

LAS CANDALISTAS MAY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Congratulations are in order! Las Candalistas is back!

Our Spring Event, “The Secret Life of Bees” was a HUGE success in so many ways!

1. It was a success financially - At the time of this writing, preliminary numbers show that we should make our net fundraising goal! We can donate more money this year than ever! Our mission of helping the kids and environment is on track!
2. It was a success for our membership - There was a renewed energy in our group over the last few months leading up to a few incredible days doing what we do best! We dusted off our aprons and got back in the mix again.
3. It was a success for our supporters - Our guests were thrilled to be back at a Las Candalistas Event and told us so in so many complimentary ways! Our community continues to hear the buzz about our wonderful organization!
4. It was a success for us as a group - LC Provisional members who joined within the last 3 years have never seen this side of one of our events in person, including our 3 Queen Bees...now they know what we are all about, and understand how we work together and how our special recipe of creativity, hard labor, friendships, logistics, and analysis all come together to create something beautiful. And we've had a chance to discover their talents and get to know them better!

A HUGE thank you to our 3 Queen Bees: Lorri Mino, Lisa Nesicolaci, and Cathy Howard for their countless hours of planning, coordinating, and implementing this successful event! Everything that was within our control went off as planned and was beautiful! Things outside of our control, especially the weather...well...was outside of our control!

Thank you to all the members who stepped up to chair committees, who worked on committees, who donated money or supplies and their time! Thank you to the men who helped on the scene with parking, loading and unloading, set up...and behind the scenes supporting our projects, crafts and our ladies! It took a hive!

Well done. I am so very proud us all!

We only have 2 months of our 2021-2022 LC Year. Time to finish up this year with finalizing our expenses and donations, Philanthropy Distribution and our June Luncheon. And, it's time to look forward to 2022-2023: Philanthropy Nominations, Roster updates, Membership Dues, Budget and Event planning, and unveiling our new leadership team. Please take a moment to think of *your* LC Goal for next year. Where do you fit, what committees do you want to lead or take part in, what organization are you passionate about us helping, how can you best help us achieve our mission?

Looking forward to seeing you at our May Meeting!

Karen Stockbridge
President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Nominating Committee has completed the slate of Officers for the Las Candalistas 2022-23 year. The Committee has done an excellent job and we believe the LC Membership will be very pleased and excited about the leadership for the coming year.

The Officers will be announced at the June luncheon meeting, so be sure to sign up to attend. Just a reminder the Meeting/luncheon will be held on June 8th at the Blue Water Grill starting at 10:30 am. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our April General Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 11th, 2022, at:

Peninsula Center Library
701 Silver Spur Rd.
Rolling Hills 90274

Social: 9:00 am
Meeting: 9:30

Masks are recommended but not mandatory

No outside food or drinks

Voting Associates

Standing rules under membership classification states that any member with at least 6 years as an ACTIVE qualifies to be a VOTING ASSOCIATE.

If you would like to become a VOTING ASSOCIATE, or if you are currently a VOTING ASSOCIATE and wish to maintain voting status **you must contact me in writing with your request.**

The deadline for requests is June 30th.

Please submit request by email to:

Karyn Farris — kafarris7@yahoo.com

Or Mail:

Karyn Farris
5312 Ironwood St.
RPV, Ca 90275

June Luncheon

The June luncheon will be held on Wednesday June 8, 2022, at:

Bluewater Grill Redondo Beach
665 N. Harbor Drive
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

General meeting will begin at 10:30. There will be a station set up for coffee and tea.
Lunch will be served immediately following the meeting; no later than noon.

