

LAS CANDALISTAS APRIL NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTS

From the Presidents' Desks:

March was a busy month and we thank everyone who came out to help with the Bake days and the other workshops. It's always fun to work side by side with other members creating the special items for our guests to purchase. There will be so much to choose from!

This month, voting members will be electing two new Board of Directors at the April 10th General meeting. Please see the details in this newsletter if you are eligible to vote but will need an absentee ballot.

The enthusiasm continues to build for our "California Dreamin'" theme. The invitations have been mailed and we are already receiving donations as a result of our Insider Newsletter mailing. Online reservations are coming in and we anticipate another sell out this year.

Selina and Anne are doing an amazing job and you, our dedicated and creative membership, are certain to make our Spring Event as successful as ever. Our guests will be wowed yet again this year with our cool California theme and our Philanthropies will be so grateful for our support of their important programs.

We continue to make a difference in our communities through our hard work and dedication. Thank you everyone!

Marge Rankin & Judy Armstrong
Presidents



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the April 10th General Meeting, all voting members will be voting to elect 2 new members for the Board of Directors' 2019-2021 term. Karen Stockbridge and Polly Goodman will be finishing their term, and Irene Almeida, Tracey Peffer, and Janie Woodburn will continue for one more year. If you are a qualified voting member and will not be at the meeting, please connect with our Parliamentarian Hollidae Brown to receive your absentee ballot.

The following Las Candalistas members have accepted their nominations for the Board of Directors. Please take the time to read the bio's which they've submitted so that you can be familiar with their experience and what they can add to the Board of Directors. All are very qualified.

Janis Davis-

I joined Las Candalistas in 2016. As a provisional, I designed the invitations and corresponding marketing materials for the fall social and spring event. I assisted in Libations at the spring event that year. The following year, I was elected Treasurer, and in that role, I implemented the use of the Square device as a new credit card system used on mobile phones. This year along with my other duties, and along with creating the invitation for the fall event, I assisted in the design and launch of a new website, including offering portrait photography for the officers and board, and using other media resources to create a new and up-to-date website.

In the past, I worked as an analyst, communications specialist, doing proposal writing and research, accounting and database management. I returned to school in 2007 to become educated in art, photography, digital media and website design.

I have lived in Redondo since 1975, and recently remarried after being a single parent for 13 years. Together Jim and I have 7 children and 5 grandchildren, with one on the way. I really enjoy working with the Las Candalistas group of women and giving back to my community. I would be honored to serve on the board of directors.

Marge Rankin-

I have been a Las Candalistas member for 26 years. I joined the first year that I moved to California so that I could continue in my tradition of giving back to my community and to make new friends.

I attended my first "Walk on the Wild Side" as a guest with my new neighbors and was so impressed that I sought out the membership chairman before leaving that day. I was five months pregnant and hadn't a clue what I was getting into. I have been blessed by the friendships that I have made through the years and have learned not to be afraid to cook for a few hundred people!

I've had the honor and pleasure of serving as your President twice, VP Philanthropy, VP Spring Event, VP Membership, Flower Chairman three times, Program Chairman three times, Bake Shop Chairman three times, a Docent once, co-chaired Adopt-A-Family twice, served on the Gourmet Foods committee twice, and served on the Board of Directors through three terms.

I was an Active for 11 years but continued being "active" even after changing to an Associate status when I went back to work fulltime. One of the things I love most about our group is that we are open

to change and we learn new and interesting things every year. I would be honored to continue to serve our group by serving on the Board of Directors.

Sue Spellacy-

I have been a Las Candalistas member since 2004. I held the office of First Vice President Philanthropy for two years and also served as Parliamentarian. I have been Sunshine chairman two years. During my fifteen years of membership I have chaired several committees. Flowers was my favorite committee because the floral arrangements brought instant beauty to each event.

I worked for Northrop Corporation for 29 years. My last position was a technical writer. I retired in 2000. I am a native Californian and grew up in Palos Verdes. My nine grandchildren keep me very busy and involved in family activities. I enjoy gardening and cooking. I am in a senior bowling league with my friend Bob. I love to do Zumba dance several times a week.

After my husband died in 2003, I wanted to do something in the community to help others and to make a difference in other people's lives. Las Candalistas filled a void in my life. The Las Candalistas sisterhood is not only rewarding and fun, but it gives me a sense of accomplishment and deep satisfaction I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors.

Elaine Trutanich-

Hello to anyone reading this note,

My name is Elaine Trutanich. I have been a member of Las Candalistas since 2003. Much to my surprise I have served as President, Walk Chair (Spring Event Chair), Membership V.P., Centerpieces, Flowers, Signs, Luncheon as a Provisional as well as Luncheon Chair five times, Las Candalistas Creations two times, Second Vice President Ways and Means. I have also designed the invitation for "Women Who Dare", the poster and invitation for "Fashion in Bloom" and "Celebrating our Nation's Capitol" events. I have worked on Friends and Family, Garden Shop, Artist Attic, and Table Designs for Entertaining for the Holidays.

