



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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FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT Pam Ament

Dearest Members of TWC,

Welcome February! I love that the air is crisp and the clouds are so fluffy this time of year. At sunset and sunrise, there is an orange sky which brings such music to my heart. I hope you love this time of year as much as I do as well.

January's Meeting was a lot of fun for me, I feel like we accomplished so many fun things done and I am looking forward to this upcoming General meeting on February 4th. February is Heart Health Month, heart disease is the number 1 killer of women, so keep yourselves healthy and your hearts filled with love. Speaking of love, it is also Valentine's Month, so let's wear fancy red if you have it for our meeting.

I know that Pam Barrett has a lovely afternoon program planned, so please stay and enjoy the afternoon with your many TWC friends, they are really our Valentine's as well.

We will begin at 11 am with the General Meeting, followed by Lunch, and our program. Before you leave that day, make sure to hug your friends in club close and wish them a Happy Valentines

month...the world could use a good dose of love these days.

Don't forget that we will be collecting for the Volunteer Center Food Bank that day too. And, in case you missed the slide presentation in last month's Program, The Torrance Woman's Club donated \$1,050.00 cash from the club and a whopping 1,519 pounds of food in the year of 2025. That is a huge way to show just how much we each care about our community. Congrats on those numbers!

Keep up the great work, Ladies! See each of you soon. Luv, Pam

THINGS TO BRING ON FEB. 4th
Items for the Volunteer Center Food Bank
(cereal, pasta, rice and canned fruit are especially welcomed.)
Wear something fancy in RED.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Jan. 28	Reservations due for Feb. Meeting	
Feb. 03	10 am	Meeting Set Up
Feb. 04	General meeting	
	10 am	Social Hour
	11 am	Business Meeting
	12 pm	Lunch & Program
Feb. 10	11 am	Anita's Tree Planting
Feb. 11	10 am	House Committee
	4 pm	Digital Workshop
Feb. 15	Creative Writing Contest Deadline	
Feb. 18	10 am	Helping Hands
Feb. 25	10 am	Board Meeting
Feb. 26	Reservations due for Mar. Meeting	



MARINA DISTRICT CALENDAR

Feb 26-28	CFWC Winter Board Meeting Santa Clara CA
Apr. 18	9:30 am District Convention

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/ Dean of Chairmen OPEN



We're looking for someone to fill this position!



SECOND VICE PRESIDENT – MEMBERSHIP

Carol Woods



Membership renewals are due! We can accept cash or check made out to The Torrance Woman's Club, credit card or on the donate now button on our website. If you use the website, please indicate what you are paying for in the memo box. Either bring it with you to the February meeting and give it to the membership committee or mail it to the treasurer, Sharon Broadbent.

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.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT/ HOUSE CHAIRMAN

Lynn Robinson

The House Committee met on January 14th. We're still working on the sign. The next meeting will be February 11th.





FEBRUARY

- 11 Alix Plum
- 12 Jeralyn Kirby
- 22 Bonnie Kerber-Louvet

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





HOSPITALITY

Lois Koza 





Hello Ladies.



Just a reminder that our meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4th. We will be setting up   on Tuesday, February 3rd at 10:00.

Please feel free to come and join us as your help is always welcomed and appreciated!

We also will continue to collect  items for the food bank and thank you in advance for your generous contributions!

See you soon!  . Lois

RESERVATIONS Betty Robertson



Hello Ladies, Here I am again, your Reservation Chairperson, reminding you of the upcoming deadline to make reservations for lunch. the deadline date is **January 29**, Please email me at betsew@aol.com, or call or text me at 310-367-1188. I would love to hear from you to tell me you are going to make the meeting and luncheon.
Betty

PROGRAM Pam Barrett



HAPPY NEW YEAR--"2026"--
FEBRUARY-- RED HEART Month

We are now into the second month of this year with lots of FUN events ahead of us! Last month, having the Volunteer Center here with Josh and Jon plus Andrea Sala from El Camino College (telling us about the College and the Warrior Pantry), I believe it was a very interesting program. A great way to start the new year is by thinking about "Giving"-- both financially and with your HEART! Which leads me into this month's program!