Please view the menu below:

Bluewater Grill Seated Three Course Lunch

STARTER

Bluewater Garden Salad

Mixed greens, tomatoes, and cucumbers with feta Cheese in a house vinaigrette dressing

ENTREE

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

Boneless Breast of Chicken

With mushrooms in a mustard wine sauce served with tased potatoes and seasoned vegetables

Atlantic Salmon

With dill creme fraiche served with rice pilaf and seasoned vegetables

Gemelli Pasta with Shrimp

Oyster mushroom, asparagus and pesto cream

Vegan/Vegetarian

Stir fry with assorted vegetables and rice in soy sauce

DESSERT

Chocolate black out cake

Soft drinks, iced tea, lemonade and coffee included

Wine and bar drinks are **cash and carry**

Luncheon will be \$45 per member
Please make checks payable to "Las Candalistas"
Please include your Entree choice with your check
Payment is due by Wednesday May 25, 2022

Please pay at the May General Meeting or mail/drop off at:

Karyn Farris
5312 Ironwood St.
Rancho Palos Verdes CA,90275
310-350-0542

Karyn Farris
Parliamentarian

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

The memorial for Sue Von Nordenflycht's husband Arvi will be held June 12th at 1:00 p.m. at the Western Museum of Flight; 3315 Airport Dr., Torrance. Sue is a long-time member of Las Candalistas.

Susan Udewitz and Gina Radocchio
Sunshine and Rain

EXCURSIONS

DATE CHANGE FOR SO-FI STADIUM TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 11th IS THE NEW DATE for the 60 MINUTE SO-FI TOUR. Our tour time is 11:15 AM. The tour includes exploring the premium suites, locker rooms, press room and field access.

This excursion is open to all members and spouses. the cost is \$26 per person. Make your checks payable to Sue Spellacy. Bring your check to the May meeting or mail to Sue. Payment must be received by May 27th. **Cancellation can be made, with a full refund, up to May 27th. After May 27th, sorry no refund.**

We will meet at the stadium at 10:45 am. The address is 1001 Stadium Drive, Inglewood.
Specific details including parking, rules and waivers will be discussed at the May meeting and emailed to individual attendees.

Nancy Bruce and Sue Spellacy
Excursions

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES - 2022 SPRING EVENT



The Queen Bees began their adventure in January. They gathered the most amazing 75+ busy bees for their hive, all who buzzed with excitement and hard work, meeting every challenge with imagination, resourcefulness, and determination. Each member performed their “waggle dances” with fortitude, beauty, and grace. And in the end, they created an amazing ‘Honey of a Spring Event’.

We are so grateful to all of you who have been there to guide, support, and encourage us during every step of this journey. We thank you for bee-lieving in, and having faith in, the three of us who had never even been part of planning a Spring Event in the past. You have carried us through!

The day was fabulous!! Our Bee theme was beautifully displayed in every area of the venue from the gorgeous beehive centerpieces and flower arrangements, our classy Hive Bar, the bright, cheery libations tent, and the elegant entrance into the luncheon area; to our Garden, Creations, Bake and Silent Auction areas each filled with bee themed and other fabulous items. And who could resist reading all those fun bee facts placed around the venue.

Our diverse group of vendors and our Found Treasures added to a great day of shopping. The highlight of the day was our adorable speaker Alysa Quitariano who bee-dazzled all with her passion, knowledge, and humor about the bee. It was also wonderful to have Cabrillo Marine Aquarium’s Educational Van with us to give our guests a peak into one of the programs we support. From the beginning to the end of the day, all were thrilled to be back at one of our events after three years. Their positivity, praise and enthusiasm filled the air.



Again, we can’t begin to thank you all enough for ‘beeing’ part of our hive. Our goal was to produce the best kind of honey imaginable, funds for not only our Top 3 charities, but also as much as possible for our other 14 charities. The numbers aren’t in yet, but all points towards outstanding results. When combined with the proceeds of all our other fundraising efforts this year, we are hopeful we will be able to support many, many children in need and help to protect our environment. Our Las Candalistas Hive is built on friendships, the ability to work together for a common goal, creativity, and love, and with those all things are possible.

Remember the Bumblebee does something impossible every day.

Your Queen Bees,
Cathy Howard, Lisa Nesicolaci, and Lorri Mino

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES - COMMITTEES

Garden Shop

We are so pleased to report that the Garden Shop was a tremendous success!! Both the guests and the LC Members commented on the beautiful flower and succulent arrangements as well as the Wind Chimes, the hanging Garden Art, the French terra cotta and decoupage pots and beautiful fluorescent stones, the hanging baskets, the beautiful air plant wood plaques, the terrariums, the Garden Chandelier, the beautiful succulent wreaths, the Buddha Lantern, and on and on and on! The guests wanted to know who created all the wonderful and creative products.