I have enjoyed every minute that I have belonged to this wonderful organization. It would be an honor to serve on the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is also working with the Nominating Committee and hope to have the entire Slate of Officers for 2019-2020 completed very soon.

**Karen Stockbridge, Polly Goodman, Irene Almeida, Tracey Peffer, and Janie Woodburn
Board of Directors**

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Please join us at Ladera Linda for coffee and light refreshments before our April General Meeting on Wednesday, April 10th, at 9:00 a.m.

The General Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Our hostesses for this month are Debbie Sampson (Captain), Anne Nelson, Janis Davis, Amy Mosher. Debbie will be contacting each of her assistants before the meeting to discuss duties.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

If you are an VOTING MEMBER OR VOTING ASSOCIATE and unable to attend the meeting, please contact me (hollidae12@gmail.com) and I will email you a ballot. Your completed ballot should be emailed or sent by USPS back to me no later than April 6th. Those attending the meeting sign in with me at the door when you arrive and receive your ballot.

JUNE LUNCHEON

Our final General Meeting will be held June 12, 2019.

This will be our June Luncheon to be held at PALOS VERDES GOLF CLUB, 3301 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates in the Lunada Bay Ballroom from 9-1 pm

Beverages and morning pastries will be available at 9:00 a.m.

The General Meeting will begin at 9:30a.m.

The Luncheon will include a choice of:

Butter Lettuce Salad with Citrus Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast,
Sliced Apples, Raisins, Mandarin Oranges and
Caramelized Pecans tossed in a Ginger Lime Vinaigrette

OR

Salmon Caesar Salad with Grilled Salmon atop Romaine
with Shaved Parmesan Cheese and
Garlic Croutons tossed with Caesar Dressing
DESSERT – Chocolate Mousse with Berry Garnish

COFFEE/TEA

Cocktail Service – Cash and Carry

The LUNCHEON will be \$50 per member. Make checks payable to “Las Candalistas”. Please include your luncheon choice with your check. Payment is due by June 1.

Please mail your check and luncheon choice to:

Hollidae Brown
28315 Meadowmist Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Below I have provided an answer from our Co-Presidents to a question on our rules that was raised at the March meeting. Hopefully this will clear-up any questions concerning Active Membership requirements.

Hollidae Brown
Parliamentarian

STANDING RULES QUESTION:

At the March General meeting a question was raised regarding the requirements for Active members to work both the Fall and Spring event. It was raised because the first year E4H was held, and for several years after, it was optional. That changed in 2013. **The issue has been researched and the answer is yes, the Standing Rules as written are correct and Active members are required to work at both events. It was voted on by the membership in April 2013.**

For the new members, some history. Way back, the Spring event was a 2-day event called “Walk on the Wild Side” (Thursday and Saturday) and we had record crowds. At its peak in 1997-98 we had 1600 people in attendance-800 each day. Think of making all those lunches---and the Saturday lunches were made on the Friday in between the two days. In addition, we had Gourmet Foods and Bake Shop production at an all-time high. We had “crafts” and Artist Attic committees, all producing products to sell. Our Quilt committee made a spectacular quilt for a raffle each year. We also put on a Children’s Walk the week before and orchestrated a Poetry and Art contest at the elementary schools. It was amazing and fabulous and it almost killed us all with the work effort required. We began to limit attendance to about 500. Then the economy changed and attendance started to decline, particularly on Saturday.

Then, in 2009, E4H came along as a new event. The concern from our leadership at the time was adding too much additional work on the Active membership and burning people out even more. Both the Officers and Directors voted to allow this new event but only if participation from the Active members was optional. The event was a great success, and everyone loved it and loved participating. While it wasn’t every year it was most years. It continues to be a favorite event of both members and guests.

In the 2012-13 timeframe more big changes occurred for Las Candalistas. In response to the changes in attendance at the Spring Event and the success of E4H, the Standing Rules were amended to reflect our new reality. The Spring event was reduced to a one-day event occurring on a Thursday and capped at about 350 attendees. The 2nd VPs, formerly referred to as the “Walk on the Wild Side” chairmen was changed to the “Ways & Means” Chairmen and they are now in charge of the logistics of **both** the Fall and Spring Event. There are separate chairmen for each event. At that time, the Standing Rules were also amended to reflect that Active members must work at each event---both Fall

and Spring. The vote occurred in April of 2013. And these are the Cliff Notes of how we got to where we are!!!

