April/May

Marina District Board Meeting
April 12
Marina District Annual Convention
April 13
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May 10
CFWC Annual Convention
May 15-18
Marina District Council Meeting
The Torrance Woman's Club
May 24

President's Message — *Jane Thomey*

Our March District Council meeting was held at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club co-hosted by the Mar Vista Woman's Club. We had a very full agenda! We celebrated the District's 63rd Anniversary and honored our Past Presidents . Mary Linn Coleman presented the Data Blank Workshop. CFWC Legislation and Public Policy Chairman, Katherine George Chu spoke about our role in advancing legislation favorable to women and children. Thanks to everyone who participated. A special tip of the hat to both clubs for the beautifully prepared and presented buffet.

The annual Clubwoman and Student Art and Photography Contests were also held. Thanks to Alycia McCord for organizing the event and a special recognition to the judges and to Chairman Susan Barry and volunteers from the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club who contributed to the afternoon's success .

It was such a pleasure to attend the third annual Baby Shower that benefitted the Foster Care Resource Project for DCFS babies. The generosity of the Marina District was very apparent with tables loaded with baby clothes and supplies. Congratulations to the members of the GFWC/CFWC Woman's Club of Redondo Beach with help from the Woman's Club of Playa del Rey for a job very well done.

We are looking forward to the 63rd Annual Convention of the Marina District on April 13 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Torrance. Our hard working chairman, Deanna Hanson, has devoted her efforts to making this a very special occasion. CFWC President Dori Kelsey is our honored guest. A group of remarkably talented and energetic students of all ages will be there to receive awards. Additionally, we will name winners of club reports, Marina District Membership Award and Volunteer of the Year.

Enjoy a delicious lunch and make time to view the prize winning art, photography and crafts entries. And, of course, do not forget the vendors . Each club is asked to bring two purses filled with toiletries as part of the GFWC Domestic Violence Initiative. Two purses will be sent to the CFWC convention and the others will be donated to CAST, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Human Trafficking.

The reservation deadline is April 6. Pay the $45 cost to your Club Treasurer who will complete the Reservation form and send with the Club check to Deanna Hanson, Convention Chairman. Please encourage your members to attend this once-a-year event! Jane

Calendar

Marina District

April

5-6	Culver City WC Rummage Sale	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
6	El Segundo WC Annual Tea Party	12 to 3:00 pm
6	WC of Hollywood Vintage Bridal Show	1:00 to 6:00 pm
10	WC of Hermosa Beach Spring Tea	11:00 am
12	Marina District Board Meeting Home of Becky Upchurch	10:00 am*
13	*Marina District Annual Convention*	8:30 am
15	WC of Redondo Beach Chinese Silent Auction	12:00 pm
24	WC of Hermosa Beach Cocktail Crawl	5:00 pm
25	Culver City WC Penny Pines Walk at Hahn Park	10:00 am
27	Torrance WC Carousel of Fashions	11:00 am
27	Culver City WC Fashion Show at Dress Barn	TBD
29	WC of Hermosa Beach Catalina Trip (all day)	8:00 am

*Meeting to begin one hour later than usually scheduled

May

4	South Bay Junior WC Couture for a Cause	11:30 am
10	Marina District Board Meeting Hosted by Carole Kanter Home of Jane Thomey	9:00 am
15-18	CFWC Annual Convention, Sacramento	various
24	Marina District Council Meeting The Torrance Woman's Club	9:00 am

WILDLIFE WANDS — Alycia McCord

We are always looking for ways to recycle. How about saving your used mascara wands for wildlife rehabilitation facilities? The Wetlands & Wildlife Care Center is dedicated to the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned native wildlife. The Center is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year. In the event of a petroleum spill, their trained volunteers are on a 24-hour call to respond to aid California wildlife. Check out all they do on their website at www.wwccoc.org.

The Center is in need of donations, both monetary and in-kind, and they have ways to volunteer. As part of a Conservation Project for the Marina District through 2020, we are looking for in-kind donations of your used mascara wands. If you are cleaning out your linen closet or have left over items at a garage/yard sale, you might consider donating old towels (hand and bath size), old t-shirts, old baby receiving blankets, pillowcase, flat sheets, and other linens. If you or your Club would like to donate purchased items, the Center is in urgent need of bleach, printer paper, dry dog/cat food, and Dawn dish liquid (blue).