So, we answered them by saying that "it takes a village"... and our Las Candalistas Village is very, very talented!! And very generous as well. So many things were donated to help stir our creative juices!!

THANK YOU TO:

Doris Brigham for the lovely pots and wreathes and other containers used to plant flowers and succulents, and so many of the unusual items (keys, sea shells, crochet hooks, etc., etc., etc.) that were used to create the lovely and unusual Wind Chimes.

Laura Henson-Broussard, Jennifer Sittel, Francie Chandler, Janie Hasselman, Susan Sanborn, and Susan Yamate for donations of containers. And **Ann Goodhart** for donating a garden chandelier.

Karyn Farris, Judy Armstrong, and Michelle Joye who allowed us to forage through their gardens and harvest many lovely and unusual plants for the arrangements. And **Carla Smith** who donated succulents from her yard and gardening supplies.

Tracey Peffer and Lynda Black's husband, Benson for cutting and sanding the bottoms (and tops) of the wine bottles we used for making the Wind Chimes.

Marlyn Franklin, Michelle Joye, and Janie Woodburn for their help in planting the many of the lovely flower arrangements.

And **Cindy Macfarlane and Monika Bauer** for their never ending energy and creative ideas about how to create beautiful and fun arrangements!!

WE CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!! IT WAS A LOT OF WORK, BUT MORE IMPORTANT, IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!!!

Karen Stockbridge and Laura Webb
Garden Shop, Co-Chairs

Libations

To my libations ladies, Sue Spellacy, Sara Jane Bettge, Pramila Tekchandani, Robyn DeWitt and Stella Bullock:

Thank you so much for helping with Libations!

And thank you Barb Morel for making the iced tea and lemonade!

I'm sorry I missed the day, but it looked spectacular. I heard great reports from my friends.

Thank you Ann Goodhart and Belinda Kerkorian for your decorations for our booth.

Paula Redmond
Libations Chair

Parking

A gracious thanks to all if the volunteers who helped with Parking. It made for a smooth and pleasant event.

Karyn Farris & Danielle Weinstock
Parking Co-Chairs

The Hive Bar



The Hive Bar was buzzing!

Cheryl and Joanie would like to thank all of you for your support of the Hive Bar on the day of the event, as well as purchasing the remaining bottles of the Catalina View Garden wine. We sold it all!

As you would have noticed, the Hive Bar was a the most amazing area; beautifully designed and decorated by the talented ladies of Ambience. Belinda Krekorian and Ann Goodhart did a spectacular job creating a bar that we were so proud to be a part of. We can't thank them enough for their hard work and their amazing vision for the Hive Bar.

And of course, we were so proud to be able to serve the wine in real glasses, all hand etched with a Bee design, created by Judy Armstrong. We all owe Judy a huge thanks for her generosity in providing the glasses and her hours spent hand etching the glasses. It was wonderful to be able to offer these classy glasses at the event. Thank you so much Judy!

Thanks again!

Cheryl Deppe and Joan Sedillo
The Hive Barkeepers

Social Media and Constant Contact (Email Marketing)

Thank you to everyone who liked and shared our social media posts and forwarded our Constant Contact emails. It does make a difference! You helped make this a SOLD OUT event!!!

Laura Henson-Broussard
Social Media and Email Marketing

Luncheon

Thank You Lunch Servers

Thank you all so much for graciously accepting your “Server” assignment and double duty for the day! You were all awesome! The genuine gratitude from our guests was exactly what we had hoped for, to make each of them feel special and appreciated and we did just that.

Thank you for also taking home the tablecloths and plastic tubs to clean for us. **Please don't forget to bring them to the May General Meeting.** Polly and I will be returning them to our storage unit after the meeting.

Thanks again, you are all just the best!

