

SHIP'S LOG

September 2019



**Marina District Board
Meeting
September 13th
Marina District Council
Meeting
September 27th**

President's Message

Welcome back. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. It certainly went by quickly. The highlight was the Annual Summer Picnic held at Chevron Park. The weather could not have been better as we spent a day in the sun seeing friends and meeting new ones, enjoying a fried chicken and many treats provided by the District Board and playing games with some lucky guests winning prizes.

What a way to end the old club year and welcome in a new one. I am eagerly anticipating our meetings when you will share stories about your projects, your fund raisers and contributions to your communities.

The Marina District Board met during the summer to plan interesting and informative events throughout the year. Additionally, our Chairmen will be presenting projects that target certain areas of need in our communities. We anticipate all these activities will be productive and satisfying for all of us.

To kick off the new year we have invited Laura and James Wasserman, authors of *Who Saved the Redwoods?* to speak at our first Marina District Council meeting on September 27 at the GFWC/CFWC Woman's Club of Redondo Beach. They presented the fascinating story of the role women, and prominently among them members of the newly formed California Federation of Women's Clubs, had in saving the irreplaceable ancient redwoods in Northern California. Their dedication led the way for the modern environmental movement. This will be an exciting opportunity to hear how they achieved this victory and to meet the authors afterwards for book signing.

Looking ahead to January of the new year the District will sponsor a bus tour to the Guide Dogs of America in Sylmar to see how these companions to visually impaired individuals are raised and trained. Among the places to visit will be the nursery where puppies play before they begin their formal training.

(President's Message Continued)

January 1, 2020 will mark the beginning of the centennial year of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution that guaranteed women the Right to Vote. The District is planning to commemorate this wonderful milestone and to celebrate the women of our Federation who had a role in achieving it.

Finally, the District has an important occasion to celebrate in the coming year. Marina District member, Pam Ament, will be installed as president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. We are very fortunate that the event will take place locally at the May CFWC Convention to be held at the LAX Crowne Plaza Hotel. It is an honor to have one of our own who has attained this position and I urge you to plan to attend the installation dinner. You may even want to participate in the convention proceedings held over a several day period. Pam has contributed so much to her club, the District and the Federation. It would mean so much to have a large representation showing her our appreciation and support. More information will follow in the coming months.

We have much to accomplish in the year ahead and with much anticipation I look forward to seeing many of you at the September Marina District Council Meeting and in the months afterwards.

Regards, Jane

JOIN YOUR FELLOW AREA C MEMBERS

October 26, 2019

AREA C Meeting

Phoenix Club Anaheim

**Meet members from sister districts,
Los Cerritos, Sierra Cahuenga and Orange District**

Carpooling will be arranged

***International Outreach Project - Jean Lyon Chairman
Little Dresses for Africa***

"A big thank you to all of you who have contributed to this project. Your participation made it a HUGE success. CONGRATULATIONS!! With your generous support 246 dresses have been packaged and shipped to the U.S. headquarters in Rockwood, Michigan and will soon be on their way to Malawi, Africa. A job well done! We will be continuing with this project for the upcoming year and hope we can count on your continued participation. A big shout out to our amazing seamstresses."

***Sincerely,
Jean Lyon, Chairman***

First Vice President, Alycia McCord

Rainbow Services

Thank you to the Woman's Club of Playa Del Rey and Mar Vista Woman's Club for your donation of purses filled with hygiene products. This is a GFWC/CFWC Signature Program for Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. On August 15, 2019, twelve of these purses were delivered to **Rainbow Services in San Pedro.**

Rainbow Services provides emergency shelter and assistance to domestic violence victims. Unfortunately, their director expects an upswing in participants, specifically women and children, as we near the holidays. This organization is willing to take purses filled with hygiene supplies as well as gifts cards to help fill gaps. They prefer gift cards from places like Target, Walmart and Ralphs. If you would prefer to donate in other tangible ways, their food bank is desperately low. They will accept unexpired dry and canned goods, and diapers in sizes 3, 4 and 5 (larger sizes).