If you are interested in donating goods, please bring your items to a District Council meeting. Alycia McCord will deliver any donated items. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alycia at (562) 842-4036 or sbjwc.news@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019

MARINA DISTRICT SUMMER PICNIC

CHEVRON PARK, EL SEGUNDO

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA — Jean Lyon

I was pleased to hear from some of the members that your club is interested in participating in this district project. There are several clubs in the district that are in various stages in the sewing process. I am with the Culver City Woman's Club and I would also be your contact person when you are ready to have them sent. We decided that it would be more economical to try to send all of the dresses as a group rather than have each club do it individually. We are hoping to have the first batch ready to be sent at the end of the clubs year (which is after the May meeting.). I will be collecting the dresses. You can bring them to a district meeting and give them to a Culver City member (Jane Thomey , Angie Waller, Pat Harmon) or to myself if I am there. If that doesn't work, we can make other arrangements. If you or your chairman can hold all the dresses until they are finished that would be great. The number of dresses can be whatever you can manage. We have well over 100 dresses completed that I know about now and we still have two months to go for this year.!! This has been a fantastic project and will be an on going project for next year, too. A big THANK YOU for all your time and effort. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Jean Lyon
International Outreach Chairman
310-670-0121

SOCIAL MEDIA 101 — Jane Thomey

CFWC Social Media Chairman, Sonja Hults conducted a workshop for representatives from Marina District Clubs to acquaint them with the use of CFWC pages on Facebook to benefit non-profit organizations such as ours.

She outlined four aspects of the mission:

- Educate the community about your cause and update them on your organization
- Find and connect with women to increase membership
- Engage your community for projects you love
- Fundraise together as a community for your local causes.

For those of you who would like to take part in her workshop, she will be conducting several of them at the CFWC convention in Sacramento, May 16-18. Your president has information about the convention or you can ask me for details.

Sonja shared the following to show that a dedicated approach to Facebook outreach can really work.

One morning while looking through my Facebook feed at CFWC Convention I saw a post from the Julian Woman's Club about their upcoming pie contest. They had photos of pies and they told a little bit about the event and how much they appreciate their community support. She had tagged me so that I could see what her club was doing and I shared it to the CFWC page. The next day she bumped into me and was so excited. Her post had gotten 7000 likes in one day. ONE DAY! Her event ended up making her club money but more than that and MOST IMPORTANTLY she felt supported by us club sisters across California.

It was a good day for Julian. Let all of us on the CFWC pages help you get your information out!

Sonja Hults
CFWC Facebook Chairman

MARINA DISTRICT CONVENTION

By Alicia McCord

The Marina District Convention is quickly approaching. We have several contest winners to be announced during our Convention. Please come to see the artwork of our talented student artists and to hear our young musicians perform. We will have all the 1st place winners for the Arts Contest, Photography Contest, and the Clubwoman Crafts Contest entries on display for all our Convention goers to see. See you at the Convention on April 13.

FISHER HOUSE UPDATE

By Barbara Freeman

My project as Public Issues Chairman for the Marina District this year is the Fisher House on the Long Beach VA Hospital campus. If you have a family member in the hospital and you live more than 50 miles away you can stay at the Fisher House for free. It has 16 complete suites along with a large fully stocked kitchen, family room, dining room and living room. Family members sometimes coming in with only the clothes on their backs. They will receive Target and CVS gift cards from Fisher House to get what they need. So far three clubs have donated to this project. Can you please check with your clubs to see if they can donate to this cause. We will be giving the money to the Fisher House soon. As of now we have $2,500.00. Please help us increase this amount.

CALL TO CFWC 116TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

By Jane Thomey

By now you should have received the Call to the annual California Federation of Women's Clubs Convention to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento from May 15th to 18th. If you have not already attended a convention before you will find it a very worthwhile experience. You will have a chance to meet Federation members from around the state, hear interesting speakers and participate in entertaining events.

The theme of the convention is "Let the Good Times Roll" or as they say in New Orleans, "Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler."

You will have an opportunity to attend workshops that deal with topics you will find helpful in dealing with your projects. GFWC 1st Vice President Deb Strahanoski will conduct some of them and address the convention. She is known for her wit and can be a motivator, mentor and inspiration to us all.

You would not want to miss viewing the arts, crafts and photography entries, including the first place prize winners from Marina District. You may cast your vote for best in show.

