

LAS CANDALISTAS MARCH NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President's Desk:

As we look forward to this year's version of the Spring Event, the effects of the past year are clear. The Spring Event will not be in the physical space of Catalina View Garden. We will not be able to share the joy of our work with 350 guests, but are hoping we can look forward to renewing all our events and connections in the 2021-22 year.

A hidden blessing in this stress is the way our members are resourceful and generous with their time and energy. This is not easy this time around. Everyone is tired and we have lost many of the ways we restore our energy and destress, because we can't get out, or get together, or even just go for a movie. Please be easy with yourselves and with those with whom you interact. Make an extra effort to find a way to restore your own soul. And keep yourself healthy.

We will be having several fundraising events for the Spring. They are reminiscent of our Spring Event, but smaller, and with social distancing. We will have a *Life, Leisure and Love* Bidding for Good offering, with a number of auction items of good value. There may be some Buy Now items as well. The site will be active from April 26 through May 2. This will incorporate the Silent Auction as well. All items should be submitted by April 5 as a courtesy to those who are photographing, labeling and posting the items to the bidding site. There will be the delivery system that has been honed in the last 2 iterations. Send information of Silent Auction items to Sue Soldoff and Karyn Farris.

Friends and Family have matched with Sweet Shoppe for the goodies we love. The order form will be included in this Newsletter, but they are organizing the making and baking in the two groups. The orders must be submitted by March 15 and will be made to order, so no late purchases. Delivery will be the first part of April (see the order form for specifics.)

The Found Treasures site will be billed as Members' and Friends' Sale, which will be held on the same day as the Spring Event would have been, April 22. It will be held at the home (yard) of Jennifer Sittel. Paula Redmond, Judy Moorhead, Hollidae Brown and Joanie Sedillo are working on the items to be presented. Since we didn't have a sale last spring and only part of one in the fall, we have a lot of items to sell. Bring your friends! But don't bring any more items until next year....

The day after, April 23, there will be a Boutique (and small plant) sale at the home of Ann Goodhart with the assistance of Janie Hasselman and Belinda Krekorian. Please visit both sales to find all the special things offered. Our ladies are incredibly creative and will have items that show this creativity, and you will want your own piece, I promise you.

The nominating committee is very hard at work to provide excellent leadership for the 2021-22 year. This is a critical piece for the foundation of the work of Las Candalistas. The committee is under the leadership of Jennifer Sittel as Chairman of the Board. Becoming an Officer, Board Member or chair of an event is a way to expand your experiences and find new ways to grow. You will also meet and work with members you haven't known as well and you will learn even more about how Las Candalistas do what we do.

The Insider Newsletter will be published and mailed later this year. It will be mailed closer to ***Life, Leisure and Love***, in lieu of an invitation. We will be featuring Tara Nierenhausen, Executive Director of Community's Child. Karen Stockbridge has been extremely helpful, helping me in a new adventure.

Last year, Suzanne reminded members to mark items to be delivered to the Spring Event. We will not be doing that, but the Storage Search Committee is looking at new spaces and what we need to do to fit. Many of our items have outlived their useful life. If you have an interest in ANYTHING, be sure to check it and, if necessary, remove it or find a place to store it.

It has been a challenging year. Things are looking a bit better, with a bit of promise. Let's focus on the promise and try to avoid the stress. Treat yourself with kindness. We have to get through to next year and the "opening" celebration!

Paula Tuckerman
President



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We will be accepting nominations for the 2021-2023 Board of Directors at the March General Meeting. Members of the Board serve for two years. The responsibilities of the Board include: reviewing and approving any action taken by the Officers regarding the Bylaws, Standing Rules and financial matters of Las Candalistas. All members of the Board shall also serve as members of the Philanthropy Committee and the Nominating Committee which nominates and approves the slate of Officers for the following year. If you would like to be nominated, please contact a member of the Board or have a friend nominate you.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Sittel by phone: (310) 541-7184 or email: jennifersittel@gmail.com

Jennifer Sittel
Chairman of the Board of Directors

PARLIAMENTARIAN



The March General Meeting will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, March 10, at 9:30 am. Our President, Paula Tuckerman, will be sending the Zoom meeting link to the entire membership a few days or so beforehand. At this meeting, we will be voting on a **Standing Rules change**. To conduct this important 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.

