

LAS CANDALISTAS FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

February always seems to be about Hearts, Flowers, Friendship, and love.

Some may just think of us as a ladies fundraising group, well we are, but we are more than that. When things are tough, we step in, there is great camaraderie, and yes there is 'Love'. It warmed our hearts to see over 20 members at Doris Brigham's memorial service to say, 'our goodbyes.' It warms our hearts when we hear of members receiving get well cards, and meals being delivered. Together we are awesome!



Our motto this year with our Officers has been 'Teamwork, makes the dream work'. By working together, it certainly does! Talking of teams, our Board of Directors is looking for members to step up for next years Board Of Directors and our new Officer slate for next year. We urge you to consider a position it is THE BEST WAY to be involved!

We also hope you will join in somehow with our fabulous Spring Event. We will need a lot of help setting up, we only have a short window of time and could do with husbands and sons helping too. There will be a 'signup sheet' at the Feb meeting. We need auction prizes, apart from the ticket sales this is going to be a BIG part of our raising money. Please think outside the box and come up with something, even money will help us.



Do you recognize the bowl? These were for our Octopus's Garden event, but Jan Raymond's daughter in laws cat thought they made a great hide out! That made us laugh.

Talking of laughing the new small social groups are being enjoyed by those attending, we have received great reports from the Bunco, book, and dinner for 6 groups. Ideas for our small fundraisers are coming in to and there are details further in the newsletter. The two wine tasting evenings in March are full. We have a waitlist of 8 for the Friday night, and none for the Thursday, it promises to be a fun night and good for our charities too. If you missed out and want to join the wait list let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at the February meeting, and wish you a very Happy Valentine's Day

**” Surround yourself with only people
Who are going to lift you higher.”**
Oprah Winfrey

Debbie Sampson & Laura Henson Broussard
Co- Presidents

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in a couple weeks. The Committee will be considering members for the multiple Officer positions for the 2023-24 year. To familiarize yourself with each of the Officer positions, please see the Standing Rules section of our current roster. Being an Officer is a great way to get more involved, make new friends, and have a better understanding of this creative organization. We welcome and encourage new and inexperienced members to take that leap of faith into the Officer group. There is so much support amongst the Officers for the new members and it is truly a fulfilling experience!

Please contact me if you have an interest in, or questions about any of the Officer positions.
lapwebb@gmail.com 352-232-3999.

ALSO—

We are also looking for nominations for the Board of Directors for next year. There will be 2 positions open for 2023-25. Nominations are being accepted now. Please talk to the members that you think would be good Directors and encourage them to run. Or, if you are interested yourself, please contact any of our current Board members and let us know of your interest.

Thank you,

Board of Directors

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

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our next **General Meeting** will be held on **February 8th at the PV Library** at 701 Silver Spur Rd.
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9:00 – social. 9:30 – meeting begins

Lisa Nesicalaci
Parliamentarian

“JAMMIN’ WITH THE JELLYFISH”

2023 Spring Event

April 29th

Under the stars, steps from the beach at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!



The Event Chairmen have been busy getting us ready for a brand-new kind of Fundraiser. Most pieces of this new puzzle are in place: Caterer- Chef Dora, Dance Band- Radio Royalty, Auction Company, Rental Company, and Committee Chairmen. We are still working on the details, but things are going swimmingly!

WE NEED YOU! Committee Chairmen have just accepted positions and will be looking for helpers. We will discuss in detail at the General Meeting.

Members...do you have friends who are not yet on our data base? We want to make sure they can get tickets and join you at our event. Ask them if they'd like to learn more about Las Candelistas and then give their contact information to Laura at lauhen6491@gmail.com

Our BIGGEST NEED is Auction Prizes...Big and Small.

Live Auction- We make a huge amount of money on the live auction. Do you have access to anything that can create a fun experience. Do you have a short-term vacation rental you'd be willing to donate? Do you have season tickets to Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Theater that you'd be willing to offer? Do you or your spouse work in TV and want to offer tickets to a taping of a show, game show, music contest show? Would you be willing to contact a chef to create a special dinner party at your home which could be auctioned? Might you know a manager at Terranea, Shade, Portofino, or other hotel who might donate a night's stay? Would you be willing to take a group out on your boat for cocktails at sunset? PLEASE PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS AND LET US KNOW. Contact Debbie Sampson with your ideas. Debs744@hotmail.com

