

# LAS CANDALISTAS APRIL NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the President's Desk:

When I begin writing these articles, I review Suzanne's article from last year. This time, that article is a reminder of the beginning of all we have been through during the last 12 months. There have been personal, health, political and racial issues in a year with so many layers of concern, uncertainty, and decision-making questions. This has been a time of more stress at one time than most of us have known in our lifetimes. I hope and pray that you are well in the wake of all of this.

The support you have given each other has been wonderful. Sunshine and Rain (Marcia Butler and Sharon Logan) kept us apprised of the life happenings of everyone. Members followed up with cards and calls and visits. Secret Santa connected some of our members. An average of 40 members were able to figure out how to join the meetings online. While we miss the breakfasts and hugs of the physical meetings, I do like seeing everyone's picture on the two pages arrayed.

I am so impressed at how all of you responded to the challenge of still doing the fundraising we are founded on and compensated for the fact that we couldn't get together physically, and with the camaraderie we are so used to and fond of. We did amazingly well for our Fall Fundraiser, *Gifts and Gracious Gatherings*. And now we are on a journey for Spring Fundraising with *Life, Leisure and Love*.

We have members planning several ways to be involved and go shopping! The **Friends and Family Sweet Shoppe** orders have been received and are being prepared for pickup or delivery (tomorrow, **April 2nd**) as you are reading this Newsletter. On **April 22**, there will be 2 shopping options, within blocks of each other so you can do both! The **Members' and Friends' Sale** will be at the home of **Mary Sloper**, in her back yard at **104 Via Pascual in Palos Verdes Estates 90274**. Nearby, at the home of **Ann Goodhart**, **2709 Via la Selva, Palos Verdes Estates, 90274**, will be a **Boutique and Plant sale**. See the articles for the time. We have a lot of Found Treasures to share, so please bring your friends. Selina will be scheduling times for the Members and Friends' Sale, so call or text her (do not email because she is inundated and may miss you.)

**Bidding for Good**, including **Silent Auction** and some Boutique items is gearing up for going **online April 26**. This time the auction will be open for a little more than one week, until **May 2**. Get your bids in early! This time we are focusing on a \$50 minimum level value. Lower value items don't warrant the processing it takes to photograph, upload, and manage the items. We have some really fun, exciting pieces, so be sure to look!!! The other items will be sold at the Members' and Friends' sale.

Karen Stockbridge has been helping format the **Insider** and several members have contributed articles. I am very pleased about how it looks and happy that it will be ready to mail out soon. We are using it also for an invitation to Spring Bidding for Good, so we are mailing it closer to the opening date for that. We are mailing it to all on our contact list except Active Members. It is aimed at those less familiar with all we are doing and includes a donation envelope.

We also have done a budget update, because when we did the original budget in August, we did not have enough information to make a budget for the Spring Event. Thanks to Judy Armstrong who made this possible for us.

Thanks to all members who have made this year possible!

**Paula Tuckerman**  
**President**



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee has been diligently working to fill the Officers' positions for 2021-2022. We are pleased to report that we have completed our task. Next year's slate of officers will be announced at a later date.

### **Annual Meeting**

We will conduct our Annual Meeting of the Board during the General Meeting in April. This is the official meeting of the Directors of Las Candalistas, Inc. and must be held once a year.

### **BOD Election**

Janis Davis and Sue Spellacy will be leaving the board at the end of June, and we can't thank them enough for all the time, effort and thoughtful dedication they have applied during their tenure. It has been a joy working with them.

All eligible voting members will be voting to elect two new members for the Board of Directors for the 2021-2023 term and one member to complete Jennifer Sittel's term ending June 30, 2022. We have three outstanding candidates who have been nominated to fill the Board of Directors' positions. We are recommending that Hollidae Brown fill the current board vacancy as she is the only one of the three nominees who is not currently an officer and can join the board immediately. Following are the bios for each of the three candidates:

### **Hollidae Brown**

I have been an active member of Las Candalistas since 2011. My first year as a provisional I thoroughly enjoyed the women that I met. I was impressed with their dedication and creativity. I also really enjoyed the social events. In my second year my first chairmanship was Parking at our spring event at the South

Coast Botanic Gardens. In subsequent years I have been Bake Chair twice, Silent Auction Co-Chair twice, Flower and Garden Shop Co-Chair, Members Hospitality Chair (3 years), and another year as Parking Chair. I have three years of experience as an officer in the position of Parliamentarian. I look forward to the privilege of serving on the Board and participating in the leadership of our organization.

