

LAS CANDALISTAS FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President's Desk:

It's February and Las Candalistas are hard at work untangling all the threads of the new Spring Fundraising, *Life, Leisure and Love*, to create what we always do, a way forward and upward. Everything is different this year, and yet we are re-creating many of our favorite and famous formats: Silent Auction, Boutique, Bake (Sweet) Shoppe, Members(Found Treasures) Sale, and a small Garden effort. We will have a Bidding for Good week and a spring version of Friends and Family, if smaller.

Bidding for Good: Debbie Sampson

Silent Auction: Sue Soldoff and Karyn Farris

Boutique: Ann Goodhart, Janie Hasselman

Bake (Sweet) Shoppe: Lisa Nesicolaci and Lorri Mino

Mini Friends & Family with new items: Laura Webb, Janie Woodburn, Cathy Howard

Members Sale (at Jennifer Sittel's yard, April 22): Paula Redmond, Hollidae Brown and Joanie Sedillo

Found Treasures: Judy Moorhead

Garden: Individual contributions

I would like to earnestly invite Active and Associate Members to look at this list and get in touch with the chairs of one of these activities. You will remember from past years that it is an expectation that all Actives will participate in this fundraising activity especially. This year, things are scaled back, but our charities still need, even more, the financial support we give them. It is also a time when Actives can Chair apprentice as such, in a less intense situation. This is a wonderful opportunity. While the focus of Las Candalistas is to support charities taking care of children and the environment, a special side effect is that we grow in many ways and develop capacities we didn't know we have. The reward is far greater than the effort.

For the Provisionals, you will not have the full experience this year of the Spring Event Luncheon and afternoon of lovely events. That will come next year. I especially urge you to contact the chairs above to volunteer. For first year Actives, you haven't been able to have this full experience either. I promise you a

better year next year. I will be in touch with each of you to see how you can contribute this year. The talents and energies of this group are just amazing.

It does look like the meetings will continue to be held on Zoom. I am so pleased that so many of you have made the effort to join. I think the January meeting had 40+ in attendance. We get to see many of you more directly and I truly enjoy that. Each of you brings your own spirit to the meeting and I feel it. Please join us on February 10. The meeting officially starts at 9:30 a.m. but we usually open at 9:15 a.m. to allow for some conversations and for anyone who needs help getting in. By now, most of you are pretty good at it.

**Thank you,
Paula Tuckerman, President**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee for the 2021-2022 slate of Officers has been established. We will be considering members for all of the officer positions. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please review the responsibilities for the various positions in the Standing Rules in the back of your roster.

I speak from experience when I say being an officer is a great way to get involved in Las Candalistas, make new friends and gain a better understanding of how our organization functions. It is a very rewarding experience. If you are a newer member and are hesitating about serving as an officer, I assure you there is always a great deal of camaraderie and support among the officers and you will be welcomed with open arms.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions concerning any of the officer positions. I will be happy to speak with you. jennifergsittel@gmail.com or (310) 541-7184.

We will also soon be accepting nominations for next year's Board of Directors. There will be two positions open. Nominations will take place at the March General Meeting. If you can think of a member who would be a good fit for the Board of Directors, please talk to them before the March meeting to confirm their interest in the Board positions. If you are interested yourself, please contact me or any of my fellow Board members and let us know if you are interested in serving Las Candalistas in this capacity.

**Thank you,
Jennifer Sittel, Chair
Janis Davis, Sue Spellacy, Karen Tucker and Polly Goodman**

PARLIAMENTARIAN

February's general meeting will take place February 10th on Zoom. Our President, Paula Tuckerman, will send the Zoom link a day or two beforehand. Please keep an eye out for this link in your email messages. The online meeting "room" will open at 9:15 am with the meeting beginning at 9:30 am.

If anyone is in need of technical support to join the monthly membership meetings, please let me know. I'm happy to help bring you online.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Amy Mosher
Parliamentarian



WEBSITE NEWS!

Our website www.lascandalistas.org is not just for the public, it's for LC Members too! We have a public section of the site and a private Members Only section.

We want all members to use our website as a source of information as to what is happening with LC, updates on philanthropies, new documents, newsletters, and more! And, if you haven't seen our blogs on the Members Only section....please check them out!

We have two Members Only Blogs.

Philanthropy Blog: The philanthropy chairs send us updates on our philanthropies when they receive them. See what our philanthropies are up to!

Memories: We need stories for this blog! If you have an LC memory you would like to share, let us know. Photos would be helpful too.

