

# LAS CANDALISTAS MAY NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President's Desk:

Dear Members,

April has been a strain for America. It is truly noteworthy that ordinary, everyday people, have banded together to protect our safety against the COVID-19. Looking back, this country has always had brave soldiers, the sacrifice by medical workers, brave policemen and firemen. Someday we will read the history of this decade which will recount the details regarding the enormity of the effort of the above persons to just 'carry-on' through the struggles of the pandemic.

Personally, my faith in the nation's recovery has been exceptionally high. Having never lived with worldwide illnesses or local day-to-day worry over scarcities of so many things, I have thought about the lives of generations from the past. In every state, we have male and female volunteers helping the rest of us get through this.

Las Candalistas has had to go to 'plan 3'. The April Octopus's Garden (1) was cancelled. Then the May Octopus's Garden (2) had to be cancelled. Our Spring Event chairs, Debbie, Karen, and Janie W., had spent hours, days and months in getting ready for Plan 1, then Plan 2.

Once plans 1, and 2 were canceled, the chairs investigated and decided to use Plan 3 (Online Auction). Karen, Debbie, and Janie designed a new Spring Event Invitation using a Video. It is an online-auction site which helps smaller groups raise funds by selling items provided by their own organization.

We greatly appreciate all of the inspiration, creativity, and hours of planning that is earning some funds for our charities. Please acknowledge the work of our Spring Event chairs and all of their many committee chairs and helpers. This has been an award-winning amount of effort that I know is admired by each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

**Suzanne Manavian**  
**Las Candalistas President**  
**2019-2020**



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Vote for three BOD Officers for 2020-2022**

We hope that this newsletter finds you and your families all safe and doing well.

Sadly, due to the continued social distancing ordinance we are once again unable to meet in person and vote for the 2020-2022 Board of Directors. Because of the uncertainty of when it will be safe for us to have a meeting and who will be comfortable enough to attend the next meeting, we feel the need to move forward and conduct the vote now. It will be important to have our BOD in place and ready for upcoming duties beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will conduct the voting process as follows:

**Tomorrow**, all members entitled to vote will receive an Absentee Ballot via email from [irenealmeidascandalistas@gmail.com](mailto:irenealmeidascandalistas@gmail.com) with the subject "BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTE". You will be voting for three new BOD members. The email will include the ballot and a bio of the four nominees.

- Per our Bylaws members have the right to vote in person or by written proxy. Due to the extenuating circumstances of this situation it would be MOST appreciated if you would cast your vote in writing via email reply. (For anyone that is not comfortable with that please reply to the email from Irene and request an alternative "in person" voting procedure).
- Ballots are to be returned to Irene by **May 13, 2020**.
- Please be assured that all Voting procedures will be followed per our Bylaws.

Thank you and stay safe!

**Irene, Tracey, Janis, Sue and Janie**  
**Board of Directors**

## **EVENT CHAIRS NEEDED FOR 2020-2021 FUNDRAISING!**

The Nominating Committee has filled all of the Officers positions for next year but we would LOVE to have the Event Chairs in place too. Wouldn't it be so awesome for us to finish this year of trials and tribulations knowing we have a solid plan for our 2020-2021 fundraisers? There will be so many philanthropies that are going to need our help next year more than ever to recover from this year's losses.

Having Co-Chaired two consecutive Spring Events myself I would encourage anyone that may be interested to take the leap to go for it! The pride and gratitude that comes with the job from knowing that your leadership helped our deserving philanthropies is an amazing sense of accomplishment.

Here are testimonials from some of our past Co-Chairs. Feel free to give any of us a call with questions and let please let me know if you are interested.

Thank you!

**Irene Almeida**  
**Board of Directors, Chairman**

**Polly Goodman**

Chairing or Co-chairing a huge and complex event such as ours is a daunting task to say the least. However, and this is a big however, it is one of the most rewarding things you can do within Las Candalistas. The amazing things you learn about yourself and others, the friendships that are made and strengthened, and the great feeling of accomplishment when you finally get to the finish line make every

bit of it worth the effort. The biggest learning curve for me was that we are all capable of doing much more than we think we can – go for it!

