

SHIP'S LOG

December 2019



**Marina District Board
Meeting
December 13
Marina District Council**

President's Message

Jane Thomey

I hope you had a joyous Thanksgiving and are gearing up for the holidays. The District will not be meeting in December which will give us plenty of time for those holiday parties, boutiques, and luncheons. Most of all, you are all so generous and will share with those who might not be able to celebrate without you. Please take plenty of pictures for the Ship's Log so we can share in the warmth and the fun you had.

In November we were pleased to have Diane Petrusis the founder of Bring Me a Book, speak at the District meeting. Diane took the project on after retiring from an impressive 40-year career as teacher and school administrator.

Her goal is to improve the reading skills of underserved and low income children who often do not have books at home and whose parents cannot read to them. Studies have shown that if a child does not achieve level reading skills upon completing the third grade, he or she will not finish high school. Bring Me a Book is a program that guides children to read carefully curated books in a scheduled manner and it involves their parents also

Bring Me a Book is non-profit and relies on grants and donations to operate. For those of you who were unable to hear the presentation Diane prepared an information packet that will be available at the January meeting.

Just a reminder that time is getting short to sign up for the Women's History Alliance Rose Parade Float celebrating passage of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. Many of our founding Federation members were suffragists who fought for that right. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for members, families and friends. We hope to see many of you on the lines assembling the float during December.

(Presidents Message Continued)

To all of you in the Marina District we wish you the happiest season with health and prosperity to you and yours. Enjoy the commemorations and celebrations and be sure you share your happy moments with us. We look forward to seeing you in January.

*Best,
Jane*

MARINA DISTRICT IS GOING TO THE DOGS



WINTER BUS TOUR TO THE GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA

SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA

LUNCH AT CASA TORRES CAFE IN SYLMAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

DEPARTING AT 10:15 AM

RETURNING AT APPROXIMATELY 4 PM

DONATION \$25**

A PORTION OF YOUR DONATION WILL GO TOWARDS THE TRAINING OF GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

*****Does not include the cost for lunch***

Depart from The Woman's Club of Playa del Rey, 8039 West Manchester Ave., Playa del Rey

For reservations send check for \$25 payable to Marina District 18 to Mary Linn Coleman, 3612 Nipomo Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808

Be sure to indicate your name, club, and cell phone number.

Don't Be Left Out . . .

Seats are still available for the bus trip to the Sylmar campus of the Guide Dogs of America on Tuesday, January 21. This is a Marina District fundraiser and part of the proceeds will be donated to train the dogs who assist visually impaired individuals. The cost is \$25. Please make checks payable to Marina District 18. Mail to Mary Linn Coleman, 3612 Nipomo Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808.

First Vice President, Dean of Chairman

Alycia McCord

It is time to complete your reports! Please send your reports electronically (i.e. e-mail, text, etc.) to Alycia McCord, Marina District 1st VP (sbjwc.news@gmail.com) by January 17, 2020. If you are unable to do this, then you can bring one copy of your hardcopy reports to the District Council meeting on January 17, 2020. If you have any questions or concerns with generating your reports, please don't hesitate to contact Alycia McCord at (562) 842-4036 or sbjwc.news@gmail.com.

If you would like a little help with writing your annual club reports, please see the new Handbook for Annual Report Writing For Clubs and Chairs. The Handbook will be available to download on the Marina District website (www.marinadistrictcfdc.com) soon. The Handbook has already been sent out via our District e-blast and emailed directly to each Club President and 1st Vice-President. If you have not received a copy, please contact Alycia McCord.

Have fun with this annual event! See you at our District Council Meeting on January 17, 2020

Second Vice President, Membership

Pat Harmon

Someone said " An optimist is one who makes the most of all that comes and the least of all that goes" . This goes along with the saying " Focus on what works...instead of getting lost in all that doesn't". As we approach the end of the year and jump into 2020 let's start anew with our club membership goals. I hope all of you have your membership numbers up to date but if not please work on that goal. One of the best things about report writing is it reminds us of all the hard work we have done as a club over the past year and where the proceeds have gone both locally and internationally. We can inhale of satisfaction of a job well done. Carry that with you as you enjoy the holiday season and a " Happy New Year" to all the District members. See you in 2020.
Pat Harmon

Decorating The Float For The Rose Parade

There are only a few weeks left to join the fun of decorating the Women's History Alliance Float that will appear in the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day. Once you've selected a date and shift contact Jane Thomey at aitane@ca.rr.com for sign up help. Hope many of us can join in.

