



The Torrance Woman's Club Voice

Member

General Federation of Women's Clubs - California Federation of Women's Clubs - Marina District

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JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT Pam Ament

Dearest Members of TWC,

Happy January 2026! I can hardly believe how quickly 2025 flew by, but here we are, welcoming the start of another New Year. I wish you, your friends, and your families a wonderful, prosperous, and memory-filled 2026.

For the next six months, I will serve as President pro Tempore in place of Carolyn. I look forward to the memories we will create together and know that we will strengthen our community with our combined talents and volunteer efforts. What we can achieve and what we actually accomplish are the same; we should never underestimate the power of a dedicated volunteer in action. We know how to get things done.

Thank you for trusting me to help lead. I have served as Club President before, although it has been some time—my last term was from 2001 to 2004 at the GFWC/CFWC Women's Club of Redondo Beach. I also served as your Marina District President from 2008 to 2010 and as the GFWC California State President from 2020 to 2022. I eagerly anticipate the new experiences this six-month term as President will bring.

Let me share a bit about my leadership style: I prefer to give people the opportunity to handle their responsibilities in their own way, allowing them to showcase their individual leadership styles. I am a powerful personality, not a micromanager. I am a stickler for protocol and adhere closely to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. I love the Federation and all it stands for, especially the support it offers to those we assist.

We will continue our monthly food collections for the food bank, and while there may be a few changes along the way, I am excited to embrace the beautiful state of change we will experience together. My phone and email are always open for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

Luv, Pam

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan. 08	Creative Writing Contest Deadline	
Jan. 21	10 am	Helping Hands
Jan. 28	10 am	Board Meeting
Jan. 29	Reservations due for Feb. Meeting	



MARINA DISTRICT CALENDAR

Jan. 16	9:00 am.	District Meeting Playa del Rey WC Reports Due
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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/ Dean of Chairmen OPEN



We're looking for someone to fill this position!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – MEMBERSHIP Carol Woods



Duties of the 2nd Vice President

Many years ago, we had a song that we liked to sing.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS
BUT KEEP THE OLD
ONE IS SILVER
AND THE OTHER GOLD.

Those words succinctly describe the duties of the 2nd Vice President, the membership chairman. She keeps a record of TWC's membership including name, address, phone number, e-mail address, birth date, date of joining the club and emergency health information. She also collects yearly dues, payable each year in January, February, or March. Dues this year are \$60 which can be paid utilizing the TWC website. Checks and cash are also acceptable and

need to be given to the treasurer. We appreciate those who pay their dues promptly.

The duties of the Membership chairman are accomplished when everyone in the club finds their role in some aspect of recruiting, mentoring, and retaining members. We want ladies who laugh and like to have fun. They know how to work as a team, working on a project together. It is also essential that people with good computer skills [EXCEL] volunteer to help with keeping records,

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT/ HOUSE CHAIRMAN Lynn Robinson

The House Committee met on December 10th. Our defibrillator has been installed. We are still working on the sign. The next meeting will be January 14th.



JANUARY

- 6 Carolyn Allen
- 8 Judith McCoy
- 13 Millie McFadden
- 16 Nuria Bustamante
- 17 Kimberly Edwards
- 20 Teresa Henderson
- 25 Pollick Linda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

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”! All contributions are very much appreciated!

Thank You!

TWC Board



TECHNOLOGY CHAIR IN THE CORNER Mary Alessandra-Cook

Artificial Intelligence: Beyond the Hype
As we step into 2026, one of the most talked-about technologies continues to be Artificial Intelligence (AI). While news headlines often focus on futuristic robots or dramatic predictions, the reality is more practical - AI is quietly becoming part of everyday life. For women in our club, aged 50 to 100, understanding AI is not about coding or gadgets. It is about recognizing how this technology is shaping the world we live in and how we can continue to use it wisely. In 2025 I shared assorted topics related to AI. Now as we enter the new year, it is time to up our game and increase our understanding of where AI is headed in 2026.

Here are three major areas where AI is moving beyond the hype:

- **Agentic AI - “Virtual Coworkers”**
These systems do not just answer questions; they can plan and carry out tasks. Imagine an AI helping a nonprofit organize its annual outreach, from drafting emails to scheduling follow-ups. It is like having a diligent assistant who never tires.
- **Physical AI - Robots with Purpose**

AI is now powering service robots in hospitals, hotels, and even grocery stores. They deliver supplies, guide visitors, or assist with routine tasks. While they will not replace human warmth, they can free people to focus on care, creativity, and connection.

- **Generative AI - Creativity at Our Fingertips**
From writing newsletters to designing flyers, generative AI tools are becoming everyday helpers. They can suggest wording, create images, or polish recipes for a family cookbook. The key is using them as partners, not replacements, for our own voices and ideas.

You have already started to see these types of AI in your interactions and experiences in your lives. AI is not something to fear - it is a tool. By learning how it works, we can ensure it serves our communities, preserves our traditions, and supports the projects we care about most.

I wish you all the best for the coming year, 2026.

Mary Alessandra-Cook, partnering with Generative AI.

Ps. I am going to do more “partnering” in 2026. Stay tuned. A digital literacy workshop is being formulated and discussed with the students from Torrance’s West High School, Women in STEM.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH – Mary Hileman

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Make It a Great Year!

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: This is a reminder that the city still has an active FREE Home Improvement Program for Seniors and the Disabled who qualify. (Verification of income must be provided) Services include carpentry repairs, electrical, light plumbing, painting, disability upgrades and wheel chair ramps.

Phone: 310 618-2731

E-mail: HIP@TorranceCA.Gov

COYOTES: Although the city has a robust coyote management program that includes year-round trapping, coyotes continue to be an ongoing issue. Unfortunately, cats are the number one prey of the coyote.

Coyote Sighting Hotline: 310 618-3898

<https://TorranceCoyote.Comcate.com/en> - for more information or to report a sighting online

For Aggressive Coyote behavior toward a person: Call 9-1-1

PET VACCINATION PROGRAM: Torrance provides low-cost Pet Vaccination Clinics the 4th Sunday of each month at the Dee Hardison Sport Center at Wilson Park. 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance

The next clinic is scheduled for: Sunday, January 25th, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

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 January 6th, 2026, at 9:30 am. All are invited to attend.

Featured at the meeting will be a presentation by Melissa Morales from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles.

HEALTH and WELLNESS
Mary Hileman



Comedian George Carlin said, “Don’t sweat the petty things and don’t pet the sweaty things”.

January is a great time to focus on improving our overall well-being. This can include setting new health goals, practicing self-care, and establishing

healthy habits like regular exercise and balanced nutrition.

Find a Purpose: Continue to engage in activities that provide a sense of purpose, such as volunteering, or exploring new hobbies.

Reflect on personal values and interests. Maintain relationships and seek support when needed.

By focusing on these areas, we can set a positive tone for the year ahead.

HELPING HANDS
Bette Herbst



Helping Hands will be meeting on January 21st.

TREASURER
Sharon Broadbent



New for 2026 - We can now process payments by credit card.

Monthly luncheon fee - \$21.00

2026 Dues - \$62.00

This includes the card processing fees.

See Sharon if you wish to pay by credit card.

MERRY CHRISTMAS RICHARD!



OUR DEFIBRILLATOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED.



CONGRATULATIONS CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION ON THE PRINCESS AWARD!



FAREWELL CAROLYN



CONGRATULATIONS AMERICA 250 LEISHMAN PUBLIC SPIRIT AWARD

