



The Torrance Woman's Club Voice



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OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 1		Reservations due for Oct. Meeting
Oct. 6	10 am	Meeting Set up
Oct. 7		General meeting
	10 am	Social Hour
	11 am	Business Meeting
	12 pm	Lunch & Program
		Torrance Farmer's Market
Oct. 10 & 11	11-4	Torrance Historical Society Home Tour
Oct. 14	10 am	House Committee
Oct. 21	10 am	Helping Hands
Oct. 22	4-7 pm	Chamber Expo
Oct. 28	10 am	Board Meeting
Oct. 29		Reservations due for Nov. Meeting

THINGS TO BRING ON SEPT.2ND.

1. Items for the Volunteer Center Food Bank
(Cereal, pasta, rice and canned fruit are especially welcomed)
2. **Halloween Costume Contest!**

PRESIDENT
Pam Ament



September has come and gone, hopefully so has the heat. Fall is slowly emerging and I am ready to see the leaves turn orange and fall gracefully away to show that with Fall and winter comes sleep for nature.

I had a wonderful time at our September General Meeting and hope that you did as well. The energy in the room was positively tangible. I love that we can gather, laugh, enjoy the company of one another and still manage to get things done...so many things done.

I am looking forward to falling into the arms of routine once again as we meet monthly and share our stories. I hope you are looking forward to the same things that bring joy to our hearts and joy to those we can reach out and help along the way.

MARINA DISTRICT CALENDAR

9	Marina Executive Board Meeting
	10:00AM
17	Area C Conference – Long Beach, CA 9am



Together we are so strong and share a bond that cannot be broken...that doesn't mean it can't be tested because we all know it can, indeed! But if we can work together as a TEAM, we are unbeatable in the community that surrounds us and so desperately needs us time after time.

See you at Club and remember: TOGETHER WE CAN!

T total commitment to The Torrance Woman's club
O one step at a time
G get organized and get busy
E ease our members into a routine comfortable for all of us
T teamwork is dreamwork
H help all of those who are in need in any way we are able
E empathies are givers, so let's give it our all
R remember your own self-care

Luv, Pam

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT/ Dean of Chairmen Linda Pollick



This season brings three ways to strengthen our club, connect, and expand our community impact: fundraising, outings, and a leadership book club.

1. Ralphs Community Rewards provides passive income for TWC. In the second quarter, 17 households generated \$65.51—about \$4 each—putting annual donations on pace for \$262.

☐ See the Finance section for enrollment instructions and an enrollment advertisement; PR Chair Catherine Paour will help members enroll at the November meeting.

2. Add fun to our calendar with two performance outings followed by a local meal. South Bay Community Concert Association: Four Saturday shows are planned for 2026–2027; see the newsletter flyer on page 10.

HARTS Academy: This 2026 California Distinguished School presents The Wiz, December 11–13, and Best of Broadway, April 30 and May 1–2. Sharon Broadbent will

select a date.

3. Our limited-run Leadership Book Club begins next month with a 45-minute session focused on growth and impact. We will read or listen to Peter F. Drucker's "Managing the Nonprofit organization: Principles and Practices." Reading is optional—join us to listen, share experiences, and connect the book's ideas to our organization's history. All members are important to the growth and success of the club. Even if you are not leading projects right now, your attendance and support keep our traditions alive. I'll share more details and be happy to answer any questions at our meeting on October 7, 2026.

Warmly,
Linda

TREASURER Sharon Broadbent



**New for 2026 - We can now
process payments by credit card.
Credit card processing fees are included in the
prices below.**

Monthly luncheon fee - \$20.00 + \$1 = \$21.00

2026 Dues - \$60.00 + \$2.00 = \$62.00

See Sharon if you wish to pay by credit card.

DO YOU SHOP AT RALPHS GROCERY STORES?

Ralphs makes a donation to our club quarterly, usually around \$75 each time based on the purchases of our members that have designated the club to receive the donation. An easy way to contribute to the club at no cost to you.