Decoration week:	Thursday, December 26 th through Tuesday, December 31 st .												
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Nominating Committee

This coming year the Marina District will hold an election for the officers who will serve the next two-year term. In January the District Council will take the first step by approving members for a Nominating Committee of five members and five alternates. The only requirement is that a participant should have served on the Marina District Council and has not served more than two consecutive terms. Please consider being part of this important committee.

Suffragists and the General Federation of Women's Clubs

In 2020 we will be honoring the many determined women who made possible the passage of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing us the right to vote. Some of them were members of the newly formed General Federation of Women's Club. Thousands of other women joined in the fight guided by the belief that women had the right to make their voices heard as an integral part of the electorate. In the century since the Amendment was ratified many of these women have been forgotten despite their prominent roles. One such woman Inez Milholland, a suffragist, labor lawyer, World War I correspondent, and public speaker who greatly influenced the women's movement in America. She was active in the National Woman's Party and a key participant in the 1913 Woman Suffrage Procession. We are fortunate to have a CD that tells her story and that of the movement of which she was such an important member. When her history and the narrative of the role GFWC played are intertwined it is compelling. The CD is available for lending to the clubs in the district. Please contact Barbara Freeman for availability.

Voter Registration

100 Years of the Right to Vote! Volunteer to Register Voters so they will Vote!

Legislative Action Center

Join GFWC by contacting your U S Representative to support H1923, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue quarter dollars in commemoration of the Nineteenth Amendment, and for other purposes.

It is a simple process to Join the Legislative Action Center. Simply go to GFWC.org, tap on "What We Do", tap on "Public Policy" then on "Legislative Action Center".

The site will do the job for you, from finding the name of your representative (s), to preparing the letter. This bill honors women, please join in.

MARINA DISTRICT CLUB EVENTS

December

- 7 Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach Coco Booth at the Tree Lighting Ceremony***
- 13 Marina District Board Meeting***
NO MARINA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING
- 14 El Segundo Woman's Club Holiday Boutique 9am to 3pm***

Newsletter Contests

It's time for every Club to show off its Newsletter!

The complete Newsletter Contest details were emailed Oct 31 as part of the Contest Packets for 2020.

A few quick highlights—entries must be from the 2019 calendar year, even though the contest deadlines are all in 2020—the entered Newsletter—any sample edition of your Newsletter — must be dated in 2019.

Here are some points that are NEW or NEW-ISH.

>This year's rules call for an introductory cover letter, giving some basic information including a short description of how the Club utilizes the Newsletter.

>The GF logo is required on the front page; a strong recommendation is to include the CF logo as well.

>District, State, GF contests are 3 separate, unrelated contests – it's not a case of winners at one level go to the next level -- you must enter each one separately, 3 different addresses to send to, 3 different submission dates.

>**PRINTED COPIES ARE REQUIRED** – For newsletters, this contest has not gone digital – no submissions by email, no digital submissions --3 printed copies are requested. To enter all three contests, you'll need 9 printed copies.

Our District Contest entries are due at the January 17 District Meeting.

Good luck, and let's show off our fine Newsletters.

Torrance Woman's Club Purse Project

My small committee worked through donations made by generous Torrance Woman's Club members and also we did some fundraising (calling the campaign "Handbags For Hope"), and together we put together purses and totes filled with personal hygiene supplies for the women fleeing domestic abuse and violence. We even got a local company to donate small flashlights which we added as a safety item. There are also bags of supplies being given to the safe house managers with some small gift cards to get a few food items or supplies for pantries. We turned in the first 15 of the totes in September to our Marina District contact, Alycia Mccord, who forwarded them onto Rainbow Services who works with the safe houses in our local area.



GFWC Playa del Rey Brighton Fashion Show

The event had delicious appetizers, champagne and wine. We had several styles including an Indian silk sereee featured in the fashion show and had a great time.

Show and Sip 'N Shop had 62 attendees and raised \$1300.

Members of the El Segundo Woman's Club participated in the Farmer's Market





Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach man a Coco Booth at the Hermosa Beach Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 7th 3pm to 7pm. They will be serving up hot cocoa, cider, cupcakes and cookies.

BEACH CITIES TOY DRIVE, BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY!



Marina District Pound Auction