If you do not have access to the Members Only section of our site, please email Laura HB at lahen6491@gmail.com and she will set you up. Don't miss out!

Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis-McGarry
Webmistresses

PHILANTHROPY NEWS

1736 FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

There are numerous programs for youth that are homeless, hungry, in need of counseling, and safety while they get help in changing their lives and moving in a positive direction. If you get a chance to visit their website, you can see information on volunteer needs. Some of these needs are certainly affected by COVID-19, but others like delivering groceries, helping children with an Artwork lesson, are attainable. I chose their program below because it touched my Heart and made me think about these youth, ranging from 10-17 years old that are alone.

Emergency Youth Shelter

Our Emergency Youth Shelter is licensed by the California Community Care Licensing Division. It is open to any runaway, homeless, or throwaway teenager (ages 10-17) who agrees to abide by the rules and participate in the program. The program is set up to help young people deal with past personal issues, such as anger or drug use. We also make clear the dangers of street living. All of this is done to help direct them toward positive and productive life paths.

From the earliest moments of intake, a complete plan is designed by each participant with staff help. This ensures that the time (generally two weeks) in the shelter can be used effectively. A comprehensive scope of services is provided by the program and ranges from the basics of food and clothing, to the more complex, like individual and group counseling, medical services, legal help and long-term safety plans. After participants graduate from the Youth Shelter, our goal is to make sure that they exit into safe, long-term housing, whether that is reunification with their parents or another appropriate arrangement. A six-month aftercare follow-up period is also in place so that staff can stay in touch to provide whatever support they might need to stay on track. The program is completely voluntary, and teenagers typically have an excellent experience in the program due to the goal-oriented, supportive environment.



Providing Today. Planning Tomorrow.

Our programs are developed in a proactive approach amongst our highly skilled staff. Each one is designed to address the varying needs of today while keeping our eyes on the issues that will soon need our attention. The programs provide a comprehensive array of services with a sustainment plan in place to maintain the success gained in our clients' lives.

We strive to rescue the lives affected by domestic violence and unfortunate circumstances. We want to provide them the strength, knowledge and resources to sustain their lives. We want them to know they are not alone. It may be our efforts that help them get life back together, but these programs are more than just clothing and food. They are the culmination of support from the surrounding communities and organizations like us that want to build a brighter tomorrow for all involved.

Better Will Come

M.B. Victoria (Published: November 20, 2020)

Have faith
that although it may seem
like the good has come and gone,
there will be better.

The better will
enter your life suddenly,
unexpectedly,
taking your breath away.

Let's all be understanding of the youth that have lost their way. A hundred years ago, America was a much safer and less complicated place to be lost in. Now, as we all know, it can be over-whelming to just take care of one's self. The youth in trouble will best thrive with help from 1736 Family Crisis Center and other programs we support.

Suzanne Manavian
Philanthropy

STORAGE SEARCH COMMITTEE

A committee has been formed to look for new storage space for our important "stuff" that is stored at Ladera Linda. The committee is made up of Donna Ciminera, Marge Rankin, Jan Raymond, Karen Stockbridge, and Polly Goodman. We are currently in the process of determining the actual amount of space that will be required.

If you have ideas or suggestions, perhaps your church, a business you deal with, or ???, please get in touch with one of our committee members.

SPRING FUNDRAISER 2021

Life, Leisure, and Love

Though this is the beginning of 2021, we are living with the results of the pandemic that is the characteristic of 2020. This has changed many of the ways that Las Candalistas do things and how we face fundraising. It has created a situation that precludes our traditional Spring Event with the luncheon, vendors, and speakers. Our amazing members, however, are doing what they can to bring forward an appropriate version of many of our other favorite and famous segments.

Bidding for Good will have a smaller presence, for one week (tentatively April 26 to May 2) and fewer items. Quality will be our focus, with a few high end offerings. If you have an idea for such a high end package, please let us know. B4G will incorporate a Silent Auction section, with Sue Soldoff and Karyn Farris doing their excellent work once again. This component will be online near the end of April, dates to be confirmed. (date should be determined by the General Meeting). Boutique will offer some Buy Now items as well (more later).

Boutique will be managed by Ann Goodhart, Janie Hasselman and their best friends. Their handmade items are legendary, but we will be offering a limited edition with some pieces on Bidding for Good/Buy Now.