Do you want to hear a mystery writer talk about his latest book? Sign up for the ESO breakfast. Are you ready to cheer on Marina District to a Spirit Award carrying posters designed by our premier cheerleaders, Barbara Freeman and Janice Petrosino? Be there. And on Saturday prepare to laugh and have fun. It's Comedy Night at the banquet that closes the convention.

Your president has received a copy of the Call. Avoid a late registration fee by mailing the Registration Fee and Form to be received on or before April 15 . Rooms fill up fast so be sure to book yours as soon as possible.

I hope many members will attend to represent the Marina District. Until then, a bientot!

LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

CFWC Legislation and Public Policy Chairman, Katherine George Chu was the speaker at the March Marina District Council Meeting. She stressed the importance of connecting with our local elected officials to make them aware of our engagement in our communities and to make them aware of our support of issues and legislation important to our clubs and the Federation.

She suggested that we invite them to our meetings and events and that we attend public hearings to make our voices heard about important issues.

The most important way we can become involved in legislative matters is by enrolling in the GFWC Legislative Action Center (gfwc.org — What we do — Public Policy — Legislative Action Center). You will be able to follow legislation through Congress that the Federation considers critical to the welfare of women and children and is consistent with the Resolutions of the GFWC.

Currently, HR1585 is working its way through Congress. It is the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 authored by U. S. Representative Karen Bass of California. By using the Legislative Action Center, you will be able to determine who your own elected officials are and if you agree with a pending bill will be able to send an automated e-mail to each indicating your support of the action. You will usually receive an acknowledgment from them.

It is a simple process and takes only a few moments to do. Just as our founding members used letter writing to influence passage of laws of epic importance, we too can have a similar effect by employing this easy-to-use device. If we unite in our determination to employ this tool, together with the combined membership of the Federation, we can carry on the tradition of activism that can improve so many lives.

WOMAN'S CLUB PLAYA DEL REY HISTORICAL MILESTONE

This year marks a milestone for the Woman's Club of Playa del Rey and they have much to celebrate. The club was established in 1938. For many years the members rented space for their meetings and events as they were unable to secure funds to purchase a club house. In 1946, generous donors, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. McCoy secured a lot for a proposed club house. Since it was in the path of the newly renamed Los Angeles International Airport, it was traded for two lots on Century Boulevard and subsequently exchanged for the one at the present location on Manchester Avenue.

There was not enough money, however, to begin construction. Despite many offers from potential buyers to purchase the lot, the club held on. Finally, a local doctor offered to finance the building in exchange for an agreement that would allow him the leasing rights to professional offices on the ground floor. The long-planned clubhouse would be located on the second floor. The lease would expire on April 9, 2019 when the club would gain control over the entire building .

The ground breaking day was August 27, 1968 when Mr. McCoy turned the first shovel of earth. The club still has the original shovel. The dedication of the building took place on April 15, 1969. Fifty years have passed and on April 9, 2019 the club will assume rights to the entire building. The club commemorated the occasion with an anniversary celebration at its Casino Night on March 30 that was attended by City Councilman, Mike Bonin.

The Playa del Rey Woman's Club honors the civic-minded women who made the ownership of the building possible for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

Newspaper clipping records unveiling of plans for the Woman's Club of Playa del Rey Clubhouse.

Marina District Club News

The Baby Shower on March 9 had Gifts Galore, Beautiful Decorations, Delicious luncheon all to support the babies in the Foster Child Resource Project. Kudos to the GFWC/CFWC Woman's Club of Redondo Beach and the Woman's Club of Playa del Rey for a wonderful party.

L to R Gina Radocchio, Advocates for Children Chairman; Carol Weber, WC of Playa del Rey; Janice Petrosino, WC of Redondo Beach; Angela Bowery, DCFS Administrative Supervisor

Baby Shower Committee WC of Redondo Beach, L to R Teri Cannon, Diana Cruz Adams, Olga Artyukh, Janice Petrosino, Cathryn Sayer, Reetha Garretty, Bernice Slocovich

Woman's Club of Redondo Beach

Chinese Auction

Antiques, Jewelry, Décor

April 15 11 am
400 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach
Olgafashionart@gmail.com