If you would like to sign up or confirm that you are already signed up:

Go to Ralphs.com and sign in to your account. If you have a Ralphs card but do not have an online account, you will have to set that up. It's easy with your Ralphs card or phone number.

Once on the "My Account" page, scroll down to near the bottom and select "Community Contributions". You can confirm that you are enrolled with TWC as your donor. If you are not enrolled, our Organization

Number is LJ524 or type Torrance Women's Club in the search box.

That is all you have to do, when you use your Ralphs card or phone number, the club will receive a credit for your shopping. You can also confirm that the club is your selection by checking your receipt when you make a purchase.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT/HOUSE CHAIRMAN Lynn Robinson

The House Committee met on September 9th. .. The committee has asked Richard's staff to keep an eye out for tables and chairs, that are broken and need to be replaced. We are going to create a form to request repairs.. Mary and Lynda are almost finished with the National Register of Historic Places nomination application. The next meeting will be October 14^h..



OCTOBER

2	Pauline Goldstein
6	Jan Avent
8	Joan Harmon
9	Bernadette Kociemba
12	Barbara Bounds
13	Aimee Rojo
13	Jo San Jose
15	Alice Honda
16	Ellen Jenkins
17	Lynn Robinson
20	Mary Alessandra-Cook
22	Connie Hay
26	Sachi Kanenada

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

RESERVATIONS

Betty Robertson

Hello TWC Ladies.



Please remember to call or leave a message at 310-367-1188 or email me at betsew@aol.com with your reservations. We had 55 members and guests attend last month, which was wonderful. Hopefully we can keep the increase in numbers growing. **September 24 is our deadline** date in order to give Richard time enough to shop and prepare. Thank you so much.

HOSPITALITY

Pam Barrett



Ladies, Lois will be back east for a week during our set up time and will miss our meeting. I'm hoping that you regulars will still join me in setting up the tables, while Jeanne and I do the decorating. It's HALLOWEEN TIME so if you want to dress up in costumes or even just in the colors of orange, black, etc., that would be FUN! PLEASE come and help on October 6th! If you have the time, Thank You!

ALSO, we must NOT forget to bring food for the Volunteer Center! It is so appreciated!!

REMEMBRANCES

Lois Koza

"Hello TWC Ladies

I now have a new position with our club —

"Remembrance". 🌸 🌸 🌸

I will be sending cards to any of our members who have difficult issues such as illnesses, 🤒 hospital procedures 🤒 and when applicable sympathy 🤒. I will also mention this info in the newsletter.

So dear ladies any information you may have about a member who may have these issues, please

contact me directly

phone 📞 or Text - 203-545-9048.

Email - effie4x4@hotmail.com

Thank you! 🌸

Lois



TECHNOLOGY CHAIR IN THE CORNER Mary Alessandra-Cook

Keeping Our Browsers Safe: A Quick Check for Risky Extensions

Browser extensions can be helpful little tools - until they are not. Recently, security experts uncovered an extensive list of extensions that looked perfectly legitimate but were quietly collecting personal information, redirecting users to fake websites, and even opening the door to malware. They found that “More than 840,000 people were hit by malicious browser extensions... Many lived for years in the official app stores for Chrome, Firefox, and Edge.”

This is not meant to frighten anyone. Think of it as digital housekeeping - a simple check that keeps your computer running smoothly and your information protected.

Extensions Confirmed to Be Unsafe

The following extensions were removed from the Chrome, Firefox, and Edge stores - a major warning sign. If you see any of these, please remove them:

Ads Block Ultimate • Amazon Price History • Color Enhancer • Convert Everything • Cool Cursor • Floating Player – PiP Mode • Free MP3 Downloader • Free VPN Forever • Full Page Screenshot • Google Translate in Right Click • I Like Weather • Instagram Downloader • One Key Translate • Page Screenshot Clipper • RSS Feed • Save Image to Pinterest on Right Click • Translate Selected Text with Google • Translate Selected Text

with Right Click • Weather Best Forecast • World Wide VPN • YouTube Download

They also highlighted a particularly harmful one:

“A fake ad blocker called NexShield crashes your browser on purpose... offers a malicious ‘fix.’ Deleting it will not remove everything. If you find NexShield, a full system cleanup is recommended.

