

LAS CANDALISTAS NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President's Desk:

As the Holiday Season approaches, this year is so different from last year. Suzanne Manavian's article as President, last year, remembered past Thanksgiving meals. I feel again the loss of gathering together, both with members and with friends and family. Every year, the weekend before Thanksgiving, I have hosted as many as 15 of a group of friends for a Girls' Thanksgiving (including grandson Brandon). The group has been together at the core for 50 years, and has been having this Thanksgiving dinner (not always at my home) for at least 30 of those years. This year we won't be having it and I miss the baking and roasting, the blessing of friends and creating a beautiful and welcoming table.

However, this year, I was able to design a table for *Gifts and Gracious Gatherings!* I fell in love with the Evesham china from Found Treasures, but had to clear my table to make it happen! My knowledge of Power Point improved and, with a lot of help from Debbie Sampson, a video of the process was made. This video joined 5 others, reflecting the tables designed by other members.

So far, several of the pieces of Evesham have been sold, along with many, many other things. Some other tables have been bid on, as well as other wonderful items. A huge congratulations to Debbie, Laura Henson-Broussard, Janis Davis, Karen Stockbridge, Ann Goodhart, and Belinda Krekorian for this magnificent Fall Fundraising Event. Thanks also to those who created or donated behind this managerial front. So many members contributed, living up to our reputation.

November's General Meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, via Zoom. The formal start time is 9:30, but, as usual, the Zoom meeting will open earlier, at 9:15. While it is nice to see each person's face as I scan the screens, I am so looking forward to when we can have coffee before the meeting at Ladera Linda and visit with each other (while I am trying to make sure the mic works!) In November, ritually, we will be voting on the top three charities, which will get their primary allocation, depending upon our abilities to raise funds again in the spring. This year, as with most things, we will be handling this differently.

In October, 50 members attended the Zoom meeting and were able to watch a video of all six of the top charities. This video was also placed on the LC Members Only website, so members could watch again. Suzanne Manavian and Susan Sanborn requested videos from each charity and Amy Mosher,

with son Francis's help, integrated the videos. I then learned how to "share" the video with the members on Zoom, to many good responses. Amy will conduct voting for the top three at the November meeting, so it is very important that you attend. See the Parliamentary article about voting and what to do if you need an absentee ballot.

We still don't know if we will be able to have a Spring Event. While I wish with all my heart that we can, I know enough about COVID 19 that I am not yet counting on that. With the hope that we can, we have April 22, 2021 reserved at Catalina View Garden. We have a commitment from Bright Rentals to honor 2020 prices. What we don't have are members who will chair the event, and a theme. I know it is uncertain, but I commit to working with whoever agrees to help with this effort, if we can make it happen. Our members do amazing things! Just look at *Gifts and Gracious Gatherings, Friends and Family sales, Sweet Shoppe sales, and the Members sale!*

We will not be having a Holiday dinner this year. I can't justify gathering our members, many with vulnerable conditions. What I would suggest is that each of you send a holiday or thinking of you card to one or two other members, especially someone who might not be in your friend group. Secondly, perhaps, donate the amount usually spent on the Holiday dinner to a group providing Holiday dinners for the food insecure. Several of our charities are doing this, or donate the amount to the Adopt-A-Family effort, or a favorite charity of your own. My personal choice has been First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro, in honor of a friend. That is the spirit of all that we do, and this year it is most needed.

Wishing you a restorative holiday and hope for a new year that brings new health and new life,

Paula Tuckerman
President



PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our November meeting will be held on Zoom on November 11th at 9:30 am. Our President, Paula Tuckerman, will be sending out the Zoom meeting link to the entire membership shortly. This is the day that we will be voting for our top three philanthropies. To facilitate this important vote, I will be sending an online ballot to all voting members at the conclusion of this meeting. You must select a total of 3 philanthropies before submitting your choices online. Please submit your selections by no later than 5:00 pm on the same day. The outcome of this vote will be sent to the entire membership as soon as the charities have been notified, within approximately 2 days. This notice will come from your Philanthropy Vice Presidents, Suzanne Manavian and Susan Sanborn.

As I mentioned in the October Newsletter and at the general meeting, to conduct this vote it is mandatory that we have a quorum of our voting members. Attendance will be taken in order to ensure that a quorum has been reached. Online ballots will be emailed once we have met this requirement.

If for any reason you are unable to vote online, please reach out to me before November 11th via email at mosher120@yahoo.com or phone at 310.714.0222 so that I can arrange to send you an absentee/paper ballot. All absentee/paper ballots must be returned to me by November 11th .