If you and/or your Club is interested in donating more purses or any of the other needed items, please bring the items to our District Council Meetings. Alycia McCord, Marina District 1st Vice-president, will make sure the items are delivered to **Rainbow Services.**

SAVE THE DATE

January 21, 2020

Get a first-hand look of how assistance dogs are trained when the Marina District sponsors a tour of the Guide Dogs of America in Sylmar, California. GDA has been offering guide dog mobility services, free of charge, to qualified blind and visually impaired individuals since 1948. GDA breeds, raises and trains Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds to be partnered with blind men and women.

We will tour the campus and see at facilities and learn about the training program. It is certain you will lose your heart to the cuddly newborns after visiting the nursery. The gift store will be open also.

Our first stop will be at the Casa Torres Café and Cantina located close by the GDA in Sylmar. This is a new pleasantly decorated restaurant. There are varied choices on the menu all at reasonable prices. The cost is not included in the price of the ticket.

Look for the flyer next month to sign up for what will be a heartwarming and informative tour.



SAVING THE REDWOODS

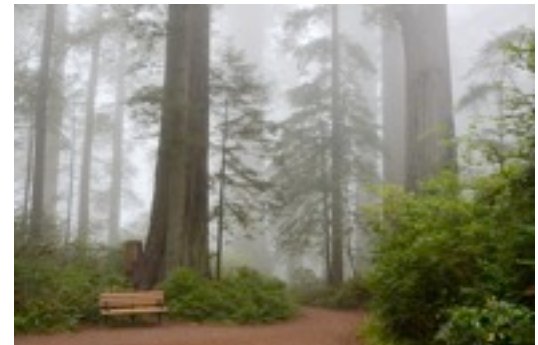
Imagine a defiant middle-aged woman facing down a crew of sawyers ready to chop down majestic and ancient redwood trees located in California's Humboldt County. The woman was Laura Perrott Mahan of Eureka. While she held her ground her husband, James, an attorney, rushed 50 miles to Eureka for a court injunction forcing the Pacific Lumber Company to stop logging.

A plaque erected in her honor at the site where Laura stood was the beginning of the journey for authors Laura and James Wasserman who delved into the history of the vital role women had in preserving the priceless Redwood forests of California. Prominent among them were the women of the California Federation of Women's Clubs who themselves purchased a grove which they deeded to the State of California.

In the words of the authors, "It was a wonderful, proud and inspiring time for the Federation during its 1920's redwoods campaign. Members statewide raised money, did publicity, lobbied politicians and helped save at least five per cent of the old-growth redwoods visited by millions of people across the world every year".

The Wassermans will have many wonderful stories about saving the redwoods when they speak at the Marina District Council Meeting on September 27 at the clubhouse of the GFWC/CFWC Woman's Club of Redondo Beach. We urge as many of you as possible to attend. Your friends and neighbors might also be interested in hearing about this effort that was the beginning of the modern environmental movement.

They will autograph copies of their book, ***Who Saved the Redwoods?*** that will be available for sale during the break after their talk.



Leadership - Angie Waller, Chairman

It is time to start thinking about where your club's next group of board members comes from and to encourage and develop the leaders in your club. Anyone can become a leader. One great tool available is the State **LEADS** training program. I shared a workshop at State Convention with a number of prior **LEADS** participants; they were unanimous in stating that going through **LEADS** was life-changing and a very valuable experience. We can only send one woman from the District, but I urge every club to encourage someone to apply. I shall have more info for club presidents at the Sept Council meeting.

Education - Carol Binnington, Chairman

The purpose of **ESO** is to provide clubwomen with a structural reading program, which is educational and stimulates a desire for self-improvement. Interested GFWC members must first pass through the **ESO** pledge stage before they can begin working towards membership status. After proper completion of 16 books read and reported on, the pledge receives a certificate verifying her **ESO** membership.

