**June 2017 Telescope E-News**

I hope you are enjoying your vacation, I am starting to work on programs for the next year. When I first started on the boards where you have a two-year term, I thought wow, that’s a long time, but now I know why some keep going after the first year. You are just getting comfortable half way through the first year. Looking back, I did have a good time working with the members. So, here’s looking at you for the second year. I hope that those not on their clubs’ boards will continue to come to the meetings. You are definitely welcome. That is one reason that I like going to CFWC State Board meetings. I get to see people that I only see 3-4 times a year. The sharing of ideas at the workshops is great (yes, they work us while we are there).

Several of us are just back from the International Convention in Palm Desert. This was a BIG deal as it was CA’s first International Convention in 17 years. I was glad that there was at least one member from seven of the District clubs there and hopefully they will share their experiences with their clubs at the September meetings. Besides the commercial vendors, there were many, many program project representatives (USO, CCI, St. Jude’s, etc.). And, of course, workshops of your choosing. While we are used to CF State Chairs giving workshops at State Boards, now the International Chairs are doing the workshops.

And then there was the 117-degree heat. We had planned on going out to eat, but one foot out the door and we turned around. We took a boat ride around the hotel grounds one night. There were several of us who helped put the table decorations together. By the way, the District’s succulent dish table decorations with the sand and crystals was a really big hit. So, see you in St. Louis next June if you are so inclined to attend an International Convention.

Since my Focus these two years is Woman’s and Children’s Health Issues, we will have a speaker on each of these areas at the meetings. I keep telling you that the CFWC Chairs are anxious to come to the club meetings to share their areas. We have had some at the District meetings and a couple of the clubs have also had some. They really want to help you explore area of interest and they have the resources to do so. If you have questions about this, please contact our 3rd VP-Programs, Judy Pantazo, 760-724-5743.

I hope you will consider leadership roles in the coming year. The Nominating will be convening to choose the District Board nominees for the 2018-2020 term. Also, we are always looking for LEADS candidates. Out of the 12 participants in my LEADS class a couple years ago, there are now 2 District Presidents and two more are District Deans ready to move up to Presidency next term.

The President, Dean, and Membership Chairs would like to do something different this year. We would like to visit the clubs (all at the same meeting). I have found that in some of the clubs they don’t know what the District is/does and the same for CF and GF. It would be a short visit just to let them know we are “out” there and answer their questions. Also, that we are accessible for calls, e-mails. etc.

Sonja, District’s 4th VP Fundraising, is busy planning a Fall event that she says will be a FUN-raiser. She is very clever so I am interested in seeing what it is and hope that all of you will attend.

As is noted in the CALL and Registration Form, we have disbanded with the $5 fee for the Executive Boards meetings. (there will still be a fee for the Board of Director Meetings, Fundraiser, Art Festival, and Convention.

An Agenda will be out in just a couple of days for the July 24 Executive Board meeting in Escondido at Marie Callende’rs. I know you will have questions so please bring them.

I will be on vacation from July 6-July 18 in Tacoma, WA. My very capable 1st VP, Vicky, will be able to handle your questions (760-728-2700).

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Myrna