Sweet Shoppe will become Bake Shop (as we have had at the Spring Event), with Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci bringing it together with a lot of bakers in the mix. Laura Webb and Janie Woodburn with help from Cathy Howard will be doing a smaller version of Friends and Family, with a spring twist. There may also be some F&F dry goods prepared. If you have a special talent or goodie that you are expert at (or even great) let these ladies know what you can contribute. I can't wait...I always buy a 2 months' supply. Watch for the Order form that will be included in the March Newsletter. All orders will be due by March 15 with delivery near the end of the month.

On April 22, the planned day of the Spring Event for this year, there will be a Members (and Friends, a few) Sale at the yard of Jennifer Sittel, from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm. There is a wonderful accumulation of items at both Ladera Linda and Rancho del Mar. There are true treasures for everyone and we want as many of these items to find a new, perfect home, so when we move from Ladera Linda, we have less to move. Some of you will find your calling helping go through these items, or helping sell on the actual day. We will be observing Health Department guidelines, but we can schedule participation as well as purchasing. The contacts for this event are Paula Redmond, Hollidae Brown, Judy Moorhead, and Joanie Sedillo. They would love your help.

There will also be an opportunity for those who love Gardening, but again on a smaller and somewhat informal basis. If you have a few special plants and pots that you wish to offer, we will have them for sale at the Members' Sale. Something really exceptional might go on Bidding for Good as Buy Now.

Las Candalistas policy is that all Actives and Associates participate in preparing for the Spring Event. We are not having the traditional Spring Event, but we do need to support our charities. Whatever you can do will be truly appreciated.

Paula Tuckerman

SPRING EVENT SILENT AUCTION—

We were very successful with the Bidding for Good Silent Auction in the fall. Now we are requesting your help again in procuring great items for the spring auction. Items that sold well were restaurant gift cards, travel, signed artwork, purses and accessories, commercial jewelry. Please avoid spa gift baskets, home-made jewelry (this could be sold in Boutique). Please no items less than \$50. Our standard packet with forms and cover letter will follow soon. Good luck to us--we're doing it again!

Virtual hugs and kisses,

Sue Soldoff 310 740 2465 drsue@cox.net

Karyn Farris 310 350 0542 Kafarris7@yahoo.com

SPRING EVENT BOUTIQUE

The Boutique will be a part of our fund-raising event in the spring. I would like to encourage any member that has an idea of some item they think would sell in the Boutique to be a part of the “team”. We are always looking for new ideas and products.

Some of the items will be offered on the “Bidding for Good” auction site, and others will be offered at the Members’ Sale.

Please let me know if you would like to be a part of the Boutique committee, helping to make our event a success for our charities.

Thank you,

Ann Goodhart

annrgoodhart@gmail.com

AMAZON SMILE/RALPHS

A Happy Valentine’s Day to all!

If you haven’t already enrolled in:

AMAZON SMILE: 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.

RALPHS Shoppers: 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.

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

Mary Ross,

Community Contribution Program Coordinator

mmgatross@aol.com or 310-544-4417

MEMBERSHIP

We continue to enjoy seeing so many of you joining our monthly Zoom meetings! It is always the best way to learn what is going on with our members, charities and upcoming events.

If you know of anyone that would be interested in joining our group, let us know and we can reach out and give them more information!

We would like to wish a Fabulous birthday to our February Gals!



Mary Sloper 2/1

Cathy Howard 2/2

Donna Lamont 2/3

Jean Fabera 2/11

Janis Davis 2/12

Joanne Evans 2/17

Nancy Hauge 2/17

Catherine Kauffman 2/17

Karen Stockbridge 2/18

Lois Olsen 2/19

Debbie Conlon 2/24

Erika Barber 2/26

Robyn DeWitt 2/26

Irene Almeida 2/28

**Membership Co-Chairs
Lorri Mino & Lisa Nesicolaci**

THRIFT

Our charities are still not collecting items so there will be no collection in February.

If you have been purging closets and are looking for a place to donate items, you can take them to Palos Verdes Resale, 2321 PCH, Lomita. They donate to many of the same charities we support. Salvation Army, PCH, Torrance is also collecting.

**Donna and Jan
Thrift Chairs**

FEBRUARY 2021

February Birthday Girls

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Mary Sloper	Cathy Howard	Officers Meeting Donna LaMont			
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
			General Meeting	Jean Fabera	Janis Davis	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Happy Valentine's Day!!!!			Joanne Evans Nancy Hauge Catherine Kauffman	Karen Stockbridge	Lois Olsen	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Debbie Conlon		Erika Barber Robyn DeWitt	
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Irene Almeida						