Newly Flagged Extensions (2024–2026)

Security researchers have recently added more to the “unsafe” list:

PDF Converter Pro • Video Downloader Plus • Super Dark Mode (cloned versions) • Search Manager / Search Optimizer • Weather Now / Weather Tab • Any “Free VPN” not from a known brand • Coupon Helper / Price Tracker clones

When in doubt: If you do not remember installing it, remove it.

How to Remove Extensions

Chrome: Three dots > Extensions > Manage Extensions > Remove

Firefox: Three lines > Extensions & Themes > Extensions > Remove

Edge: Three dots > Extensions > Manage Extensions > Remove

Safari (Mac): Safari > Settings > Extensions > Uninstall

A Friendly Closing Note

Ladies, this quick check takes less than a minute and helps keep your online life safe and smooth. If you would like help reviewing your extensions, just let us know - we are happy to assist.



TOMORROW'S TECH TODAY

Anvi Mishra - West High School student

Think Before You Click: Staying Safe from Online Scams

Technology has made it easier than ever to shop, communicate, and manage important information online. Unfortunately, it has also given scammers new ways to trick people. Emails, text messages, and even phone calls can now look surprisingly convincing. The good news is that a few simple habits can help you stay protected.

One of the most common online threats is phishing, when a scammer pretends to be a trusted person or company to convince you to share personal information, send money, or click a dangerous link. A message might claim that your bank account has been locked, a package cannot be delivered, or you have won a prize.

Before responding, remember: a message that feels urgent does not mean you have to act urgently.

Watch for these common warning signs:

- Urgent language: "Act now!" or "Your account will be closed!"
- Suspicious links: Avoid clicking links in unexpected texts or emails.
- Requests for money: Be cautious if someone unexpectedly asks for payment, gift cards, or banking information.
- Requests for passwords or codes: Never share passwords or verification codes with someone who contacts you unexpectedly.
- Offers that seem too good to be true: Unexpected prizes and giveaways are often used to attract attention.
- Strange details: Look for unusual email addresses, spelling mistakes, or information that does not seem quite right.

If you're unsure whether a message is legitimate, don't use the phone number or link provided in the message. Instead, visit the company's official website or call a number you already know is trustworthy. For example, if you receive a

suspicious message claiming to be from your bank, contact your bank directly.

Scammers are also beginning to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to create more realistic messages, images, and even voices. This makes slowing down and verifying information more important than ever. If you receive an unusual request from a friend or family member, contact them another way before taking action.

You don't have to be a technology expert to stay safe online. Simple habits—pausing before clicking, protecting your personal information, and verifying unexpected requests can prevent many common scams.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Center is accepting new volunteers to assist with shows happening at the James Armstrong Theatre. Apply today! Apply online at:

[James Armstrong Volunteer Application - City of Torrance](#)

TORRANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOME TOUR



The Torrance Historical Society will be holding their biannual Fall Home Tour on October 10th and 11th. Once again, we are the refreshment stop. This is a great marketing tool for our rentals and Richard's Catering Business as well as membership recruitment opportunity. The Historical Society provides the Torrance Bakery cookies and lemonade. Destination Art will have a display of their artists' work. We will act as hostess and keep the cookie plates full. The event is 11 to 4 on both days. We will need 2 ladies to work 2 or 3 hour shifts each day. Please contact Lynda Myers to sign up for a shift. This is a great opportunity to be a shining face in our community. See flyer on page 13.

TORRANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXPO AND SHOWCASE

The Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Showcase is October 22, 2026 at the Toyota Meeting Hall from 4 to 7 pm. As we have in the past, we will have a table in the lobby. This is another outreach opportunity. We will have a display and give out our information. Set up around 3:00 pm and we will probably be out between 7:30 and 8:00. We can do two 2 ½ shifts of at least 2 people each shift. Contact Catherine Paour to sign up. See the flyer on page 14.

HEALTH and WELLNESS

Self Care.

This isn't limited to chocolate! There's so much more to really taking care of ourselves. How are we focusing on stress reduction and healthy habits? I know - you're thinking about how great dark chocolate is for improving blood flow, lowering blood pressure, boosting brain function and memory, and reducing inflammation. Believe me, I'm all for that, and I know I need to branch out. So, what else is self-care?

- Self-care includes drinking water (maybe with some fresh berries thrown in), reading a book (State book club!), going for a short walk with a friend, checking out the neighborhood gardens, or visiting the local park to swing on the swings! Even five minutes outside to take some deep breaths and watch the sunrise or sunset helps, especially if you put down that phone!

- Keep your shoulders away from your ears - do shoulder shrugs and take deep breaths. Take a warm bath or shower. Listen to music and sing along. Singing out loud strengthens core breathing muscles, lowers cortisol levels, calms nerves, expands lung capacity, increases immune support, improves posture, and engages memory/language and motor skills which makes your brain healthier. Color a picture. Declutter one drawer or shelf. Try a new tea. Try a new recipe. Move things around - free redecorating!

- Self-massage - rub lotion into your hands and feet. Start by rubbing from your wrist up to your elbow a few times. Press the thumb of one hand into the middle of the palm on the other hand. Move your thumb from the center to the outside of your palm. Get in there and knead the muscle at the base of your thumb. Rub circles where your fingers meet your palm. Gently pinch that spot between your thumb and first finger. You can put some pressure there for a few seconds and let go to increase circulation. Stretch and rub every finger from the base to tip and gently pull each finger to release some of the stress. Lotion your knuckles, the back of your hand, and your wrist. Roll your wrists to loosen them up. Then drink a big glass of water to flush out any of the lactic acid you've just released!

- Go outside on a lovely summer evening and look at the moon and stars - September 26 is the Harvest Moon!

How are you going to take care of yourself today, and as we gear up for a fabulous year of activities? We want you to be able to participate in every way you can!

(Copied with a few edits from the Daughters of the American Revolution -DAR- Celebrating Daughters Chairman's Report.)

HELPING HANDS Bonnie Kerber-Louvet



Everyone is invited to come join Helping Hands on Wednesday October 21, 2026, from 10am-12pm. We are making 20 Huggy Bears a month for each of the two Torrance Hospitals.



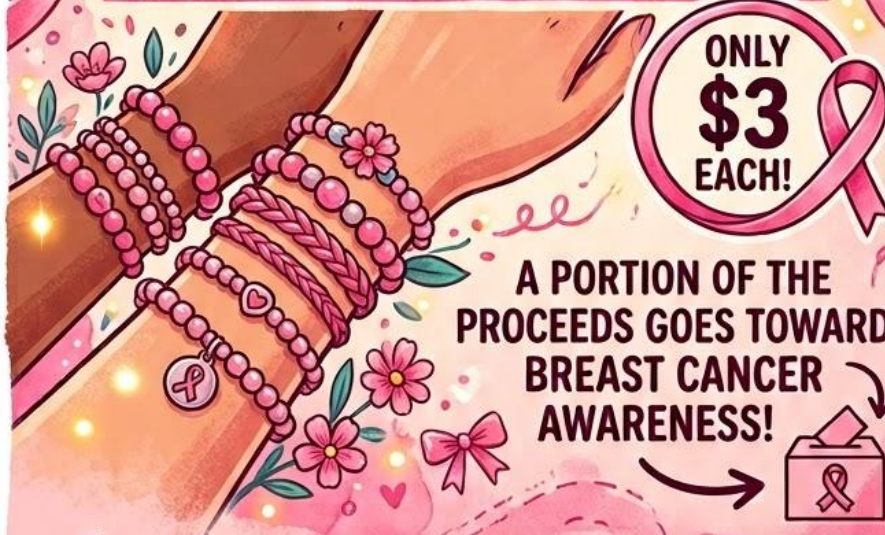


MONTH OF OCTOBER FUNDRAISER

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



TWC IS SELLING PINK BRACELETS!



