

LAS CANDALISTAS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

November/December recap:

- Thank you to Lisa Nesicolaci and Susan Yamate for heading up a very successful Holiday Boutique. Well done ladies! We had a fabulous turnout, and we made more than last year!! The event looked fabulous and festive, and we had lots of happy shoppers. More details are in the newsletter.
- Our Adopt-A-Family leaders, Kathy Black and Cathy Howard were hard at work making sure 5 in need families had a Merry Christmas. Due to our generous members, we have made the holidays so much brighter for these struggling families. A huge thank you to all who helped on this initiative.
- 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 279 bags for women and 125 bags for men were created and distributed to those in need.



- Our Holiday Party, organized by your co-presidents, at Raffaello's in San Pedro was a blast! 60 people attended and enjoyed a delicious dinner, festive ambience, a fun Favorite Things game, and the camaraderie of their LC family. Congrats to Lorri Mino, Marcia Butler, Nick Trutanich and Cheryl Deppe for winning best dressed honors!

It's January so that means it's time to devote our attention to the Spring Event. This year we'll be 'Jammin' with the Jellyfish,' April 29th, 2023, at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. We hope you will support our chairs and take an active role in what will be an amazing and memorable event. Details are below in the newsletter.

We need to add more names to our email/ mailing list. Both would be great but if you can only get one, then email is preferred. However, please note that we must have permission to place someone on our email list. Only give us names of your friends/family/acquaintances who understand they will be put on our email list. They may unsubscribe at any time, and we will never share their information. **Send all names with email and/or mailing address to Laura HB: lauh6491@gmail.com**

In closing, we warmly welcome all our remarkable LC members to 2023 and wish you love, health, and happiness! And, like the jelly fish, go with the flow, and have fun!

Debbie Sampson and Laura Henson-Broussard
Co-Presidents

WHO IS THE MYSTERY DONOR?

We recently received a very generous donation of \$250.00 in the form of a check through Benevity. Benevity is a platform used for non-profits to receive donations. No information comes with the check, such as the name of the donor. We have to access our profile to get that information. Apparently, we are set-up with Benevity but we don't know who set the account up. Therefore, we don't know the username or password.

If this was you or if you have information about this, please let us know so we can access our account! We would love to thank this kind person properly. However, it could be that they prefer to remain anonymous. If that is the case, then thank you, thank, thank you!

Please contact me if you have any clues to this mystery.

Gratefully,

Laura HB

lauhen6491@gmail.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happiest New Year and Welcome to 2023!! We're hoping that you all had a lovely holiday season this past month and a very Happy New Year! We're also hoping that 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 11th Las Candelistas General meeting at the Peninsula Center Library on your calendars. We're sure this is going to be a GREAT year!!

The Board members are getting ready to create the Nominating Committee that will be instrumental in selecting the LC leadership for 2023-24. Two members of the committee are LC members-at-large. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please contact one of the Board members. This is also the time to start thinking about serving as an officer, so please make that interest known to a Board member. We are especially interested in identifying someone who might be willing and able to step up now to begin training to fill the position of Treasurer for next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!!

Board of Directors

Laura Webb, Chair, Sharon Logan, Secretary, Janie Hasselman, Gina Raddochio, Janie Woodburn

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Welcome back everyone! See you all at the January General Meeting at the Peninsula Library at 701 Silver Spur Rd., RHE. Please bring your own coffee and/or water.

9:00 – Social 9:30 – Meeting begins

**Lisa Nesicolaci,
Parliamentarian**

SPRING EVENT 2023



Ready....Set.....GO!!!

Now that the holidays are behind us, it's time to focus on our next fundraiser.

We hope you are looking forward to:

'Jammin' with the Jelly Fish.'

Saturday April 29th, 2023, on the patio of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. 5:30-10:30.

Chairs: Lynda Black, Laura HB, Debbie Sampson, Karen Stockbridge, and Randi Young.

We have never done a fundraiser quite like this, so we need everyone on board with us. We have the venue, we have the caterer, we have a band and auctioneer, now we need members to take an active role and **we need "chairs"** in place. If you haven't filled out the interest finder we sent in November, please do so and return to Debbie Sampson debs744@hotmail.com by January the 11th. Remember all Active members are required to fill this in. It's attached to this newsletter. Associates and Sustainers can join in the fun too. We will start marketing this event very soon and will open Ticket Sales in February. Start telling your friends and family to Save the Date.

Another important request: **We need sponsors and donors for this event.** Although the venue has been given to us free of charge, everything that we need for the event has gone up in price. The more we can underwrite, the more money we can give our philanthropies who really need our help. We're looking for corporate sponsors, small business sponsors or private donors. We have re-looked at our Donor and Sponsorship program and now divided them into two programs. This will make it easier to target corporate and private donations. Please think about who you think would love to partner with us! See the attached sponsor (for business cash donations) and donor (for individual cash donations) sheets for detailed benefits of sponsorship and donations. Let us know if you have any questions or ideas.

