

#### The Torrance Woman's Club Voice









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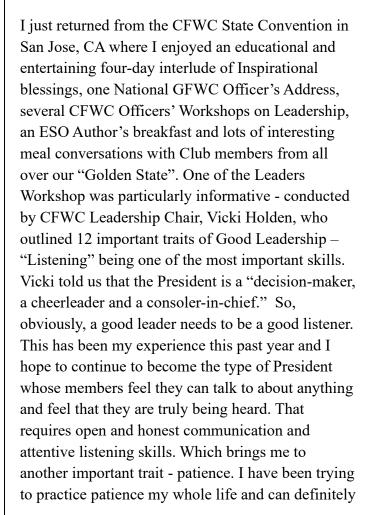
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#### **JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER**

#### **PRESIDENT Carolyn Pohlner**





use support and reminders from friends in this area. I find sometimes it as simple as another member reciting to me, those final powerful words from The Collect ... "let us forget not to be kind!"

Carolyn



#### LAST MINUTE REMINDERS:

Ladies, please bring any baskets in good condition to the June 4th General Meeting for the Fashion Show Silent Auction Gift Baskets.

We are still accepting Gift Cards of all denominations for the Gift Card Grab Bag, as well as for the Raffle and Silent Auction Gift Baskets.

This is the last Club meeting where we will accept plastic caps for the "Buddy Benches". That project is coming to an end. NO Prescription bottles, please!

Thank You!

#### **THINGS TO BRING ON JUNE 4TH**

1. Items for the Volunteer Center Food Bank

#### JUNE CALENDAR

May 29	Reservatio	<b>Reservations due for June Meeting</b>				
June 03	10 am Meeting Set Up					
June 04	General me 10 am 11 am 12 pm South B	Social Hour Business Meeting				
June 11	10 am	Craft Day				
June 11	1 pm	Game Day				
June 18	11 am	Helping Hands				
June 25	10 am	Board Meeting				
No July Meeting						

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/ **Dean of Chairmen OPEN**



We're looking for someone to fill this position!

#### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT -**MEMBERSHIP**

Carol Woods



Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues on



#### THIRD VICE PRESIDENT/ **HOUSE CHAIRMAN**

**Lynn Robinson** 

The House Committee met on May 10th. We are still waiting for an estimate from the painter for the front of the clubhouse. We're still trying to get answers from the City regarding the sign ordinance. The estimate for the westside door replacement was \$3,000.00. We are looking into an estmate to repair the door. Lynn still needs to meet with Fred's Carpet and hopes to do it this month. Locks have been ordered for our donated corner cabinets. During the summer we hope to spruce up the lobby.



The 100th Anniversary of the clubhouse is in October. If you would like to be on the committee to plan the

celebration please contact Lynn.

The next committee meeting is set for Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

#### RESERVATIONS **Betty Robertson**



quickly, slipping away from us. This is a reminder that you need to call in your lunch reservation to me no later than Thursday, May 29. This gives Richard the time he needs to plan for our meals. My number is 310-367-1188 or betsew@aol.com. I look forward to seeing all of you in June and thank you so much for your considerate phone call, text message or email.





#### **JUNE**

- 17 Elaine Hayashi
- 18 Juanita McLaren
- 21 Sue Wiley
- 22 Lori Ann Flaherty
- 24 Daphne McMillan
- 27 Fran Day

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

#### **HOSPITALITY** Lois Koza 🕮





We are coming to our last monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 4th. 
Anyone who would like to volunteer to help set up or to decorate the tables are most welcome so please join me on Tuesday, June 3rd at 10:00.

Let's continue our pattern and make this meeting a very special and lovely one! Our closet has lots of decorations and you can be as creative as you would like to be! 👺 🗆 🗆

Thank you! 🛱 🛱





. All contributions are very much appreciated! Ladies, just a reminder that wine prices have increased to \$2.00/glass for our monthly General Meetings. We would like to ask Members to consider donating bottles of their favorite wines, Prosecco, and other libations to supplement the TWC Wine "Cellar"! Screw top bottles are preferred

Thank You!

