

LAS CANDALISTAS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

I wrote my first draft of this January 2022 Newsletter article a couple of weeks ago due to the holiday rush and busy-ness. It was full of excitement due to all that we have achieved since September 2021 and all that we have planned for the remainder of the year. We have fundraised a large percentage of our year's goal and are on track for a record setting year. We've been in person at: the October and November General Meetings, The Rummage Sale, The Night at the Ranch, and the Las Candalistas Holiday Boutique. Thus far LC life has been fun and festive and "normal". My first draft was downright giddy! (for good reason). However, as we near the end of the year with this new Covid 19 Omicron variant running rampant through our community, I'm feeling like we are heading backwards...

Perhaps I feel this as it hit close to home for me. My husband and I attended a college Bowl game at SoFi Stadium...proof of vaccinations or negative Covid test were required. We are fully vaxed and boosted and we felt safe attending along with the masses. On the 21st my husband tested positive for Covid, our Christmas plans were stopped dead in their tracks and the reality of this time of daily positive test records is once again upon us. On Christmas Eve I got it! Bah Humbug!!! I hear of 1 to 2 people I personally know A DAY who are testing positive. That never happened until lately. Luckily, as with my husband and I, most were fully vaccinated and boosted and the symptoms were mild. Because of this outbreak I feel our **January meetings need to be on Zoom. It is the responsible thing to do!** (Don't you just hate "adulting???"). We will send out the info in an eblast so keep your eye out.

But it's not all doom and gloom! We do have a lot to shout about. Due to the creativity and innovation of our members our budget numbers are excellent. And, due to our generous members and friends we have made the holidays so much brighter for struggling families and shelter members.

A huge thank you to Lisa Nesicolaci and her team for creating and implementing the Las Candalistas Holiday Boutique "Gifts and Giving". It was such a festive, fun, and successful NEW fundraiser for us. (Be sure to read the article to learn more.)

In addition to raising money to support our charities, our Adopt a Family program (lead this year by Kathy Black and Cathy Howard) was able to provide 5 Families very special gifts to remind them that they matter, and that they too are deserving of a wonderful holiday. A huge thank you to all who helped on this initiative. (Read their article for the amazing details. Also be sure to read about ways we can support a couple of our charities this month by donating items as per Cathy and Kathy's plans.)

Also, many thanks to Jan Raymond and Donna Ciminera and the Thrift & Toiletry Bag committee as well as all of you who donated! This year 385 bags were created and distributed to those in need.

As we keep a watch on the Global Pandemic, we still need to have hope that we may be able to plan our **Spring Event** for in person fun this year. We have a team of willing, and able, and super creative gals who have offered up their services to Chair this event. In our January General Meeting we will unveil who they are and hear about their theme and plan. So put your thinking caps on as you will be asked to complete an interest finder and sign up for an event committee that you would like to lead or participate in.

When we keep our eye on the prize (supporting those who need our fundraising to make life healthier, safer, stronger, smarter, cleaner, happier, and sustainable) it's easy to get excited to move forward planning creative and innovative ways we can help! That's what we do best!

Here's hoping and praying for a happy, healthy, and successful New Year for us all!

Karen Stockbridge
President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome to 2022!! We're hoping that you all had a very Happy New Year and you are ready to start the year off with lots of energy and good health! Already we have an excited group of Spring Event Chairs who will be ready to put you to work. So, mark the January Las Candalistas meeting on your calendar...January 12th. We're sure this is going to be a GREAT year!!

Sincerely,

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

PARLIAMENTARIAN

WELCOME TO 2022!

Due to the upsurge of the COVID variants, Las Candalistas thought it prudent that the January 12th General Meeting should be held on Zoom, for the protection of our members and their families.

Information will be sent via email to attend the meeting on Zoom.

9:00 am social

9:30 am meeting starts

At this time the February general meeting is scheduled for the Peninsula Library.

Karyn Farris
Parliamentarian

PHILANTHROPY



Philanthropy is beginning 2022 with much excitement, enthusiasm and anticipation for all that we will be able to do for our charities this year, thanks to our amazing members and phenomenal fund-raising efforts so far. We want to take a quick moment to recap all that we were able to provide in the Fall. Your generosity enabled us to collect enough PPE and other cleaning products to give to Community's Child, Family Promise, The Boys and Girls Club and Harbor Interfaith Shelter; your donations of 150+ books filled shelves at Family Promise, Community's Child, and Harbor Interfaith; and the 150+ canned goods received added many needed items to Community's Child's Thanksgiving food bags. WOW!!!! Thank you so much!!!! Our charities, and we, are very grateful.

Another highlight was made possible by Chris Hardy from Aroma Sensations (one of our vendors at the boutique). She has recently written two books to help children cope with the effects of the pandemic, entitled *Jake and The Pandemic* and the *Purple Unicorn*. She is very eager to get these books into the hands of as many children as possible, so she asked us to reach out to our charities and see if they would like to receive donated copies. Community's Child, Family Promise, Toberman Neighborhood Center and South Bay Children's Health were thrilled to be given multiple copies of each title. Thank you, Chris!