### **Janie Hasselman**

It has been 15 years since I began my journey with the Sisterhood of Las Candalistas. When I retired from a career in the hospitality industry, I knew I wanted to be involved in a community service organization where I could use my skills and creativity. Las Candalistas has certainly been the ideal fit for perfecting my bow-tying, jelly-making and stitching skills. From the beginning, I have also had the opportunity to serve in various leadership roles as an Officer; Recording Secretary (2X), Philanthropy, Walk Chair (2X), President, Ways & Means (2X). My favorite “jobs” have been those where I have had a partner to share the responsibility and satisfaction of a job well done.

I have learned that we each bring our own unique talents and expectations to the mix and in the blending of these qualities our common bond to serve others is strengthened. It would be my honor to serve on the Board of Directors for Las Candalistas as we emerge from our most challenging year ever.

### **Laura Webb**

I joined Las Candalistas in 2017. As a provisional, I served on the luncheon committee for the last Spring Event luncheon that was prepared by Las Candalistas members. I was glad for that experience because I saw, firsthand, the care, attention to detail, and the emphasis on quality that are earmarks of all Las Candalistas products and activities. Since I love to cook and bake, I also became part of the Friends and Family crew preparing the many jams for which we are famous. I have continued to be part of the Friends and Family event and served as Co-Chair this past fall and again this spring with the Mini F & F Sweet Shoppe. I also co-chaired the Bake Shop for the 2019 California Dreamin’ Spring Event. I have been the Corresponding Secretary for almost three years and have enjoyed the comradery that comes with being an officer. For over a year I have volunteered at Community’s Child for their Healthy Bags Program which is one of the charity programs we support.

Professionally, I worked about 20 years in College Administration at two universities, one where I served as a Dean, and as Director of a Community College extension site. I also worked in private practice counseling women who were survivors of child abuse and neglect, and served on the Board of a Child Abuse Prevention agency. I would be honored to serve on the LC Board of Directors.

### **BOD Election**

The BOD election will be held via email as we have done this past year. Our Parliamentarian, Amy Mosher, will provide details. Please join us on ZOOM for this important General Meeting and make sure you vote, as a quorum is required.

**Polly Goodman, Chair, Janis Davis, Sue Spellacy, and Karen Tucker  
Board of Directors**

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

The **April General Meeting will be held on Zoom on Wednesday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m.** The meeting room will open for some online social time beginning at 9:20 a.m. Our President, Paula Tuckerman, will be sending the Zoom meeting link to the entire membership a few days or so beforehand. Be sure to look for it within your email messages.

This will be the last General Meeting before our Spring Event with a full agenda with lots of information to discuss. You will not want to miss hearing about this year's Spring Event, as it will be held over a series of days rather than one day as in years past.

### Board of Directors Elections

All eligible voting members will be voting to elect two new members for the Board of Directors for the 2021 – 2023 term. They will also vote to fill the remainder of Jennifer Sittel's term, ending in June 2022. As with all elections this year, **ballots will be sent via email following the Parliamentarian's announcements at the April General Meeting. All completed ballots will need to be returned by 5:00 p.m. that same day to be counted.** Once the vote has been approved by the Board of Directors, the results will be sent to the entire membership.

If you are a voting member and unable to attend the meeting, please contact me for an absentee ballot. Email me at [mosher120@yahoo.com](mailto:mosher120@yahoo.com) or call/text at 310.714.022. **All absentee ballots should be returned to me by USPS no later than Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

### June Luncheon

It is highly unlikely we will be holding our June General Meeting in person. We'll keep you posted if there is an opportunity to get together safely to recognize everyone's hard work throughout this challenging year.

**Amy Mosher**  
Parliamentarian

## LIFE, LEISURE, AND LOVE 2021



When you read this, we will be 3.5 weeks away from our next big fundraising auction and you will have just 5 days to get any auction items/details to Sue Soldoff and Karyn Farris. Yes, all items must be with them by the **5<sup>th</sup> of April.**

We also need your help in getting the word out. We can have amazing and awesome prizes, but if people don't know about it, we won't maximize the items' true potential, so we need **EVERYONE** to spread the news! Here is the link [www.biddingforgood.com/lascandalistas/spring2021](http://www.biddingforgood.com/lascandalistas/spring2021)

Share it far and wide, friends, family, your own social media, other groups that you belong to. Always remind them it is better viewed on a desktop, not the phone. The phone is good for quickly changing your bid, but it doesn't display all the photos or descriptions.