Thank you,

Amy Mosher
Parliamentarian

GIFTS AND GRACIOUS GATHERINGS



**“We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give.” *Winston S. Churchill***

I have always been proud to be a member of such a creative and enthusiastic group of ladies, but none more so than today! As I write this, we are still a week away from the close of the auction, but have already made over \$16,000 with the auction, ‘buy now’ items and donations from our loyal and awesome guests!

Thank you to all the members that created and/or donated, our auction site looks amazing, thanks to your generosity financially and in your time as well. Thank you to all our packers, deliverers, mail gals, invitation designers, social media geeks and our very own auction queen Laura Henson! You all rock and make fundraising fun!

Thank you for telling your family and friends about it too. We are doing a survey with our guests that are buying, asking how they heard about it, quite a few have said their friend who is a member told them about it!

The funds from this fundraiser with the Members Sale, The Sweet Shop and Friends and Family will mean that we can make a significant difference to so many families’ lives. This is always important, but when we are in the middle of a pandemic it is crucial that we up our game! At the beginning of September our President, Paula Tuckerman, asked us if we were up for the challenge? We certainly have been! Thank you, everyone!

Debbie Sampson

MEMBERS ONLY SALE

Hi Ladies,

We will be having a Members Only sale on Friday, November 13th at Jennifer Sittel's house from 9:30-3:30. Jennifer's address is 30020 Via Victoria, Rancho Palos Verdes. There is ample parking on this cul de sac. Social distancing and masks will be a must.

Selina Hamilton will be sending the following Evite:

Come do your holiday shopping at our "Members ONLY" sale. You'll find handcrafted items from LC Creations and procured valuables from Found Treasures.

Here is the protocol...

1. CALL OR TEXT me at (626)399-8887, to set up your shopping time. DO NOT email or leave a message in response to this Evite as I will unlikely receive it. You may bring a guest with you. Time slots will be at 10-minute intervals. Early Birds (8:30am to 9:30am) are subject to a \$5 fee upon entry.

2. We are minimizing contact, so please bring your own bag or container to carry away your purchases. There will be a bagging area where you can package your items and Paula Redmond or Hollidae Brown will tally up your most generous donation total.

3. You are required to wear a face-covering when you arrive. Hand sanitizer will be on site. Maintain social distancing when you arrive which is a minimum of 6-feet between each other regardless of whether or not you have had a Covid19 test. Be respectful of others and stay home if you are not feeling well.

Please be advised that this is a "Cash/Check & Carry" event.

**Happy Holidays!!!
Selina Hamilton**

We have a great variety of Holiday Treasures that includes glassware, holiday décor and gift items. Any unsold items from the Auction will also be available.

Hollidae Brown, Paula Redmond, Judy Moorhead and Joanie Sedillo

Thank You!

Dear Sisters of Las Candalistas,

I have been overwhelmed by, and so grateful for all of your warm wishes! One word of advice that my Mom has always given me is to "keep your girlfriends near and dear as they will always be the ones who support you". And she was SO right. I appreciate every card, email, and text. You have brought a smile to my face and such a feeling of comfort and support.

Thank you all-
Karen (Stockbridge)



Our Sweet Shoppe was officially open for business on Friday, 10/16, and as of this writing, we're excited to say that orders have been coming in like crazy. We've had items sell out and our fantastic bakers have stepped up to the plate and offered to bake more. The sale officially ends on 10/28 but we have faith that we will sell out on everything. Thank you, thank you, thank you for everyone that has placed an order.

It's important to thank our bakers again (won't be the last time) because if it weren't for them, this event would not be happening. In no particular order, here they are:

Cathy Howard, Monika Bauer, Nancy Bruce, Carla Smith, Irene Almeida, Polly Goodman, Donna Ciminera, Jan Raymond, Cheryl Deppe, Shelley Pogorelski and Marge Rankin. A big round of applause for all of you.

Orders will be available for pick up on **Friday, 11/06 from 1:00 – 4:00** at Lisa Nesicolaci's home, 24288 Ward Street, Torrance. We will send out an email reminder, prior to 11/06, to all of those who placed orders.

Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci
Sweet Shoppe Chairs

2020 FRIENDS & FAMILY HOLIDAY SALE

Thank you everyone for all your orders and the ones you have gathered from friends and family. It is another successful sale of Las Candalistas delicious jellies and baked goods for the holidays. A special "Thank you" to Doris Brigham for her generous donation to help defray the supply costs. And "Thank you" to Belinda Krekorian, Kathy Black, and Rori Roje for their help in chopping and baking. Thank you to Lynn Moody for wrapping the Pumpkin Breads. Thank you to Donna LaMont and Kathy Black for storing our precious peppers in their freezers. And Thank you to Judy Armstrong for accepting orders and depositing checks, and for her outstanding accounting in tracking all the orders and keeping us updated.