### **Janie Hasselman**

These past few weeks have been a time of reflection for me, so when I was asked to share my thoughts on chairing the Spring Event and E4H many fond memories came to mind. The best word that describes my feelings is GRATITUDE! I have had the good fortune to Co-Chair two of each! Partnering with Ann Goodhart in 2009, we converted the RPV City Hall grounds into a quaint Italian village for “A Stroll Through Tuscany”. Three years later as Ways and Means chairs, Ann and I stepped forward to chair “Fashion in Bloom” at the Botanic Gardens creating a 10’ mannequin wearing a taffeta gown! Both were challenging and required a lot of teamwork and imagination. There is nothing more gratifying than seeing your vision come to life!

After a hiatus of several years, Las Candalistas decided to revive our Fall fundraiser, E4H. It was a little scary because we had never had to pay a facility rental fee. Thanks to a daring and visionary partner in Janie Woodburn, we recruited an enthusiastic team of Chairwomen who made it an amazing success encouraging the continuation of the event.

Another opportunity to Co-Chair E4H came three years later when Ann and I teamed up again to “Celebrate the Seasons” (who could say no to Ann?). It was so rewarding to be able to contribute those additional funds to our charities in June.

In retrospect, I can’t think of a more rewarding way to invest my time, energy and creativity. I cherish the friendships that bind us together through the good times and the challenging times. Now more than ever we all need to share our gifts.

### **Paula Redmond**

I Co-Chaired the Spring Event 2018 with Judy Armstrong and Polly Goodman. I was a little nervous at first, but the theme was Ireland, so it was hard to say no. It was so much fun working with Judy and Polly. We worked great together and between the three of us meeting up over wine quite a few times during the year we put on a great day and made money for our charities.

Co-Chairing the event was so rewarding and something I really enjoyed. It also is an accomplishment that I am very proud of. Working with Polly and Judy brought us very close together and we’re even better friends afterwards than we were before.

I would encourage anyone to Co-Chair the event. The talent and support from the entire Las Candalistas sisterhood is amazing and makes a successful outcome almost assured.

### **Debbie Sampson**

Our natural reaction is "I couldn't possibly do that!" That is exactly what I thought when first approached. I would say as long as you can work as part of a team you definitely can. If you can bring up children, run a household yep you have got the skills! Co-Chairing makes it much easier as you can break down the event into manageable size chunks.

I've now Co-Chaired two Spring events (if you count this last one!) and enjoyed both so much. It's great fun exploring the themes and once a theme clicks you will be surprised what falls into place! It can be a challenge getting speakers, especially as we don't pay them, but our group has a great network and Las Candalistas is well known in the area, so we have ways of helping.

Because our events are Co-Chaired you can play on each other's strengths, as long as you have one in the group that is detail orientated, one that is creative and one that is slightly techy, you will make a great team. Plus, don't forget you have the whole village to help. We are so blessed that we are all in this group because we want to make a difference within our community and we want to raise money for our charities, so you have a huge band of willing helpers, and they are your biggest cheerleaders.

You definitely learn new skills, and you grow as a person and on the day of the event, you will pinch yourself that you had anything to do with the event. The first one I Chaired was 'Out of Africa' and

although I could see our vision in my head I was still blown away on the day, and extremely proud of the atmosphere we created and the money raised.

Co-Chairing is fun, you work together, laugh together, and sometimes cry together, it certainly cements stronger friendships.

This year Karen, Janie and I have been robbed of that last 'blown away moment' as we could definitely see it in our heads, we could feel the excitement brewing as all the Chairs came on board and as they started to make the magic happen.....sigh....

But you have to be ready with plan B and in this case plan C and D! So, don't shy away from having a go, you won't regret it and so many people in the group have done it and are always on the end of the phone or email. You won't regret it - I promise!