We already have some fabulous prizes:

- Airbnb in Boise (FOR 2-4) - Valid: 5-night stay, no expiration date; limited availability on holidays.
- 4 fantastic, signed memorabilia items - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Autographed Basketball, Arnold Palmer Autographed Golf Ball, Sandy Koufax Autographed baseball, Wayne Gretzky Autographed Hockey puck.
- School of Cooking Class (for 1) An enticing 2 ½-hour cooking class for 1 person at the South Bay School of Cooking on Artesia Blvd. in Redondo Beach. Valid: Through 4/2022.
- 'How the West was Won' by Barbara Masterson an original watercolor of the settling of the old West by deceased member and artist, Barbara Masterson, and signed by her.
- \$300 Airbnb gift card
- Immersive Van Gogh Los Angeles (for 2) - **Valid: Sunday, August 15, 2021, 1:00pm-2:00pm.** The vibrant paintings of Dutch Post-Impressionist, Vincent Van Gogh, come alive as you walk through this incredible exhibit and become a part of the photographic representations of the famous artist's work. Also includes gift card for dinner and hotel stay.
- Plus, many more items. We will try to feature some on our Members only Facebook Page.

***This lockdown year has reminded us all how precious 'life' is and how much our 'leisure' time is enriched with 'love' of our family and friends. It's time to dig deep, so we can help our charities who in turn help South Bay families and our environment!***

**Laura and Debbie**

## **SILENT AUCTION**

We now have over 40 items 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. We already have restaurant gift cards from Bettolino Kitchen, Red Onion, Bluewater Grill, Chart House, Mama Terano, Redondo Beach Brew Co., Riviera House, Rosa's La Cabaña, Swan Thai, and San Pedro Fish Market & Grill. 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](mailto:drsue@cox.net)**

**Karyn Farris: 310-350-0542 • [Kafarris7@yahoo.com](mailto:Kafarris7@yahoo.com)**

## SPRING BOUTIQUE

It's almost time for the Spring Boutique for Members, also, friends and family. We will have a wide variety of items for sale, too many to list, made by our creative members. We hope you will come by and shop for yourself, for a gift, for fun. No need for an appointment (numbers may be limited at one time, according to health guidelines), but wear your mask to be fashionable!

The Boutique will be down the street from the Members' Sale (Found Treasures) in Mary Sloper's backyard, so make it a day to shop!!

**Ann Goodhart's Patio                      Thursday, April 22                      9:30am-3:30pm**

**2709 Via La Selva (Park only on the north side of the street.) Palos Verdes Estates**

## MEMBERS AND FRIENDS SALE

Hi Ladies!

This is a reminder that we will be having a **Members and Friends Sale on Thursday, April 22nd , at Mary Sloper's house from 9:30am - 3:30pm. Mary's address is 104 Via Pascual, Palos Verdes Estates. *THIS IS A LOCATION CHANGE!*** Social distancing and masks are required.

Selina Hamilton will be sending the following Evite:

Come participate in some "retail therapy" at our "**Members and Friends 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; I will unlikely 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**

**the Sweet Shoppe**



Our **Friends & Family Sweet Shoppe** is officially closed for business. We want to thank all of you for your support ensuring a successful sale. The Sweet Shoppe sold out of so many of our products and thankfully we are blessed with such wonderful bakers who stepped up to make more than they signed up for. But wait there's more! We also had other members step up to help out our busy bakers. We would like to express our gratitude to all of them at this time. Thank you to the following from the bottom of our hearts:

**Nancy Bruce, Irene Almeida, Monika Bauer, Jan Raymond, Marge Rankin, Sharon Logan, Polly Goodman, Cheryl Deppe, Shelley Pogorelsky, Donna Ciminera, Laura Webb, Judy Moorhead and Michelle Joye!**

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to **Lucy Huebner** for volunteering to make all of our labels and for her patience for last minute additions.

Our **Friends and Family** busy bees had their work cut out for them filling the orders for our fabulous jams, and other mouthwatering treats. A big shout out to our amazing Friends & Family Sweet Shoppe committee:

**Laura Webb, Janie Woodburn, Cathy Howard, Ann Goodhart, Janie Hasselman, Lorri Mino and Lisa Nesicolaci.**

And the Friends and Family Committee would like to thank **Donna LaMont** and **Kathy Black** for storing peppers in their freezers, **Judy Armstrong** for making our spreadsheet of orders and for storing bread in her freezer, **Polly Goodman** for making all the beautiful labels for our many products, and **Doris Brigham** for her generous gift in honor of **Cynthia Allen**. We truly appreciate all your support and assistance!!

A big **Thank You** to all our members who made the sale a success with their orders!! Your goodies will be available for pick up on **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Janie Woodburn's house.....132 Via Sego, Redondo Beach.** Lorri Mino will send out an email to those who ordered prior to the pickup date to remind you.