Different Levels of ESO are

Member 4 books 4 different categories for a total of 16 books

Star 4 books 10 different categories for a total of 40 books

Torch 4 books 16 different categories for a total of 64 books

Century 1-9 a total of 100 books for each century

Diamond a total of 1,000 books

For questions, contact Education Chairman

cbinnington@gmail.com 310-626-2601



Reminder to File Club Annual Returns

Federal and State laws provide tax benefits for nonprofit organizations recognized as exempt under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your Club must file Annual Returns to remain in compliance with the IRS Code. The following Information Returns, Tax Returns and Notices are now due for the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2019.

Federal Information Returns (IRS)

Form 990 Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax or Form 990-EZ Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income TAX or Form 990-N Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax Exempt Organization Not Required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ.

State Information Returns

Form 199 California Exempt Organization Annual Information Return or Form FTB199N Electric Filing California e-postcard.

Attorney General of California - Registry of Charitable Trust

Form RRF-1 Annual Registration Renewal Fee Report. Your Club is required to file this return only if the Club has previously registered with the Attorney General's Office to conduct raffles for the benefit of charities in the State.

State of California - Secretary of State

Form S1-100 Statement of Information. All nonprofit Corporations must file Form S1-100 biannually. The Secretary of State sends a postcard to the address of the principal office address of the Corporation which is the address of the club or the club president with the statement due date.

MARINA DISTRICT CLUB EVENTS

Woman's Club of Redondo Beach Pacific Palisades Treasures Bus Trip

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Pick-up: 8:30am Alta Vista Park, 715 Julia Ave,
Redondo Beach

Destination 1: 9:30am Will Rogers Ranch House - At his untimely death in a plane crash in 1935, Will Rogers' ranch consisted of a 31-room ranch house, a stable, corrals, riding ring, roping arena, polo field, golf course, and hiking trails. When his widow, Betty Rogers, died in 1944, she wanted to make sure that Will's ranch would be available to the public as a memorial to her husband, so she willed it to the state where it is now a state historical park.

Destination 2: 12 noon – The Getty Villa -A visit to the Getty Villa offers an experience of ancient Greek and Roman art in a setting that recreates a first-century Roman villa. The presentation of the collection focuses on the development of art among the cultures of the ancient Mediterranean. Lunch on your own: Getty Villa Café, Coffee Kiosk or bring your own

Drop off: 4:30pm - Alta Vista Park, 715 Julia Ave,
Redondo Beach

Enjoy Music & Dancing At Our Senior Prom Torrance Woman's Club Fall Fundraiser

Saturday - October 19, 2019 11am - 3pm
Torrance Woman's Club

1422 Engracia Avenue Torrance, CA 90501

Phone: 310-533-9116

Donation: \$35 per/person

(proceeds to support South Bay Village)

Lunch catered by R Catering Affairs – 12 noon
Lasagna (meat sauce or vegetarian), salad, bread,
beverage and cheesecake.

Entertainment - Beach Cities Swing Band

Please make your check payable to TWC and mail
to: K. Davis, 1110 Elm Ave., Torrance, CA 90503

**All proceeds will support South Bay Village a
non-profit organization that helps seniors stay in
their homes with the help of dedicated and vetted
wonderful volunteers.**

WOMAN'S CLUB OF HERMOSA BEACH 28TH Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Kiwanis Building - 2515 Valley

Dr. Hermosa Beach

Sunday, OCTOBER 13TH

8:00am - Noon \$10.00 Donation

includes

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Juice & Coffee

Kids under 5 FREE

Huge Silent Auction

El Segundo Woman's Club

At their September 11, General Luncheon meeting each member has been asked to bring at least two dozen freshly baked cookies. We will bag the cookies, tie ribbons and write notes of thanks and appreciation to our first responders, the El Segundo Police Department and the two El Segundo Fire Stations. The cookies will be delivered after

