having fun sewing at the These bears go to the two local hospitals' ER Department, where nurses give them to comfort and console young children arriving in various stages of trauma and pain. As a reward for all her effort every month, our loyal steadfast "Helping Hands Chair" has the joy and honor of delivering 20 bears apiece every month – for an annual total of 240 bears to Providence-Little Company of Mary Medical Center and 240 bears to Torrance Memorial Medical Center.

Total members In Kind donations were **2424 hours and \$882.23.**

More Winning News from District for TWC

Arts and Crafts – Bette Herbst

The annual Marina District Convention was held at the Torrance Woman's Club April 22, 2023, where the winners of the craft contest displayed their entries.

- Linda Myers won first place and best show for Diamond of Our Lady of Guadalupe which consisted of 20640 placed on canvas and took over 200 hours.
- Sharon Broadbent won first place for a cork fabric tote bag.
- Carol Woods won first place for a paper sculpture home interior showing many rooms. These winners are from the Torrance Woman's Club.

Clockwise: Barbara Bounds Jrs. 1966-1967, TWC 2005-2007, Kathleen Davis 2007-2009, Deanna Hanson 2009-2011, Fran Day 2014-2016, Anita Dinicola 2016-2018, Lynn Robinson 2020-2024, Janet Payne Evening Division Chairman 1998-2000, Linda Lescoe Evening Division Chairman 1997-1998, Madonna Davenport Evening Division Chairman 1984-1985 Not pictured Lee Large Evening Division Chairman 1974-1976 and Sharon Broadbent Jrs. 1994-1995.



PAST PRESIDENTS





MAY MEETING



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY BETTE

