

LAS CANDALISTAS NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a busy few months! Thank you, Cathy Howard and Kathy Black, for organizing our Philanthropy presentations and videos, for our October meeting. Congratulations to **1736 Crisis Center, Community's Child and a new one to our top 3, Manes for Movement**. What a difficult choice it was. We are hoping and keeping our fingers crossed that we have another record-breaking year, so we can once again help all our charities that applied!

Starry, Starry Night was another successful event, thank you to our leading stars Lorri Mino and Janie Woodburn for your months of hard work. It certainly paid off. We have already received some wonderful comments:

"Kudos to you and your team of Las Candalistas members for a really fun event last Friday. As usual, it was truly first class...from the champagne cocktail that was presented to us when we entered to the array of desserts. It was the first Las Candalistas event that my husband has attended, and his comment was: "Think of what Rotary could do with a group of ladies like this!" It was indeed a very special Starry, Starry Night! "

"Another smashing success ladies. Thank you for a wonderful evening."

"This was our first "rodeo" and we really enjoyed everything.... My husband was so impressed with the organization of all the fund-raising opportunities! It was an impressive, well executed event! "

We are still calculating the results and will reveal those at the November meeting.

The Pampered Chef Day resulted in Las Candalistas receiving over \$1,000! Thank you, Selina Hamilton, for coordinating our new 'small fundraisers' and for hosting the next one. As we are typing this, we are eagerly awaiting the results of the 'Bettolino Giving Tuesday' results. It was very fun seeing so many LC Members family and friends enjoying the good food there, knowing that at the same time Las Candalistas receives 15% from those sales. Thank you to Lynda Black for organizing this.

And we have more.... Lorri Mino is organizing the AR workshop event on November 13th. Details should have already hit your inbox. Sounds so much fun! Thank you, Lorri!

A big thank you to our Jelly Gals! When no one volunteered, Ann Goodhart, Janie Hasselman, and Janie Woodburn have saved the day by stepping up to coordinate/make a limited number of our famous Cranberry Jalepeno Jelly!

We are now busy getting ready for our Holiday Boutique, November 19th, thank you to Lisa Nesicolaci and Susan Yamate for spearheading this, more details are further in the newsletter.

There is no newsletter in December so please mark your calendars for the **LC Holiday Party! Sunday December 11th at Raffaello Ristorante in San Pedro. 5:00pm**. We'll be sending out an evite this month with all the details. Not just a boring holiday party! Significant others invited as well.

The Spring event is gathering momentum and we should have lots to share at the November meeting.....

Our new social groups have all kicked off and members have already met for Bunco and Book Club, and Dinner for 6 groups have all been notified.

Our Superhero of the month went to our very talented florist Val Stanton, thank you Val for brightening up our events and meetings.



We are so grateful and proud to be a part of this hardworking and creative group of women!

We wish you all a happy, safe, healthy, and fun Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Laura Henson and Debbie Sampson
Co-Presidents

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Since this is the last newsletter of 2022, the Board of Directors wishes you a safe and healthy holiday season!!

2022-23 Board of Directors

Laura Webb, Chair, Janie Hasselman, Sharon Logan, Janie Woodburn, Gina Radocchio

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9th. We will be back at the **Peninsula Center Library Community Room** (on the library level) at 701 Silver Spur Road, RHE.

9:00 Social and 9:30 Meeting begins

Reminder: There will be no General Meeting in December

Parliamentarian,
Lisa Nesicolaci

PHILANTHROPY

We were thrilled to have representatives from our Top Six charities, 1736 Family Crisis Center, Community's Child, Friends of Cabrillo Aquarium, Manes for Movement, South Bay Children's Health Center, and the Wyland Foundation, attend our General Meeting on October 12th. We are grateful that so many of our members were there to hear them speak. 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 who were not present at the meeting had been given an absentee ballot upon request from Lisa Nesicolaci, 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 2022-2023 fundraising year are ***1736 Family Crisis Center, Community's Child, and Manes for Movement***. 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 2022-2023 nominated charities. We can do it!!!!!!