GET YOURS FROM ANY TWC MEMBER.
JOIN US IN THE FIGHT FOR A CURE!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

AT THE TWC MEETING

OCTOBER 7!



PRIZES FOR:

- ◆ **BEST HAT** ◆
- ◆ **HUMOR** ◆
- ◆ **CREATIVITY** ◆
- ◆ **MOST IMPRESSIVE EFFORT** ◆
- ◆ **BEST USE OF COLOR!** ◆

OCT 7 | TWC MEETING | JOIN THE FUN!

TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS



The Pennyroyal Players' Romp Through Our American Revolution

The Pennyroyal Players perform their newest original musical, bringing alive the long battle for American independence through songs from the era, dance, and true stories taken from writings of Revolutionary women and the Colonial and British soldiers.

**Saturday, September 26, 2026, 2 P.M.
George Nakano Theater
3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance, CA 90503**

This program is generously funded by the Friends of the Torrance Library.

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SEASON 2026-2027 IS HERE

South Bay Community Concert Association

Dear SBCCA Supporters,

Last season was a wonderful range of musical guests, and the upcoming season is sure to be another huge success, combining incredibly talented professionals from near and far.

Back by popular demand, we start the season with country crooner Boomer McClellan, dance the night away with the Starrlight Echo Band, enjoy a second-to-none big band orchestra hits with the Penninsulans Jazz Orchestra, and hang ten with the nostalgic sensation Catch A Wave: The Beach Boys Show!

The SBCCA board is excited to present four great performances next season for the same low season price of \$100. All shows are on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Encourage your friends and family to subscribe right away. And, mark your calendars with the dates and start planning a fun evening of great music and fellowship with the SBCCA community!

The 2026-2027 season is right around the corner. We look forward to enjoying it with you.

If you prefer to order your season subscription online, visit www.sbconcerts.org.

All levels include recognition in all season programs + a website listing with link for the entire season

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\$250 donation

1 Season Ticket Included

OCT 17	NOV 7	JAN 23	FEB 13
BOOMER MCCLENNAN	STARLIGHT ECHO BAND	PENINSULANS JAZZ ORCHESTRA	CATCH A WAVE: THE BEACH BOYS SHOW

SBCCA's board & volunteers enjoy bringing you quality entertainers to perform live in Redondo Beach at very reasonable ticket prices. This upcoming season will be just as enjoyable and memorable! All performances are held at 5:00 PM in the Redondo Union High School Auditorium – S.E. Corner of Pacific Coast Hwy and Diamond, Redondo Beach CA 90277

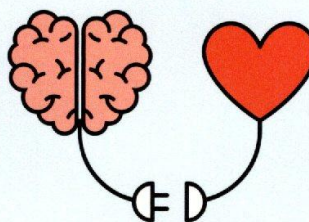
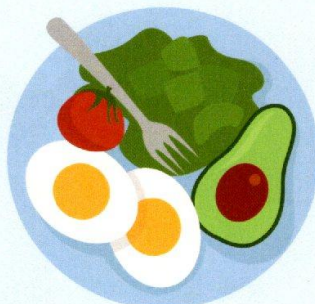
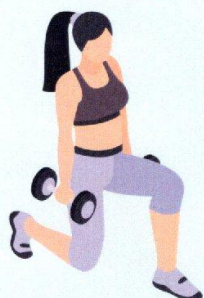
South Bay Community Concerts Association 2026-2027 Season Subscription & OPTIONAL SUPPORTER SPONSORSHIP GIVING FORM

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OPTIONAL SPONSORSHIP: IMPRESARIO MAESTRO CONCERTMASTER SOLOIST			\$
Please make check payable to <u>South Bay Community Concert Association</u> .		 @ \$100 pp x	Tickets _____ \$
Mail the check and this form to SBCCA at P.O. Box 1097, Torrance, CA 90505.			Total \$

TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

Building Brain-Healthy Habits

An education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association



Learn how to protect your memory and thinking as you age. The speaker from the Alzheimer's Association will also discuss the brain-heart connection and show you how to create your personalized action plan.

