

LAS CANDALISTAS MARCH NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

It's March and that means the flowers are starting to bloom, March Madness is here, the green beer is being brewed for St. Patrick's Day is **and our Spring Event is NEXT MONTH!**

Get ready to *Jam with the Jellyfish*. Tickets are now on sale! See the Spring Event article below for all the details and **SPREAD THE WORD.**

We have 3 small fundraisers this month, all the details are in the articles below. One of them is March 1st (Barsha) the day this newsletter is sent, please visit them or order their delicious food online.

We hope you were inspired to hear Jackie Suiter from Cancer Support Community South Bay and Lori Eastman and Jocelyn Fermin from Family Promise of the South Bay at our February General Meeting. This is why we do what we do! This month we welcome Trinity KidsCare, one of our long-time philanthropies. Bring your tissues.

Congratulations again to Kathy Black and Cathy Howard who were our **Superstars** for February. They have been amazing Philanthropy VP's, Adopt-A-Family Chairs, and more!

Our annual Newsletter the **Insider** is done and mailed! It's a good one! Don't miss the Q&A with members Brigitte Haber and Kathy Black. All supporters that we have mailing addresses for receive a hard copy. In addition, it is sent out via email to everyone, including members. A million thank you's to Karen Stockbridge for, once again, creating the *Insider*. And thank you to Irene Almeida and her team for prepping the *Insider* for mailing.

Nominations for the Board of Directors will take place at the March General Meeting. We're still looking for a few good members who want to run for these important positions. Please step up and be a leader in our amazing organization!

We look forward to seeing you at the March 8th General Meeting and remember:
"Never iron a four-leaf clover because you don't want to press your luck."



Slainte,

Debbie Sampson and Laura Henson-Broussard
Co-Presidents

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We will be accepting nominations for the 2023-2025 Board of Directors at the March General Meeting. Members of the Board serve for two years. This year there will be two (2) Board openings.

The responsibilities of the Board include: reviewing and approving any action taken by the Officers regarding the Bylaws, Standing Rules and financial matters of Las Candalistas. All members of the Board shall also serve as members of the Philanthropy Committee and the Nominating Committee which nominates and approves the slate of Officers for the following year.

If you would like to be nominated, please contact a member of the Board or have a friend nominate you. If you are planning to nominate someone, please contact her prior to making the nomination to ensure her willingness to serve if she is elected.

Questions? Contact Laura Webb @ 352-232-3999 or lapwebb@gmail.com

**Laura Webb, Chair- Sharon Logaon, Secretary- Gina Radocchio, Janie Woodburn, Janie Hasselman
Board of Directors**

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our March General Meeting will be held on March 8th at Peninsula Center Library, 701 Silver Spur Road, RHE.

9:00 – Social

9:30 – Meeting begins

**Lisa Nesicolaci,
Parliamentarian**

SMALL SOCIAL FUNDRAISERS

It's a fun filled month of March with a good variety of events to choose from and here they are!

Wednesday, March 1st

Barsha Restaurant in Hermosa Beach from 5:00pm to 9:00pm will be donating 20% of sales to Las Candalistas, including alcohol!!! Reservations recommended for dine-in or you can always call in your order if you prefer to do take-out. Either way, make certain to mention Las Candalistas! If you order online, please note "Las Candalistas" next to your name so that they will know to count your order for donation.

www.barshalife.com

Friday, March 17th

Cabi Party at Joanie Sedillo's new swanky Redondo Beach pad starting at 4:30pm for "bubbles & nibbles!" Then the demonstration by Annette Nirenberg will begin at 5:30pm for Spring fashions. We will receive 10% of sales. Look for the Evite and respond as soon as possible because capacity is at 25 people.

Otherwise, you can always shop online at <http://AnnetteCabionline.com>

Thursday, March 23rd and Friday, March 24th

Wine Tastings at Debbie Sampson's house! \$40 a person. The dates are full but check in with Debbie for the wait list. Debs744@hotmail.com

April will kick off with a "Mexican Fiesta" Tupperware party at Pat Hoffman's house on Saturday, April 8th from 1:00pm till 5:00pm. Capacity for this event is 50 people. It will be a unique and exceptional event as our hostess is Tupperware's top representative... Kay Sedia! More details coming soon.

**Selina Hamilton
Small Social Fundraiser Coordinator**

SPRING EVENT JAMMIN' WITH THE JELLYFISH



Did you know a group of jellyfish is called a smack?

Your Spring Event chairs (the Smack) have a lot to share.....

Thank you to Sunday, Karen Stockbridge's future daughter-in-law, for the beautiful graphic and design of the above poster.

Tickets, Tickets, Tickets!! Ticket Sales are Open!

How can I or anyone purchase tickets?

- You can go directly online to our registration page: <https://lascandalistas.ejoinme.org/jellyfishtix>
- You can go to our website which has a link to our registration page: <https://lascandalistas.org/jellyfish/>
- A Constant Contact email was sent out to everyone on 2/28. Including members. It has a link to our website as well.