Last month was the idea of "Volunteering" and this month the thought is "Giving" from the HEART. Heart month can be thought of medically as well as emotionally. Having the "HART'S ACADEMY of DANCERS and SINGERS" here for this month is so appropriate! The Narbonne High School Students, under the direction of Jen Broadbent, are so talented! We have been entertained by them in the past and it is an emotionally exciting event. Please stay after lunch to enjoy the entertainment-- thanks, Pam.

DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOP – SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO ATTEND!

The Torrance Woman’s Club is proud to announce and present our Digital Literacy Workshop on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, starting at 4:00 pm in our very own Clubhouse. This is a member-driven event selected by overwhelming interest, and more than twenty women expressed enthusiasm at our last general meeting. We are delighted to partner with the talented West High Torrance Women in STEM students, who will lead a presentation and hands-on guidance for smartphones, tablets, and laptops. Their energy and expertise will make this an empowering morning for every participant.

If you have ever wished you could wow your kids or grandkids with a new tech skill - or finally conquer that one digital hurdle that keeps slowing you down - this is your moment to shine. Space is limited, and everyone must RSVP in advance so our student presenters can prepare materials and personalized support. Come ready to learn something amazing, build confidence, and enjoy a workshop designed to help every woman feel capable, connected, and digitally strong. Make your reservation now at reservations@torrancewomansclub.org or maryalessandra@cox.net See the flyer included in this newsletter for all of the details.



TECHNOLOGY CHAIR IN THE CORNER Mary Alessandra-Cook

Phone Scams Alert: What to Watch For Right Now
Scam callers are getting more sophisticated, and spoofing technology makes it easy for criminals to disguise their number as a bank, doctor’s office, or local business. A little awareness goes a long way in keeping your information safe.

Area Codes Frequently Used in Spoofing

If you don’t recognize the number, let it go to voicemail.

- 216 – Cleveland, Ohio
- 469 – Dallas, Texas
- 657 – La Palma, California
- 332, 347, 646 – New York City
- 218 – Northern Minnesota
- 712 – Western Iowa

Known Scam Numbers to Avoid

These numbers repeatedly slip through carrier filters. Do not answer:

- (865) 630-4266 – Fake Wells Fargo “account locked” alert
- (469) 709-7630 – Claims you have a package waiting
- (805) 637-7243 – Pretends you won a Publishers Clearing House prize
- (858) 605-9622 – Says your bank accounts were hacked
- (312) 339-1227 – Weight-loss, delivery, and other scam pitches
- (917) 540-7996 – Automated robocalls selling random products
- (347) 437-1689 – Tax and sweepstakes scams
- (301) 307-4601 – Impersonates your local post office
- (878) 877-1402 – “Frozen debit card” claims
- (202) 221-7923 – “Kelsey” calling about student loan forgiveness

If it’s important, the caller will leave a message.

How to Protect Yourself

1. Add your number to the Do Not Call Registry
It won’t stop scammers, but it can reduce legitimate telemarketing calls.
2. Block suspicious numbers
 - iPhone: Tap the Info icon next to the call → Block this Caller
 - Android: Open the call → three dots → Block/report spam
3. Report scam calls
Visit ftc.gov → Report to the FTC → Report Now → Report an annoying call

Bottom Line

Let unknown calls go to voicemail, never share personal information over the phone, and stay

alert to the area codes and numbers scammers use most often.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH – Mary Hileman

One can never repay in gratitude; one can only repay “in kind” somewhere else in life.

TORRANCE COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS: “THE COTTAGE”

February 7 -28, 2026

1316 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance

Tickets are available by phone at 424 243-6882 or at www.TorranceTheatreCompany.com

“CONNECT TORRANCE”: Torrance Transit

Torrance residents have a new way to get around the City of Torrance. This service offers flexible, convenient, and affordable transportation.

Rides are available Mon. – Fri. 6:00 am – 9:00 pm

Sat. and Sun. 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Each trip is \$5.00 Your first six rides are free!

An app is available to book rides or you can call 424 688-9251 to book a ride.

FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING

8:00 am – 12:00 pm March 28th, 2026,

Torrance City Hall Employee Parking Lot (Near Torrance Courthouse off Maple Avenue)

S.A.F.E. Waste Collection Center: (For electronics, paint, solvents, motor oil, cleaning products, pool & garden chemicals, batteries)

1400 N. Gaffey St. San Pedro, CA 800 988-6942
Sat. & Sun. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Except Holidays and rainy days)

On the east side of Gaffey St. across from Target, up the side of the hill.