In keeping with our efforts to learn more about our other eight 2022-2023 nominated charities, David Bader from the *Marine Mammal Care Center* will be coming to speak at our November 9th General Meeting. He has graciously sent us a

quick update on MMCC, prior to his coming. He writes:

Marine Mammal Care Center (MMCC) is looking forward to our speaking engagement with Las Candalistas on 11/9/22. As we move towards the end of the year, MMCC is finishing up our stranding season and gearing up for a new season, which typically begins around February. In February and March, newly weaned elephant seals and California Sea Lions head out to sea for a life on their own. A percentage of these pups will have a hard time finding the food they need to thrive and will strand on our local beaches to be rescued and brought to MMCC for rehabilitation and a second chance at life in the ocean.

Over the past few months, we have also seen a number of Sea Lions affected by an algal toxin called domoic acid. This neurotoxin can cause severe problems for local marine life. Most of our patients suffering from domoic acid toxicosis have recovered and are now released.

To celebrate the Holidays, MMCC is hosting our annual Holiday Boutique on December 4th. More information about this event can be found here. <https://marinemammalcare.org/events/holiday/>



MMCC would appreciate donations of bleach. Bleach must say “disinfecting bleach”. They are also grateful for donations of Dawn dish soap, gift cards for gas, Home Depot, and Amazon. Please bring donations to the General meeting on November 9th. If you have a donation and can’t attend the meeting, please drop off donation at Cathy’s home, 3301 Danaha St., Torrance, prior to the meeting. Thank you so much!!!

Cathy Howard and Kathy Black
1st Vice Presidents Philanthropy

Making Jelly at the Church

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 15, 9:00 am

It’s time to get together to make jelly for our friends, family, and the Holiday Boutique, catch up with old friends and make new ones. (And have some laughs too.) There will be several jobs that need to be done, so your help is needed. If you can’t be there all day, come whenever you have a few hours free.

If anyone would like to volunteer to organize lunch for the workers for the one day, please contact Ann Goodhart.

A big thank you to those that returned jars!
See you at the church!

Riviera United Methodist Church
375 Palos Verdes Blvd., RB
9:00 am

Ann Goodhart
Head Jelly Coordinator

LC HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

We are so excited that the Holiday Boutique is just around the corner! Please come and bring your friends and family to shop LC Creations, Sweet Shoppe, Jams, Found Treasures and over 15 outside vendors! It will be the perfect time to get in some holiday shopping or just treat yourself. Please share the attached flyer with your friends and family. Such a great FREE event!



Saturday, November 19th 10:00-3:00
St. Lawrence Martyr Church Hall
1940 S. Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach



We still need help!

We have set-up from **8:30-10:00**, shifts from **10:00-12:30**, **12:30-3:00** at a booth and clean up from **3:00-5:00**.

Please contact me at lisanesi90@yahoo.com.

Lisa Nesicolaci & Susan Yamate
Holiday Boutique Chairs

ADOPT A FAMILY

Ho Ho Ho...we still have a long way to go!!! With only 58 days until Christmas, we are in desperate need of checks and/or gift cards for our Adopt a Families. 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 blessing come true for our soon to be 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. Donation receipts will be posted on our website. Here is how you can help support our efforts to provide the most magical and memorable Christmas for our adopted families. We only have 58 more days!



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

Checks: Payable to Kathy Black (or Las Candalistas)

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

Kathy Black and Cathy Howard
Adopt a Family Co-Chairs

SMALL SOCIAL FUNDRAISERS

The fabulous event for this month is on Sunday, November 13th, 1-4pm at the AR Workshop in Torrance. Seating is limited so please book your spaces. If you are unable to attend the event in person, you can always purchase projects to do at home with family and friends this holiday. Heck! Just purchase a bunch to give out as gifts. See how I made it a “no brainer”? More info directly below and on attached flyer...

