

LAS CANDALISTAS NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This Thanksgiving I'm....

Grateful for courageous women!

Las Candalistas Members, how awesome are we? When I think back on our history, and how much change I've seen in my 10 years, I'm in awe. When our founders started Las Candalistas in 1967 to fundraise for a children's health auxiliary, women weren't even allowed to have their own credit card, serve on a jury, or get an Ivy League education. But these courageous women moved forward on a mission to fundraise for those in need and start a non-profit. Just in the 10 years since I've been a member, I've seen our organization move forward and take risks to keep the group relevant and successful...Las Candalistas reimagined the Walk on the Wildside and created the "Spring Event". We took the Entertaining for the Holidays event from a broken-down storefront to the classy Norris Pavilion, during a global pandemic we were the first local non-profit to immediately pivot our fundraising to online.

And this year has started off the same. When faced with the challenge of fundraising outdoors, the strong courageous Ranch Hand Crew created an incredible new event with a LIVE AUCTION, Live music, and dinner in the evening outdoors with friends and partners. They had no idea if it would sell but put their faith in their convictions and it SOLD OUT! Congratulations to **Debbie Sampson, Laura Henson-Broussard, Lorri Mino, Ann Goodhart and Janie Woodburn** for your courageous faith, fabulous ideas, creativity, and all the hard work!!! The numbers are being calculated as I write this, however I know for certain that the addition of the live auction with auctioneer helped us exceed all fundraising expectations! And all in attendance had a wonderful, beautiful evening reflecting the Las Candalistas style. Thank you also to all who donated, helped set up/tear down, solicited for auction items, and those who attended.

But wait, the creativity continues... Read on in this newsletter for the article regarding our newest small fundraiser... The LC Boutique "Holiday Gifts and Giving". This small, free event scheduled on December 4th is the brainchild of **Lisa Nesicolaci**. As the "Night at the Ranch" couldn't accommodate some of our "regular" categories for sale, Lisa initiated an additional fundraising opportunity. This will include such favorites as Sweet Shoppe, LC Creations, Found Treasures, and even Vendors! Thank you Lisa and your team. Be sure to read the info on this included in this newsletter and TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS!

Friends and Family Committee, we are SO grateful that you continue to fill our pantries with your wonderful creations! Perfect for hostess gifts and treats, we are forever thankful for your chopping, stirring, mixing, and packaging of the yummy, yummy treats. These are the most well-loved, iconic items for Las Candalistas. Thank you to **Laura Webb, Janie Woodburn, Cathy Howard and crew.**

Our October Philanthropy Selection meeting was also a great success. How nice it was to see almost 50 members at our first **in person meeting** in almost 2 years! Meeting on Zoom fulfilled our needs, but the

energy and excitement of being together can't be matched online. I am so grateful that we can now do this, wearing the mask is a small price to pay. We look forward to seeing everybody again on November 10th at the PV Library.

Congratulations to our Philanthropy V.P.'s for putting together a fabulous meeting. The charity representatives did a wonderful job addressing our membership, the videos were such a wonderful way to learn more about each organization, (great idea) and all your hard work (which began last July) and coordination pulling the information together resulted in a great meeting and well-informed decision. Thank you to **Cathy Howard and Kathy Black**. Congratulations to **1736 Family Crisis Center, Community's Child, and Friends of the Cabrillo Aquarium** for being voted into this year's Top 3.

As we head into this holiday season, we are grateful for all that we have. In the Las Candelistas way, we are mindful of those who are not as fortunate as us. We will once again be trying to help so many know that there are people out there who care about them. Thank you to **Jan Raymond and Donna Ciminera** and your team for creating the Cosmetic/Toiletry Gift bags for the shelters, and to **Kathy Black and Cathy Howard** for leading the Adopt a Family initiative.

I hope to see you at the November Meeting. But if not, I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season surrounded by those you love!

So grateful and proud to be a part of this group of Courageous Women!

Karen Stockbridge
President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors wishes you a happy and safe Holiday Season!

