

LAS CANDALISTAS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President's Desk,

Las Candalistas faced a world of challenges in 2020. The whole world faced many of those same challenges, most seriously and impactfully, the horrendous COVID 19 pandemic. This pandemic has disrupted the world, the nation and, with regard to the work of Las Candalistas, our ability to get together. And this is how we work and how we connect, with gatherings from meetings, to bake/cook days, to formal and informal work parties and small get togethers amongst the friends we have in the organization. It has all been shifted because we cannot spend time together.

Even so, our amazing members have pivoted to create and recreate the things we do, but in new ways. The Fall Fundraiser was amazing, almost totally online. The Friends and Family jams, jellies, breads and soup mixes were produced through personal efforts. Sweet Shoppe echoed last year's event, but this year moved online, to the pleasure of many sweet teeth. Adopt-a-Family showed the generosity of all our members and the hard work of those organizing it. A Members Sale emerged despite challenges.

The Spring Event is still in development because we cannot predict the pandemic. We will have a **brainstorming meeting January 4 at 1:30** for early discussion of ideas. Early invitees are the Spring Event Chairs from the last several years. There are so many indeterminates that planning is a very large challenge. On the other hand, this is our major time for fundraising. Our charities are depending on us. I am hoping we can rise up to the challenge.

There has been public notice and an email to Las Candalistas, as interested parties, of a **Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Committee meeting on January 26th at 7 p.m.** regarding the renovation of Ladera Linda which starts with complete demolition. It is not clear when the demolition will begin, but all of us need to be aware that we may be called upon at any time to remove our items from the Ladera Linda storage. This is particularly fraught not only because of the constraints of restriction due to COVID, but also the possible health implications of trying to move things at this time, after the challenge of finding a new place of storage. The Rancho container has about 1/3 space left, but that will not contain the remaining items. There will be a brainstorming meeting for ideas of what to do (perhaps the site committee will be responsible for this).

I have been continually amazed by the creativity and generosity of our members as we have faced the first half of this Las Candalistas year. Members have stepped up in every way showing the character of all of us. This coming year will test that even more. If past is prologue, you will rise. I believe in you.

Paula Tuckerman
President

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Happy New Year! I'd like to let everyone know that our monthly general meetings will continue on Zoom until further notice. Please try to attend as it is an opportunity for members to see and hear each other while we make plans for both our charities and for some camaraderie amongst ourselves. Our President, Paula Tuckerman, will continue to send via email the link to join these meetings. **The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, with the Zoom meeting room opening at 9:10 am. The meeting will start shortly after at 9:30 am.** Should anyone need any assistance with Zoom, please reach out to me via email at mosher120@yahoo.com or by phone at 310.714.0222.



As previously mentioned in the President's opening letter, Ladera Linda's plans for renovation are still underway. What does this mean to Las Candalistas? This means that depending on the outcome of their late-January planning meeting, we may need to vacate our storage room prior to our 2021 – 2022 fundraising year. And beyond determining a more long-term solution for our storage needs, we will also begin making plans to locate a suitable solution for a safe and comfortable meeting location for when we are allowed to resume holding in-person meetings.

Thank you to everyone for participating on Zoom. Although sometimes we may not feel heard or seen through this communication channel, please know that you are and that we are happy to have this time together.

Amy Mosher
Parliamentarian

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of your thoughts and cards. I opened them with the help of my 2 year old granddaughter and of course she thought they were all for her. She especially liked the ones with animal pictures. I hope everyone had a happy a safe holiday. My fingers are crossed that 2021 is better than 2020. It has to be!!! Can't wait till we can visit in person again.

Ahna Small

ADOPT A FAMILY

Adopt A Family was a miraculous success due to the generosity, commitment, and devotion of our selfless Las Candalistas members and their families and friends. We raised enough money to fulfill the wish lists for all the family members of our three adopted families. We provided for two families from Harbor Interfaith (3 adults and 9 children total), and one family from Community's Child (1 adult and 3 children). In addition, we were able to provide all families with grocery store gift cards of \$250.00 each. We would like to thank each of you who so generously donated to such a worthy cause. Whether it was cash, gift cards, items, or gift wrap, it was all so greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank those of you who volunteered to wrap. We truly appreciated the offer, but with the current situation of the ongoing pandemic, we thought it best to limit the number of people wrapping gifts. Once again, thank you all so much. Have a very Happy Holiday Season and a Wonderful New Year!!!

Warmly,

Kathy Black

Lorri Mino

Lisa Nesicolaci



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

MEMBERSHIP

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP TEAM!

SECRET SANTA:

We managed to keep ourselves out of trouble with the introduction of our first Las Candalistas Secret Santa. We had 22 who participated. Some of the “Yelp” reviews included but not limited to:

- “Fun way to stay connected”
- “Such a great idea during this Holiday Season”
- “Great opportunity for a little holiday cheer”
- “What a delightful experience to find a special little treasure waiting”
- “Great idea in the time we need it the most”

When we came up with the idea of Secret Santa, we definitely took into consideration that we have different religious beliefs that make up our wonderful membership. Perhaps it was our naivety that since it was a Secret Santa with no religious ties to this event, we figured it would be open to everyone. Lessons learned, it wasn't, and it was never our intention to leave anyone out. We look forward to your thoughts on how we can incorporate our entire membership if there is to be a 2nd Annual Secret Santa. We hope there will be.

NEW MEMBERS:

It's never too early to start scouting for new members. Let us know if you have someone in mind who would like to join.