Orders will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, November 10th at Janie Woodburn's home (132 Via Segó, Redondo Beach) from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you will not be able to pick up your order that day, please make arrangements with Janie W. (310-528-0980) or Laura W. (352-232-3999) for a different time, or for delivery. **Adopt-A-Family checks or gift cards** may also be dropped off when you pick up your order.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would check your orders by comparing what is on the order form and what is in the packaging when you pick the order(s) up. We do try our best, but mistakes happen.

Thank you to all,
Janie W, Laura W, Ann, Janie H, Brigitte, and Patt
The F&F team



ADOPT A FAMILY

Ho Ho Ho...we still have a long way to go!!! With only 60 days until Christmas, we are in desperate need of checks and/or gift cards for our Harbor Interfaith adopted family of eight. This is a time when we are reflecting on how thankful we are for the blessing we have received in our lives. Please reach deep down and make those blessings come true for our adopted family.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! We would like to thank those of you who have already sent in your checks or gift cards to the Adopt A Family co-chairs. Donation receipts will be emailed to you shortly.

Here is how you can help support our efforts to provide the most magical Christmas for our adopted family. We only have 60 more days!

Gift Cards: Amazon, Target, Kohls, Costco, Ralphs & Vons

Checks: Payable to Las Candalistas (tax deductible). Mail to:

Kathy Black /213 Via Alameda / Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Venmo: Contact Lisa or Lorri

Drop Off Venues: The Adopt A Family will also be at the pick-up for Friends and Family as well as The Sweet Shoppe. Feel free to bring your checks, cash, or gift cards.

Adopt a Family Co-Chairs

Kathy Black 310.375.6270

Lisa Nesicolaci 310.702.1540

Lorri Mino 310.749.5997

2020-21 LAS CANDALISTAS ROSTER DISTRIBUTION A SUCCESS!!



On October 1st and 2nd, Paula Tuckerman and Ann Goodhart assisted in a successful Drive By Roster Pick Up. Not only was it successful, it was fun since we got to actually see and chat with many of our masked members as they drove up and stopped for a moment or two to pick up their Roster. Adding to the fun, the invitation for *Gifts and Gracious Gatherings* was inserted so members received 2 for 1! Several members also picked up Rosters and delivered them to their nearby neighbors. I don't know of everyone who did this, but I thank you so much! Many Candalistas also proved that they could easily qualify for a job with the USPS like Marge Rankin, Karen Stockbridge, Polly Goodman, and Judy Armstrong. All the Rosters were delivered in less than 10 days, and that is a RECORD that may never be broken!! All I can say is THANK YOU SO MUCH! (If I've left someone out, please forgive me. I truly appreciate all the special efforts of everyone!).

Laura Webb
Corresponding Secretary

AMAZON SMILE and RALPHS CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder that if you are an Amazon Smile participant and would like to be in the drawing for the 2-person 3-day Emergency backpack, (items don't expire until 2025), please send me an email or phone me so I may place your name in the drawing basket. Names will be drawn at the November 11th meeting.

Emergency Backpack:

- Made in USA
- Sustains two people for three days
- Includes food, water, and emergency blankets
- One 33-piece first aid kit
- Two safety light sticks
- A backpack keeps supplies at the ready

AMAZON SMILE

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. Please feel free to call me or email should you have questions! Mary Ross, mmgatross@aol.com or 310-544-4417

Please note we have received a check for **\$421.43** from our members who shop at **Ralphs** and are a part of the program! My receipt now identifies "Las Candalistas" on it! Please see the September newsletter on signing up or let me know you need the details!

With thanks for all of you who participate in either or both of these Community Contribution Programs.

Mary Ross, Coordinator

PHILANTHROPY

The October Zoom General Meeting was different. This year we had to forgo the annual Fall live presentations by our Top Six Charities. However, we did have an up close and personal video from each of them (1736 Family Crisis Center, Boys and Girls Clubs of the LA Harbor, Community's Child, Family Promise of South Bay, Harbor Interfaith Services Inc., Wyland Foundation). Amy and Francis Mosher made a compilation of these six personal videos that was approximately 45 minutes long.

You can still view the video on lascandalistas.org. On the site, see menu listing in right margin. Voting on our 2020-21 Top Three will take place after the November General Meeting on November 11th. Prior to that date, we are available to answer any questions you may have before casting your vote.

Any member that is eligible to vote, but needs help, can contact our Parliamentarian, Amy Mosher, for an absentee ballot. Below are brief summaries of the primary requests from our Top Six charities written exactly as they were in the October 2020 newsletter.