### **Karen Stockbridge**

Signing up to be an Event Co-Chairman may sound like a daunting task... but it doesn't need to be. I've heard people say, "Oh, I could never do that, I don't have the skills". But here's the deal... most of us do. Being a Chairman is being a project manager with 1 or 2 partners to share the load. We each manage projects every day. We plan: birthday parties, a week's grocery list for a week's worth of menus, a kitchen remodel, a move to a new home, our kids college plans, a European vacation.... think about what is needed to make Christmas happen: cards are ordered and sent out, the House is decorated, gifts for 20 extended family members are planned, purchased, wrapped, delivered, parties are attended in new dressy outfits, meals and menus are planned, baking special treats happens... that's a Project Manager. You do have the skills!

Las Candalistas' Events have a tried and true formula, there's a great guidebook with timelines to follow. So many of our members specialize in certain jobs, get those experienced members in key chairmanship positions and they take the ball and run with it. Divide the load with your Co-Chairs so it's not overwhelming.

The best parts of being an event Chairman are getting to know the other members better, watching the creativity in action, stretching yourself to trying new things, and then seeing it all fall into place on Event Day! But... for me I am always so proud of myself and our group for doing everything we can think of to make the most money possible for our charities. If I'm feeling tired, I just make sure that I keep my eye on the prize... food for hungry kids or a bed for a homeless family!

## **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Hi Ladies,

Due to our inability to conduct a May General Meeting, the Membership Vote to change the Standing Rules to "allow Voting Associates in good standing to hold office" will be postponed. We will reschedule the vote when we are able to hold our next General Meeting to allow discussion among members prior to the vote as specified by our Standing Rules.

As a reminder, **voting associates must submit a written request to renew their voting status for the 2020-2021 year to me no later than June 30.**

Hope all of you are staying well and look forward to our next meeting.

**Hollidae Brown**  
**Parliamentarian**

## OCTOPUS'S GARDEN—2020 SPRING EVENT

We hope that you have all had a chance to view our look at the Octopus's Garden Behind the Scenes Video. We sent it out on Constant Contact on Event Day. It highlights our keynote speaker and our charities as well as some of the hard work you all have done. AND, there's a guest appearance by **Wyland!** If you haven't seen click or copy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwHI33cQCIw>

When the decision to cancel the Event was made, we wanted to figure out a way to solicit donations as this year's top 3 charities NEED our donations. In the next week we will also be sending out a card and donation envelope to those who do not receive our Constant Contact emails. We are hoping that they will send in some much-needed donations as well.

Also, have you checked out the online auction site? Many of the garden items, Janie Hasselman Original items, Las Candalistas Creations as well as the wine glasses and centerpieces are on it for immediate purchase. Of course there are many of the AWESOME Silent Auction items on it as well. Please check it out at:

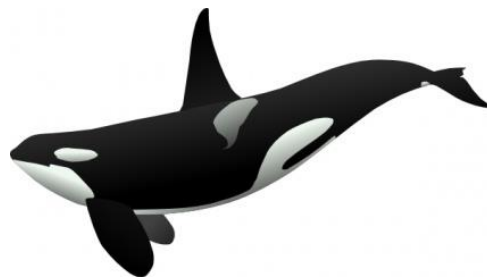
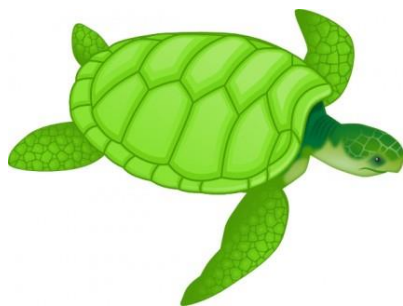
[www.biddingforgood.com/lascandalistas](http://www.biddingforgood.com/lascandalistas)

We want to thank all the members who have spent hours and hours working on this year's Octopus's Garden event! We also would like to make a SPECIAL mention of heartfelt appreciation for **Laura Henson** who has created and uploaded all the *Bidding for Good* Website information and is monitoring it daily. Laura also creates and sends out our Constant Contact email and monitors our Website and Facebook. ALL of these outlets combined are directly responsible for SO many of the donations we hope to receive.  
**Thanks, Laura!**

If you are a member who hasn't had an opportunity to directly work on our fundraising this year and were planning to come to the event to support us, please think about donating since you won't be purchasing a ticket to the event and shopping at it this year! It would help us A LOT.