TWC Board

#### PROGRAM DIRECTOR Pam Barrett

HELLO LADIES---

For June, since it is our last program before we break for summer, I wanted to present something special! We will be entertained by the South Bay Coastliners Chorus.

#### WAYS AND MEANS Pam Ament



The TWC Ways and Means

Committee is excitedly buzzing as we are gearing up for our biggest fundraiser on June 14, 2025! Join us for our Beach Blanket Bingo Fashion Show with Fashions by Andi B, hosted in our beautiful clubhouse, for an event that promises to get you in the mood for Cruising the High Seas!

Guests can expect a fantastic day filled with fun, fashion, and fantastic company. Grab your friends and join the Beach Party as we come together for excitement and TWC support!

Tickets are now available for just \$60.00 each, or you can snag a whole table and sit with your friends! Can't make it? No worries! We're more than happy to accept donations to help us reach our goals. We can't wait to see you there and appreciate your enthusiastic support! Let's make this an unforgettable event together!

Get Ready and mark your calendars for 1 p.m. on June 14th, an unforgettable afternoon as we kick off our Summertime fundraiser in accessorized style, filled with a light lunch, laughter, and lots of fun as we come together to support our wonderful philanthropies. And, yes, there will be a Beach Blanket Bingo Trivia Game focusing on the 1960s.

Don't miss out—fliers are available, so grab yours and spread the word! Let's collect a fantastic array of prizes, invite our friends, and celebrate the start of summer in style!

Luv from your TWC Ways and Means Committee,

Pam Ament Janice Petrosino Lois Koza Linda Pollick GG Mansfield Betty Robertson

# TWC MONTHLY "CRAFTS DAY" AND "GAME DAY"

Ladies, our next gathering for Crafts Day is Wed, June 11th from 10-12pm in the Clubhouse.

Game Day will be the same day at 1:00 pm.

Come join us!

# TECHNOLOGY CHAIR IN THE CORNER Mary Alessandra-Cook

This month I am stepping back a bit from promoting AI technology items as the world's most

interesting new tools, because I do not want to lose sight of the greatest Leadership Tool, Emotional Intelligence.

In today's digital age, artificial intelligence is becoming an essential tool for nonprofit organizations. It helps streamline operations, manage data, and even assist with outreach. However, AI is not a substitute for the human connections that make a nonprofit thrive.

Gartner predicts that by 2028, roughly 30% of new professionals will experience a decline in critical thinking and social skills due to overreliance on AI. In a nonprofit setting, this could lead to lost opportunities—because at the heart of every successful club or organization is the ability to listen, empathize, and adapt. This could impact us in the future if the demographic pool of people that will be future members of our club lost some of the soft skills and emotional intelligence that our seasoned members employ today in our personal interactions.

Board members and volunteers play a crucial role in fostering relationships, understanding the needs of members, and making thoughtful decisions. AI can provide insights, but it cannot replace the ability to comfort a struggling member, support a new volunteer, or pivot when plans change unexpectedly. The ability to feel, connect, and lead with emotional intelligence ensures that members feel heard and valued. Our current TWC members really shine when it comes to making these positive connections.

If we were to conduct our nonprofit work like a machine, we risk losing the personal touch that makes it special. The secret to effective leadership in a nonprofit is balancing AI-driven efficiency with human-centered wisdom. When we use technology thoughtfully—alongside emotional intelligence—we create an organization where people feel supported, engaged, and empowered.

We will never surrender the heart of our organization to technology. Instead, let us use AI wisely while engaging with emotional intelligence to keep relationships at the center of our mission. And, along the journey we have taken in club

activities this past year, thank you for supporting our Technology projects and ideas. It has been a delight to advocate, influence, enable, and be the ambassador for the technological improvements we make to help modernize and improve our Club.

Mary Alessandra-Cook (with some content from Microsoft Co-pilot AI)

# **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH - Mary Hileman**

Torrance Cultural Arts Center presents Coppelia by San Pedro City Ballet: You will be transported to the charming world of Dr. Coppelius' toy shop and the antics of Swanhilda and her friends as they engage in playful trickery to reveal true love.

