

LAS CANDALISTAS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

From the President's Desk,

Las Candalistas has had a great 2019. You have contributed your time, ideas, labor, skills, money, laughter, support, and most of all you have shared in the spirit of sharing. Each of our 2019-20 philanthropies already have, and/or will continue to receive, the results that our organization has contributed to their needs and/or cause.

When I contemplate the various groups, we have supported or are currently supporting, it gives me joy. When I am out and about and am asked to donate to a cause, I can proudly say that I donate to many different groups through the work I do with Las Candalistas. This often starts a conversation where I can talk about our group and what we accomplish. Some have heard of us, others that haven't are interested. A few have been motivated to start a similar group and help others.

Las Candalistas means different things to each of us. Researchers say that human beings are hard-wired to give to others. The more we give, the happier we feel. Volunteering increases self-confidence. When you are doing good for others and the community, it provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity. And the better you feel about yourself, the more likely you are to have a positive view of your life and future goals.

Our ladies have done an excellent job in donating to Adopt A Family, the "5th Street Book Drive", the many areas of "Celebrate the Seasons", the labor-intense days of "Jams and Jellies", and to the many other projects where they have been involved. A big **THANK-YOU** to our members that have volunteered to work at events and fundraisers for some of our current charities. Also, a big thank-you to our sustaining members that do an excellent job of cheering us onward, paying their dues, and supporting our endeavors.

We have an exciting 5-6 months left as we work to have our annual Spring Event. All of us will be there to help and volunteer so that our three chairs, Debbie Sampson, Karen Stockbridge,

and Janie Woodburn can lead the way and create the magic. Thank-you to everyone for sharing your talents, your friendship, and your endless giving to our group. Also, I was so pleased to see many of you at the Holiday Party.

Suzanne Manavian
President

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Please join us for the first meeting of the year on January 8th at Ladera Linda.

Social: 9:00 am

General Meeting: 9:30 am

Our hostesses for this month are Carla Smith (Captain), Lorri Mino, Karen Stockbridge, and Janie Hasselman. If you cannot fulfill your duties, please notify your captain and myself with the name of your replacement. Supplies will be available in the storeroom at Ladera Lynda.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Hollidae Brown
Parliamentarian



SPRING EVENT 2020- “Octopus’s Garden”

The plans for this year’s Spring Event are in full swing! All of the Committee Chairs are in place, and are off and running! (We will announce them at the January Meeting). The venue is reserved, Catalina View Gardens, for April 23rd. We have an advertisement in Southbay Magazine reserved and scheduled for March. Our Opportunity Drawing with an ORIGINAL piece of art painted for us by Wyland will be super special and valuable. We need donations for the Silent Auction, so please all members think about that. We are thinking up fun workshops and excursions which we will share soon.

EXCITING times ahead! Stay tuned...

Debbie Sampson, Janie Woodburn, and Karen Stockbridge
Event Chairs

Adopt A Family

Adopt A Family was a huge success due to the generosity and commitment of our Las Candalistas members. We raised enough money to fulfill the need and wish lists of all the family members from both Family Promise as well as Community's Child. In addition, we were able to provide both families with grocery store and Visa gift cards. We would like to thank each and every one of you who so generously donated to such a worthy cause. In addition, we would like to thank our wrappers who volunteered their time at the last minute to help wrap all of the gifts purchased.

When we dropped the gifts off at Family Promise, I received an email from Andrew, simply stating..."WOW!" Community's Child, as well, was very grateful and surprised at the number of gifts we were able to provide the family. One little girl even got a bike. Once again, thank you all so much. Have a very Happy Holiday Season and a Wonderful New Year!!!

Warmly,

Adopt A Family
Kathy Black
Carla Smith
Val Stanton



It is so much more rewarding to give than to receive!