Friday, October 2, 2026, 2 – 3 P.M.

Torrance Cultural Arts Center – Garden Room
3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA 90503

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CAMP PENDLETON AND FORT MACARTHUR COLLECTION

Saturday, October 17 2026
9:00am-12:00pm

SUPPORT OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Camp Pendleton is home to over 70,000 Marines and 10,000 children under 5. More than 160 babies are born there each month. Most families arrive with only what fits in their car and often lack essentials for newborns and small children, plus furnishings for their housing. The Rotary Clubs of District 5280 are collecting new and gently used items for these families to select from at Camp Pendleton's "Warrior Warehouse" and Fort MacArthur's "Airman's Attic", which is filled with donated items that are free for local military families.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Diapers
- Baby & children's clothes
- Books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs
- Dishes, cookware, meal prep tools
- Bedding
- Gift cards (\$25) to Target/Walmart

DROP OFF

 **Hawthorne High School**
4859 El Segundo Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA 90250

For More Information:

David Henseler
Rotary Club of South Bay Sunrise
310-753-0929

TORRANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S

Original Fall Tour of...
OLD TORRANCE



Historic Homes

October 10th & 11th, 2026

Saturday & Sunday | 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tour begins at the Torrance Historical Society & Museum

Museum opens at 10:30 AM both tour days

Tickets: \$50 donation, per person

Tickets available day of event — cash, check, or credit card

Tour the interiors of five private historic homes

Stroll tree-lined streets

View vintage automobiles

Special Exhibit at the Torrance Woman's Club by

DESTINATION: ART

Enjoy complimentary lemonade

& Torrance Bakery cookies



Torrance Historical Society & Museum

1345 Post Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

310.328.5392 — www.TorranceHistoricalSociety.org

Museum hours: 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday



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GAME DAY TAILGATE

Business Expo
& Showcase

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Toyota Meeting Hall
3330 Civic Center Dr. Torrance, CA 90503

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TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB
presents

HOLIDAY SHOPPING BAZAAR

WHEN: Saturday, DECEMBER 5, 2026
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

WHERE: TORRANCE WOMAN'S CLUB
1422 Engracia Ave, Torrance, CA



OVER 30+ UNIQUE VENDORS!
Handmade Crafts, Jewelry, Home
Decor, Baked Goods, Candles,
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September 2nd Meeting
Speaker: Torrance Mayor Sharon Kalani



Janet Payne introduced Mayor Kalani.





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Addendum

The editor apologizes to Mary Alessandra-Cook and Catherine Paour for omitting their articles from the October Newsletter.

- Funding for ADA compliance projects for the lobby entrance, bathrooms, and walkways
- Establishing a long-term reserve to support the next 100 years of stewardship

The TWC Preservation Fund: Where We Started, Where We Are, and How You Can Help

By Mary Alessandra-Cook

History of the Torrance Woman's Club Preservation Fund

In the spring of 2022, a group of Torrance Woman's Club members gathered in the clubhouse with a shared purpose: to launch a capital campaign that would protect and preserve our historic home for generations to come. At that time, several major needs had already been identified:

- Restoration of six 20-foot windows requiring new wood, termite repair, glass replacement, and painting
- Plumbing repairs in the bathrooms
- Localized roof repairs

More than 200 potential donors — members, local businesses, friends, and family — were contacted. Although a window fund had begun in 2021, the full restoration ultimately exceeded \$30,000. As donations arrived, some were restricted specifically for ADA improvements, while unrestricted funds were used over the following years for roof work, subterranean termite treatment and tenting, a new side door, new carpeting, painting, and the refurbishment of our beautiful hardwood floors.