Thank you all for your support and trust. We are disappointed that our beautiful event couldn't take place, but we appreciate all of the help and support you've given us this year.

**Karen, Debbie and Janie**  
**Spring Event Chairs**



## PHILANTHROPY NEWS

### Marine Mammal Care

Great News! Marine Mammal Care Center is less than \$100,000 away from reaching its fundraising goal of \$1,000,000 by July 1, 2020. If they do not reach this fundraising minimum, they will be forced to close their doors. For updates on what is happening with and at the Center, follow them on Facebook or visit their website at [www.marinemammalcare.org](http://www.marinemammalcare.org).



### Community's Child

During these uncertain times, Community's Child is caring for more than 200 families (1,500 individuals) each week. They have also taken on the responsibility of providing food to many of our local seniors. Additionally, they are collaborating with 20 Agencies, acting as the "hub" providing over 10,000+ food insecure people with healthy foods at this time. Community's Child is grateful for their volunteers, donors and staff for pulling together to care for the food insecure in our community. Presently, due to LA County Health Department regulations, they can only have 10 volunteers assisting with food distribution at a time.

Presently, they are asking for donations of the following needed items: peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat or fish. If you can make a donation of these items, please bring them to the shelter on Wednesday's between 10 am and 3 pm.



To see photos and learn more about their work on the front line of the corona virus pandemic, please visit them on Facebook. If you'd like make a monetary donation, please visit [www.cchild.org](http://www.cchild.org).

### **Family Promise of the South Bay**

To help support the families that Family Promise of the South Bay provides housing, food, clothing, educational support and guidance to, please donate by either visiting their website [www.familypromiseosb.org/donate](http://www.familypromiseosb.org/donate) or text “FAMILYRELIEF” to 44-321.

### **Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor**

Boys & Girls Club provides me with occasional updates of their activities on front lines of caring for the children and their families during this unprecedented time. They have taken almost all of their after-school programming on-line and are currently serving 5,000 meals daily at 7 locations. Last week, they initiated “Family Boxed Dinner” on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. NOW, they want to send each family home with a box of non-perishable foods and hygiene items to sustain them through the weekend. They would like to begin providing these boxes next week. If anyone would like to provide these items, you can provide them directly as they have offered to arrange for delivery or pick up to their Center. Please reach out to Pamela Bash, Director/Donor Relations, if you’d like to donate items for these boxes. Her email is [pamelab@bgclaharbor.org](mailto:pamelab@bgclaharbor.org).



### **Pediatric Therapy Network**

As of March 16<sup>th</sup>, PTN suspended all in-person services. To minimize the long-term impact, their team has worked to implement alternative and innovative therapeutic measures to ensure continuity of care, such as expanded telehealth services for individual and group programs, hosting online parent socials, and developing resources for use in the home. I’d like to share these resources with you in case you may be looking for at-home programs for someone you love. You can watch some of what PTN means to the children and their parents right here on their YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPWRfymPUEPSrGareMD\\_V6g?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPWRfymPUEPSrGareMD_V6g?view_as=subscriber). New videos are uploaded regularly.

Take care of yourselves and each other,  
**Amy Mosher**  
**Philanthropy**

## MEMBERSHIP

This is a busy time for Membership. Here is some important information:

- The final date for **notification of a status change** must be sent to us **by May 15, 2020**. You can email your request to Paula- theredmonds7@gmail.com
- We would appreciate you turning in your dues as soon as possible, and in order to have your name included in our roster the **dues must paid be by June 30**. Actives and Associates, it would be helpful if you **would include the supply fee on the same check as your dues**. Dues Form is attached.
- The dues are: Active \$75. (\$55. plus \$20 supply fee), Associate \$95 (\$75 plus \$20 supply fee), Sustainer \$100.
- Please let us know if there are any name, address, email, phone no's changes that need to be made in the 2020-2021 roster.
- We are eagerly waiting for names of potential members. Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can include them in our forth coming correspondence.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAY LADIES

Cheryl Gutierrez 5/1	Anne Nelson 5/19
Sue von Nordenflycht 5/1	Susan Creed 5/21
Paula Tuckerman 5/16	Belinda Krekorian 5/26
Marcia Butler 5/17	Jan Raymond 5/27
Karyn Farris 5/18	Janie Hasselman 5/30
Laura Henson-Broussard 5/30	





## THRIFT

There will be **NO** Thrift collection for the remainder of the year. At the March meeting, we picked up a large donation and took it home to sort for the charities. Two days later on Friday, with a very full load, we started delivering to our charities only to find that all had closed their doors to any donations. This was still before the mandated shutdown. We then brought everything back to Donna's and started calling to see who would accept what we had.

