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SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT

Carolyn Pohlner

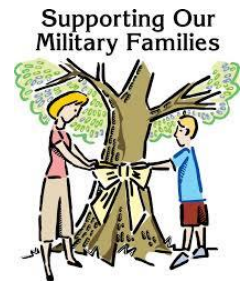
“Summer Boards” Experience

As President, I attended my first Summer Board Conference in Ontario, CA, July 11-13th, with Marina District 1st VP, Lynn Robinson as my roommate. The Conference derives its name because the entire State Executive “Board” of Officers are on hand to introduce themselves and their agendas for the upcoming year. And because it meets in the “Summer”.

Structured very similarly to the State Convention, I attended General Assemblies throughout most of the day Friday and Saturday morning and participated in break-out workshop sessions on Friday afternoon. I was surprised by the amount of useful information I learned from the General speakers, as well as from the individual Club and District members I met sitting next to me at my own table. These conferences and conventions can be extremely helpful to first-time officers, like me, and hearing how other Clubs operate, fundraise and retain their members is of vital importance to me right now. Indeed, there is much to be said for “Leadership Development”!



One of the most interesting philanthropies I heard about this past weekend was the “Making Spirits Bright” “organization - which supports lower-ranked military personnel and their families, with food drives, baby supplies, and gifts for entire families at the Holidays. I will be sharing this information with our TWC Philanthropy Committee later this Fall, when we meet to decide which charities we’ll want to donate to throughout the upcoming Club year.



Carolyn

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Aug 29	Reservations due for Sept. Meeting
Sept. 3	10:00 AM –Meeting Set Up
Sept. 4	General meeting 10 am Social Hour 11 am. Business Meeting 12 pm Lunch & Program LA South Town Choir Purse and Jewelry Sale
Sept. 18	10:00 AM – Helping Hands
Sept. 25	10:00 AM - Board Meeting In person
Sept. 27	Reservations due for Oct. Meeting



MARINA DISTRICT CALENDAR

Sept. 20 9:00 AM –District Meeting
WC of Redondo Beach

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/ Dean of Chairmen OPEN

We're looking for
someone to fill this position!



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – MEMBERSHIP Carol Woods



The Torrance Woman's Club is delighted that you are a member, but we need your help to encourage others to join us. All members bring their individual personalities and talents to help the club fulfill its goals.

Think about the following questions so that you can answer them when a new member says "I wonder...."

- Why are you involved in the Torrance Woman's Club?
- What is the most exciting part of being a member?
- Who introduced you to the Woman's Club?
- How did you become involved?
- Who could you introduce to TWC?

At our first meeting, which is very soon, who will you bring so that we can reach our goal of at least 16 new members. Membership total would then be 100!

If you are bringing a guest, please let the reservation chairman know so that we are prepared.

100 WOMEN FOR 100 YEARS

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT/ HOUSE CHAIRMAN Lynn Robinson

Our AV project has been completed! It was used for the Report Writing Workshop last Wednesday and we were all impressed. Thank you to Mary Alesandra-Cook for taking charge of this project and seeing it through to completion.


RESERVATIONS Betty Robertson



Hello everyone. Well, we will be back in the swing of things very soon. Our September meeting is on September 4th. That means that I need to have your reservation for lunch by 29th of August, to give Richard plenty of time to prepare for all of us. Please be kind enough to call 310-367-1188, to let me know you will be there. I am looking forward to seeing you and greeting you.





HOSPITALITY

Lois Koza 

"Hello Dear Ladies 

Welcome back  as we begin our exciting 2024-2025 year with our first meeting on Wednesday, September 4th ; setup will take place on Tuesday, September 3rd at 10:00.

Going forward, the sign-up sheet will be on the back table but for this month, if you would like to help make our first meeting looking fantastic , please contact me via email or phone - effie4x4@hotmail.com - 203-545-9048.

As always,  thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon!



