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AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

**PHASE I-WINDOW RESTORATION BEGINS -
EARLY SEPTEMBER!!**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lynn Robinson

On July 12, about 20 of us met at the clubhouse for our Wine and Cheese Afternoon. Richard had done his usual great job of setting up tables with beige tablecloths and burgundy napkins. Several of our ladies brought cheese, crackers, fruit, nuts, cookies and artichoke squares. The bar was set up with several kinds of wine, Martinelli's Sparkling Cider, ice water and coffee. We had silk flower centerpieces. The décor was simple but attractive. Everyone had a great time talking and getting to know each other better.

Marina District is having 4 Summer zoom meetings every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. beginning July 25th.

Topic: Sail into the 10 Pearls of Wisdom &
Leadership by Janice Petrosino
Time: Jul 25, 2023, 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85708570972?pwd=Ni8rNnN2SkFoQmZLV0o3cFZ6aHAzQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 0857 0972
Passcode: 951632

• +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
See the attached flyer for schedule and topics.



TWC PAJAMA BREAKFAST

**Wednesday, August 23rd
10:00 a.m.
\$10.00**

**Come in your pajamas and enjoy
breakfast prepared by Chef
Richard!**

**RSVP, so we will have plenty of
food, by Thursday, August 17th to
Betty Robertson 310-367-1188 or
betsew@aol.com**



Technology Chair in The Corner

Mary Alessandra-Cook

TWC Technology Chair

For this month's important tech tip, I want to share with your major points from an article created by Kim Komando whose daily technology blog/email I subscribe to and follow. Kim's article had information she said should be shared with others. It is timely for you to consider as many people start shopping for their grandkids holiday presents as early as in the summer with the holidays only 5 months away.



This season we are bound to see a slew of AI ChatGPT-powered toys. When the kids start asking you for them, you need to know it is not all fun and games. These toys are not your average stuffed animal anymore. The toys can learn everything about the child and the child can have conversations with the toy. The more the child speaks, the more the toy learns and becomes more intelligent. This chatbot technology can create customized stories for the child, can help them with temper tantrums and entertain them with the flip side that the toys may also collect school and home locations and other sensitive data. As you can imagine, the same privacy concerns you have as an adult with devices collecting, storing, and sharing with third party buyers now come into play.

Kim reminds everyone of Hello Barbie that came out in 2015. It was a Wi-Fi enabled doll that was the precursor to AI toys. The doll recorded, collected, and saved the conversations it had with children to cloud servers. Mattel got sued for invasion of privacy and security risks as the recorded data could be used for marketing purposes, and Mattel addressed the issues. Try to keep child's play private while it will eventually become impractical to avoid AI toys altogether as they are becoming a household norm. Disable any cameras and chat functions on the toys and enable parental controls. Read the gadget's privacy policy. Make sure there is a way to reset the toy to erase capabilities and memory. And think carefully before buying this type of toy. Stepping on Legos is not so bad if it protects our children. Hopefully, this knowledge will be power for you this upcoming holiday shopping season.

Community Service Project Los Angeles Regional FoodBank



Would you like to come out and participate in a community service event at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank on Saturday Oct. 28th? *I would love to have you join me and we can have fun together doing Torrance Woman's Club Family and Friends Team.* We will be leaving from Torrance around 7:45 am to head to the City of Industry where the event starts at 9AM. It is an assembly line filling the boxes of donated food for needy people. While there is standing involved, the event is upbeat and fun, and the time goes by fast until about noon or 1 PM when the event will end.

I will send out more logistical information in the next few newsletters, but I need to have the RSVPs for being on the team completed around August 1st. If you missed the TWC June meeting in person, then you missed the first sign-up sheet. Please consider being a participant and sign up with me now. You can bring a friend, a spouse, even an adult child too if they want to be part of the team. Together we can all make a positive impact in helping to end hunger in the community.