Both the Salvation Army and Sisters of Charity were still accepting so we resorted and delivered there on Saturday. We kept some of the better items to deliver to P.V. Resale which donates to many of the same charities we do. Since we have no idea when everything will open again the next collection will be at the September meeting.

We will accept cosmetics and toiletries during the summer. Please call Jan or Donna first before you leave at our homes. Donna is in a gated community and has to leave your name at the gate.

If you have items you would like to donate during the summer months, listed below are the charities we support. Call them first to learn if they are accepting donations.

### **Donna and Jan Thrift Chairs**

1. SHAWL  
936 S. Centre, San Pedro, open 9:00 – 5:00 Mon – Sat  
Phone: 310- 521-9310  
Women's everyday clothes, cosmetics, new and used.
2. House of Hope  
235 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St, San Pedro, staff on duty at all times  
Phone: 310-831-9411  
*Women's clothes all sizes. Also, good clothes suitable for job interviews. Cosmetics/Toiletries including opened containers. Sheets, towels, household items and cell phones.*
3. YWCA  
437 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, open for deliveries 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri (12N-1pm closed for lunch)  
Phone: 310-547-0831  
  
Thrift Store – 310-547-2332 – (open 8:30am-4pm Mon-Fri, 9:30am-3pm Sat. & Sun.)  
*Clothing, household knickknacks, miscellaneous items which will sell in their thrift shop.*
4. Toberman Neighborhood Center  
131 N. Grand, San Pedro, open Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm  
Phone: 310-832-1145  
*They can always use school supplies. Items for their Thrift Shop. Also, canned goods, dry foods for their Food Pantry*
5. Harbor Interfaith Shelter  
Office: 670 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, open 8:30am-5:30pm Mon-Fri. Closed Sat & Sun.  
Entrance through rear of building parking area for donations. Phone: 310 831-0603  
*Sort by women's, men's, children's. Good clothes, suitable for job interviews or court interviews should be separate and clearly labeled. Sheets, towels, dishes, silverware, small appliances always welcome.*

6. Beacon House – **MEN** only  
1003 So. Beacon Street, San Pedro, 310-514-4940  
Men's clothing, casual and dress  
Thrift Shop – 812 S. Pacific Ave. San Pedro, 310-514-4940

**Please note that the charities do not need any dressy clothing such as cocktail dresses, etc. Those items can be donated to PalosVerdes Resale, 2321 PCH, Lomita. Phone # is 310-534-1722. Open Tues – Saturday 10am – 4pm. All proceeds from their Thrift Shop are donated to many of the same charities we support.**

### **AMAZON SMILE/RALPHS**

Hi, Everyone!

I realize you might not be shopping as much these days yet whatever you buy can benefit Las Candalistas and thus the charities we plan to support.

**ATTENTION AMAZON SMILE SHOPPERS:** If you have not yet enrolled please go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-4270483> and bookmark this link so that all of your eligible shopping will benefit Las Candalistas.

#### **ATTENTION RALPHS SHOPPERS!**

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

**The Ralphs receipt should note Las Candalistas donation if you are registered.**

Please feel free to call me or email me should you have questions!

Mary Ross, [mmgatross@aol.com](mailto:mmgatross@aol.com) or 310-544-4417

# MAY 2019

## May Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
					Cheryl Gutierrez Sue von Nordenflycht	
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
			Officers Meeting Cancelled			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			General Meeting Cancelled			Paula Tuckerman
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Marcia Butler	Karyn Farris	Anne Nelson		Susan Creed		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Belinda Krekorian	Jan Raymond			Janie Hassleman Laura Henson-Broussard
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