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Marilyn Keller and Betty Paxton
- 2 Jerri Plum
- 9 Carolyn Snyder
- 20 Laurie Vaillant
- 22 Terry Moore
- 29 Pam Ament and Patricia Green
- 30 Lee Large

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

WAYS AND MEANS CHAIR Pam Ament

Hello Members,



The amazing LET'S PAINT fundraiser at the Clubhouse on August 14th! It was a phenomenal event, and we want to thank all the wonderful members and guests who joined us. The room was buzzing with creativity and fun as Sharon Broadbent's sister, Debbie, led the artists through an incredible painting experience. The atmosphere was filled with great food, delightful wine, and the warmth of friendship. Laughter echoed through the room as we all had an absolute blast. And guess what? Due to popular demand, we are planning another epic LET'S PAINT event in the Winter! So, if you missed the first one, here's your chance to be a part of the next unforgettable experience. Mark your calendars – we can't wait to see you there!

Are you curious about what's coming up for the Ways and Means Committee? The Torrance Woman's Club Ways and Means Committee will have tables set up at our General Membership Meeting to sell gently used purses and jewelry. We are looking for

donations of all kinds of purses and jewelry. If you have any gently used purses or jewelry that you no longer use and you're willing to donate them to TWC, please bring them in by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 4th. All proceeds will go to TWC.

The TWC Ways and Means Committee is working hard on a whole list of fundraising opportunities and events for the membership to enjoy. We hope to see you soon!

Your Ways and Means Committee,
Pam Ament
Lois Koza
GG Mansfield
Janice Petrosino
Linda Pollick
Betty Robertson



Let's Paint artists.

TWC Newsletter Naming Contest - Grand Prize \$50

It's time our wonderful Newsletter had a NAME! If you can come up with a creative one, you could win a \$50 Target Gift Card for your efforts!



Some members have already offered a few suggestions, "The Torrance Tabloid" and "THE TWC VOICE" are just two - but we want to hear from more of you.

Please submit your entries by Sept 1st, DIRECTLY to Carolyn Pohlner and members will vote on suggestions at our Sept 4th General Meeting. Thank You!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, PAM BARRETT

Hi everyone--I am taking over from Carolyn Pohlner, her last job as program chair and I hope to do as good a job as she did! To start the new season off with a "blast," I decided to invite the "LA South Town Choir," with Caroline McLean as their director and they will perform after lunch. Please stay to listen to their great voices. Our very own Susan Warner is one of the members! Carolyn, Pam Ament and I will be scheduling the agenda so be prepared for a lot of fun and many interesting topics--for example, October will be the "Flower Duets"--Halloween.

WOMAN IN HISTORY Janice Petrosino

As your Woman in History Chair, I plan to write an article in the newsletter about the women in our history. My first important woman is Mrs. C. W. Stock (Mayme) 1921-1922

The Torrance Woman's Club was founded in 1921, emerging from a small neighborhood sewing group. The ladies soon learned that their scope of interests was not limited to "their own backyard gardens and sewing baskets". On March 19, 1921, Mrs. C.W. Stock was elected as the first president of the Torrance Woman's Club and at that time there was 11 members. They also opened their initial bank account at the First National Bank depositing \$4.

The highlight of President Stock's year was joining the California Federation of Women's Club and helping acquire 75 new members. Her first Philanthropy project was the Child Welfare Clinic which continued in operation until the Torrance Health Center was established. Mrs. Stock got the club involved in assisting the Torrance Chamber of Commerce during the Christmas season. The club members helped pack 500 lbs. of candy for children in the community and distributed baskets of food, clothing and toys to needy families. During her first year they spent \$200.00 on philanthropy, Mrs. Stock reported "I think it was pretty wonderful for a new club that doesn't have a home.

Meeting in church halls, school auditoriums or any place available, the members, at their November 20, 1922, meeting decided to establish a building fund



for a clubhouse. Into the fund went \$150 of their \$171 bank account and the years of money raising events began. In 1924, their building site on Engracia Avenue was purchased for \$2,515.