Happy Birthday To Our January Birthday Girls!

Debbie Sampson	1/02	Penny Robbins	1/08	Shelley Pogorelsky	1/14
Joan Kelly	1/15	Amy Mosher	1/20	Doreen Witty	1/21
Danielle Weinstock	1/22	Nancy Bruce	1/22	Ann Goodhart	1/22
Janie Woodburn	1/22	Christina Jespersion	1/22	Cheryl Deppe	1/22
Lorraine Kasse	1/23	Bobbie Pomeranz	1/25	Susan Udewitz	1/28
Marge Rankin	1/29	Lorri Mino	1/31		

Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci
Membership Chairs

SPRING EVENT 2021 BRAINSTORMING MEETING

In a normal year, Las Candalistas Spring Event Chairs and Committee would already be planning the Spring Event. We would already have a theme and committee chairs working at their special tasks. But we all know this is not a normal year!

A brainstorming meeting will be held **January 4** via ZOOM with the chairs of the Spring Event of the past several years. There will be additional meetings held as thoughts develop. If you have any ideas or want to be included in any of the meetings, please email paula.tuckerman@hotmail.com.

Currently, the Spring Event will be determined by factors somewhat out of our control. COVID is constraining all meetings and many of our members and guests are vulnerable in many ways. Even if the pandemic recedes, we may want to reconfigure any outside possibilities, or move it to May or June, or return to entirely online.

Our energy and effort may also be affected by any changes at Ladera Linda. If we have to locate a new storage area and move, in the midst of COVID and planning for the Spring Event, our energies will be split at least for a month or so.

However, I have been continually impressed at the creativity and capacity of our members. We will figure it out. This meeting will start the thought process and there will be others for different groups of members with input in the process.

Again, if you are interested in attending any of the meetings, or submitting any ideas or comments, email Paula Tuckerman (until we get Sprint Event Chairs).

Paula Tuckerman
President

LADERA LINDA RENOVATIONS

On December 10, 2020, the city of Rancho Palos Verdes printed in the PV News an announcement of a **Planning Commission Meeting on January 26 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding the renovation and preceding demolition of Ladera Linda as we know it. The notice has specifics about the new design and pending demolition which will involve all buildings. It does not have a specific date for beginning the project, but I believe it is prudent and necessary to proceed as if this move was within the next 6 months, if not sooner. The notice can be found online, or I can forward it to you if you email paula.tuckerman@hotmail.com.

Thanks to Chair of the Board Jennifer Sittel, we currently have an adjunct storage container at Rancho del Mar High School. This container is now about 2/3 full. It was intended to arrange with someone and a truck to move items like the shelves and the pop-ups to this container, which would begin to fill up the last 1/3. However, the COVID restrictions and health guidelines have created a hesitancy to proceed at this time with this. Jennifer worked with personnel from the PVPUSD to secure this container, but at that time no classrooms similar to what we have at LL were available. We will have to consider any and all options. Please contact Paula Tuckerman (paula.tuckerman@hotmail.com) or Jennifer Sittel, COB and chair of the site committee (jennifergsittel@gmail.com), if you have knowledge or suggestions regarding availability of additional space.

I believe it is important to begin to research now as to where we might be able to move our items. At the same time, it is critical that anyone who has an interest in some of the items currently at Ladera Linda, both review what is there, to see if any items can be deleted, and consider what to do with the items of their interest should we have

to move at short notice, with nowhere to move to. This is a very difficult time to be considering this (and I respect each member's decisions about what they are willing to do and where they are, or are not, willing to go); however, we may not have the option to adjust the timeline. We will know more soon.

Paula Tuckerman
President

RALPHS/AMAZON SMILE

AMAZON SMILE: So glad to know members are enrolled in this program! **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. Several members received a quarterly notification that LC has received \$ 140+. It was not clear exactly what time that covered, but it is good to know that this simple enrollment brings in dollars without extra effort.

RALPHS SHOPPERS: Please note we have received funds from our September through November purchases. Your shopping yielded a check for \$418.55 from our 51 members who shop at Ralphs and are a part of the program! Your receipt now identifies "Las Candalistas" on it! Not registered? 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.

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

Mary Ross
Coordinator

THRIFT

Thank you to all who donated items to our Toiletry Kits and to all who came to help fill the bags with "social distancing" guidelines in place. It was a great effort in Donna's garage and 402 kits were delivered by Jan and Donna in early December to: Harbor Interfaith Center, Toberman Neighborhood Center, House of Hope, SHAWL, YWCA and Beacon House. Every year these kits are very much appreciated by our charities and more so this year.

Our charities are still **not** collecting items, so there will be no collection in January to donate. Hopefully, this will change soon as I am sure during quarantine we are all cleaning out closets!!

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond
Thrift Chairs

JANUARY 2021

BIRTHDAYS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
					New Year's Day	Debbie Sampson
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
	Spring Event Zoom Planning Meeting 1:30pm		Officers Meeting 9:30 am Zoom		Penny Robbins	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			General Meeting 9:30 ZOOM	Shelley Pogorelsky	Joan Kelly	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Ladera Linda Comment Deadline	Amy Mosher	Doreen Witty	NancyBruce CherylDeppe AnnGoodhart ChristinaJesperson DanielleWeinstock Janie Woodburn	Lorraine Kasse
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Bobbie Pomeranz	RPV Planning Committee Meeting RE: Ladera Linda		Susan Udewitz	Marge Rankin	
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Lorri Mino						