LAS CANDALISTAS CAMBRIA TRIP

Fourteen of us had a fabulous time in Cambria in early December. Among the activities we engaged in included:

Cambria Pines Christmas Market
Hearst Castle
Giant Sea Lion Rookery
Goat Farm and Creamery
Sensorio – Field of Lights
Clydesdale horseback riding
And, of course, mahjongg, socializing, shopping and eating

We have a different adventure planned for Wednesday, January 22. We will be visiting a unique home in Torrance called “The House of Domes” and then having lunch at Mistos in Hillside Village. There will be a sign-up at the January meeting when the address will be given. There is no charge to visit this unique home and it is in walking distance from our lunch restaurant, so no need to move your car.

Shelley and Polly
Excursions Co-Chairs



Field of Lights at Sensorio

MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year from the membership Team!!

Irene Almeida has a temporary new Address

6221 Monero Drive

RPV 90275

Cell 310 310-486-1816

Please remember to sign in at the Meetings!

**Judy Moorhead
Paula Redmond
Membership Chairs**



Happy Birthday To Our January Birthday Girls!

Debbie Sampson 1/02

Penny Robbins 1/08

Joan Kelly 1/15

Doreen Witty 1/21

Cheryl Deppe 1/22

Christina Jespersen 1/22

Janie Woodburn 1/22

Bobbie Pomeranz 1/25

Marge Rankin 1/29

Mary Ann Rimoin 1/04

Shelley Pogorelsky 1/14

Amy Mosher 1/20

Nancy Bruce 1/22

Ann Goodhart 1/22

Danielle Weinstock 1/22

Lorraine Kasse 1/23

Susan Udewitz 1/28

Lorri Mino 1/31

**Judy Moorhead and Paula Redmond
Membership Chairs**

RALPHS/AMAZON SMILE

A heartfelt "Thank You!" to the 53 members who helped raise \$462.10 from September through November 2019.

Please sign up if you haven't already so we may continue to make funds for our charities!
Easy to register on the phone: All you need to do is **call 1-800-443-4438** to register or to check on whether you are registered with the Community Contribution Program. **(The Ralphs receipt should note Las Candalistas donation.)**

Give the Ralph's representative your phone number and designate Las Candalistas **NPO # SH584** to receive your contributions.

Many thanks!
Mary Ross
Coordinator

SPRING EVENT TABLECLOTHS AND GROUNDS REQUEST FORMS

Thanks to everyone who has returned their tablecloths from the October event. I want to remind you once again to check closets and drawers to make sure that you have not forgotten any of our tablecloths in some hiding place.

Forms were distributed at the meeting at Debbie Sampson's home for the requests for the Spring Event. Please take a moment and consider what you may need for 2020. The forms are due in February but the sooner I get them, the easier it is to distribute the work over time and get them to you so you can check cleanliness and get them ironed. The forms have last year's requests on them, but things sometimes change at the last minute so confer with last year's chairs for confirmation. Good early planning makes late changes less likely and less work for my team and Bright Rentals. It also makes more certain that we will get things right on the BIG day.

Thanks, Paula Tuckerman

THRIFT

Thank you to all who shopped, donated, collected and helped to pack the Holiday Toiletry bags. 600 very full bags were donated to our charities in December and were very much appreciated by all.

We will be collecting Thrift at the January meeting. We accept clothing for men, women and children, small household appliances and household items, e.g. sheets, towels, etc. which we deliver to our charities. We also collect used cosmetics and toiletries.

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.

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond
Thrift Chairs

JANUARY 2020

* JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
			Happy New Year!!	Officers Meeting Debbie Sampson		MaryAnn Rimoin
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
			General Meeting Penny Robbins			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Shelley Pogorelsky	Joan Kelly			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Amy Mosher	Doreen Witty	Nancy Bruce Cheryl Deppe Ann Goodhart Christina Jesperson Danielle Weinstock Janie Woodburn	Lorraine Kasse		Bobbi Pomeranz
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Susan Udewitz	Marge Rankin		Lorri Mino	

Apologies to the 1/22 birthday ladies for the small type...only way to fit all of you in!!!