TECHNOLOGY CHAIR IN THE CORNER

Mary Alessandra-Cook

Let us end the summer with some miscellaneous bits and BYTES of interest:

What temperature is too hot for an iPhone to work well? In Fahrenheit, is it ... 77 degrees, 95 degrees, 113 degrees or 131 degrees? The answer is at the end.

Tech to the rescue: A family of seven was saved from their sinking boat on Utah Lake thanks to a hero and drone. A bystander found the family a mile and a half from shore and shared the GPS coordinates with emergency services. Everyone's OK, except for the drone; its battery ran out, and it took a dive.

7 in 10 millennials and Gen Zers prefer to text over making or taking phone calls. Now you know what to do if someone does not answer — text them! Read to the end for my take on leaving a voicemail.

Google's Street View relies on cars with multiple cameras for its pics. What was the first animal Google hired to capture a place they could not access by car? Was it a ... A.) Bird, B.) Camel, C.) Gorilla or D.) Penguin? The answer is at the end!

🧐 Nerdy fact: Today's solid-state drives (SSDs) run on silicon chips versus the old magnetic disks in hard disk drives (HDDs). They do not have any moving parts, so they are faster, quieter and have a longer lifespan than HDDs. But solid-state drives do

not last forever. About one in every 100 SSDs fails by year four. If yours goes kaput, so do your files. Nine times out of 10, if you are having issues with your computer, you or an IT expert can find a way to recover your files. That 10th time? It is an SSD issue. Translation: You are out of luck.

Elevate your emoji game. Here's a cheat sheet of outdated emojis and some alternatives that will make you look "with" it:

- Leave the thumbs-up 👍 and go with the 100 instead. It is like saying you agree 100%. I use it all the time.
- When someone asks you for something, go with a salute 🫡 instead of the old' OK 🤔. It is super cute and way more official looking!
- Feeling embarrassed or surprised? Trade the flushed face 😳 for a 😬. You could also go with 🙄 when you are afraid to look at something, but you totally want to.
- I see you smirking over there 😏. Bring your sly smile up to date with this guy: 😏.
- Swap out 🙄 for a real shoulder shrug 🙄.
- Hands up if you celebrate with 🙌! A less played-out way to show excitement is this emoji: 🥳.
- Swap out the default red heart ❤️ with heart hands 🫶.

PSA: This emoji is a salad: 🥗. Be aware that it is not a Christmas wreath, as some have mistakenly thought, or you may get some laughter at your texts!

Apple payout: Payments are on the way for anyone stuck with the defective MacBook butterfly keyboard available from 2015 to 2019. Payouts range from \$50 to \$395. Check your mailbox if you submitted your info for the settlement.

In August 1991, astronauts sent the first email from space to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Was the closing line ... A.) "Hasta la vista, baby," B.) "To infinity and beyond!" C.) "Houston, we have an email," or D.) "Catch you on the flip side"? See the answer at the end.

UNTIL NEXT TIME ...

The answer for what temperature is too hot for an iPhone to work: 95 degrees. That is the highest

temperature Apple and Samsung say your phone can work without acting quirky. Pro tips: In the car, put your phone in the shade. If it feels extra hot, take off the case so it can "breathe."

The answer to the first animal Google hired:

B.) Camel. In October 2014, Google engineers strapped the Street View cameras on a camel in the Liwa Oasis. The 62-mile scenic desert near Abu Dhabi has some of the world's biggest dunes.

The answer to the first email from space: A.)

"Hasta la vista, baby

Mary Alessandra-Cook

Compiled from various Kim Komando newsletters



DAY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE – TWC AT LA REGIONAL FOOD BANK Mary Alessandra-Cook

Last chance to sign up on our Torrance Woman's Club Team at the Los Angeles Food Bank for our participation in the GFWC National Day of Service.