Our focus for the month of January is on the *Marine Mammal Care Center* and *Toberman Neighborhood Center*.



Marine Mammal Care Center is doing well and is starting to receive many new patients. Spring stranding season, where marine mammals may become ill, tired, lost, or separated from their moms when they are young, is right around the corner. They are gearing up for this and collecting donations. At the time of writing the Newsletter, they were half way to their goal of raising \$100,000 by December 31st with their year-end campaign. Meeting this goal will ensure that they are able to care for all of the seal and sea lion pups and patients that will be coming into our center. Their biggest need at this time is for **bleach**, as they are constantly disinfecting.



Toberman Neighborhood Center's K-12 After School Program remains a source of both academic and emotional support for so many children. Their food pantry and daily Grab and Go Meals also continue to meet the nutritional needs of so many in the community. Toberman's current greatest needs are for food and hygiene items for their food pantry. **Food items in high demand are soups/chili, fruit cups, granola bars, canned meat/jerky, coffee, spices, rice, shelf stable milk, and pancake mix. Non-food items in need include diapers, baby food, toilet paper, pet food, can openers and feminine hygiene products.**

[Please drop off requested donation items at either one of our homes.](#)

Thank you so much,

Kathy Black and Cathy Howard
First Vice Presidents, Philanthropy

ROSTER UPDATES

Please correct Sue Karbach's phone number to: (424) 206-2573

Marge Rankin has a new address: 6 Pepper Tree Lane, RHE 90274

If you haven't already, please add our newest member: Sylvia Tieman; 701 Via la Cuesta, PVE 90274; 310-200-3273; syltman@yahoo.com; Birthday 12/15

Laura Henson-Broussard
Corresponding Secretary

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME BACK!

We've missed you and are excited to see you, however, for that to happen, it's very important you attend the General Membership meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. It's a great way to connect with the members and to keep up on what is going on with the organization. Friendly reminder that if you are an Active member, please notify us if you're not able to attend a meeting. Also, if you haven't received your lanyard with your name tag, coming to a meeting is an excellent way to pick it up!

Let's get to wishing the ladies born in January a very happy birthday!



Debbie Sampson	1/02	Penny Robbins	1/08	Stella Bullock	1/10
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 Jesperson	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

Hope to see you soon!

Lorri Mino & Lisa Nesicolaci
Membership Chairs



LC HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Holiday Boutique numbers are in!!!! I am beyond excited to announce that we brought in **OVER \$9000** in income

A few months ago, I had an idea to sell some of our well known Creations, baked goods and Found Treasures, possibly in my driveway. After having to sell online for the past 2 seasons, I thought it would be nice for the people, who shop with us every year, to be able to do so in person again.

In the blink of an eye, it turned into this great event at the church, with vendors and people stepping up to chair, create, bake, donate and work!

I can't begin to thank everyone who supported me and helped me carry out my vision. Being a member of Las Candalistas is an honor, especially working and learning with these amazing ladies that have been doing this for so many years.

A huge thank you to Selina Hamilton, Judy Moorhead and Susan Yamate for taking on a Chair position and all who worked with them coming up with amazing Creations, Found Treasure items and vendors.

Thank you to my bakers who never disappoint with their delicious goodies; Irene Almeida, Monika Bauer, Kathy Black, Nancy Bruce, Donna Ciminera, Cheryl Deppe, Michelle Joye, Shelley Pogorelsky, Marge Rankin, Jan Raymond, and Carla Smith.

Thank you to Lisa Sierveld for the invitation, Laura Webb & Cathy Howard for bringing Friends & Family products, Laura Henson-Broussard for promoting the event through Constant Contact emails and Social Media, and Judy Armstrong and her crew for working cashier and will call.

Thank you to **everyone** who helped set-up, clean-up, worked a shift, took pictures, shopped and just came out to support!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Lisa Nesicolaci
Holiday Boutique Chair



Holiday 'Gifts & Giving Boutique' Dec. 4th

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Adopt-A-Family was a HUGE 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 five...YES...5 adopted families. We provided for two families from Harbor Interfaith (2 adults and 4 children total), two families from Community's Child (2 adults and 6 children total), and one family from the Boys and Girls Club (1 adult and 3 children). In addition, we were able to provide families with grocery store gift cards of \$150.00 each. We would like to thank you for generously donating 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,

Adopt-A-Family Committee

Kathy Black and Cathy Howard, Co-Chairs

Cheryl Deppe, Debbie Bramhall, Carla Smith, Randi Young



EXCURSIONS

Deadline for reservations/refunds is Monday, January 10, 2022.

Our Academy Museum of Motion Pictures excursion is Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 10:00 AM
The address is 6067 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 90036

SAFETY GUIDELINES: ALL GUESTS MUST WEAR A MASK AND PRESENT PROOF OF VACCINATION 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. The museum policy states that once the reservation is confirmed you will not be reimbursed after January 10, 2022.