Top 6 Charities and Primary Programs (in no particular order):

1736 Family Crisis Center

Primary Program: South Bay Children's Mental Health Program

Request Amount: \$9,660.00

Program Serves: 125 Children Annually

Supervised by licensed therapists, this program combines age and developmentally appropriate mental health therapy, including clinical assessment and treatment with therapeutic activities (e.g. psychotherapy, art, and play therapy). Most children show progress against well-defined behavioral, psychological and familial improvement measures. Children learn to increase their coping skills and reach positive developmental milestones.

1736 Family Crisis Center offers emergency and rehabilitative services for extremely vulnerable and often injured clientele who are fleeing life-threatening circumstances. Covid-19 has intensified the need for services as 12% of homeless persons in the South Bay are children under 18 years of age and 26% of homeless persons report an experience with domestic violence. With a network of 24 residential and community-based service sites located throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties, the centers serve

directly approximately 9,000 clients annually. The mission is to comprehensively help children, women, men and families through crisis circumstances including domestic violence, homelessness, abuse, neglect, poverty, substance use, post-traumatic stress disorder and distress, and to improve their prospects for long-term housing, safety, survival, financial stability, and success.

Boys and Girls Club-Harbor City

Primary Program: Extended School Day

Request Amount: \$20,000

Program Serves: 1000 Children

Due to Covid-19, LAUSD schools are continuing virtual learning through the Fall of 2020. The Boys and Girls Clubs of the L.A. Harbor will support families by opening for full-day learning. Students will arrive in the morning to Club sites. Staff focused on academics and tutoring will work with members to complete on-line lessons and homework. In the afternoon, Program Staff for traditional arts will provide academic and athletic activities along with College and Career Bound Pathway Programming.

At this time, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the LA Harbor does not have the number of computers/tablets needed to provide on-line education to every member. Help from Las Candelistas with a grant of \$20,000 will provide the funding needed to purchase 50 Laptop computers and 10 iPads that will be utilized at their Harbor City location. Your support of our Extended School Day will ensure the underserved and at-risk youth who live in Harbor City have computers to support requirements for them to attend school. In addition, the iPads can be used by both staff and students for on-line programming and career and college research and exploration. They will also be used to create curriculum and projects for Earth Day, and teach exploration and career path programming in aquatic robotics and traditional STEM education.

Community's Child

Primary Program: Healthy Bags

Request Amount \$20,000

Program Serves: 260 individuals

The purpose of this organization is to help their communities end child hunger and to improve health, social, and academic development of their clients in order that they can acquire successful education and move themselves and their children out of poverty. Before COVID, the Healthy Bags Program delivered nutritious weekend groceries to 250 food-insecure children and their siblings (900 individuals). Normally, the food bags were delivered every Friday to different school sites to later be picked up by the families. Currently, the number of families in need has increased. Community's Child now provides food donations for 1,500 individuals in the South Bay. Families stand in line on Friday to receive their food. Funding is for the Healthy Bags Program.

Family Promise of the South Bay

Primary Program: E-Learning Engagement and Support

Request Amount: \$20,000

Program Serves: 260 individuals and now includes e-learning.

Family Promise of the South Bay helps newly homeless children & their families find affordable, safe, and sustainable housing. They believe that no child should have to sleep in a car, in a park, or

under a bridge, and that every family deserves a chance to be whole and have a roof over their heads. One aspect of cyclical poverty is the learning gap that exists between the socio-economic classes that exist in this country.

They have developed an on-site program that now includes e-learning. They believe they can utilize their resources to minimize the learning gap with the students in the program. They are supporting children as well as their families in the e-learning process so that each student receives their grade level instruction and opportunity to succeed. Family Promise provides tutoring, computers (computer repair), family/child education required for e-learning success and small family group assistance in the early evening. Their staff is very positive about the results of the e-learning program.

Harbor Interfaith Services

Primary Program: The Children's Center

Request Amount: \$10,000

Program Serves: 132+ individuals

Harbor Interfaith Services provides services for the homeless and working poor across the South Bay. Their mission is to help their clients achieve self-sufficiency by providing support services including shelter, transitional housing, food, job placement, advocacy, childcare, education, and life-skills training. Their Children's Center offers licensed daycare, preschool, and after school care for up to 80 infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children. Parents must attend school, look for work or be employed to enroll a child. There are few other options for these families

WYLAND Foundation

Primary Program: WYLAND Clean Water Mobile Learning Center

Request Amount: \$15,000

Program Serves: 15,000 Children Annually (Grades 3-7)

WYLAND Foundation is dedicated to promoting, protecting, and preserving the world's oceans, waterways, and marine life. The vision is a world where clean water and a healthy ocean is sustained forever by knowledgeable, compassionate people around the world. The foundation encourages environmental awareness through traveling environmental science education, arts programs, and community-based volunteer engagement.