Irene Almeida
Head Waitress

Luncheon Liaison

Thank you so much ladies for loaning us your beautiful baskets for our luncheon. The lunch delivery went very smoothly and quickly. Our ladies were so quick and helpful it was a joy to work with everyone. Thank you to all of the ladies and gentlemen that helped us in and around the luncheon tent. You made our job easy and fun!

Gina Radocchio
Luncheon Liaison

Silent Auction

Thank you, thank you, to everyone that donated silent auction prizes. We had some fabulous prizes that our guests enjoyed bidding on.

Every item sold, except the Wyland painting, which we will keep for the Fall event. Many of the items were very popular! The most hotly contested items were the Paso Robles package, the Pickleball Package, BeachLife tickets and the Magic Castle tickets.

Thanks to those that bid, and congratulations to those that won prizes. Thank you to Sue Soldoff, Nanci Browning and Laura Henson on the day of the event.

We hate to say it, but let's start thinking about the fall event during the summer months. You may see some unusual items while away on vacation or see tickets to a great show or concert. Grab them while you can!

Best wishes,
Kathy Black and Debbie Sampson
Silent Auction Co-Chair

Secret Life of Bees After Party!

Oh what a night and a wonderful way to celebrate the success of The Secret Life of Bees. Everyone was buzzing at Raffaello's in San Pedro where the guests enjoyed a nice buffet followed by speeches from Karen and the Queen Bees thanking everyone for all their hard work. A big thank you to Stella Bullock who took the task on to find a restaurant that would accommodate us on such short notice. We'd like to thank everyone who came out to join us for a fun night! Until next year!!!



Member, Friends & Family Sale

The Spring Event is like the Energizer Bunny, it keeps going and going and on Saturday, 4/30 we held a sale for all the fabulous items that didn't get sold during The Secret Life of Bees. Selina Hamilton opened up her driveway for the sale and we thank you for everything from your tables, umbrellas, refreshments and your time. The diehard crew of Karen Stockbridge, Janie Hasselman, Polly Goodman, Cindy MacFarland, Lorri Mino, Lynda Black, and Laura Webb sold to guests treasures that would have just been locked away. The sale was a total success and we made over \$2,000! A job well done by all.



MEMBERSHIP

It's hard to believe that we're only two months away before we end for the summer! Time flies when you're having fun. Membership still has a few tasks they need to get done and they include you!

- The final date to notify us of a status change is May 15th
- It's that time again to start collecting dues. All dues must be turned in by June 30th in order to have your name in our roster. The due fees are:
 - Active - \$75 (\$55 + \$20 supply fee)
 - Associate - \$95 (\$75 + \$20 supply fee)
 - Sustainer - \$100
- Please fill out the membership dues form attached to this newsletter (and in the Members Only section of the LC website), include your check made out to Las Candalistas and mail to Lisa Nesicolaci – 24288 Ward Street, Torrance, CA. 90505 or Venmo @Lisa-Nesicolaci. You can also turn in your dues at our May General meeting. **We appreciate your quick response in sending them in.**
- Please let us know if you have any changes that need to be made to the 2022-2023 roster.
- We are anxiously waiting for any names of potential members. We would like to meet with them and if they are interested, introduce them at our June Luncheon.



Cheryl Gutierrez, 5/01
Karyn Ferris, 5/18
Debbie Bramhall, 5/25
Janie Hasselman, 5/30

Sue von Nordenflycht, 5/01
Anne Nelson, 5/19
Belinda Krekorian, 5/26
Laura Henson-Broussard, 5/30

Marcia Butler, 5/17
Susan Creed, 5/21
Jan Raymond, 5/27

Lorri Mino & Lisa Nesicolaci
Membership Chairs

THRIFT

We will be collecting Thrift at the May meeting. Three of the charities we usually donate to are now accepting donations.

This will be our only collection this year.

Items needed are clothing for Men, Women and Children and small household items. Please make sure all clothing is clean and in good condition and that all appliances are in working condition.

One request from House of Hope is for clothing in larger sizes and bras (sport bras) are good as they don't have to be an exact fit. They also need some hygiene products, e.g. Tampons, Body Wash, Deodorant

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.
- Salvation Army – collection at Salvation Army Crestmont College, 30840 Hawthorne Blvd, RPV or Salvation Army Thrift Store, 4310 PCH, Torrance.