We are encouraging online ticket purchases because we will be using a fabulous Event Software called Greater Giving which will streamline check-out and check-in by having guests pre-register, and pre-register their cards. It will make the whole evening easier if Members and guests pay by card however, we will take checks, for those who really prefer to use them.

For members only: You can easily purchase your tickets online. However, we will have a laptop at the March General Meeting. You can purchase tickets from us there.

Thank you to Nanci Browning for her meticulous research on all the different event software programs. It allowed us to pick the right one for our organization.

Tasting with Chef Dora

The Smack had a tasting of what Chef Dora is planning on serving at the event. It was so delicious. You and your guests will love it! They can accommodate those with dietary restrictions or are vegan, etc.

Live Auction Items Preview

We have 6 Live Auction Items. Chef Dora has donated a 5-course dinner for 8! (We need a fabulous location for this dinner, we are open to suggestions...); Wyland has given us an original Sumi-e painting, created especially for LC! **Plus, trips** to Bali, Tuscany, Africa, and Mexico! Click here to preview the items: <https://lascandalistas.ejoinme.org/jellyfishliveauction>

Spread the Word

PLEASE forward the Constant Contact emails we send (check your promotions tab if you don't see them in your Primary Inbox). PLEASE like and share our posts on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. You can find us on either site by typing lascandalistas in the search bar.

And PLEASE forward the attached poster. All of this helps so much! Word of mouth is the best advertising.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work at the event.

Please read the committee chairs articles below for more information.

Keep on Jammin!!

Debbie, Karen, Lynda, Randi, Laura

Co-Chairs, Spring Event AKA the Smack

SILENT AUCTION

WOW! Thank you so much for those of you that have already stepped up to let us know what donations you are working on. We're very excited with what you have come up with! YAY Team!

We are still in need of everyone's help. Would you please consider donating something for our Silent Auction? Need some help? Maybe you have some gift cards you will never use, pair up with friends and go shopping, ask your favorite store, restaurant, etc. to donate, do you know someone that has a business that could help us out? It's a great way for these businesses to get their brand out to the public as we are hoping to have over 300 guests in attendance at our event. If you need some suggestions, please contact Lorri as we have some items that we would like to add more to it. Want to donate money? We'll do the shopping for you.

Remember every auction prize will help in our aim of ensuring that no child in the South Bay should go hungry, no South Bay family should be in fear for their life and every child in the South Bay should be able to visit and learn about the ocean and our environment.

We look forward to hearing from you! **All auction prizes are due by April 12th**. Start Jammin' through the South Bay and get your feelers out! If you already have your donation ready, feel free to bring it to our next General Meeting on 3/08. If not, contact Lorri for pick up or information for drop off. Attached to the newsletter are various documents that will help you seek items.

Any questions, please contact Lorri at lorrimino@gmail.com or 310-749-5997. Also, if we haven't heard from you yet and you are working on something, please let me know.

We are looking forward to having our Silent Auction to be a fabulous success which we can't do without you! Thank you so much!

Lorri Mino and Karen Stockbridge

Silent Auction

AMBIANCE -JELLYFISH

We're not there yet but the jellyfish are coming soon!! We're in the process of gathering ideas and different materials to use. So far we have some great ideas from Chinese lanterns, plastic bowls, shower caps, and iridescent ribbons and streamers.

If you have any ideas or want to contribute materials or ideas Please let us know. Kafarris7@yahoo.com
Goombettee@verizon.net

Karyn Farris
Joan Sedillo

PHILANTHROPY

Happy March!! Philanthropy has so much exciting news to share with you. February was a busy month. Jackie Suiter from Cancer Support Community South Bay and Lori Eastman and Jocelyn Fermin from Family Promise shared heartfelt information about all the incredible things their organizations are doing in the community. And you all stepped up in our inimitable Las Candelistas way and showered each group with generous donations of the in kind needs they had requested. Jackie, Lori, and Jocelyn expressed their sincere thanks not only for the invitation to speak to us, but also for all the donations.



On February 10th a number of our members were given the fantastic opportunity to tour Momentum Pediatric Therapy Network's clinic. Observing their Leaps and Bounds program and Feeding Clinic; seeing their 3D printers which have created the opportunity for generating adaptive tools and insoles for shoes and their



Therapy Adaptive bikes used during therapy; visiting the 'Wherehouse' which stores tools, games and other items for their classes and One-on-One Therapy were just a few of the morning's highlights. We are very grateful to Tena, Robin and all those at Momentum who made this tour possible for us.



Looking ahead in March, we are excited to have Kristin Conforti from Providence Trinity KidsCare come to speak to us at our March 8th General Meeting. In preparation for her visit Kristin shared this update and request for in kind donations with us.