We are excited and hope you are too!

**Lynda Black, Karen Stockbridge, Laura Henson, Randi Young, and Debbie Sampson
Chairs, Spring Event 2023**



PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy is beginning 2023 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. In November, we were happy to welcome David Bader from the Marine Mammal Care Center. His talk and slide presentation were extremely informative and thought-provoking, encouraging each of us to find ways that we can do more to protect our environment. Thank you to all who donated bleach and gift cards. MMCC was very grateful.

Our January General Meeting will feature speakers from two more of our charities, Tena Yatrourissis from Momentum Pediatric Therapy Network and Cathy Caesar from Toberman Neighborhood Center. Each of them has sent us a quick update on what's happening with their groups, in addition to their requests for in-kind donations that you may bring to our meeting.

momentum. innovative disability services In July of 2021, Pediatric Therapy Network merged with Momentum to become Momentum Pediatric Therapy Network (MPTN). Now MPTN provides the same exceptional early interventions and therapies for infants through age 14 that "PTN" has been providing for years. Over the last year we moved confidently into the post-COVID healthcare landscape restoring all our programs and services to take place in person.

- Leaps and Bounds Early Intervention for 18 to 36 months at risk or with development disabilities.
- Early Start Denver Model for small group intervention for 12 to 36 months with a diagnosis or at risk for autism.
- Buddy Club for 4 to 12 years old with disabilities to develop social skills.
- Early Head Start pre-pre-school program for children who live beneath the poverty line.
- AAC Augmentative Assisted Communication programs for non-verbal children.
- The Feeding Clinic for children with sensory issues and developmental delays that impair their nutrition.
- And of course, Camp Escapades offering the complete summer camp experience for children ages 5 to 14 years with disabilities and medical conditions.

We remain extremely grateful to Las Candalistas for empowering Momentum Pediatric Therapy Network to transform the lives of children and their families regardless of their challenges.

Momentum has been collecting and distributing gifts in their community through the Holiday Season and will continue to collect gifts in January to prepare for their Share the Love season in February. Please check out this link for their in-kind donation requests.

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/3NZNBI4WIXYAY/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl



Toberman Neighborhood Center (TNC) continues to welcome children, youth, and families by offering programs to improve the quality of life towards building a safe and healthy community. TNC currently serves 10,000+ individuals and families a year who reside in greater Los Angeles, with a focus on the Harbor areas of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway and Long Beach. We focus on 4 specific program areas including Youth Development (our afterschool program as well as our College Corner), Gang Prevention and Intervention programs (working with 10-15 year old's and 16-24 year old's respectively, providing resources and supports to children and young adults to either keep them out of gangs or help get them out of gangs) and our Family Source Center (providing one-on-one case management and access to basic needs through the Toberman food pantry and thrift store). We pride ourselves as being the beacon of hope those in our community. As we approach the new year, we look forward to our "I Have a Dream" event as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony in the spring for our new playground!

Toberman is requesting in-kind donations of Peanut butter, jelly, sugar, flour, pastas (rice, spaghetti, etc.), cooking oil, Cup of Noodles/Top Ramen, pop open canned foods (fruit, spam, soup, spaghetti, etc.), canned foods (veggies, beans, tuna, etc.), juice, milk, crackers, instant oatmeal, regular oatmeal, cereals, dairy foods, diapers, and baby formula.

We are looking forward to hearing from Tena and Cathy on January 11th and hopeful you are able to attend.

******Also, please check out this link to an article in the Daily Breeze about the work another one of our philanthropies, Providence TrinityKids Care, is now doing with the unhoused population at the end of their life. [find this article](#)***

Thank you so much,
Cathy Howard and Kathy Black
1st Vice Presidents Philanthropy

BOOK CLUB

Happy New Year!

Marlyn Franklin will be hosting our January Book Club event on Thursday, January 19, at 4:00 pm. 3603 W. Hidden Lane #104, Rolling Hills Estates, at The Estates Condominiums located right below the Botanical Gardens on Crenshaw.

DEMON COPPERHEAD, by Barbara Kingsolver's #1 best-seller, is this month's selection. The story is inspired by Charles Dickens' DAVID COPPERFIELD which is based on his own experiences with childhood poverty and is set in the Appalachian Mountain's rural areas.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Marlyn Franklin at marlyn.franklin@gmail.com and mark your calendars. More information will be available at our January meeting. Enjoy the book!!

Marlyn Franklin
Book Club

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back!