Thursday, June 12th and Friday, June 13th at 7:30 pm

James R. Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance

Tickets are \$45.00 and can be purchased at: https://torr-

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Los Cancioneros Master Chorale: Portrait in Blue Concert. When it comes to colors in music, the "blues" are a world unto themselves. The Chorale will explore the many moods of blue, from the Blues, Blue Moon, Blue Velvet and Blue Skies to movements of the Mass set to bluegrass and jazzy blues.

Sunday, June 15th at 7:00 pm at the Armstong Theatre

Tickets are \$35.00 and are available at www.tickets.lcmaterchorale.com or at the Armstrong Theatre Box office

#### **Low-Cost Community Pet Vaccination Clinic:**

For Dogs, Cats & Rabbits, every 4th Sunday from 12 pm to 2 pm in front of the Dee Hardison Sports Center in Charles H. Wilson Park, 2400 Jefferson Street. No appointment necessary.

Sunday 6/22/2025

**E-Waste Recycling & Paper Shredding**: Saturday, June 28th, 8 am to 12 Noon in the City Hall Employee Parking Lot near the Torrance Courthouse off of Maple Avenue.

#### **COMMISSION ON AGING**

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.), located next door to the City Hall.

The next meeting is July 1st, 2025, at 9:30 am. (The Commission is dark in June.)

The speaker at the meeting will From the City of Torrance Emergency Services. A presentation by Tadashi Masumoto, Management Assistant, on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.

### HEALTH and WELLNESS MARY HILEMAN

THE BALANCING ACT: Balance is crucial to performing everyday activities from going up and down stairs to reaching for an item on a shelf at the supermarket. While many of us squeeze in a daily walk and may even do some strength training exercises, exercises to build balance don't always make the workout list.

Here are a few simple balancing exercises to get you started:

Stand up straight, feet together and weight evenly distributed. Lift your arms out to each side. Step forward with your left foot and lift up your right knee. Hold for 5 - 30 seconds. Return to the starting position. Step forward with your right foot and lift up your left knee. Hold for 5 - 30 seconds. Repeat 10 times.

Hold on to the back of a chair or counter with one hand if necessary.

Stand with your feet hip-width apart. Put your hands on your hips. Shift your weight to your right side. Lift your left leg off of the floor and bend it back at the knee. Hold the position for 5-30 seconds. Return to the starting position and repeat

on the right side. Hold for 5-30 seconds. Repeat 10 times.

Check out Balancing Exercise videos on YouTube.

#### HELPING HANDS Bette Herbst



Helping Hands will continue the Huggy Bear Program for the hospitals and fleece blankets for the Painted Turtle Camp along with blankets for Rainbow

Services. We will be meeting the third Wednesday of every month from 10 AM until 1 PM.



# ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN PROJECT: GINA RADOCCHIO, CHAIRMAN

Thank you for your continued support of foster children. It is heartbreaking what these children go through and your generosity brings some joy and relief into their lives. Their needs are varied and basic. Schools have a list of items that the children must have when school starts. Unfortunately, these children have no way to purchase these items and need our help

The school year begins in mid-August so in order to have everything organized I will be ordering the items from Amazon and having them delivered to the DCFS Office. I am requesting monetary donations to cover the cost. Please make your check addressed to The Torrance Woman's Club. Thank you for your kindness for these children.



#### **OUR HISTORY**



**TWC's First President** 



May Scholarship Luncheon



# "Beach Blanket Bingo" Fashion Show

Saturday, June 14, 2025
1:00pm

Torrance Woman's Clubhouse 1422 Engracia Avenue, Torrance

Opportunity Drawing for \$100 Beach Hat
Fashions and Jewelry by Andi B
Silent Auction, Raffle and Gift Card Grab Bag
Canapes, Quiches, Savory Finger Foods and Desserts

## Donation \$60

Make check payable to "The Torrance Woman's Club" Sharon Broadbent- 1903 W.261st Street, Lomita CA 90717

Name:			
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Phone or email:

If you are paying for more than one ticket, please provide guests' name. Priority seating for complete tables of 8 received by May 15<sup>th</sup>.