

# LAS CANDALISTAS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

From the Presidents' Desks:

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope you all had a wonderful, safe, and happy Holiday. It was a very busy and productive year for us and November and December were no exception.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, Marge, Judy, and Karen Stockbridge attended the Chamber of Commerce's Award dinner to receive the prestigious "Community Service Organization of the Year" award. In addition, we received certificates of recognition from the Cities of Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and Rancho Palos Verdes; Congressional recognition from Ted Lieu 33<sup>rd</sup> District, Senator Ben Allen 26<sup>th</sup> District, Al Muratsuchi 66<sup>th</sup> District, and Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4<sup>th</sup> District. We were very honored to represent Las Candalistas at this event.

Las Candalistas was invited to participate in the December 15<sup>th</sup> Marine Mammal Care Center Holiday Donation Drive and our members generously donated much needed supplies for their rehabilitation program. We were allowed to have a booth and sell our "wares" and keep 100% of the money! Many thanks to Polly Goodman, who organized the entire effort and to everyone who made or baked our products, helped with the set up or tear down and those who worked the booth. It was a big effort at a very busy time of year and our charities will all benefit from it.

We also supported Community's Child with a coat drive, donating food and assembling the Thanksgiving dinner packages for the families of the Healthy Bag Program.

With the generous donations from our members, Adopt-A-Family chairmen, Hollidae and Karen S. worked very hard doing all the shopping for the two families (10 people) from 1736 Family Crisis Center and Family Promise. The "wrapping party" resulted in beautiful packages that they delivered to these deserving families.

Our Thrift Chairmen, Donna C. and Jan R. once again organized, managed and delivered a record number of toiletry bags to six local charities in need. Thank you to them and everyone who donated or collected the items needed to make this a reality.

Did you see us in the parade? Las Candalistas was well represented in the Palos Verdes Holiday Parade by Amy Mosher and Karen Tucker who smiled and waved to the crowd from the Chamber of Commerce convertible. You guys did a great job.

The Holiday Dinner on December 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success. Many thanks to Judy Armstrong for managing this process and for the time she spent making beautiful lighted wine bottle arrangements for each of you to take home! She is so creative. It was a wonderful evening with good food and great company!

Now we need to turn our focus to the next great adventure---the Spring Event. "California Dreamin'---What's Your Dream?" Our chairmen, Selina Hamilton and Anne Nelson will share their vision at the January meeting, but go ahead and turn on your thinking cap and let the creative juices flow; they want to hear your thoughts and ideas, too. This theme holds so many possibilities for fun and excitement we can't wait to get started. Let the good times roll.....

**Marge & Judy  
Co-Presidents**

## **LAS CANDALISTAS ANNUAL TRIP**

**Where: Monterey, CA**

**When: Leaving Sunday, May 5 – Returning, Friday, May 10, 2019**

You will make your own travel plans to and from Monterey. Also when you are in Monterey you will need to rent a car....Costco offers the best deals.

**Hotel Info:** The Intercontinental Clement Monterey – Located next to the Aquarium on the water.

\$280.13 a night – 2 per room ( $\$280.13/2 = \$140.07$  per person per night and includes tax and tourism tax, \$31.00 a day to park

Two double beds with fireplace, 450 square foot room, WIFI, mini bar, safe, 48 inch TV, bathrobes, marble bathroom with soaking tub and separate shower.

To get this rate, we must book eight rooms for five nights = 16 people. If you want to stay only 2 nights the hotel will give same rate if we book the eight rooms for five nights. We have already paid for the deposit of the 8 rooms. If we need more we can secure them, too.

**Please make your Deposit check out to Christina Jespersion, \$125.00 per person, or if you want your own room, \$250.00. Bring your check to the next LC meeting.**

**Trip Details:**

Trip will include Aquarium, Cannery Row, Winetrolley, Capitola, Henry Cowel Rewoods with Steam train ride to Santa Cruz, 17 mile drive Carmel, exploring Carmel...more to follow...

Meeting to be held at the end of January or beginning of February at Susan Haas's house to discuss details. If you are interested in going on the trip or have questions, please email Christina at [christina@rivierawn.com](mailto:christina@rivierawn.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Susan and Christina  
Excursions**

**CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'...WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?  
SPRING EVENT 2019 APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AT CATALINA VIEW GARDENS**

Happy New Year! We are well on our way to planning for another successful event this April—"California Dreamin'. What's your dream?". Just a few short months away and our chairmen for almost all committees are filled. One vacancy is for Bake Shop—a very important and profitable area for us. This is a wonderful opportunity for a few of you to get together and co-chair this fun and delicious committee.

