



## Torrance Woman's Club

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## NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Lynn Robinson

Our clubhouse repairs are coming along. The outside of the windows will be painted in early December and the building will be tented for termites the week between Christmas and New Years. The inside of the windows will be painted sometime after the New Year. Thank you to everyone who has supported and/or worked on these projects!

Thank you to Annette, Lee, Lois and Pam for working our table at the Chamber Expo. We had a great time and were able to tell many people about our club.

It's time to select a LEADS Candidate from our club to be considered by the Marina District. The candidate will need to fill out the application and obtain 2 letters of recommendation from club members. They must also be able to attend the CFWC Winter Board meeting in Milpitas (near San Jose) at their own expense. If they are selected as the CFWC candidate to GFWC they must be able to attend all of the GFWC Convention in Chicago, Illinois. There is funding for about half the cost of the trip. If you are interested, please let one of our board members know.

Remember that November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. There will be events at Green Hills Cemetery and

Redondo Beach Veterans Park among others. It is also a day to fly your flag.

I am so thankful for all of you and your dedication to our club.

Happy Thanksgiving!



### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Oct. 26	Reservation deadline for Nov.1st meeting
<b>Oct. 31</b> 10 a.m.	<b>Set up</b> for general meeting.
<b>Nov.1</b>	<b>General meeting</b>
10 a.m.	Social Hour
11 a.m.	Business Meeting
12 p.m.	Lunch & Program

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

<b>Nov 10</b>	Newsletter articles due
<b>Nov. 13</b> , 10 a.m.	<b>Helping Hands</b>
<b>Nov. 29</b> , 10 a.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b>

### **WHAT TO BRING TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING.**

A pair of socks - any size, any color, any texture, adult or child's. Pasta and sauce, PB&J, cereal, canned meat and fruit items for the food pantry.

## RESERVATIONS

Susan Warner

Reservations due date is Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The reservation fee of \$20.00 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 the Thursday before each monthly general meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of our incredible TWC ladies each month.

## HOSPITALITY

Lois Koza

"Hello Lovely Ladies, just a little reminder setup will be on Tuesday, October 31st at 10 a.m. If you did not get a chance to sign up as a volunteer for that day, please feel free to come and help contribute to making our meeting on Wednesday, November 1st, another "spectacular" decorated room! Look forward to seeing you soon!"



## CITY OF TORRANCE COMMISSION ON AGING

**Mary Hileman, TWC Member and  
Commissioner, Commission on Aging**

You are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Commission on Aging.

The 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.

Tuesday, November 7th at 9:30 am.

TORRANCE MEMORIAL PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM,

Ujjwala Dheeriya, M.D., Medical Director and Kristel Quinto, Program Director. We hope that you can attend the meeting.

## DISTRICT CALENDAR

**Nov. 10**

**Executive Board Meeting**

Nov. 17 9 a.m.

Marina District Council Meeting  
W.C. of Playa del Rey  
Pound Auction

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VP - DEAN OF CHAIRMAN

Carolyn Pohlner

### Advocates for Children

Thanks to the generosity of our members, The Volunteer Center picked up 169 food items at the October General Meeting. Special thanks to Lois Koza, who once again, counted them all! Another 56 food items had been delivered to the Center at the end of September on behalf of TWC, for a **grand total of 225** food items donated for October! The Volunteer Center's latest newsletter featured an article listing the organizations and individuals who contributed to their Food Pantry and The Torrance Woman's Club is credited with providing **703 meals** this Fall. *"Together, we are feeding our community"*. Ladies, let's keep up the good work and don't forget to bring your food donation to the November General Meeting. are the most urgent needs this year.

"Socktober" collection comes to an end! We will be collecting your socks donation at the November Meeting. A pair of socks - any size, any color, any texture - is most appreciated! We will be distributing the adult socks to the El Camino Warrior Clothes Closet and the children's socks will be delivered to the DCFS offices.

### Civic Engagement & Outreach

#### **Military**

Deadline for Operation Gratitude's "Clear Your Stash" contest is Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. Please call and I will gladly pick up your knitted and crocheted scarves and beanies!

Along with the warm scarves that we plan to ship to the Chatsworth headquarters, we will be enclosing homemade "Thank You" cards for our deployed troops and First Responders. A group of TWC members have been designing and creating cards since last Spring and Summer at the monthly "Helping Hands" meetings and a week ago, several

of us met at Carol Wood's house to complete the project. We wrote messages of gratitude and appreciation for their service and signed them all from "The Torrance Woman's Club". We will be doing this again, in time for Valentine's Day, when we mail our "Valentines for Vets" cards. Please see Carol Woods or me, if you are interested in joining in on this fun and gratifying project!

In November, as we honor our Veterans, it seems only fitting that we collect donations for "Cup of Joe" at the General Meeting. The ceramic coffee mugs will be on every table for your convenience. Thank You!

### **Environment**

The first Saturday in October, I dropped off **20.5 pounds** of plastic bottle caps and lids to the Redondo Beach Rotary Club for the "Buddy Benches" Program. Keep 'em comin', Ladies!

### **Fundraising**

The See's Candy Fundraiser is in process but will end soon. Thank You to all who have participated so far. You may call in your orders to Carolyn Pohlner, if you haven't already ordered. Deadline is Friday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. All candy will be delivered in person at the November General Meeting. Remember, TWC makes at least 20% profit on every order - it's a win-win fundraiser for everyone involved - you, your gift recipient, and our TWC Clubhouse Fund!!