Laura Webb, Chair
Hollidae Brown, Polly Goodman, Janie Hasselman, Karen Tucker
Board of Directors

PARLIAMENTARIAN

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 10th, in person, at:
Peninsula Center Library Community Room (library level)
701 Silver Spur Road, RHE

9:00 Social 9:30 Meeting begins

Please be advised that MASKS are mandatory while in the library.
New COVID regulations mandate no food or drinks are allowed to be brought into the community room.

Reminder: There is no General Meeting in December!

Karyn Farris
Parliamentarian

ROSTER DISTRIBUTION

All Rosters have been distributed or mailed. Please let me know if you have not received yours.

Laura Henson-Broussard
Corresponding Secretary

PHILANTHROPY



We were thrilled to have representatives from our Top Six charities attend our first in-person General Meeting in 18 months on October 13th. What a wonderful way to come back together! Each charity's representative(s) gave heartfelt, thoughtful presentations on their organization's history, mission and primary program for which they are seeking funding. All eligible voting members in attendance cast their votes for the Top Three after the presentations were completed. Eligible voting members not present at the meeting had been given an absentee ballot upon request from Karyn Farris, Parliamentarian. The votes were tallied by our Parliamentarian, two officers and a board member. We are happy to announce that our Top Three Charities for the 2021-2022 fundraising year are ***1736 Family Crisis Center, Community's Child, and Friends of Cabrillo Aquarium.*** We are confident that all our amazing fundraising efforts and hard work during this year will result in our being able to support their primary requests, in addition to being able to give some partial support to our other very deserving 2021-2022 nominated charities. We can do it!!!!!! A huge thank you to all who donated items (wipes, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers, paper towels, glove, etc.). These in-kind donations help to reduce expenses for our charities and they are extremely grateful.

Philanthropy focuses for November and December



Family Promise would love to receive donations of new, or gently used adult fiction and non-fiction books. The parents in their temporary housing are very grateful to have books to read.



Community's Child is requesting donations of canned vegetables (any kind) to put into their Thanksgiving food bags.

Please bring these items to our November 10th General Meeting. Or, you may drop them off at either one of our homes. We will let you know if any additional needs arise with our charities during this Holiday Season.

Thank you so much,

Kathy Black and Cathy Howard
First Vice Presidents, Philanthropy



FRIENDS & FAMILY HOLIDAY SALE UPDATE

IMPORTANT UPDATE!!

PICK UP DATE for F & F Orders has been changed to **NOVEMBER 18!!**

Time: 1:00-4:00

Location: Janie Woodburn's home: 132 Via Sego, Redondo Beach 90277

We have been experiencing difficulties and delays in accessing ingredients for our delicious products. We apologize for any inconvenience that this causes for you!! We thank you for your orders and your support!!

If this creates an unsurmountable problem for you, please contact Janie Woodburn (310) 528-0980, Cathy Howard (310) 365-6336, or Laura Webb (352) 232-3999.

Thanks for understanding!

Friends & Family Holiday Sale Co-Chairs
Janie Woodburn, Cathy Howard, Laura Webb

LC HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Exciting news! The LC Holiday Gifts and Giving Boutique will be held on **Saturday, December 4th** at Riviera United Methodist Church (RUMC) 375 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach, from 10:00-2:00. We will be featuring our own LC Creations, Found Treasures, Sweet Shoppe and a few vendors. There are many ways that you can help to make this another successful event:

- If you are interested in donating baked goods to the **Sweet Shoppe** – Contact Lisa Nesicolaci at Lisanesi90@yahoo.com
- If you have a **Creation** idea – Contact Selina Hamilton at Selinamonkey@yahoo.com
Selina is also looking for any unwanted or broken jewelry that she can repurpose.
- If you have any **Found Treasures** – Contact Judy Moorhead at judyjajmoorhead@gmail.com
- If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the event – Contact Lisa Nesicolaci at Lisanesi90@yahoo.com
We will have set-up, clean-up and helping during the event.

We also need you to come with friends and shop!!!

Lisa Nesicolaci

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. So far, we have two families from Community's Child. We will also be reaching out to Harbor Interfaith, so keep those checks and gift cards coming. 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 families.

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.

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

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

Checks: Payable to Kathy Black (tax deductible)

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

Venmo: Contact Cathy Howard

Please feel free to bring your tax-deductible donation to the November meeting. We will make our way to Santa's workshop soon after that.