Your admission ticket will be emailed directly to you. It is an eticket. Print it and bring it with you. If you do not have your ticket you will **not** be admitted into the museum. **No ticket, no admission.**

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 is 744 S. Fairfax Avenue. Non-Petersen visitor parking is \$21. Parking at LACMA's Pritzker parking garage is \$18. It is located at 6000 W. 6th Street. There are a few metered spaces on the street also.

Contact the following members for carpooling: Karyn Farris, Shelley Pogorelsky, Marcia Butler and Lorri Mino. We need more drivers!!

Currently, we are working with a restaurant, near the venue, for a 1 PM lunch. We cannot confirm this information yet, but we will let you know ASAP.

Nancy Bruce and Sue Spellacy
Excursions

WEBSITE

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!

Thank you!

Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis-McGarry
Webmistresses

SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAIL MARKETING (CONSTANT CONTACT)

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!

Email Marketing (Constant Contact):

We have been using Constant Contact for email marketing for several years. I wanted to explain what this is, for those of you who are not familiar with it.

Constant Contact is an email marketing company that will send out emails for your organization. They have professional templates and the ability to send mass emails. If you subscribe to receive emails from your favorite stores, you have most likely received emails via Constant Contact.

We utilize Constant Contact mostly to advertise our events. In fact, our most recent fundraising event, 'A Night at the Ranch,' used Constant Contact as the primary advertising source (along with a follow-up postcard)

All LC members are on the Constant Contact email list so any time one is sent out, you will receive it. You can, in turn, forward it on to friends, which helps us spread the word.

However, often times emails sent through companies like Constant Contact can wind up in your Promotions box or Spam box rather than your Primary inbox. So please check all your inboxes to make sure you haven't missed an email. You can all add lascandalistas@gmail.com to your contact list. That will help.

Thank you!

Laura Henson-Broussard
Social Media and Email Marketing

THRIFT

Thank you for all the very generous donations of toiletries, cosmetics and bags packed by our Christmas Elves. We were able to package 385 kits donated to our charities. Always much needed items and very appreciated.

We checked with the charities while delivering and many are still not accepting donations, so there will be no Thrift collection at the January meeting. We will keep checking.

In the meantime, if you are still purging closets, items can be donated to:

PV Resale, 2321 PCH Lomita, 310-534-1722 – they donate funds to many of the same charities.

Beacon House, 812 S. Pacific Ave, San Pedro, 310-514-4940

Check for days and hours they are open.



LC Elves packing the toiletry bags

Thank You,

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond
Thrift

AMAZON SMILE AND RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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

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

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

Maureen Megowan's husband Bruce passed away after a long battle with cancer:

"I am sad to say that our family has suffered the loss of my loving husband of 42 years and a great father to our 3 sons, Ryan, Brendan and Kevin. Bruce has fought a 20 year battle with end stage Melanoma, Parkinsons and much more. During this time, Bruce co-authored the history book, "Historic Tales of Palos Verdes and the South Bay," and successfully led the drive to get a dog park on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. He was kind, loving and never complained. During the last 9 months, Brendan and Kristen Megowan were married Sept 16, 2021 in Lake Tahoe. Ryan and his wife Natalie had a second baby girl, Teagan Marie in mid August." ---*Maureen*

Polly Goodman's Grandson Andrew passed away on November 18th. He had suffered many medical issues for many years. Polly and Jerry's family were together in Atlanta to support each other, celebrate Andrew, and gather for Thanksgiving all together for the first time in years. Although Andrew's passing was somewhat anticipated, it is still so sad and so hard.

Cards, notes, and prayers would be appreciated.



On Dec 8th, we lost one of our beloved members, Deri Antrim. Deri passed away peacefully in her sleep. Her husband Jim told us that she had been in hospice care for over a year. Deri joined Las Candalistas in 1984. She was very involved at one point, and was admired for her elegance and friendliness. Jim told us that they are planning a memorial for late January. The family does not wish to receive flowers or cards at this time.

And a thank you....

To all the ladies of the meal train:

I owe:

- My **thanks**
- My **joy**
- My **gratefulness**

I so enjoyed the one-on-one, and in a few instances, two-on-one visits. You did a world of good for my physical well-being and my state-of-mind. The meals were delicious and a very welcome change from "make a one-inch slit and microwave on high for five minutes."

To all of you who sent me cards:

I can't stress enough how good your cards made me feel. I appreciate that you took the time to write a personal note. They helped me get through a rough time.

To all of you who called:

Thank you so much for checking on me. Much appreciated.

With love and hugs, *Freddie Benson*

Susan Udewitz and Gina Radocchio
Sunshine and Rain

JANUARY 2022

January Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Debbie Sampson			Officer's Meeting ZOOM			Penny Robbins
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Stella Bullock		General Meeting ZOOM		Shelley Pogorelsky	Joan Kelly
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Excursion to Academy Museum of Motion Pictures	Amy Mosher	Doreen Witty	*see below
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Lorraine Kasse		Bobbie Pomeranz			Susan Udewitz	Marge Rankin
30	31					
	Lorri Mino					

*1/22 Birthdays: Nancy Bruce, Cheryl Deppe, Ann Goodhart, Christina Jespersen, Danielle Weinstock, Janie Woodburn