## **2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT** **MEMBERSHIP**

**Janice Petrosino**

### **Membership Matters!**

Let's welcome and encourage our new members as we participate in the many opportunities our Club offers. When you arrive at our meetings look around the room, Greet both the old friends and new. Say hello to new members & guests who have joined us. That special touch you bring to our gathering really matters!

A big welcome to Carolyn Snyder, a new member who joined our club at our September meeting.

This year, the CFWC has set a goal of adding new members to the Federation to have 10,000

members by December 2023. You can help us reach that goal by inviting a friend or neighbor to join you at an upcoming meeting.

Help us all experience the glow of CFWC's ambition.  
**Dream Big, Shine Bright, and Sparkle More.**

## **CRAFT CONTEST**

### **Bette Herbst**

This contest is for all clubs in the Marina District and entries will be judged at the January 19th District Board Meeting to be held at the El Segundo Club House.

Now is the time to prepare your entry. You may enter one item in each category. Entry forms will be available at the November TWC meeting.

Plan to enter as it always is such a pleasure to see what members make!

The categories are:

- Machine Quilting
- Hand Quilting
- Apparel Sewing
- Knitting
- Crocheting
- Embroidery
- Trash to Treasure
- Other Needlework
- Counted Cross-stitch
- Weaving
- Sculpture
- Glass
- General Craft



## **ESO News**

### **Anita Dinicola**

If you are a member of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, I need you to contact me regarding your present level of achievement. My email is: [neetnonna@gmail.com](mailto:neetnonna@gmail.com)  
The State Chairman is waiting for all of our correct information.



## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

### **Carolyn Pohlner**

Our November Program is dedicated to our Holiday Bazaar. In addition to all the traditional goodies offered for sale – baked goods and hand-made crafts – we are featuring something new this year – an Accessories Boutique of ‘gently- used’ Purses, Scarves, and Jewelry, donated from our very own members. Ladies, we ask that you bring all items - baked goods, handicrafts and accessories - already price marked, to the Clubhouse on Oct 31 after 10am or drop them off at Carolyn Pohlner’s house any time BEFORE Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is no scheduled Program that day, but we will be hearing from Ms. Jolene Gutierrez, from Trinity Care Kids - the children’s hospice agency, who will tell us more about their program.



## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

4	Donna Webb
6	Marilyn Barker
7	Gloria Falardeau
13	Emily Atkins
13	Erika Chapman
16	Lou Schumacher
17	Mary Hileman
18	Lynda Myers
18	Charlotte Sappington
22	Loretta Storm
25	Beverly Saliba

## **HELPING HANDS\**

### **Hildegard Graeber**

Hi to all those "helpers" at Helping Hands. Here are some pix from recent meetings showing how busy and productive we have been.

And I do so appreciate all those efforts, just as we are appreciated and thanked by the nurses in the ER's and the managers at the Painted Turtle Camp and the Rainbow Services.

I can't display all our beautiful handiwork in the clubhouse, so I want to share these pictures as proof of our success.

Many thanks to all of you, and we always welcome extra "helpers" for ideas and for hands-on.



## TECHNOLOGY CHAIR IN THE CORNER--Mary Alessandra-Cook

**Robots.** The future is in full swing and mechanical operation. This month I am condensing another great recent article from Kim Komando that highlights several things that robots are doing right now. Think back to when we all watched "The Jetsons" and wished that the robotic maid Rosey was real. Rosey took care of the household tasks, like cleaning, cooking, and caring for the family—things we all could use some help with within today's fast paced lives. That future is here as we look a bit beyond AI, here are robots in use right now and to the rescue.

**Atlas** can lift heavy weights, run, open doors, backflip, jump and even do Parkour. It's designed to aid emergency services in search and rescue operations and function in environments where humans can't survive, like fires and war zones.

**Moley** is a kitchen bot chef. It mimics the movements of human hands and can do delicate tasks like cracking an egg. Moley even cleans up after itself. I'll let that sink in.

**Moxi** was big at the start of the pandemic, delivering medication, PPE, patient comforts and other supplies. It can open elevator doors, but it needs to ask a human to press the button for its floor. There are even some robots that could be considered microscopic doctors. Antibacterial nanorobots are tiny self-propelled bots that deliver medication right to the infection. They do this by mimicking a bacterium and its target, then trapping it in nanowire mesh. Incredible stuff.

**BugVacuum** is a self-propelled vacuum cleaner that sucks up insects while autonomously navigating between crops on farms. Farmers only must get it to the starting point and set it to auto mode. The bot is ideal for clearing out insecticide-resistant pests. Sure beats a flyswatter.

**Robear** is a back-saving teddy bear-shaped robot that lifts disabled or older patients from their beds into a wheelchair. Its soft, cushioned body is designed to be gentle on the patient's skin while providing maximum support.

**Gita Bot** is a rolling robot that follows you around, carrying up to 40 pounds of whatever you need — groceries, luggage, tools, you name it. The name "Gita" is inspired by the Italian word "giro," which means "turn" or "round trip." Sounds like the perfect mule for me!

## ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN Gina Radocchio, Chairman

Ladies thank you for your generous donations for the foster children's coat collection and the gift cards for the children in hospice and palliative care with Trinity Care Kids. Everything is more expensive as we all know. Unfortunately, so far, it looks like we won't be able to adopt many of the children and their families in Trinity Care Kids. We are collecting funds until mid-November. If you are able to donate, please make your check payable to The Torrance Woman's Club and send it to Sharon Broadbent. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.



[Carolyn Snyder, New Member](#)



[Dr. Melani Freeland](#)





[Irma](#)

# HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



[1st Place Winner Annette.JPEG](#)



Susan



[Our President Lynn.](#)



[Pam and Janice before her nose surgery](#)



TWC Ladies in Costume