

PRESS RELEASE
The Torrance Woman's Club is pleased to announce
our 100th Anniversary (1921-2021)

“TWC, MAKING HISTORY THEN & NOW”

TWC's President Theme (2020-2022)

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THEN in 1921 the *Vista Highlands Neighborhood Club* was formed and became affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). The club opened their first account of \$4.95 at First National Bank. The club's name was changed to the *Torrance Woman's Club (TWC)*. **NOW** TWC continues the club purpose of the advancement of all lines of general culture for Civic betterment and public welfare.

THEN in 1923-24, a building site on Engracia Avenue was purchased for \$2,515. A groundbreaking occurred in 1924 for the new \$17,500 clubhouse. **NOW** members are encouraged to join club committees to support themed programs and events. A fundraising committee hosts an annual fashion show for scholarships for deserving students. A Helping Hands group makes huggy bears and comfort blankets for children in need. Further, the community supports our club's annual rummage sale.

THEN in 1932, TWC hosted 800 women of the *President's Council of California Federation of Los Angeles District*. In 1939, TWC was hostess to 1,000 delegates in attendance at the California Federation of Woman's Club (CFWC) Convention. In 1995, a group of TWC members in vintage attire traveled to Sacramento to celebrate the GFWC/CFWC 100th Anniversary. During different terms, in 1997-2018 4 TWC executive officers served as CFWC/District Presidents. **NOW** for 2020-22, the GFWC/CFWC Marina District 18 President and the GFWC/CFWC State President are TWC members.

THEN in 1939-40, TWC was instrumental in obtaining public bus transportation in the City of Torrance. **NOW** members volunteer for the annual *Torrance Transit Stuff A Bus* holiday event and participate in bus transit promotions.

THEN in 1941-43, the *USO* used the clubhouse for the *World War II* effort. Club members sold \$3,058 in War Bonds. **NOW** our membership includes military veterans and volunteers for the *Bob Hope USO at LAX*. At our general meetings, lectures by Civic representatives are scheduled.

THEN in 1946 the club members celebrated a mortgage burning party. **NOW** A dedicated house committee continues to maintain the 1920 era decor styled facility.

THEN in 1972 TWC Junior club members helped clean the original Switzer Learning Center building in Torrance. **NOW** TWC members volunteer to assist local non-profit organizations with their events.

THEN in 1988, the *Torrance Historical Society* designated the clubhouse a historical site with a bronze plaque. **NOW** TWC hosts the Torrance Historical Society Home Tour.

THEN what began in 1921 continues today. **NOW** over 130 members volunteer their time and talent for community outreach in the areas of Advocates for Children, Art, Conservation, Domestic Violence Awareness, Education, Fundraising, Home Life, International, Military, Public Issues, and Women's History.

Torrance Woman's Club is proud of our many accomplishments made over 100 years! We continually strive to support philanthropic endeavors. Membership is open to anyone interested in joining. Please visit our website at www.torrancewomansclub.org for more information.

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