$20

Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach

COCKTAIL CRAWL

Wednesday, April 24th at 5 pm

VISIT 5 VOLUNTEER HOST HOMES IN HERMOSA BEACH

Walk from House to House for food and wine tasting

Join for a mere $20 donation to the club

RSVP Margie @ midupuis@yahoo.com

MARINA DISTRICT CLUB NEWS

GFWC Woman's Club of Hollywood

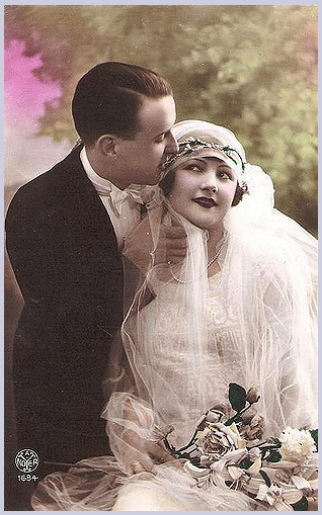
Open House

&

Vintage Bridal Show

Saturday, April 6th, 2019

1 pm—6 pm



Eventbrite insta: @WCHWEDDINGS

The El Segundo Woman's Club is having a Tea Party on Saturday, April 6 from 12-3 pm. $25

Enjoy delicious home made treats.

Wear your finest hat. You may be a contest winner!

Contact Sharon Hladek 310-640-0770

Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach

Get out your hats, gloves and pearls. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives.

Our Spring Tea is always a hit with door prizes and a HAT CONTEST.

Wednesday, April 10

Cost is only $20.

Margie Dupuis, midupuis@yahoo.com

Culver City Woman's Club

April 5 and 6

8am to 4pm

3547 Federal Ave.

Mar Vista 90066

For Scholarships and Meals on Wheels

MARINA DISTRICT CLUB NEWS

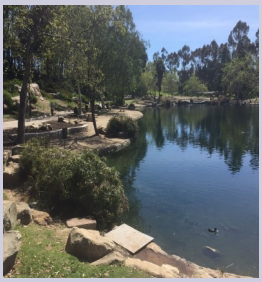
The Torrance Woman's Club

Presents
Carousel of Fashions
by Stein Mart
Saturday, April 27, 2019, 11 am

Donation $50 Checks payable to
The Torrance Woman's Club
Annette Degner
1726 W. 246th St.,
Lomita, CA 90717

Culver City Woman's Club

Penny Pines Relay at
Kenneth Hahn Park



Thursday Morning, April 25, 10 am
Picnic to follow
Sponsors welcome
Angie Waller 310-838-0979

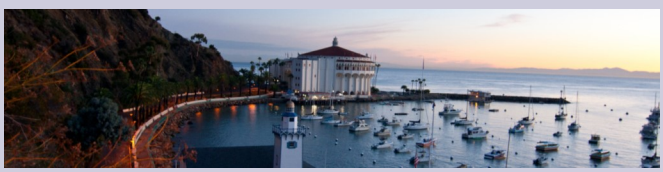
The Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach

Catalina Island Excursion
Monday, April 29 — $68 Round trip
(includes boat fare (tip) and bus ride)

Enjoy the many wonders of the island by bus, golf cart, bicycle, zip line, boat tour or casually strolling the charming town of Avalon

8:00 am Board bus at HB Community Center
9:40 am Board Catalina Express (1 hour to Avalon)
6:40 pm Check in with Nancy Wloch at Catalina Express Dock
7:30 pm Board the Catalina Express to Long Beach
Board Bus Back to HB Community Center

For your enjoyment . This is not a fundraiser.



GFWC South Bay Junior Woman's Club

Couture for a Cause
Fashion Show Luncheon

Saturday, May 4, 11:30 am

Kentucky Derby Day

Fashions by Nordstrom

Wear your bow ties and big hats!

L. A. Harbor Lodge

1640 W. 9th St.

San Pedro

$50

For info and to purchase
ticketsww.sbjwc.org

Congratulations to the Winners of the Arts, Photography and Creative Writing Contests!