Silent Auction- Do you have any unused Gift Cards hanging about? Are you fabulous at Garden Décor and want to create a succulent wreath or fabulous centerpiece? Would you be willing to create a picnic dinner for a winner to take to a concert in the park? Do you have extra bottles of wine sent to you from your wine club? Did you receive a brand-new item for Christmas that you just really don't need? How about your gym or Pilates studio? Might they donate a few classes? Are you a regular at a spa? Perhaps they could give us a gift card? Do you love to shop for your pet and want to create a pampered pet basket? Do you have a fabulous relationship with a jeweler who will provide a free piece? Please think of ways that you can donate to Silent Auction. **Auction forms are attached.** Contact Lorri Mino lorrymino@gmail.com OR Karen Stockbridge. kostockbridge@gmail.com

We are also looking for Sponsors and Donors. If you know a key executive at a company and would be willing to give us their contact info so that we can contact them for donations, we can keep your name anonymous. Getting our request in front of the eyes who can help us best is the hardest part of getting donations. Contact Lynda Black at bljs@msn.com

Tickets will be going on sale soon. WE REALLY HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Debbie Sampson, Laura HB, Karen Stockbridge, Lynda Black & Randi Young

JAMS & JELLIES

Jelly Jars Needed---Again

As part of the Spring Event, we will give each attendee a party favor...JELLY FISH JAM!

If you have any of the small jelly jars that we used in the past for the Sampler Gift Set (**4 oz.**) please bring them to the General Meeting on February 8th. Or you can drop them off at Janie Hasselman or Ann Goodhart's house. Or just let us know you have some. Thank you!

Ann & Janie

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

We are sad to report that Julie Waldron's mother passed away this weekend. The Waldron's address is: 6043 Scotmist Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275. Julie's email is waldrons4@msn.com We are sure that messages of condolence's, prayers, and love would be appreciated.



Several Las Candalistas members attended the Celebration of Life for Doris Duncan Brigham, a member for 50 years, at St Peter's by the Sea, (about 23 members). Val designed the flower arrangements for the reception tables which LC supplied. It was fun to learn more about Doris's life and her family. She survived 3 husbands, had four children, and 3 stepchildren, 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Her life was full and happy. Her involvement with Las Candalistas was mentioned by many of the speakers.

Gina and Joe Radocchio are grateful for the cards and prayers. Joe has newly discovered Bladder Cancer and received bad news after surgery, the cancer is in the bladder walls. They appreciate the outpouring of caring thoughts and would be grateful for continued prayers.

Carla Smith & Susan Udewitz

Sunshine and Rain



BOOK CLUB

Are you ready for a psychological thriller? We are reading THE HOUSEMAID by Frieda Mcfadden, a tale set in a "normal" home which is hiding terrible secrets. The story is told by the two main characters.

Debbie Branhall will be hosting our Book Club on February 23, at 5:00 pm. The time has been changed to accommodate those who would like to meet at a later time.

505 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach, CA

Please contact Marlyn Franklin if you would like to join us and add the date to your calendars. More information will be available at our February meeting. Marlyn.franklin@gmail.com

Marlyn Franklin
Book Club Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

Can you believe we are already one month into 2023!

Something new Las Candalistas has asked of all of our members to fill out an "Emergency Contact Information form." And because so many of our lovely members have been coming to the meetings, we are quickly collecting everyone's information. But we are still short some members so please, if you haven't filled one out already, we would love to see you at our next meeting where we will be very happy to have you fill out the form.



Happy Birthday February Ladies!

Mary Sloper 2/01, Cathy Howard 2/02, Donna La Mont 2/03,
Jean Fabera 2/11, Janis Davis 2/12, Catherine Kauffman 2/17
Nancy Hauge 2/17, Karen Stockbridge 2/18, Lois Olsen 2/19,
Debbie Conlon 2/24, Robyn Dewitt 2/26, Irene Almeida 2/28
XOXO

Susan Yamate & Randi Young
Membership

PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy wishes you all a very Happy Ground Hog's Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Black History month, American Heart Association month, Dental Health month, and all things February!



Lisa Daggett-Cummings from South Bay Children's Center was thrilled to receive our toy box brought for them last month!!



Cathy Cesar from Toberman was Health overwhelmed with all the items we donations!!

This month we are looking forward to hearing from Jackie Suiter from the Cancer Support Community South Bay and Lori Eastman from Family Promise of the South Bay during our February General meeting on February 8th. They each have graciously provided us with a preview of what's happening with their organizations and a wish list of in-kind donations that you all can bring to the meeting.