Just a reminder the rest of the General meetings will be at the Peninsula Library.

Member update: Susan Haas and Christina Jespersen moved to Sustainer so please change that in your rosters!

Actives: Please don't forget to let Randi or I know if you cannot make a meeting! You can email either of us at wrapwithme@gmail.com OR theyoungshome@earthlink.net

Now onto the January Birthday wishes!



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 Jespersen	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

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all!

Susan Yamate and Randi Young
Membership

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY- Name Tags

I will be working on a couple name tags. If you need a change on your paper portion of your name badge please let me know. kostockbridge@gmail.com

Karen Stockbridge
Corresponding Secretary



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

Susan and I can't begin to thank everyone who chaired, worked, participated, shopped and spread the word about our 2nd Annual Holiday Boutique!

What started out last year as a last minute idea, evolved to a much bigger and better event this year. We were able to secure a larger space, add twice as many vendors and invite more shoppers. We also got a lot of interest in our organization for new membership. Over \$14,000 was made for our charities!

We are hoping that this can become an annual LC Event that people look forward to each year.

We would like to give a special thank you to: Irene Almeida, Kathy Black, Lynda Black, Debbie Bramhall, Judy Moorhead, Hollidae Brown, Brigitte Haber, Paula Redmond, Stella Bullock, Laura Webb, Judy Armstrong and Nanci Browning for being our amazing Chairs!

**Lisa Nesicolaci & Susan Yamate,
Holiday Boutique Co-Chairs**



Sweet Shoppe Thank You!

A huge shout out and thank you to our fabulous and generous bakers for making the Sweet Shoppe a sold-out success! These members not only made delicious items and packaged them beautifully to complement our Fall theme, but they all donated their ingredients and supplies as well. Thanks so much ladies!

Nancy Bruce	Donna Ciminera	Cheryl Deppe	Polly Goodman
Janie Hasselman	Cathy Howard	Judy Moorhead	Carolyn Pohlner
Marge Rankin	Jan Raymond	Trish Winchester	

Also, a big thank you to Karen Stockbridge for helping with set up and to Cathy Howard, Carolyn Pohlner and Carla Smith for taking a shift at the booth. It was a busy morning and everyone's help was so appreciated. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Kathy Black and Irene Almeida



Coffee Bar

The Coffee Bar was well received! Thank you, Judy Armstrong, for the yummy treats. Also thank you to Gina Radicchio and Janice Petrosino for your help.

Paula Redmond



Friends & Family/(Jams & Jellies)

Thank you everyone who was able to come to the church and help make jelly In November. We made close to 450 jars of Cranberry Jalapeno Jelly that one day. Couldn't have done it without YOU! We made many members and guests at the Holiday Boutique very happy.

Happy New Year!

Your jelly-making team leaders, Ann Goodhart, Janie Woodburn, Janie Hasselman, & Laura

ADOPT-A- FAMILY

We had another successful Adopt a Family year thanks to all our members, friends, and families. We chose 5 families from our charity Community's Child. We raised enough in donations to provide gifts for 15 children and 5 moms. The children's ages ranged from 2 months to 17 years. In addition to all the gifts, clothes, gift cards, bikes, and highchairs, we were able to provide each mother a \$250 gift card from Target, as well as gifts from our Holiday Boutique. We also stuffed their stockings with fun toys, a bell necklace, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and yes... a candy cane. In addition to providing our 5 families with their holiday wishes, we were also able to provide Toberman with pullovers and our South Bay Children's Center with some replenishment toys for their treasure chest. Las Candalistas did it again!!!

A special thanks to our wrapping elves: Debbie Bramhall, Randi Young, and Carla Smith. And, to our delivery elves: Savannah and Dellamae 😊.

Adopt A Family Co-Chairs

Kathy Black & Cathy Howard



THRIFT/ Holiday Toiletries

Thank you all for the very generous donation of toiletries, cosmetics and bags packed again by our Christmas Elves. We were able to donate 125 men's and 279 women's bags to our charities. Always needed and very much appreciated.



A big thanks also to Mary Sloper and Yvonne Vick, who did not make the photo op, for their help in sorting and setting up all the donations before we packed. Some of the charities are still not collecting clothing, etc., but we will collect at the January meeting. Please make sure all clothing is clean and that any small appliances donated are in working order.

See you all in January,

Thrift Chairs

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

Doris Brigham's service will be Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 2pm. It will be held at St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church, 6410 Palos Verdes Drive South, Rancho Palos Verdes.

Happy New Year and we hope you are all doing well!

Sunshine Chairs

Carla Smith & Susan Udewitz

LAS CANDALISTAS 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

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

JANUARY 2023

January Birthdays

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

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