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 February 3rd, 2026, at 9:30 am. All are invited to attend.

Featured at the meeting will be USC’s Study on the Alzheimer’s Savvy Caregivers Program, with a presentation by Dr. Maria Aranda, PhD, Professor of Social Work and Gerontology, USC Edward R. Roybal Institute on Aging.

HEALTH and WELLNESS Mary Hileman

A river cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence.

TORRANCE SENIOR HEALTH EXPO:

Thursday, March 26, 2026

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Toyota Meeting Hall 3330 Civic Center Drive
Free Admission and Free Health Screenings
Connect with dozens of local organizations dedicated to helping seniors and their families.

LONG TERM CARE: March 14, 2026

Learn about hiring in-home help, home care versus nursing home, how long-term care insurance works and options for coverage.

RSVP to Stephanie Mancina at 310 517-4728 or foundation@tmmc.com.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center





HELPING HANDS

Bette Herbst

Helping Hands will be meeting on February 18th.

WOMEN IN HISTORY

Janice Petrosino



California Women's Clubs Who Help save the Redwoods

August 8, 1919, Save the Redwoods League founders Madison Grant and Stephen Mather spoke to a packed auditorium in the Northern California mill town of Eureka. They had driven up from San Francisco, where the League had just held its first Board meeting, and they called for local support of the League's mission to protect the redwoods. To their great surprise, they received a wildly enthusiastic response.

Why were hundreds of citizens of Humboldt County, the epicenter of redwood logging operations, so receptive to this message of conservation?

All across the country, women formed clubs to find creative means of civic engagement and community leadership, and in the still-very-wild West, women's clubs developed around fostering "civilized" behavior in pioneer country.

Through these clubs, women exerted a discreet and lasting influence on the future of the developing West. Fortunately for the iconic redwood forest, in California, women's clubs were on the forefront of forest policy reform. In 1900, when the California Federation of Women's Clubs was founded, it had just two standing committees: one for education, and one for forestry.

Women's interest in forestry is as surprising today as it was critical to the success of the early conservation movement. While the likes of John Muir and Theodore Roosevelt were speaking out on the issue, as Cameron Binkley explains in "No Better Heritage than Living Trees," women's clubs were providing much of the grassroots momentum

by connecting more traditional realms of gardening and botany to forest conservation.

In 1913, the HCFWC sent to Congress a resolution stating:

"Civilization demands that the natural wonders of the world be preserved for future generations to study and enjoy. The greatest of all natural wonders that make our country so interesting and attractive are the giant redwood trees of California, the greatest natural monuments of the Creator's handiwork.

The same year they created a Redwood Park Committee, headed by Laura Perott Mahan of Eureka. The women thought that nominating a specific site would strengthen the proposal, and Mahan was tasked with researching and reporting on potential park sites.

Based on Mahan's report, the HCFWC chose a beautiful and accessible forest called Carson Woods. Congressman William Kent, who had a few years earlier donated the Muir Woods land, pledged \$25,000 (equivalent to \$600,000 today) in support of the park.

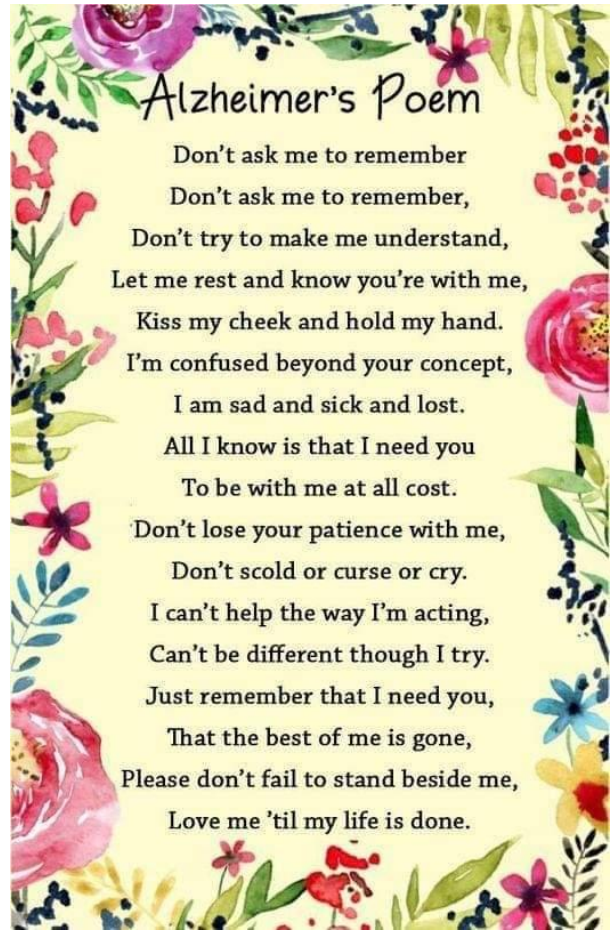
Despite the enthusiasm and hard work behind the campaign, the legislation stalled. By 1915, the discouraged women put their efforts on hold; Carson Woods, unfortunately, was logged.