Cancer Support Community South Bay (CSC South Bay) programs offer much needed emotional and educational support to cancer patients, survivors, and their family members all free of charge. For the last 35 years, our support programs have provided hope, healing and emotional wellness to cancer participants and their loved ones. CSC South Bay offers 200 programs monthly which include support groups, healthy lifestyle classes, individual counseling, and educational workshops. We also offer specialized kids and teen programs for ages 5-18. Our mission is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community – all completely free of charge, so that no one faces cancer alone.

The Las Candalistas funding helps support CSC South Bay Kids Community programs helping kids who have a parent with a cancer diagnosis or have lost a parent due to cancer. CSC South Bay serves about 100 children annually. Please visit our website at www.cscsouthbay.org for current information and programming.

As for current needs, it would be wonderful if your members could bring a Valentine related candy, treat, or blank valentine cards for goodie bags for our Valentine's Day Kids event.



Family Promise of the South Bay is a unique solution to helping families experiencing homelessness find permanent housing. We believe no child should have to sleep in a car, in a park or under a bridge and that every family deserves a chance to be whole and have a roof over their head. We use trauma informed practices to work with families in our shelter or transitional housing programs. Along with shelter programs we offer programs for the children including mentorship, tutoring, a free 6-week summer camp and other fun yearly events! After permanent housing is found our guests can enter into our graduate or "stabilization" program where the family can work with our advocate for up to 2 years. The best part of our program is the supportive community we use to wrap around each family's needs. From faith-based organizations to other like-minded nonprofits and Fortune 500 companies, the community engagement is a key to our family's successes.

Here are a few in kind donation ideas we have:

- *Household cleaning supplies: trash bags, Swiffer mop pads, Lysol wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, broom, dustpan (Multisurface spray, toilet/tub cleaner, Clorox, etc.)*
- *Bathroom mat, curtains, rods*
- *Dish & hand soap*
- *Size 4/6 diapers*
- *Paper goods: plates, bowls, cups, utensils, napkins*
- *Pillows*
- *U-Haul gift cards, grocery, gas gift cards*

*****Reminder – tour of Momentum Pediatric Therapy Network on Friday, February 3rd at 10:00 AM. If you haven't had a chance to RSVP and would still like to go, please let Cathy know. (310-365-6336).***

We are so grateful for the continued support of all our amazing members!

Cathy Howard and Kathy Black
First Vice Presidents Philanthropy

SMALL SOCIAL FUNDRAISERS

Our small, social fundraisers have been a big win this year. We have enjoyed, shopping for household items, dining with family and friends, and getting crafty. February is a quiet month, March will be busy.

Save the date – Weds **March 1st**. Location: **Barsha Restaurant 1141 Aviation Blvd, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**. [\(424\) 452-6266](tel:4244526266) Call for reservations! Times 5 pm- 9 pm - Dine in or take out. All food & beverages qualify. **Must mention Las Candalistas** to have your purchase included in the fundraiser. [Dinner Menu](#) | [Barsha Life](#)

Save the date- Joan Sedillo is holding a Cabi Party on March. 17th at 4:00 pm. Save the date, and watch for the evite!

We also have two nights of tasting Tuscan wine. Both events are full but you can join the waitlist. There may be a lunch/dinner event at Barsha, we are still working on that.

If you have any further ideas or know of any restaurants that might offer us a fundraiser please ask them and then let me know.

Selina Hamilton - selinamonkey@yahoo.com

THRIFT

We will **NOT** be collecting Thrift at the February meeting. Please **do not** bring any of your Thrift items to the meeting. March meeting will be our next collection.

We will continue to collect toiletry items at the February meeting to be held for our Holiday 2023 gift kits.

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond
Thrift

AMAZON SMILE AND RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

BREAKING NEWS:

AMAZON SMILE WILL BE DISCONTINUING THEIR CHARITY PROGRAM. We received a message that the program was not working as well as they would like. The money was being spread to thin and it was a lot of work to manage it. Thank you to all who were participating.

RALPHS REWARDS is still active and has proved to be a great resource for 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

949 205 9991

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

Las Candalistas Calendar

FEBRUARY 2023

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | Mary Sloper | Cathy Howard Ground Hog's Day | Donna LaMont Momentum 10am | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | | | | | | Jean Fabera |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Janis Davis | | Valentines Day  | | | Catherine Kauffman Nancy Hauge | Karen Stockbridge |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Lois Olsen | President's Day | | | | Debbie Conlon | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 3/1 | | | |
| Robyn Dewitt | | Irene Almeida | Small Social Fundraiser Basha | | | |
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