We are looking into Beach Boys cover bands and for speakers who have fulfilled their "California Dreams!" We would love to hear your creative ideas too!

Blessings.

**Selina Hamilton & Anne Nelson**  
**Spring Event Chairs**

**MEMBERSHIP**



**Happy Birthday To Our January Birthday Girls!**

Debbie Sampson 1/02

Penny Robbins 1/08

Shelley Pogorelsky 1/14

Joan Kelly 1/15

Joan Black Davidson 1/20

Amy Mosher 1/20

Doreen Witty 1/21

Cheryl Deppe 1/22

Ann Goodhart 1/22

Nancy Bruce 1/22

Christina Jespersen 1/22

Danielle Weinstock 1/22

Janie Woodburn 1/22

Lorraine Kasse 1/23

Bobbie Pomeranz 1/25

Susan Udewitz 1/28

Marge Rankin 1/29

**Debbie Sampson & Paula Redmond**

## **E 4 H REPORTS**

If you were an area chairman (Sweet Shoppe, Found Treasures, LC Creations etc.) please turn in your report/recap (can be a few paragraphs/pages--whatever is appropriate). Just important notes on what you did and how it worked out for whoever follows you in the future. It's very helpful to have something to go on if you are taking it on the following year. Thank you.

## **THRIFT**

Thank you to everyone who donated hotel toiletries, purchased articles, collected from dentists and helped to fill the bags for our annual Toiletry Bag collection. This year we were able to donate 577 bags to our charities - Harbor Interfaith Services, SHAWL, House of Hope, YWCA, Toberman Neighborhood Center and Beacon House. Our charities were again overwhelmed with our generosity.

At the January meeting we will be collecting men's, women's, and children's clothing along with small household items and appliances. Please make sure clothing is clean and in good condition and electrical appliances are in working order.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond**  
**Thrift Chairs**

## **TABLE CLOTHS**

One year ago we began the process of hanging our table cloths on racks we had or those donated by members. Previously, they had been stored in bins. Since then we have had events which have disrupted the table cloth organization. I would like to have a group join me in reviewing our organization and getting the table cloths again in order. At the January meeting, I will have a signup sheet with some dates and times, as well as a possible concept meeting, place to be determined. If you cannot be at the meeting and want to help, please email me at [paula.tuckerman@hotmail.com](mailto:paula.tuckerman@hotmail.com).

**Paula Tuckerman**

# JANUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
			<b>Officers Meeting</b>			
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
			<b>General Meeting</b>			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



## **SMILE AMAZON AND RALPHS**

Happy New Year and a special thank you to the 43 households who supported our organization by shopping at Ralphs. Between September 1 and November 30, we raised \$547.53. The good news is that we are up by five supporters and made a gain of \$127.74 from last year's numbers. Although that's super news, WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT! Remember, it only takes a minute of your time, but the benefit could last a lifetime in the lives of our philanthropy recipients. What could be a better New Year's Resolution, than to continue the wonderful commitment you have made to promote the health and well being of our South Bay children and environment?

Please register for the Ralphs and Amazon Smile programs today! Follow the simple steps below to start supporting Las Candalistas now. Thank you so much in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Ksmiljanich@aol.com](mailto:Ksmiljanich@aol.com).

Kathy Black  
310-375-6270

### **Ralphs:**

**\*Call 1-800-443-4438 (Hold for the Gift Certificate Community Contribution Program)**

**\*Have your Ralph's Rewards card and /or phone#**

**\*Inform the operator to link your Rewards card to Las Candalistas, NPO#SH584**

### **Amazon Smile:**

**[htt://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4270483](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4270483) Bookmark the link so eligible purchases got to benefit Las Candalistas.**

## **ADOPT A FAMILY**

Thank you so much to all of our members who generously contributed to the "Adopt a Family" program this year. Because of your generosity we were able to grant the wants and needs of two families, 10 people. Everyone received new clothes and shoes, as well as want list items like an insta-pot, scooters, toys, books, and extra money on visa and Ralphs gift cards for Christmas dinner. Due to the generosity of Marlene and Steve Young (faithful donors to LC) we also got the Aquarium of the Pacific tickets for one family donated. And, thanks to our small team of wrappers the gifts were delivered to Family Promise and 1736 Crisis Center looking absolutely beautiful. We are thrilled to know that Las Candalistas could bring smiles, joy, and the true spirit of Christmas giving to these two families in need.

THANK YOU ALL. (If you need a receipt for your taxes please get an LC donation form from our Treasurer).

Hollidae Brown and Karen Stockbridge