- The deadline to sign up is September 9th and fast approaching.
- Use the link Mary provided in the last issue of the newsletter, or ask her to forward it to you directly
- Your adult family members and friends are welcome to participate with you- and everyone must sign up through the link provided

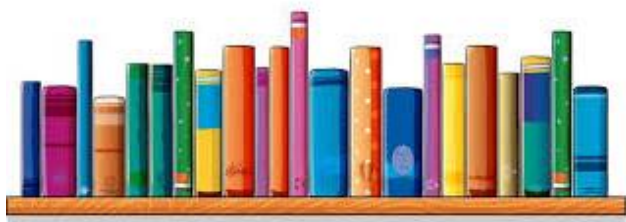
Our team has about a dozen participants signed up right now so there is plenty of room to join the team. We hope you can join in the fun and help seniors and kids in our greater community by being part of the solution in the fight against hunger.

ESO

Have you finished your summer reading challenge or are you on the way to being finished? The flyer was sent out in the newsletter two months ago. This is a reminder that the completed form is due to CFWC State ESO Chair, Reggie Mattox, by September 1st. You can email her or mail it to her directly or contact Mary Alessandra-Cook to help you.

There were some ideas on great books to read that came out of the ESO Zoom meeting on July 30th. Here are some of the titles in case you want to add them to your personal or book club reading:

The Covenant of Water
The Henna Artist
The Art Thief
The Ride of Her Life- True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and their Last Chance Journey Across America
Unskilled
Beautiful Illusion (by Christie Nelson)
The Cotillion Brigade
The Women (by Kristin Hannah)
The Old Lady That Broke All The Rules (by Catharina Ingelman Sundberg)
The Woman at The Wheel (by Penny Haw)
Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker
This Time Together – Laughter and Reflection



ROLLING BOOK CART - LIBRARIAN - JANET PAYNE

Have you ever brought a book into the club meetings or taken a book from the three shelf rolling Book Cart the past year?

Your opportunity will begin again at the September General Meeting.

With everyone's help I am hoping to have a "RIBBON CUTTING" a re-opening of this long running bonus. Please bring a good book you are willing to donate, hard copy or paperback in good condition. Please no old books that are not in tip-top shape. I will sort and prepare the cart for the preview of what is to come each month. Bring a book, take a book, bring it back, take another.

Prices will be \$1 - \$3 honor system. Also if you have any good magazines that are fairly current. No need to bring a whole sack but in September try to bring one book.

Let's make this little cart something special....THANKS for your help. xoxoxoxjp

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH – Mary Hileman

TORRANCE TRAVELERS

The Torrance Travelers are headed for the Huntington Gardens in San Marino on Wednesday September 25th. The bus will leave Wilson Park at 8:30 am.

Tickets are \$50.00 which includes the bus ride and admission fee. Lunch is on your own at one of the four restaurants.

Please note: Tickets must be purchased in person on **Thursday, September 5th**, at the West Annex (3031 Torrance Blvd.). **9:00 am to 11 am for Torrance residents** and 10:00 am to 11 am for non-Torrance residents.

For more information, please contact the Bartlett Center at (310) 320-5918.

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.), which is located next door to the City Hall.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:30 am.

The featured speaker will be Grace Fallwell, Program Coordinator at HELP – Helping Elders Live Productively. HELP provides free resources, services and referrals to help older adults make informed decisions.

HEALTH and WELLNESS **MARY HILEMAN**

COOLING CENTERS

If the weather gets too hot for you this summer and you need a place to cool off – Cooling centers are available at the Bartlett Center and the Torrance Libraries.

Women's Health Fair



TORRANCE MEMORIAL WOMAN'S HEALTH FAIRE

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

“A Recipe for a Better You”

5:45 – 7:00 pm Reception and Health Fair

7:00 – 8:30 pm Program

James R. Armstrong Theatre

3330 Civic Center Drive

\$10.00 Suggested donation

An empowering evening dedicated to enhancing women's health. Experts will provide insights on understanding your health risks and practical tips to boost your overall health. Enjoy health screenings, information “recipes for a better you” exhibits, giveaways, and raffle prizes..