That brings us back to 1919, when Mather and Grant came to town. Within hours, the women of the community reconvened and revived their efforts. The very next day, August 9, 1919, a women's meeting was held, and a new club formed with Laura Mahan as president. They called the club the Save the Redwoods League as Organized by the Women of Humboldt County, or as it came to be known, the Women's Save the Redwoods League.

Laura Mahan was a phenomenal leader. In one of her many great coups, she successfully convinced the statewide umbrella organization, the California Federation of Women's Clubs, to hold its 1923 convention in Eureka. This was a huge deal – it meant a lot of people would be traveling to Humboldt County to experience the redwoods, and locals rightfully took pride. Efforts to conserve the area's natural beauty were paying off, and it encouraged further preservation.

The theme of the weeklong gathering was "Conservation — The Hope of Civilization." The women dined at a grove in Dyersville Flat which

was up for sale at the time — and, following the event, with Mahan’s encouragement they raised the money to purchase and protect it. You can visit the 103-acre California Federation of Women’s Clubs grove along the Avenue of the Giants, marked with a splendid monument designed by Julia Morgan. The influence of California women, and Humboldt County women in particular, in the early efforts to save the redwoods cannot be overstated. Before it was a movement, before their communities approved or even understood, these women spoke to the national imperative to save the iconic ancient redwoods. And they took action, persisting for years in the face of apathy, obstruction, and their own families’ self-interest, and helped to save some of the world’s most special places.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

a brief tree dedication
in remembrance of

Anita Dinicola

TUES | 10 | FEB

2026

11:00 AM

PARADISE PARK

5006 LEE STREET
TORRANCE



Marina District
CONVENTION

SAVE the DATE
for a Seaside Fiesta

APR 18 9:30
2026 AM

 *\$65 per person* 

Riviera Mexican Cantina
207 N Harbor Dr, Redondo Beach

WHAT TO EXPECT

 Appetizers, Buffet, Dessert, No Host Bar
Guest Speakers, Vendors, Door Prizes,
Entertainment, Awards, '26-'28 Election
No steps, No elevator, Easy Access for all!
Plenty of public parking in adjacent lot. 

Questions? Call Vicki Callahan, Conv. Fiesta Chair (310) 748-9976

DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

TORRANCE WOMANS CLUB &
WEST HIGH TORRANCE
WOMEN IN STEM

Join us for a friendly presentation and hands-on session designed to help members and guests strengthen everyday digital skills. Whether learning something new or brushing up on the basics, you'll be guided in a supportive environment.

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

- USING SMARTPHONES, TABLETS, AND COMPUTERS WITH CONFIDENCE
- ZOOM AND EMAIL BASICS: SENDING, ORGANIZING, AND AVOIDING SCAMS
- HELPFUL APPS FOR COMMUNICATION, SHOPPING, AND DAILY TASKS
- HOW TO SPOT MISINFORMATION AND STAY CYBER-SMART

OUR SPEAKERS:

ANVI MISHRA

CO-PRESIDENT, WOMEN IN STEM AT WEST HIGH, TORRANCE

WITH HELP AND ONE ON ONE ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN IN STEM CLUB

DATE & PLACE:

11 FEBRUARY 2026

TORRANCE WOMANS CLUBHOUSE

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM 1422 ENGRACIA AVE.
TORRANCE, CA 90501

ENTRY FEE:

\$ FREE /PERSON



WHAT TO BRING:

- YOUR SMARTPHONE, TABLET, OR LAPTOP
- YOUR QUESTIONS- BIG OR SMALL
- A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE



REGISTRATION AT:

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