Adopt a Family Co-Chairs

Kathy Black: [310.375.6270](tel:310.375.6270)

Cathy Howard: [310.365.6336](tel:310.365.6336)

Wrapping Elves: Nanci, Cheryl, Carla, Randi, and Debbie

MEMBERSHIP

It was very exciting for us to be able to attend our first in person meeting as Membership Chairs!

All Active and Associate Members should have received their new personalized LC lanyard with their nametag. Please keep this in your car and wear it to any Las Candalistas event. Sustainers can leave their nametag with us or choose to take it home on a lanyard.

We will be continuing to meet at the PV Library for our General Meetings, so if you will not be able to attend, please notify Lisa Nesicolaci or Lorri Mino.



BIRTHDAYS

Yvonne Vick 11/5 Polly Goodman 11/13 Joanne Condon 11/15
Shirley Lyon 11/21 Ilse Getman 11/28



BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Harquail Sierveld 12/2	Francie Chandler 12/3	Gina Radocchio 12/8
Randi Young 12/8	Sandy Olinger 12/9	Sue Karback 12/10
Sue Andraos 12/12	Val Stanton 12/14	Sylvia Tieman 12/15
Ann Boyt 12/17	Pat Hoffman 12/22	

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Lorri Mino & Lisa Nesicolaci
Membership Chairs

FALL FUNDRAISER



OH, WHAT A NIGHT AT THE RANCH UNDER THE OCTOBER MOON!!!

We did it! Our first live in person fundraiser since we had to shut down for the pandemic! We couldn't be more excited for the outcome.....from being sold out 3 weeks before our event, being able to offer tickets to everyone on our waiting list, to our first time ever doing a live auction, the fabulous food prepared by Jean Cordero of Entertaining Friends, one of a kind Silent Auction Items, Sold out wine pull and having live entertainment by Andy and Renee and Hard Rain. Our event packed a wallop and kept on giving. The weather even cooperated with us and guests were able to warm up by the heat lamps and cuddle up at the fire pit. The event had it all and we couldn't be prouder.

Thank you, thank you, thank you all for coming. You all helped make it the success it was. As we always say in Las Candalistas, it takes a village. We have already thanked our vendors but we would like to take this time to thank all of our Las Candalistas members who volunteered to help us. We appreciate you all from the bottom of our hearts. Here they are, in no particular order!!!

Lisa Nesicolaci, Dave and Cathy Howard, Karen Stockbridge, Paula Redmond, Polly Goodman, Janis Davis, Judy Armstrong, Lynda Black, Greg Broussard, Nick Sampson, Pam Barrett-Hill, Sue Soldoff, Karyn Ferris, Kathy Black, Hollidae Brown, Nanci Browning, Susan Udewitz, Mary Ross, Marlyn Franklin, Judy Moorhead, Val Stanton, Debbie Bramhall, Laura Webb, JoAnne Mineo, Randi Young and Cheryl Deppe.

A big round of applause for all of them. Here are a few pictures and I'm sure we will have more in days to come.



We hope everyone had as much fun as we did!!!! It has been a pleasure to coordinate this event and raise so much for our charities!



**Your Ranch Hand Girls!!
Ann, Laura, Lorri, Janie and Debbie**

EXCURSIONS



LET THE FUN BEGIN!

On Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM we are visiting the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures
The address is 6067 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036

SAFETY GUIDELINES: ALL GUESTS MUST WEAR A MASK AND PRESENT PROOF OF VACINATION OR A PROOF OF A NEGATIVE COVID TEST WITHIN 72 HOURS

Group prices are \$22 general admission and \$17 senior. Please make your check out to Sue Spellacy for the designated amount to secure your reservation. **Reservation deadline is January 10.** The museum policy states that once the reservation is confirmed you will not be reimbursed, if you cancel.

This is not a guided tour.

A free audio tour is available on the Museum App and can be downloaded for Android and IOS devices. Each guest will need the app on their phone and headset to activate the tour.

Parking is available at the Petersen Museum, garage entrance on Fairfax Avenue. Non-Petersen visitor parking is \$21. Parking at LACMA's Pritzker parking garage is \$18. It is located on 6th Street, east of Fairfax Avenue. There are a few metered spaces on the street also.