So, as you finish reading this article, please decide, and then go to your computer and now send me an email at maryalessandra@cox.net with your name and any guest names and each of your guest's emails. Thank you!



PROGRAM IDEAS

Without going into all the particular details of the programs planned for next calendar year, I'd like to share with you some of the proposed ideas, as suggest by some of our very own members.

- 1) You can expect a panel of nurses and healthcare professional discussing health issues relevant to women our age.
- 2) Holiday boutiques in November or December or both – featuring homemade baked goodies, handmade items, and a specialty boutique or 'gently used' handbags, jewelry, and accessories donated from members. We will need members to volunteer to help with this.
- 3) Possible musical and theatrical performances from:
 - a) The Torrance Civic Chorale and/or L.A. South Town's Chorus for our December Program
 - b) Steve Norris and the Arts Council of Torrance with his productions centered on Women's History for March 2024
 - c) Gay Storm and her historical reenactments of the First Ladies, or her new show featuring "Miss Manners"
 - d) Musical and dramatic performances from the youth/students in our community: The Harts Academy at Narbonne High School, or West High School
- 4) Vince Giuliano as Guest Speaker with a possible catered lunch from Gaetano's
- 5) Chief David Dumais, TFD with CPR dummy demonstration and Mike Buchs from Mobile Stroke Unit
- 6) Back by popular demand, the "Brown Bag Auction" will return in January 2024 - Annette Degner and Betty Robertson have graciously offered to Co-Chair this event!
- 7) Possible Guest Speaker from Family Promise in the Spring

I have prepared a schedule and budget for the above-listed programs and will be presenting them to our Board for their approval on July 26th. Mind you, this proposal is not written in stone and there is always room for other ideas. If you have some suggestions, you would like TWC to consider for next year, please feel free to contact me!

Carolyn Pohlner, Program Chair

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Carolyn Pohlner

Civic Engagement- Militia

Calling all Crafters! Aug 16th is "Helping Hands" Day at the Clubhouse - when you will have the opportunity to work on TWC's signature "Huggy Bears" or our popular new hand-tied fleece blankets. In August we are also offering a paper craft – making homemade "Valentines for Vets".



Carol Woods will be teaching us how to do iris folding making the valentine shown. Bring scotch tape [regular and double sided], plus scissors. We will be providing some paper, glue sticks, scissors – straight-edged and decorative, stickers, markers, crayons, etc.

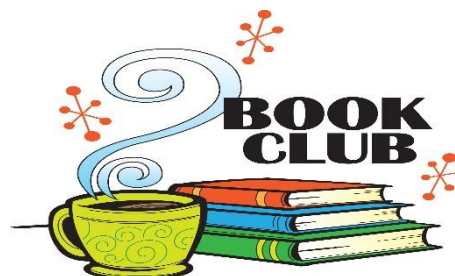
You are also encouraged to bring your own supplies, as well. We hope to have quite a few Valentines ready next February to send to Vets here at home and active troops deployed abroad.



Ladies, if you're looking for an activity to do with your grandchildren, bring 'em along! Coffee and donuts will be served!!

ESO and Libraries

Aug 16th is Book Club Day at the Clubhouse. The August selection is Becoming, by Michelle Obama. Carolyn Pohlner will lead the discussion and provide a dessert – why not plan on bringing your own brown bag lunch and we'll lunch together?! Book discussion begins at 1 pm. Feel free to contact Carolyn ahead or just drop in – new members welcomed!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Judy Burrow
3 Susan Warner
8 Roberta Smith
8 Cherie Wisman
9 Linda Smith
9 Maxine Trevethen
11 Janet Watters
12 Judy Foster
19 Frances Hunter
27 Linda Lescoe
28 Opal Wulff
29 Charlotte Kyes
30 Bernice Rose

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CALENDAR

August 11 Newsletter article due
August 16, 10 a.m. Helping Hands
August 16, 1 p.m. Book Club
August 23, 10 a.m. Pajama Breakfast
August 30, 10 a.m. Board Meeting
August 31 Reservations for Sept.
 meeting due
 Notify Susan Warner



RESERVATIONS

Susan Warner

Beginning with the September 2023 meeting, we will once again be making reservations for in person attendance at our clubhouse meetings.