Thank you again!!!

**Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci – Sweet Shoppe**

**Laura Webb, Janie Woodburn, Ann Goodhart, Janie Hasselman, Cathy Howard – Friends and Family**

## PHILANTHROPY NEWS

Stay aware of all 13 charities that we have chosen. Remember the top 3 (**bold print**).

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| 1. Manes for Movement               | 6. Harbor Interfaith Services       | 10. Boys & Girls Club of LA Harbor     |
| 2. Cancer Support Community, R.B.   | 7. Los Angeles Maritime Institute   | 11. South Bay Children's Health Center |
| 3. <b>Communtty's Child</b>         | 8. Los Serenos de Point Vicente     | 12. South Bay Wildlife Center Rehab    |
| 4. <b>Family Promise/ South Bay</b> | 9. <b>1736 Family Crisis Center</b> | 13. Wyland Foundation                  |
| 5. Marine Mammal Care, L.A.         |                                     |  |

Please visit their individual websites to see pictures, articles, volunteer opportunities, and accomplishments. Thank you for donations and please know they were appreciated. Canned non-perishable foods, bedding, detergents, disinfectant wipes/sprays, small toys/prizes for children following dental care.

**Marine Mammal Care:** I have items to deliver and will purchase fish meals when I visit. The picture is a Northern elephant seal named **Pippy**. She was found malnourished, skinny, and with no mother in sight. She is being released, back to the ocean, as I write.



**Tuesday, April 20**

10:00 AM Pacific Time

Join the **Marine Mammal Center** for the Ocean Policy Webinar Series that is bringing attention to our ocean, climate change, and the public policy decisions needed to make a difference. The series will be moderated by award-winning journalist and former host of CNN Newsroom, Carol Costello, and will feature a series of panelists at the top of their fields. I have made reservations for myself and two guests. Please email me if you want to go. You may also go to the website and make reservations. Admission is free.

**Family Promise of the South Bay:** This group relies on donations to assist families in our communities. All donations are tax-deductible. 2930 El Dorado Street Torrance, CA 90503  
Currently Family Promise could use: Store gift cards, cleaning and laundry supplies, gently used furniture.

**Suzanne Manavian, Susan Sanborn, Cathy Howard**  
**Philanthropy Officers**

## AMAZON SMILE/RALPHS



### **HAPPY SPRING!**

A report from the Ralphs Community Program shows that 51 of our members and friends made us **\$411.47** for the time from December 2020 to February 2021. Thank you for signing up and shopping to benefit Las Candalistas' charities!!

It's not too late to sign up!

**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!**

**Mary Ross, mmgatross@aol.com, 310-544-4417**  
**Community Contribution Program Coordinator**

## THRIFT

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

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**

## MEMBERSHIP

Happy Spring to all of our wonderful LC ladies!! We have been busy meeting with new prospective members who would be a great addition to our organization. Please let us know if you know anyone that would be interested in joining us and we will contact them with more information. Hopefully we will be able to introduce some new members with fresh energy and ideas for the upcoming year!

Per the standing rules, all changes in Membership status must be submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>. A status change request must be in written form (includes email) to the Membership Chairs. Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be changing your status.



### Happy Birthday to our April birthday Ladies!!!!

Doris Duncan Brigham 4/4	Deri Antrim 4/6	Judy Hessick 4/10
Pam Barrett-Hill 4/11	Joan Sedillo 4/11	Lucy Huebner 4/12
Diana Klink 4/14	Donna Ciminera 4/15	Sara Jane Bettge 4/16
Sherry Granstrom 4/24	Cheryl Guheen 4/26	Joanne Mineo 4/28
Barbara Smith 4/29	Susan Mills 4/30	

Lorri Mino & Lisa Nesicolaci  
Membership Co-Chairs

# APRIL 2021

## April Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
					Friends & Family Sweet Shoppe Pickup at 132 Via Sego	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Happy Easter!  Doris Brigham		Deri Antrim	Officers Meeting Via Zoom			Judy Hessick
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Joan Sedillo Pam Barrett- Hill	Lucy Huebner		General Meeting Via Zoom  Diana Klink	Donna Ciminera	Sara Jane Bettge	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Member's Sale/Spring Boutique 104 Via Pascual & 2709 Via La Selva		Sherry Granstrom
25	26	27	28	29	30	MAY 1
	Cheryl Guheen  <b>BIDDING</b>	  <b>FOR</b>	Joanne Mineo  <b>GOOD</b>	Barbara Smith  <b>BIDDING</b>	Susan Mills  <b>FOR</b>	  <b>GOOD</b>