Philanthropy continued:



Providence KidsCare (PKC) is the only dedicated pediatric hospice program in Los Angeles and Orange Counties for infants, children, and adolescents with life-limiting illnesses. It is not easy to accept that there are children who need hospice services. Still, we are honored to provide guidance, support, compassion, and expert medical care that these children critically need. Our primary goal is to keep children in their homes by creating a unified, transdisciplinary team dedicated to the child: physicians, registered nurses, social workers, home health aides, non-denominational chaplains, and volunteers. For hospice and palliative-appropriate patients, our services keep a child out of the Emergency Room or from going back and forth in the admissions and discharge process families find themselves in at end-of-life care or with a chronically ill child.

PKC is mission-driven, and no one is turned away due to a lack of insurance or the ability to pay. Initially, the team makes home visits to comprehensively assess the child in the family environment, offering clinical interventions and observations. In addition, immediate telephone or FaceTime access to our caregivers fosters prompt intervention as circumstances and physical conditions change, along with confidence and guidance to parents while they care for their child. The daily cost of providing in-home care and related hospice services to children with life-limiting illness and their families is approximately \$220 per day – compared to an average of \$3,000 per day for non-intensive care unit services provided in a pediatric hospital. Providence TrinityCare Foundation supports patients and families through our Patient Care Assistance and Necessities of Life funds as needed. Some families find their financial resources exhausted by a prolonged illness, and often parents need to stop working to care for their children. Our Necessities of Life program provides essential services, including assistance paying rent, phone or utility bills, food vouchers, or medical supplies. Our Patient Care Assistance fund is available for medical expenses not covered by insurance. We have a network of Nurse Liaisons who reside at Miller Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and Children's Hospital Orange County that helps and support families navigating language barriers and the healthcare system to find the best path and the right caregivers to provide for their child and family needing hospice care. Finally, bereavement services are offered to our families for 13 months by TrinityCare after the passing to help support not only the parents/guardians but all caregivers, family members, friends, and siblings.

****We would love to ask for art supplies, always a big need for our kids to do their art therapy****

And finally, we are extending another opportunity to visit one of our 2022-2023 Philanthropies and witness firsthand all the awesome work they are doing. We are excited to visit ***Manes for Movement***, brand new to our Top 3 this year, on ***Wednesday, March 8th at 4:00 PM***. We will be able to tour their barn and observe a therapy session in action. They are located at ***2 Wildhorse Road, Rolling Hills Estates***. Please RSVP to Cathy dcamhoward@sbcglobal.net and Kathy ksmiljanich@aol.com if you would like to attend.

Thank you so much for all the ways you help to support our 14 Philanthropies!!
Cathy Howard and Kathy Black
1st Vice Presidents Philanthropy

MEMBERSHIP



Janet Warner 3/4
Hollidae Brown 3/16
Ahna Small 3/19
Lawrie Margrave 3/22
Trish Winchester 3/24

Marlyn Franklin 3/7
Selina Hamilton 3/18
Liz Swanson 3/19
Nanci Browning 3/31

Lynda Black 3/7
Freddie Benson 3/19
Jennifer Sittel 3/21
Brenda Holcolm 3/23

As we move into Spring it's time to think about building our membership! We are currently at 33 Actives, 26 Associates and 77 Sustainers! PLEASE reach out to friends or acquaintances who might like to be a part of this great group. **We would love to reach our goal of 55 Active members (per our standing rules)!** Inviting potential members to a general meeting is a good place to start – especially when the Philanthropies are presenting!
Looking forward to building Las Candalistas with all of you!

Randi Young and Susan Yamate
Membership Vice Presidents

BOOK CLUB

Debbie Bramhall will again host our March Book Club at her home with the most fabulous views of the coastline. 505 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach

We have chosen HORSE, by Geraldine Brooks, which is a tale that uses the true story of a famous 19th century racehorse to explore the roots and legacy of enslavement.

Please contact Marlyn Franklin if you plan to join us on WEDNESDAY March 22, at 4:30 pm for an interesting discussion. (We're trying to find the best day and time for our meetings). More information will be presented at our March meeting. Marlyn.franklin@gmail.com

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

We are happy to report that at the time this newsletter goes to print everyone is copacetic. So grateful for good news.

Susan Udewitz and Carla Smith
Sunshine and Rain Chairmen

THRIFT

We **will be** collecting Thrift at the March meeting. 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.

They also need some hygiene products, e.g., Tampons, Body Wash, Deodorant at women's shelters. They will also accept opened bottles of toiletries, e.g., shampoo, body lotion, etc.

If anyone is travelling and collecting the hotel size shampoo, etc., we will collect those for our holiday toiletry kits that we distribute in December.

Donna Ciminara and Jan Raymond
Thrift Chairmen

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 lauchen6491@gmail.com and I'll set you up. Please register!

Thank you!

Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis-McGarry
Webmistresses

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March Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	01	02	03	04
			Officer's Meeting			Janet Warner
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
		Marlyn Franklin Lynda Black	General Meeting			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				Hollidae Brown	 Cabi Fundraiser	Selina Hamilton
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Freddie Benson, Ahna Small, Liz Swanson		Jennifer Sittel	Book Club 4:30 Lawrie Margrave	Wine Fundraiser Brenda Holcolm	Wine Fundraiser Trish Winchester	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Nanci Browning	