Be on the look out for *Gift Wrap Fiesta* in December!

If you've got a great idea for a fun event that could benefit our philanthropies and combine a social aspect for our membership, please call or text me directly at (626)399-8887. Note that contacting me on email is a much slower response. Thanks. 🍂🍂 Selina

Selina Hamilton

Small Social Fundraisers

HOLLY JOLLY SMALL FUNDRAISER AT AR WORKSHOP SUNDAY, 11/13 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Have you signed up for our next small fundraiser, the Holly Jolly Crafty Workshop at AR Workshop in Torrance? Hopefully, you saw the Eblast that went out on Wednesday of this week.

We have an inhouse workshop on Sunday, 11/13, for the first 30 that sign up. Invite your family and friends. This will be a great opportunity to meet new members and catch up with old friends as you craft away and make money for our charities and enjoy wine and snacks. If we have 21+ sign up, we can receive 15%.

The 2nd fundraiser is a DIY fundraiser where you can purchase kits that include everything you need to have a fun activity at home with your family and friends over the holidays. Please share this flyer with your social media. For this fundraiser, if we sell over 31 kits, we can get 20%.

If you have any questions, please contact Lorri Mino at 310-749-5997 or lorrymino@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and happy crafting!

Lorri Mino

MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder the next meeting will be at the PENINSULA CENTER LIBRARY – 701 Silver Spur Rd. Rolling Hills Estates. Please remember to wear your badge! If you cannot make it contact either Susan Yamate (wrapwithme@gmail.com) or Randi Young (theyoungshome@earthlink.net)

We would like to welcome our newest member, Carolyn Pohlner! Please add her info to your roster. Carolyn Pohlner 20528 Vaccaro Ave Torrance 90503 cpohlner@gmail.com C: 310-963-1651
Carolyn missed the Social but will be jumping right in to help with upcoming events!



BIRTHDAYS

Yvonne Vick 11/5 - Polly Goodman 11/13 - Joanne Condon 11/15 - Shirley Lyon 11/21



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!
Susan Yamate and Randi Young



FALL FUNDRAISER

WOW....did that just happen? Another fabulous sold-out event at the Empty Saddle Club. And just like that, it's over but not without making money for this year's charities. We focused on what worked last year which included our Live Auction with Elite Fundraising, a delicious buffet brought to us by Jean

Cordero from Entertaining Friends, our Wine Pull with some great and exciting wines along with a raffle for a charcuterie board, the Silent Auction with a plethora of fun items to bid on, a welcome champagne in a beautiful etched flute and last but not least, South Bay's favorite, Andy and Renee and Hard Rain. New to this year's event, we included a Photo Booth from Foto Mirror and Clark Brown amazed us with his magic. How did we fit all this fun in to 4 ½ hours! Thank you to all of you!

All this couldn't happen without the help of our members...from purchasing a ticket, to donating wine or a silent auction item and helping with the event. We can't thank you enough.

Thank you to Debbie Sampson, Laura Henson-Broussard, Karen Stockbridge, and Ann Goodhart, otherwise known as our Starlets. You went above and beyond, and we thank you for your support and all your help.

Thank you to our fabulous Wine Pull committee, Kathy Black, Hollidae Brown and Randi Young. Congratulations on selling out! You outdid yourselves and everything looked beautiful.

Thank you to Irene Almeida and Cheryl Deppe for leading our check-in and for Nancy Bruce and Carla Smith for joining the committee. Well Done!

Thank you to Nanci Browning for leading our amazing and courageous cashiers, Janis Davis, Polly Goodman and Danielle Weinstock. It's a very difficult job and we appreciate you.

We thank Val Stanton for her flower arrangements that beautified our event.