Student Art Contest

Category 17 - Scholarship Graduating Senior		
1st Place	Sabina Anne Scholnick	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
2nd Place	Abigail Lew	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
3rd Place	Candice Anderson	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
Category 18 - Grades 9-12		
1st Place	Valentina Celis	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
2nd Place	Lauren Yonemori	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
3rd Place	Emma Arseneauh	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
Category 19 - Grades 6-8		
1st Place	Willow Wall	Torrance Woman's Club
2nd Place	Halie Matsui	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
3rd Place	Emmy Brandenberg	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
Category 20 - Grades 4-5		
1st Place	Samantha Lemmer	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach
2nd Place	Sydney Watkins	Torrance Woman's Club
Category 21 - Grades 2-3		
1st Place	Jordin George John	Torrance Woman's Club
2nd Place	Layton Agnor	Torrance Woman's Club
Category 22 - Grades K-1		
1st Place	Adeline Hudson	Torrance Woman's Club
2nd Place	Evelyn Reeves	Torrance Woman's Club
Best of Show	Valentina Celis	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach

Student Photography Contest

Graduating Senior – Scenes		
1st Place	Masahico Torres	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
Graduating Senior – Still Life		
1st Place	Kwess Vega	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
Grades 9-12 – Living Things		
1st Place	Lauren Rothenberger	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach
Grades 6-8 – Living Things		
1st Place	Emmy Brandenberg	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
Grades 6-8 – Scenes		
1st Place	Ella Joyce	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
Best of Show	Masahico Torres	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach

Clubwoman Art Contest

Category 27 - Watercolor Novice Still Life		
1st Place	Sheila Kutkus	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach
Category 28 - Watercolor Advanced Portrait		
1st Place	Lori Pollack	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
Category 29 - Watercolor Advanced Scenic		
1st Place	Lori Pollack	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
Category 30 - Watercolor Advanced Still Life		
1st Place	Lori Pollack	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
2nd Place	Janet Ruwaka	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
Category 31 - Oil or Other Medium Novice Portrait		
1st Place	Sienna Tucker	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach
Category 35 - Oil or Other Medium Advanced Scenic		
1st Place	Nipper Sorensen	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
Category 36 - Oil or Other Medium Advanced Still Life		
1st Place	Nipper Sorensen	Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
Category 38 - China Painting Advanced		
1st Place	Bernice Robertson	Torrance Woman's Club
Category 39 - Drawing and Pastel Novice		
1st Place	Sheila Kutkus	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach
Category 41 - Mixed Media		
1st Place	Sheila Kutkus	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach
Category 44 - 3-Dimensional Art		
1st Place	Gaye Simmons	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach
Best of Show	Sienna Tucker	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach

Clubwoman Photography Contest

Living Things		
1st Place	Margaret Mezey	Culver City Woman's Club
2nd Place	Alycia McCord	South Bay Junior Woman's Club
3rd Place	Christine Metoyer	Culver City Woman's Club
Scenes		
1st Place	Michele Neu	South Bay Junior Woman's Club
2nd Place	Carol Weber	Woman's Club of Playa del Rey
3rd Place	Sheila Kutkus	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach
Still Life		
1st Place	Christine Metoyer	Culver City Woman's Club
2nd Place	Vicki Ohliger	Woman's Club of Playa del Rey
3rd Place	Margaret Mezey	Culver City Woman's Club
Volunteers in Action		
1st Place	Teri Mesina	Woman's Club of Playa del Rey
2nd Place	Sheila Kutkus	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach
3rd Place	Michele Neu	South Bay Junior Woman's Club
Best of Show	Michele Neu	South Bay Junior Woman's Club

Student Creative Writing Contest

Category 2 – Grades 3-5 – short story

1st Place	Gus Checel	Culver City Woman's Club

Category 3 – Grades 6-8 – short story

1st Place	Mina Loy Checel	Culver City Woman's Club
2nd Place	Izzie Galanti	Culver City Woman's Club

Category 4 – Grades 9-12 – short story

1st Place	Catherine Galanti	Culver City Woman's Club

Clubwoman Creative Writing Contest

Member Poetry

1st Place	Alycia McCord	South Bay Juniors Woman's Club
2nd Place	Angie Waller	Culver City Woman's Club
(tie)3rd Place	Jeannie Gilbreth	Mar Vista Woman's Club
(tie)3rd Place	Sheila Kutkus	Woman's Club of Redondo Beach

Member Short Story

1st Place	Mary Alessandra-Cook	Torrance Woman's Club
2nd Place	Cindy Wall	Torrance Woman's Club
(tie) 3rd Place	Janice Petrosino	Torrance Woman's Club
(tie) 3rd Place	Marilyn Shaw	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach

Young Musicians Competition

Vocalist

1st Place	Kathy Syta	Woman's Club of Playa del Rey

Musician (other instrumental)

1st Place	Rachel Clinton	Woman's Club of Hermosa Beach