The needs have continued, even as donations have slowed. The initial campaign raised \$40,000, and in the years since, additional gifts have been received in memory of beloved members and from generous supporters. In total, the Preservation Fund has raised more than \$100,000 since inception — but the essential repairs have significantly drawn down the unrestricted portion. Today, only limited funds remain available for House Committee projects, and approximately \$17,000 is held as ADA-restricted funds that cannot be used for other purposes.

Where We Are Today

In recent years, we paused active fundraising and grant-seeking for ADA projects to focus on an important strategic step: nominating the clubhouse for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. As a private building with deep roots in Torrance's history, this designation would honor our legacy and strengthen our ability to pursue future funding opportunities.

This nomination effort is underway now — and we are optimistic that a successful outcome will open new doors for grants, partnerships, and major gifts to support the ADA improvements we must eventually undertake.

How You Can Help — Our Final Appeal to Complete the Campaign Started in 2022

When the Preservation Fund began, we promised our donors that their generosity would be permanently recognized on a lobby plaque listing every contributor. Our current Board would like to close out this first stage of the campaign and finalize the plaque.

Many new members have joined since 2022 — and if you are reading this, and you have never had the opportunity to contribute, this is your moment to be part of the story and history.

We are making one last, heartfelt appeal. Our members have always stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the foundations, companies, friends, and families who support us. If you would like your name included on the lobby plaque — whether your gift is \$1, \$10,000, or anything in between — please make your donation by **December 14**, so we can properly account for all contributions before the final donor list is prepared for **December 31, 2026**.

There are many ways to give, and we have never asked for a specific amount. We want everyone to donate at a level that feels comfortable and meaningful. You may also invite family or friends

to donate in your honor, or make a celebratory gift for a birthday or special occasion. Members over age 70 may choose to make a qualifying charitable distribution to help meet RMD requirements. Some members have even chosen to remember TWC in their wills. All gifts — restricted or unrestricted — make a difference, and every donor receives a receipt.

If you are a newer member, we warmly invite you to join us and help close out this first chapter of preservation. If you are a long-time member, perhaps this is the year you choose to reach a higher level on the plaque. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Mary Alessandra-Cook or Sharon Broadbent. We are here to help ensure your name is included in this final appeal.

Together, we can honor our past, strengthen our present, and protect our clubhouse for the next century of Torrance Woman's Club members.



There's still time to join **Aloha Hands** and learn to play the Ukulele or do the Hula to God Bless America!

Here's who has signed up so far for Ukulele led by Catherine Paour.

-Terry Moore, Carol Nelson, Lee Large and Sue Harkson

And here are our lovely Hula Dancers to be taught by Linda Pollick.

Janice Perosio, Roberta Smith, Ronnie Willense and Bonnie Louvet

Lesson dates and time are still being determined. We are considering the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Club House, along with additional support as needed.

Sign up at the October meeting, or send an email to:

UKULELE: Catherine Paour
cpaour@yahoo.com
HULA: Linda Pollick
lindaothoa@gmail.com

Press and Publicity By Catherine Paour

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Fliers will also be made available for display at each Torrance Library as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Torrance City Hall. Please note this image is just for recruiting members, not for rental of the clubhouse. Another ad will be ready for that purpose soon!

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NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

September 24th is designated as the National Day of Service for all federated women's clubs with focus on national signature project to help victims of domestic violence and abuse. On Saturday, September 26th the Torrance Woman's Club joined with South Bay Junior Woman's Club to make totes full of food and supplies for the women and children affected by domestic violence and attending court. Here's some pictures of the two clubs in action. Our club President Pam is proudly showing our results! 48 totes in total.



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A beloved nonprofit philanthropic organization serving Torrance since 1921.

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- Support local charities & scholarships
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- Meet inspiring women
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