If anyone is travelling and collecting the hotel size shampoo, etc., we will collect those for our holiday toiletry kits. They can be brought to Jan's home, but call or email to make sure she is home.

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond
Thrift



PHILANTHROPY

It's the most wonderful time of the year!!! It's that time in our Las Candalistas' year when we distribute our funds to our Top 3 Charities, 1736 Family Crisis Center, Community's Child and Friends of Cabrillo Aquarium and determine what additional funds are available for our other 14 nominated charities. We have had a tremendous fund-raising year and are so excited about what we will be able to do.

We invite you to attend our **Philanthropy Distribution Meeting on Monday, June 6th** at 1:00 PM at the Palos Verdes Library (same room as our General Meeting). Please come if you would like to advocate for your favorite charity. We will send an eblast before the Meeting to you remind you of each charity's program and monetary request.

Our Top 3 will be presented with their checks during our June luncheon.

It's also the time when we begin accepting nominations for our 2022-2023 Charities. The nomination form can be found attached to this newsletter and in the Member's Only section of the LC website.. We will also have the forms at our General Meeting. Remember, you will need two additional signatures on your submitted nomination. Please email them to both Kathy ksmiljanich@aol.com and Cathy dcamhoward@sbcglobal.net, or drop them off at one of our homes by **June 30th**.

This month we would like to highlight Providence TrinityKids. Kristin Conforti shared this update with us.



As the only pediatric hospice and palliative care program serving Los Angeles and Orange Counties, TrinityKids Care is essential. Without it, children would spend their last days in a hospital, away from the familiar

comforts of home, their pets, and the things they love most. Parents and siblings would have to navigate the illness without the invaluable emotional support and full scope of medical care that we provide. Our last census has the largest number of children served to date at 86.

As families come on service, a financial assessment is completed to ensure fundamental needs are met. These needs can range from complete Patient Care Assistance (charity care) to providing basic services including rental assistance, phone or utility bills, food vouchers, and medical supplies (Necessities of Life). Approximately 15% of our families are provided with these services.

When we put one child on service, we care for an entire family. Social services and counseling are available to all members of the family, from parents, grandparents and most especially siblings. We have art therapy programs specifically designed for children. So, when you look at the number of children served, it's much more than just the ill child.

It is important to note that hospice care does not end with the death of a loved one. Bereavement support services are provided for 13-months beyond the loss giving families an appropriate setting in which to express their grief fully. Survivor services include home visits, one-on-one counseling by hospice clinical social workers; on-going telephone support by trained bereavement volunteers; access to our bereavement support groups; get-togethers designed to help survivors cope with approaching anniversaries and holidays.

We would love to ask for in-kind donations of gift cards for our Necessities of Life Program, Target and grocery are best. The demand has increased for our families, due to the dual burden of the impacts of the pandemic and their child's terminal illness. We are endlessly grateful for you shining your bright light on our families, thank you! Please bring donations to our May General Meeting on My 11th.

Thank you so much,

Cathy Howard and Kathy Black
First Vice Presidents, Philanthropy

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

AMAZON SMILE AND
RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Many thanks for all of you who participate in the Ralph's and Amazon Smile programs. Your shopping has been noted!

Here are the contributions for the first quarter of 2022:

Ralph's Community program - \$412.94

Amazon Smile - \$130.87

It would be great to increase the Amazon Smile contribution so if you have not yet set your Amazon account to Smile, please do! Every dollar counts to help out our charities.

Here are the instructions:

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!

Cheryl Deppe

Community Contribution Program Coordinator

cheryl.deppe122@gmail.com

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MAY 2022

May Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Cheryl Gutierrez Sue von Nordenflycht			Officer's Meeting			
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
			General Meeting			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Marcia Butler	Karyn Farris	Anne Nelson		Susan Creed
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Debbie Bramhall	Belinda Krekorian	Jan Raymond	
29	30	31				
	Janie Hasselman Laura Henson					