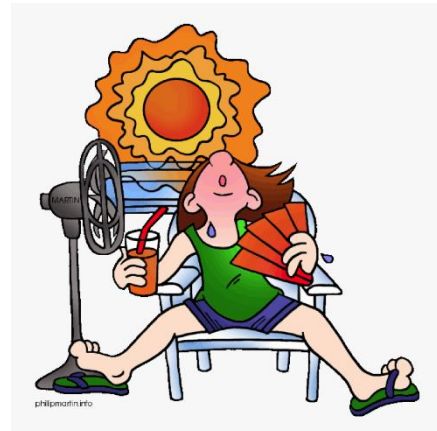
The \$20.00 fee will remain the same, paid at the door when you arrive. If you do make a reservation and are unable to attend, we kindly request that you be responsible for the fee and notify our treasurer, Sharon Broadbent. Please make your reservation with Susan Warner:

Telephone: 310-534-4092

Or

E-mail: luvsapanda1@aol.com

Reservations need to be made by the Thursday before each monthly general meeting. The reservation due date for September 6th is Thursday, August 31. Looking forward to seeing all of our incredible TWC ladies each month.



Health and Welfare

Anita Dinicola

HOW CAN SENIORS STAY SAFE IN THE SUMMER HEAT?

Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Natural fabrics such as cotton may feel cooler than synthetic fibers. Avoid outdoor exercising and other physical activity when it is very hot. Instead try to find some place you can be active while staying cool indoors.

Stay hydrated.

Stay indoors during extreme heat.

HELPING HANDS

Hello to all the TWC members, and friends who may be allowed to read this too.

It's mid-July as I am writing this, and it's super hot, which is a bit uncomfortable, but it is SUMMER. (Remember this when you're shivering in January.) Our Helping Hands group continues to meet for 2 hours each month, and we're getting lots of our crafts completed... we donated 20 Huggy Bears to each of the two big hospitals. The emergency room nurses are always so grateful for the gift, which helps them in their jobs when there are toddlers arriving at the ER.

We recently increased our efforts making the no-sew, knotted fleece blankets for the Painted Turtle Camp, and we delivered 22 of them at the end of June, along with 80 turtle pillows. The Camp manager was extremely happy to receive them. So, I did some shopping and found more fleece for the team to work on the next few months. Join us if you'd like to learn to make these items.

Hildegard



TWC LADIES BETTY, HEIDI AND LOIS
ENJOYING LUNCH WITH ANITA DINICOLA



**Marina District Summer
Matey Meetings
Zoom Series**

Tuesday Mornings 10 am – 11 am



July 25, 2023:

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Host: Janice Petrosino, Marina District President

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August 1, 2023:

Anchoring ideas for Federation Deans and Chairmen

Host: Angie Waller, Marina District 1st Vice President/Dean/President-elect

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85624979922?pwd=TFFkbDJYenR6RUpYMC9HcjJkWiHxUT09>

August 8, 2023:

A Starboard Lean into Club Membership

Host: Lynn Robinson, Marina District 2nd Vice President, Membership

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89120646566?pwd=UFZ0L2pQTVdxazV5bFRSbzczMHZDdz09>

August 15, 2023:

Anchor Your Club Finances

Hosts: Donna Mae Ellis, Marina District Financial Secretary &
Carole Kanter, Marina District Treasurer

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88931015494?pwd=a0hxREIKVTZJNGV0M1NFVTc3YnZlZz09>

Join us for an hour of handy hints in keeping ship-shaped via Zoom. You supply your beverage, and we provide the information. Each session will close with a 15-minute Q and A. Copy and paste the BLUE URL codes above into the browser. For further sign-in information, please email us at:

marinadistrictgfwcfc@gmail.com