We need drivers!! We need carpools!! Please let us know if you will drive. Members need to arrange transportation directly with a driver.

You have approximately two hours in the museum before going to lunch. Lunch location is TBD.

Bring your checkbooks and sign up at the November general meeting.

Nancy Bruce and Sue Spellacy
Excursions

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Website:

Just a reminder for you to register for the Members Only section of our www.lascandalistas.org website. On the Members Only section you will find a calendar of LC meetings and events, necessary documents, and other useful information. If you haven't registered yet, please email me at lauhen6491@gmail.com and I'll set you up. Please register!

Social Media:

We have two Facebook pages accounts: a public and private one:

Public Facebook Page: please like our page and like and share our posts. Type in Las Candalistas in the search bar to find us.

Private Facebook Page: This is for Las Candalistas Members Only (please don't confuse this with our website Members Only page). We use this to post photos of LC social events, share info about our philanthropies and more. Type in Las Candalistas Members in the search bar to find this page. You have to ask to join.

Instagram: Type in lascandalistas in the search bar to find us. Click on follow. Like our posts! Thank you!

Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis-McGarry
Webmistresses

STORAGE COMMITTEE

We are continually working to clear the 30+ years of accumulated Las Candalistas' belongings that have been stored at Ladera Linda. Our very successful "Hidden Treasures Sale" at the RPV City Hall helped a great deal in that effort, but there is still a tremendous amount of work yet to be done. We are ready to begin transporting shelving and some of the larger items to the container at Rancho Del Mar, but we need a couple of pick-up trucks or other large vehicles that can safely hold these items. If anyone has access to this type of vehicle, please contact one of our committee members as soon as possible.

Storage Search Committee

Donna Ciminera, Polly Goodman, Marge Rankin, Jan Raymond

THRIFT

There will be **no** Thrift collection again for November. We hope to be able to start this up again in January.

We will be collecting items for our Toiletry/Cosmetic bags that we distribute to our charities in December. The deadline for collecting items will be the November meeting. They can be brought to the meeting or dropped off at Jan Raymond's home, but please call or text to let her know that you will be bringing items. We still need the following items. These should be **NEW ITEMS ONLY**.

Men

Deodorants, combs and razors

Women

Lipsticks, nail polish and any cosmetics

We also need toothbrushes, (please ask your dentists if they can donate), small hand sanitizers and any hotel size shampoo, etc. (if anyone is traveling).

These items can also be purchased at 99 Cent Store or Dollar Tree.

Thank You,

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond

AMAZON SMILE AND RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Have you signed up for Amazon Smile and/or Ralph's Community Contribution Program yet?

With the Holiday Season approaching, this is the perfect way to shop and help our philanthropies!!

I would love to add more shoppers to the program, so **PLEASE** if you have not registered, and you shop at Ralph's, give them a **call on 800 443-4438** or you can call me and I can help you through the registration process. We need every shopper to help raise money for our charities. This is the absolute easiest way to raise funds, just register and shop!

If you are an online shopper and use Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile. The more we spend with them, the higher the percentage of funds they give us. To register, simply go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>

This is also a great way to double donate, if you donate items to a charity, you can order through Amazon Smile and have them delivered directly.

I would love to help anybody who has questions or would like help in registering, so give me a shout out, a call or an email. Let's get everybody shopping and earning for our charities!

Thanks so much.

Cheryl Deppe 949 2059991

email: cheryldeppe122@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2021

November Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Officers Meeting				Yvonne Vick	
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
	Polly Godman		General Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Joanne Condon			Pick Up Friends & Family Orders		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Shirley Benton Lyon				Happy Thanksgiving!		
28	29	30				
Hanukkah 11/28-12/6						
Ilse Getman						

DECEMBER 2021

December Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
				Lisa Sierveld	Francie Chandler	LC Holiday Boutique
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
			Gina Radocchio Randi Young	Sandy Olinger	Sue Karbach	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sue Andraos		Val Stanton	Sylvia Tieman		Ann Boyt	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Pat Hoffman			Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Kwanzaa 12/26-1/1						