The BOD recently met and approved a Motion to change the wording of the Standing Rules, Section 1.A.2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Voting Associates in good standing shall be eligible to hold office. The proposed revised paragraph shall read:

MEMBERS are supporting members. They shall endeavor to support the fundraising ASSOCIATE activities financially and through their services. They shall receive a calendar of events, invitations to all fundraising and open functions, and notices of all meetings of the general membership. Associate members may be given voting privileges under specific guidelines as follows: Associate members who have had an Active member status for a minimum of six years and have fulfilled the requirements of Associate Membership (See Section XII) shall be eligible to vote. In order to vote, an Associate member must submit a written request each year to the Parliamentarian asking to be granted Voting Associate status. The request does not roll over. If the request is not received by June 30th, the membership reverts to Associate member, non-voting status. *Voting Associates in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.*

After you receive your ballot, please make your selection and submit it to me by return email no later than 5:00 pm the same day. The outcome of this vote will be sent to the entire membership within approximately 2 days following board approval via eblast.

If for any reason you are unable to vote online, please reach out to me before March 10th via email at mosher120@yahoo.com or phone at 310.714.0222 in order that I can arrange to send you an absentee/paper ballot. All absentee/paper ballots must be returned to me no later than March 10th at 5:00 pm.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns, I'm happy to discuss this vote with you. Thank you,

Amy Mosher
Parliamentarian

LIFE, LEISURE and LOVE



This lock down year has reminded us all how precious '*life*' is and how much our '*leisure*' time is enriched with '*love*' of our family and friends.

We have all had to adapt our lives. But think how hard that has been for a lot of the families that we support through our charities. For so many '*life*' has become very strained with loss of jobs and income and the worry that causes which then impacts their mental health, so they lose motivation to enjoy any '*leisure*' time.

COVID has had a very real impact on mental health. The pressures of living 24/7 in a small family home with children not being at school, moms, and dads, either both trying to work at home, or suddenly not going to work has created huge pressures and torn apart any '*love*' shared, often resulting in domestic violence. The LA Domestic violence hotline saw significant increase in 2020.

Some of us have struggled, but nothing compared to so many others that had so little in the first place. It is time for us to dig deep, Girls!

Our online auction '*Life, Leisure, Love*' kicks off on April 26th and will run until May 2nd. We would love every member to donate or source at least one auction prize but would welcome more! Gift cards are popular, but think outside the box, what would you bid on? Experiences are always well received! Share the fun and financial commitment and join in with other members. Think about including the shipping costs to make the item more attractive.

As well as the list of suggestions from Sue and Karyn, it would be fun to have a couple of repurposed items (with before, during and after photos!) and maybe a couple of tables with just a few of the items on the table up for auction.

We need all items by April 5th to give us time to upload the info and photos, and we want to try and estimate shipping costs for each item.

Laura and Debbie
Event Co-Chairs

MEMBERS' SALE

Hi Ladies! This is a reminder that we will be having a **Members' Sale on Thursday, April 22nd**, at Jennifer Sittel's house from 9:30am - 3:30pm. Jennifer's address is **30020 Via Victoria, Rancho Palos Verdes**. There is ample parking on this cul de sac. Social distancing and masks are required.

Selina Hamilton will be sending the following Evite: **Come participate in some "retail therapy" at our Members Sale. You'll find all sorts of valuables from Found Treasures.**

Here is the protocol...

1. **CALL OR TEXT Selina at (626)399-8887** to set up your shopping time. **DO NOT** email or leave a message in response to this Evite; it is unlikely I will receive it. You may bring a guest with you. Time slots will be at 10-minute intervals. Early Birds (8:30am-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. Our cashiers will only be accepting cash or checks. **NO CREDIT CARDS.**

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 the COVID 19 test or vaccine. Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

Hollidae Brown, Paula Redmond, Judy Moorhead and Joanie Sedillo

Members' Sale Committee



We're kicking off our **Life, Leisure, and Love Spring Fundraising** event with the grand opening of our Friends and Family Sweet Shoppe. For the first time ever, we're combing two forces, Friends and Family along with Sweet Shoppe. Who's ready to wet their whistle? We hope to tempt you with many of our homemade baked goods by our fabulous bakers. They will be offering:

- Zucchini Pineapple Bread – Nancy Bruce
- Cake Truffles – Irene Almeida
- Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies – Monika Bauer
- Mint Chocolate Sandwich Cookies – Jan Raymond and Marge Rankin
- Coconut Bread – Sharon Logan and Polly Goodman

- Spring Lime Tea Cookies – Cheryl Deppe
- Cinnamon Swirl Bread – Shelley Pogorelsky
- Dark Chocolate Pound Cake – Donna Ciminera
- Gluten Free Peanut Butter Oatmeal Raisin Cookies – Polly Goodman

But wait, there's more...Our fabulous Friends and Family committee consisting of Laura Webb, Janie Woodburn, Janie Hasselman, Ann Goodhart and Cathy Howard will be preparing for you:

- Cranberry Jalapeno Jam
- Cherry Almond Jam
- Brandied Apricot Jam
- Chai Tea Latte Mix in 6 oz. glass container
- Cherry Chocolate Chip Scone Mix
- Dilly Beans

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 3/01 - 3/15 - Order forms are accepted
- 4/02 - Orders will be distributed

IMPORTANT FACTS:

- You will be responsible for all friends and family orders.
- Please just submit one “grand total” check with your order.
- Bakers are offering a limited amount so get your orders in early. You may want to email Lorri ahead of time to make sure we can fill your order at lorrimino@gmail.com or contact her at 310-749-5997.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci, Laura Webb, Janie Woodburn, Janie Hasselman, Ann Goodhart and Cathy Howard
Friends and Family Sweet Shoppe Committee

SPRING BOUTIQUE

The Boutique worker bees have been very busy creating items that they believe will interest members and their family and friends. The Boutique Sale will be held on Friday, April 23rd on Ann Goodhart's patio in the front of her house. Appointments will not be necessary, but we will limit the number of people on the patio at one time.

We will have quite a variety of items available to choose from--for you, your home, or gifts to give. Mark your calendar, and come see what the worker bees have been up to.

Ann Goodhart and Janie Hasselman
Boutique Curators

SILENT AUCTION

Items are starting to come in for *Life, Leisure & Love* for our Silent Auction on Bidding for Good. Our drop-dead date for receipt of items is **Monday, April 5**. **Bidding for Good** will be live online from **Monday, April 26 to Sunday, May 2**. As a reminder items that sold well were restaurant gift cards, premium wine, 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. If you need us to send you the donation form again, please let us know. Thanks in advance for helping to make our Spring Event a big success!

Virtual hugs and kisses,

Sue Soldoff: 310-740-2465 • drsue@cox.net

Karyn Farris: 310-350-0542 • Kafarris7@yahoo.com



HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH BIRTHDAY GIRLS!

Janet Warner 3/4
Hollidae Brown 3/16
Ahna Small 3/19
Lawrie Margrave 3/22

Marlyn Franklin 3/7
Selina Hamilton 3/18
Liz Swanson 3/19
Nanci Browning 3/31

Lynda Black 3/7
Freddie Benson 3/19
Jennifer Sittel 3/21

Just a friendly reminder to join our monthly general meetings on Zoom. It's a great way to connect and see friends you've been missing. But most important is keeping updated on what's happening. Even though we still can't gather, members have been busy behind the scenes keeping our organization running smoothly. Tune in to our next meeting to see what you've been missing. Also, there will be more details on our upcoming *Life, Leisure and Love* Spring Fundraiser Event. You won't want to miss it!

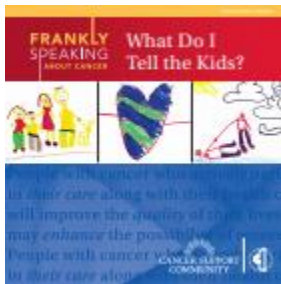
The saying, "It takes a village" never meant so much to Las Candalistas. We are blessed to have fabulous members that are so creative and willing to step up to the plate, but it's time to share the load. We need new blood and fresh ideas. Do you have a friend that has always wanted to be an active member in an organization that helps support our local children and environment? Now would be a great time to have them come aboard. Please let us know. We would love to meet with them.

Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci, Membership Chairs

PHILANTHROPY NEWS



The Philanthropy Committee would like to thank all our amazing members who contributed to helping the **South Bay Children’s Health Center** fill their ‘toy box’ with lots of fun items for children to choose from after having their dental treatments. We received a wide array of items from coloring books, crayons, markers, bubbles, balls, cars, books, puzzles, card games, bracelets, to grocery gift cards, adorable stuffed animals, and magnetic drawing boards. Their toy chest will be full for many months to come and they are very grateful.



This month we would like to highlight **The Cancer Support Community Redondo Beach**. As with all our charities, the Cancer Support Community has been significantly impacted by the ongoing pandemic and are “hanging in there”, having had to make many pivots in how they provide services. Their clients’ needs for emotional support and care have greatly increased. Staff has especially noticed a heightened sense of fear and anxiety in the children and teens they serve. The programs for this group are now primarily all on Zoom.

For the most part these are going well, but are made more difficult because the majority of children/teens are already spending so much of their days on Zoom for school. CSCRB is constantly looking for new, fun and innovative ways to engage and bring these kids into the sessions. Art related activities/therapies (e.g., drawing, coloring) have been one great way to help kids express all that they are feeling in coping with the pandemic and with having a seriously ill family member. CSCRB remains dedicated to their mission of supporting and caring for children, teens and all who are impacted by cancer. They are grateful for the support Las Candalistas gives them.

Suzanne Manavian, Susan Sanborn, Cathy Howard
First Vice Presidents and Assistant

STORAGE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our search continues, and the more people who are aware of our needs, the more likely we are to find a new home for our equipment. Please help spread the word.

- Do you own (or know of someone who owns) commercial property that may have a large office, storeroom, basement, empty garage?
- Do you belong to a church, or group which may have an empty classroom, storage room, or office?

Any suggestions will be welcome. We look forward to hearing from you.

Donna Ciminera, Marge Rankin, Jan Raymond, Karen Stockbridge, Polly Goodman

RALPHS AND AMAZON SMILE



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

If you aren't already a participant in these programs, please take a few minutes to sign up for the Ralphs and the AmazonSmile charity donation programs that will donate funds to Las Candalistas!

Amazon Smile: go to <http://smiltamazon.com/ch/95-427083> so that your shopping will benefit Las Candalistas. It is an easy way to raise funds.

A Ralphs shopper? Call 1-800-443- 4438 to register. To designate Las Candalistas as the charity provide them with our number: NPO # SH584!

Many thanks for doing this so that we have additional funds to distribute in June!
Questions? Call me at 310-544-4417 or email me at mmgatross@aol.com

Mary Ross
Community Contribution Program Coordinator



THRIFT

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

If you have been purging closets and are looking for places to donate items, you can take them to Palos Verdes Resale, 2321 PCH, Lomita, 310-534-1722. They donate to many of the same charities we support. Also, Beacon House Thrift Shop, 812 S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro, 310-514-4940. Beacon House is one of our charities. Call first to check hours.

An additional place accepting donations during COVID is – Salvation Army Thrift Shop, 4310 PCH, Torrance.

Also, if any toiletries or cosmetics have been collected, we will accept and keep for our holiday gift giving to our charities. They can be brought to Jan's home, but call/email/text first to let her know to expect them.

**Thank You,
Donna and Jan, Thrift Chairs**



**CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET AND DONATE THE EXCESS
(NO COMPUTER NEEDED)!!!**

MARCH 2021

Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
			Officers Meeting	Janet Warner		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Marlyn Franklin Lynda Black			General Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	DEADLINE FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY SWEET SHOPPE ORDERS!!!	Hollidae Brown	St. Patrick's Day	Selina Hamilton	Freddie Benson Ahna Small Liz Swanson	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Jennifer Sittel	Lawrie Margrave					
28	29	30	31		APRIL 2	
			Nanci Browning		PICK-UP FOR FRIENDS and FAMILY SWEET SHOPPE ORDERS 132 VIA SEGO REDONDO	