As a group we have changed and adapted in our 52 years. Sometimes it's easy and sometimes it's hard. We have had to let go of many of our cherished traditions because they no longer made sense or were no longer affordable or because we no longer had the work force to do all that we would like to do. We will always be a work in progress—hopefully, always adapting to our environment! That is why we have survived for 52 years; because we are willing to change even though it pains us sometimes.

Your leadership strives to be responsive to you, the members who make all of this possible. We want you to know that we hear you when you express concerns or share great ideas. We always welcome your comments and it's great when it sparks a discussion that may lead to a better way of doing something. And most of all, we appreciate your time and talents in moving the group forward. God bless all of you!"

Marge & Judy
Co-Presidents

“CALIFORNIA DREAMIN” AFTER PARTY

Let's celebrate!!!

Where: The Cheesecake Factory

When: Sunday, April 28

Time: **(change) 6:00 pm**

Cost: \$57.00 per person

Choose **one** of the following:

Chicken Piccata or

Herb Crusted Filet of Salmon or

Sliced Tenderloin of Beef

Make your check out to Las Candalistas with choice listed

Due by April 18th

Mail to:

Nancy Bruce

30835 Rue de la Pierre

RPV, 90275

Please call if you have any questions.

Be there or be square!

Nancy Bruce



CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

APRIL 25, 2019 CATALINA VIEW GARDENS

We are less than a month away from yet another glorious spring event! Crazyer than Mr. Toad's Wild Ride, this event has had all of us riding on the edge of our seats. The invitations have been sent, but online ticket purchases began even before the post office made delivery! Amazing and original product designs are continuing to be made by Garden Shop and LC Creations. Centerpieces have taken on a whole new status to a sustainable level. Bake Shop stepped up the game with outstanding bake days! There is still more to be done... Let's have fun on this E-ticket ride together!

We are grateful to each and every one of you who have stepped up and out of your comfort zone to rise to the challenge and those who are helping us to stay grounded by flying on auto-pilot. You have made this all possible and kept us laughing at times when we would have been crying. Cheers!!!

Giggles.

Anne & Selina

TREASURER

As we approach our event date, I would like to encourage you to submit your expenses as soon as possible. This will accomplish several things: 1 – you won't lose your receipts; 2 – you will be reimbursed quickly; 3 – I will be able to let you know much earlier how well your group did in adhering to your budget; 4 - we will have final figures and know that we exceeded our expectations – and I have every confidence that we will!

Thanks!

Janis Davis
Treasurer

WAYS AND MEANS

Our paperwork is almost complete, and the SUP is waiting for its final approval from the RPV planning department. Thank all of you for your help in collecting the details for our final report. We were confident that your attention to our requests would be gathered, detailed and emailed as soon as it could be completed. Each one of you is 'why' Las Candalistas is so much more than just a group of fundraisers.....you are a group of helpful, loving, and kind women that joined our group to serve. Our founding members established a long-lasting and cohesive legacy that has always reflected integrity and community.

Thank you so much for your time and support.

Suzanne and Nancy

Ways and Means, 2019

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

It is that time of year where we are looking for new members. New blood to bring in new ideas and renewed energy into this great group that we all love. More members to share the load! Think you know someone that may want to join? Please let us know their contact details, or better still bring them along to one of our workshops.

Change of Status

Thinking about changing status? As per the standing rules, all changes in membership status must be submitted by May 15th. A status change request must be in written form (includes e-mail) to the Membership Chairmen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR APRIL BIRTHDAY GIRLS!

Doris Duncan Brigham 4/4

Sara Jane Bettge 4/16

Deri Antrim 4/6

Stephanie Rose 4/23

Judy Hessick 4/10

Sherry Granstrom 4/24

Pam Barrett 4/11

Cheryl Guheen 4/26

Lucy Huebner 4/12

Bonnie Insana 4/26

Diana Klink 4/14

Joanne Mineo 4/28

Donna Ciminera 4/15

Barbara Smith 4/29

**Paula and Debbie
Membership**

THRIFT

We will be collecting Thrift again at the April meeting. We accept clothing for men, women and children, small household appliances and household items, e.g. sheets, towels, etc.

We go through every bag to decide which charity will receive the items based on their needs. When making donations we ask the following:

Sort and mark bags for men, women or children and make sure clothing is clean and in good condition.

Check electrical items to make sure they are in working condition.

If donating cosmetics, please sort the new from any used items. Do not mix together. Mark bags, new or used. New cosmetics will be saved for Holiday Toiletry collection.

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond
Thrift Chairs

SPRING INTO SMILE AMAZON AND RALPHS

With the Spring holidays approaching, it's time to get together with family and friends to eat, drink, and celebrate our blessings. To set your holiday table, why not order some holiday wares on Amazon and shop for some mouth-watering dishes at Ralphs. 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.

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:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4270483> Bookmark the link so eligible purchases go to benefit Las Candalistas.

APRIL 2019

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