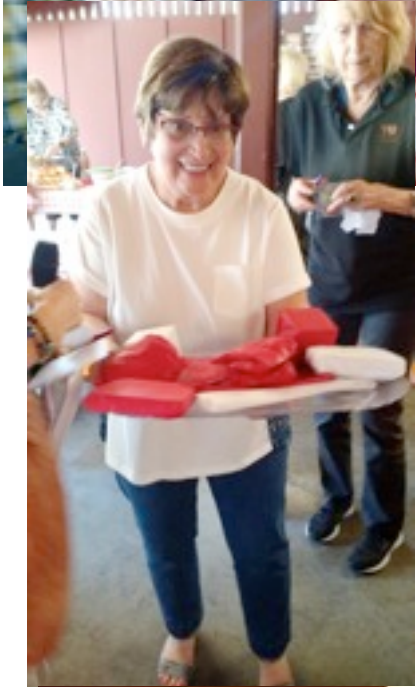


MARINA DISTRICT PICNIC



Marina District Picnic brought out many club members from the District clubs. What a fun day of friendship, food and games.

If you missed it please try to come next year. You'll be glad you did.



Legislative Initiatives 2019

There was an overwhelming response to the GFWC 7 Grand Initiatives last year. It was so successful that the Initiatives will continue this year with increased goals and with new ones being added. Two of them involve our commitment to using our collective strength to influence legislation for the benefit of children and the public. To that end GFWC has designated two proposed laws and asks us to contact our lawmakers to urge passage in the coming months. *You can easily contact them by joining the Legislative Action Center. Please see the box below for the steps to sign up.*

MIRANDA’S LAW, HR 2793 is written to protect the thousands of children that go to school by bus every day. No child should be in jeopardy by an irresponsible or criminal driver. It ensures real-time background checks, so that when a school bus driver has any driving infraction beyond a parking ticket, the school or school bus company will receive an alert about that infraction from the Department of Transportation within 24 hours.

GFWC Initiative: Make 1,000 calls or emails to United States Representatives on September 23 urging passage of Miranda’s Law.

3D PRINTED GUN SAFETY ACT of 2019 would prohibit the distribution of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms and for other purposes. The plastic guns can evade detection by metal detectors and THE security checkpoints that are proliferating. The availability of the plans increases the risk that dangerous people, including felons, domestic abusers and other people prohibited from possessing firearms under Federal law, will obtain a firearm through 3D. The plastic guns would not have serial numbers further evading the investigations of illegal use of arms by law enforcement officials.

GFWC Initiative: Make 1,000 calls or emails to United States Senators and Representatives on October 23 urging passage of 3D Printed Gun Safety Action of 2019.

We have a legacy . . .

**Follow the easy steps to join the
Legislative Action Center**

Enter: Gfwc.org

Select from the Menu: What We Do

**Select: Public Policy/Legislation Action
Center**

Click: Join the Legislative Action Center

Two Ways to Sign-up for Ship's Log

Text Message

Send your text to: 22828

In the message box type:

MARINADISTRICT

(All caps and no spaces) You will get a response that says you are now signed up to receive Ship's Log.

or

Marina District Website

Marinadistrictcfdc.com

Look for the Subscribe box on the Home Page

Marina District Calendar

September

13 Marina District Board Meeting

19-21 CFWC Fall Board Meeting LAX

***27 Marina District Council Meeting - GFWC/CFWC WC of Redondo Beach
400 S Broadway, Redondo Beach***

October

11 Marina District Board Meeting

13 WC of Hermosa Beach Pancake Breakfast

13 Honor Flight Reception at LAX

***18 Marina District Council Meeting - WC of Playa del Rey/Culver City WC
8039 W. Manchester Avenue., Playa de Rey***

***19 Torrance Woman's Club Fundraiser - "Senior Prom" - proceeds going to
South Bay Village***

26 Area C Meeting - Phoenix Club Anaheim

November

7 Woman's Club of Redondo Beach Pacific Palisades Treasures Bus Trip

8 Marina District Board Meeting

***15 Marina District Council Meeting - WC of Hermosa Beach
861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach***

***22 Santa Monica Bay WC - Wine & Cheese Tasting. Will be decorating small
Christmas Trees at this event to donate to the VA of Step Up on the 2nd.***