The WYLAND Mobile Learning Exhibit (MLE) is a state-of-the-art, 1,000 sq. ft., bio-diesel learning exhibition on wheels, featuring a 40-person multi-sensory theater and six interactive stations. This exhibit is like no other and delivers a museum-quality science experience that allows students to explore how the quality and availability of water affects the quality of our lives. Every year the MLE provides a unique mobile laboratory for 15,000 students, grades 3-7, to promote the study of local and global water quality and supply, ranging from the future of water as a shared resource to the impacts of polluted runoff on our coasts and waterways. Using STEM-based lessons, interactive exhibits, and post-event activities, students in traditional and underserved communities discover current environmental problems, including eutrophication (ecosystem response to the addition of substances) and nonpoint pollution, and behavioral strategies to reduce their community impact. Covid-19 and social distancing has been implemented with the MLE.

NOVEMBER PHILANTHROPY FOCUS

Manes for Movement <https://www.manesformovement.com> needs our support. They serve children with special needs. The owner of this Physical Therapy Hippotherapy organization is Dr. Erin O'Mahony, PT, Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago IL.

Erin was particularly drawn to hippotherapy- the use of the horse's movement to help children and adults with neuromuscular dysfunction improve their functional skills. Go to their website and meet the herd. Some of them are professionally trained therapy horses, but Bobby is a little shetland pony. Cute as a button, friendly, and loves children.

Chance, Sparky, Malachi, Lizzy, and little Bobby

Below are some example costs associated with providing equine assisted therapy to the inspiring clients:

- Cost of 1 Safety Helmet: \$55
- Cost of 1 Therapy Horse Saddle Pad: \$100
- Cost of Hoof Care for 1 Therapy Horse for 1 year: \$300
- Cost of Feed and Care for 1 Therapy Horse, per month: \$600

Our November collection is for donations to group-purchase one or two of these items. Please mail cash or checks, made out to Las Candalistas to Suzanne Manavian, 1252 Via Romero, PVE 90274. Donations will be combined and the item donated to MANES through contact with Erin. *All of our 10 charities need help. Some need cranberry sauce, some need books, or housing, and then we have horses. Highly intelligent animals doing a mentally challenging job as therapy horses. Thank you so much for any help you can provide.*

Philanthropy Vice Presidents

Suzanne Manavian and Susan Sanborn

THRIFT

Thank you to all for your very generous donations for our Toiletry Kits. The deadline for collecting items will be November 5. We can still use men's deodorants and women's lipstick and nail polish. If you have already purchased items they can be delivered to Jan's home. Please call/email either Jan or Donna to let us know what you have.

The charities are still not collecting any clothing or household items or used cosmetics and we cannot store any items.

Thank You,

Jan & Donna
Thrift CoChairs

MEMBERSHIP

It's been so great to see so many of our fabulous members on Zoom for our General Meetings. Part of our responsibilities for being VPs of Membership is to take attendance at these meetings. If you are unable to attend, please text us and let us know, or we will get worried and come checking on you. If you need assistance with getting on Zoom, we can help. Our November general meeting that will be held on **Wednesday, November 11th** is a very important meeting as we will be voting for our top 3 charities. Hope to see you on Zoom!



Yvonne Vick	11/05	Polly Goodman	11/13
Joanne Condon	11/15	Shirley Lyon	11/21
Kathy Johnston	11/25	Ilse Getman	11/28



Lisa Sierveld	12/02	Francie Chandler	12/03
Gina Radocchio	12/08	Sandy Olinger	12/09
Sue Karbach	12/10	Sue Andraos	12/12
Val Stanton	12/14	Ann Boyt	12/17
Pat Hoffman	12/22		

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!

Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci
Membership Chairs

NOVEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
			Officers Meeting	Yvonne Vick		
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Polly Goodman			General Meeting			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Joanne Condon						Shirley Lyon
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Kathy Johnston	Happy Thanksgiving!		Ilse Getman
29	30					

LC November birthdays

DECEMBER 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
			Lisa Sierveld	Francie Chandler		
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
		Gina Radocchio	Sandy Olinger	Sue Karbach Hanukkah 12-10 to 18		Sue Andraos
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Val Stanton			Ann Boyt		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Pat Hoffman			Christmas	Kwanzaa 12-26 to 1-1
29	30	31				
		New Year's Eve				

LC December birthdays