Reservations are required. See Flyer on White Board. Please RSVP to: **Register**

Today: <https://bit.ly/4cT9rut>

For information call 310 517-4728 or email foundation@tmmc.com

8TH ANNUAL “UPSIDE OF AGING”

PV Village is sponsoring 8th Annual “Upside of Aging” Talk w/ Helen Dennis, noted syndicated columnist and Jean Adelsman, former Managing Editor of The Daily Breeze. Sept 25th at Palos Verdes Golf Course at 1pm. FREE. See Flyer on White Board Reservations required. RSVP to: PVPVillageOffice@gmail.com or call 310-415-2762

Legislation & Public Policy, by Cathy Holm, CFWC(excerpted from *QuickBytes* , Aug 12, 2024 issue)

Our CFWC officials would like members to become more involved with legislation matters, especially at the Club level. Many Club members aren't exactly sure how or what to do. Well, here's a pretty straight-forward guide that will show you how. Signing up for the Legislative Action Center (LAC) is as easy as 1-2-3:

- 1) Go to gfwc.org and click on Advocacy on the menu bar.
- 2) Click on Get Involved. A new page will pop up titled Act Now: Use our Legislative Alerts
- 3) Under “Sign up for Alerts,” fill in your email, zip code, and click on the arrow to review your information, then click save.

On the new GFWC.org website, members can also click on “Take Action” or “Call to Action” links that generate letters that can be emailed to congressmen regarding a specific issue. This makes it easier to get involved.

By signing up for the LAC, you will initiate communication with your state congressmen. You can also go to the Member Portal on the gfwc.org website and download “**Tips for Meeting Legislators**” which has steps/protocol to help you connect with your legislator.



Family & Elder Fraud Prevention Event

Saturday - Sep 07, 2024

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center
Community Room

465 Crenshaw Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503, USA

Presentations by: **Special Agents of the FBI,
Torrance Police Department Cybercrime
Division, and US Attorney's Office.**

*Contributing Sponsors: AARP, Malaga Bank,
Torrance Community Credit Union, US Bank and
others.*

RSVP at:

www.fbilacaaa.org/event-details/family-elder-fraud-prevention-event/form

HELPING HANDS

Bette Herbst



Helping Hands is meeting in September, working on a holiday boutique item to sell and making bears for the hospitals.

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Reimbursement for expenses from the club account require a receipt. Please be mindful to keep your receipt for any expense that you are presenting for reimbursement. I will accept a photo of your receipt. I recommend if you make an authorized purchase for the club that you are seeking reimbursement, that you take a photo of the receipt with your phone that you can use in case you misplace the receipt. I will not be able to write you a check without a receipt.

Also, it is a good practice to seek approval from the board prior to purchasing items for the club.

Sacha Ohara, our Auditor will accept requests for reimbursement at the beginning of meetings and checks will be written by the end of the meeting.



COL. CHARLES EDWARD PAYNE (RET.) IS TRANSPORTED INTO SPACE JANET PAYNE

SpaceX Falcon 9 Transporter lifted off from Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA on Friday August 16, 2024 containing many different payloads among them the ashes of Charles which will orbit the earth for three to five years and then 'poof' leaving nothing to trash space. A perfect send off to a real space pioneer.

Daughter Aj and I were at a public park with a view of the entire complex to see the actual lift off from Lompoc CA Space Launch Complex 4 and follow the rocket until we could no longer see it. Two sonic booms accompanied the launch that reminded us of all those we experienced when we lived at Edwards AF Base CA. Son Chris and wife were able to view it on line and actually see it pass over their home in Tehachapi. Grandson Charlie watched from work along with his other workmates.