We'd also like to thank all those that helped out at the event, and I truly hope we don't forget anybody. In no particular order:

Sharon Logan, Judy and Chuck Armstrong, Cindy Macfarlane, Lynda Black, Cathy and Dave Howard, Gina and Joe Radocchio, Janice Petrosino, Karyn Ferris, Sue Soldoff, Doug Smith, Debbie Bramhall, Joanie Sedillo, Stella Bullock, Ralph Brown, Greg Broussard, Nick Sampson, Lisa Nesicolaci, Paula Redmond, Joanne Mineo, Laura Webb, John and Julie Waldron.

We were truly honored to chair our first fundraiser of the year.

Lorri Mino and Janie Woodward
Shining Stars

BOOK CLUB



Amy Mosher hosted our first Book Club adventure on Thursday, October 27. We had a fun discussion about THE BOYS IN THE BOAT. George Clooney (sigh) is now producing/directing a movie based on the book!

Our next meeting will be hosted by Joan Sedillo on Thursday, December 1 at 4pm. 2007 Perry Avenue, Redondo Beach. CA

We chose THE LIBRARY BOOK by Susan Orlean. It is a fascinating story about the Los Angeles Public Library's history. For example, in 1986, a fire destroyed over a million books and no one knew how the fire started.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Marlyn Franklin. More information will be available at our November meeting.

Marlyn Franklin
Book Club

ROSTER DISTRIBUTION

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

Karen Stockbridge
Corresponding Secretary

THRIFT – NOVEMBER 2022

We will **NOT** be collecting Thrift items at the November meeting. This is the final month we collect the new cosmetic and toiletry items for the Holiday Gift bags that we deliver to our charities in December. Please hold all Thrift items of clothing, etc and used cosmetics until January.

TOILETRIES

Last year, with your generous donations, we donated 385 bags to our charities. 120 of these bags are for men. The following items are needed for both women and men:

Men

Toiletry bags – We can always use more. Dark colors for men (airline kits work well for this too), deodorant, combs, razors.

Women

Toiletry bags, deodorant, combs, makeup, lipstick and nail polish.

Toothbrushes and small tubes of toothpaste for all kits – please ask your dentist to donate. And keep collecting the hotel toiletries!!

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond
Thrift

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

Donna Scoular had a fall and broke her humerus (upper arm) in 2 places. She also ended up with stitches on her forehead. She spent a number of days in the hospital but is now home. Please call or text Carla Smith at 310-871-4101 if you can help with MEALS please.

We have learned that one of our former members Ann Carley passed on October 22, 2022.

Monika Bauer reports grandson, “Wolfy, is receiving physical and occupational therapy. He’s walking much better and can actually jump. We are so blessed! Thank-you for your prayers.”

Doris Brigham says she is not 100% but doing OK. Fractured arm is healing but not completely healed yet. Been in and out of hospital and still trying to figure out pancreas issues. She is very grateful for our support and caring.

Judy Hessick is still in a sling for her fractured arm. Going 10/31 to surgeon and see how she is healing and if surgery possibly is indicated. Husband Dave had a fall, needed stitches in his knee, and is coming along OK. She is very thankful for all Las Candalistas has done for them and especially the delicious meals.

Pat Hoffman is improving weekly and should be home in two weeks, so possibly 2nd week in November. She thanks everyone for the prayers and good wishes.

Shelley Pogorelsky’s fractured wrist is healing and she will hopefully be out of her 2nd cast by Thanksgiving or shortly thereafter. Thanks to all.

Susan Udewitz is very happy that Dave came home on 10/26. He will continue his recovery from his stroke at home. He’s very determined and working hard. The doctors predict almost full recovery within six months. He has found all the cards and messages from our Las Candalistas members very heartwarming.

Carla Smith
Rain and Shine

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

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 2022

November Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
			Officers Meeting			Yvonne Vick
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
		Polly Goodman	General Meeting LIBRARY			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
AR WORKSHOP 1-4pm		Joanne Condon Jelly Making Riviera United Methodist Church 9am				HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 10-3 St. Lawrence Redondo Beach
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Shirley Benton Lyon			Happy Thanksgiving! 		
27	28	28	30			

DECEMBER 2022

December Birthdays

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