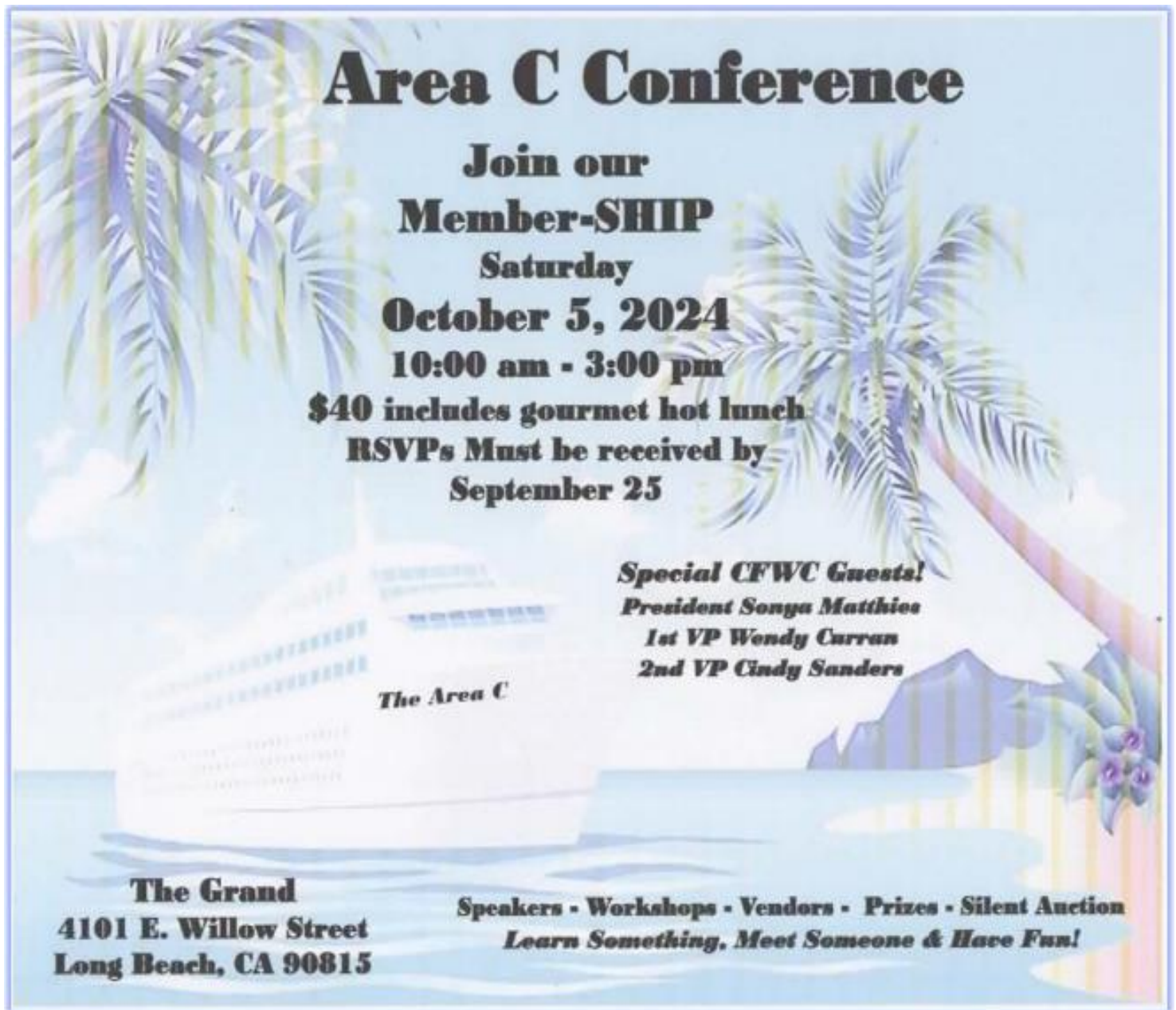
His bench dedication and Celebration of Life will be in about a month at El Prado Park in Old Torrance.

Just a thought

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

-- Mark Twain





SIGN UP AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

WE WILL BE SENDING IN 1 CHECK FOR ALL OF US AND ARRANGING CARPOOLS.





TWC's Purse and Jewelry Sale

September 4, 2024

**All purses will be priced
between \$10.00 and \$20.00**

**Jewelry will be priced
individually and posted on the
table.**

**The sale begins at 11 am and
will continue until after the
program.**

Checks and Cash accepted.



With its unwavering commitment, the Torrance Woman's Club has a long history of helping its community and others in need. Founded in 1921, it is affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. We are a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization open to anyone wishing to contribute their time to benefit others.