

Las Candalistas General Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2023  
9:30 Meeting- PV Peninsula Library

Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m.

**Call to Order and Welcome** - President(s) Debbie Sampson and Laura Henson-Broussard

A warm welcome to our April meeting even though the weather says otherwise! Debbie apologized for not being here in March due to her Mother's health. Thanks everyone for the warm wishes. The Board of Directors will hold their annual meeting today.

**Guest Speakers from Los Serenos De Point Vicente** - Jay and Paul

Jay opened up by saying he was pleased to thank us in person for our wonderful contributions towards their educational programs.

- Visitors come from all over the world, 40,000 throughout the years.
- They support the RPV interpretive and education services at:
  - Point Vicente Interpretive Center
  - Abalone Cove Shoreline Park
  - Forrester Nature Reserve
  - Trails at Trump National
- Host school field trips for the 4th grade from PV schools and take them on trail hikes.
- 5th graders participate in geology hikes as part of their science class in Forrester.
- Field trips to the tide pools at Abalone Cove have been attended by inner city kids that have never experienced or visited the ocean.
- Docent experts write great publications on fossils and exploring the military history in the area.
- They have the Whale of a World (WOW) Program that Las Candalistas helped out a lot. Our funds helped with buses and transporting students - 1200 a year.
- Received a grant from RPV to offer field trips for 4th and 5th grade students from the PV Unified School District - 1,000 students per year.
- Put on a Wonders of Nature puppet show. Las Candalistas helped fund the necessary supplies for this program.
- Holds a beach clean up day which is in conjunction with International coastal clean up. They include the high school students to teach them about how their trash affects our oceans.
- Raise funds for new exhibits for the PVIC museum.
- Whale of a Day fundraiser on 4/15.
- Docent class starts in September if anyone is interested.
- Jr. Docent program for high schoolers. Currently have 12 volunteers.
- Refurbishing the Bubbles statue that used to be in front of Marineland. It will be placed in front of the museum.

**Chairman of the Board** - Laura Webb

Annual meeting was called to order and the minutes were recorded by the BOD Secretary. Nominations for the two open Board positions are being held during the meeting. Two nominees are Carla Smith and Amy Mosher. Votes will be counted after the meeting and an eblast will be sent out later today with the results. Debbie thanked Laura and Janie H. for their service.

**Recording Secretary** - Lorri Mino

The minutes of the March General Meeting were approved.

**Spring Event** - Lynda Black, Laura Henson-Broussard, Debbie Sampson, Karen Stockbridge) and Randi Young

**Laura** -Getting excited for our really fabulous event. Did everyone get a chance to read the latest Constant Contact on our new Sponsors? Reminder that if you're working the event, you still need to purchase a ticket. We're planning to cap out at 250 and have sold 200 as of now. When you purchase your ticket, make sure you check the box and put in your credit card information. You will pay for everything during the event on that card. You will never have to open your wallet to pay for anything as all your information will be associated with your Bidder #. If you bring guests, please have their information inputted prior to the event. Since everything you purchased will be in the system, there is no need to check out but you can if you want. You will receive an email after the event with an itemized list of your expenses. This system is safe and secure. All information will be purged after the event. Let your guests know that their email they provide us will not automatically put them on our mailing list. Reserved tables are fine. Contact Laura.

**Lynda** - We are going to have an amazing bar area with a welcome drink called Jammin Blue Jellyfish. Two other bars will be scattered throughout the venue for cocktails. We have partnered with J Lohr and they will be providing all of our wine. Also received a great donation from Tito's Vodka which will be in our welcome drink. A question was asked if our drinks are going to be priced at \$10 but we will be honoring happy hour prices at \$8. We have a vendor, 4 Bitter or Worse that will be providing a mocktail called Eva Spritz. If you have any friends that own a business and would like to sponsor a table at our event, we would love to have them join us. Need 4 dozen limes and about 2-3 dozen oranges and cocktail size lemons. Won't need them until the week of the 24th.

**Karen and Lorri** - Karen expressed how overwhelmed we are with all of the silent auction donations we have received. Karen went on to list a few. Lorri said she would possibly need some help transporting the items to the venue the day of the event. Karen informed the members of our 3 raffle prizes, a staycation with a room at the beautiful Portofino Hotel and a \$100 gift card from the Blue Water Grill, a gondola ride for 6 and a mystery box filled with fun prizes. All items are just up to \$500 so we don't have to ask the winner for their social security number. We will be selling the raffle tickets at an arm's length for \$25. Due to what looks like chilly weather, a trip was made to downtown L.A. to purchase pashmina's at \$5 each. We will sell for \$10. There will also be plenty of heaters. Excited about our really fun 80's band. They will be playing a soft set during dinner and after the Live Auction they will play fun dance music.

Our dinner will be a buffet with your salad plated and passed hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour. The dress for the evening is Beachy Resort Wear but feel free to wear what you want!!!

**Randi** - Karyn Farris and her committee have all the supplies to make the jellyfish. There will be a meeting at Karyn's house on 4/13 at 2:30. More dates to follow for the workshop, 4/20, 4/22, 4/23 and 4/27. Contact Karyn if you would like to help. Stella and Debbie B. are all set with the centerpieces.

**Debbie** - Went over everything that will be in the live auction:

- Bali
- Tuscany - changed vendor with a lot of extras added
- Mexico - Your choice of Acapulco, Cancun, Riviera Maya and Nuevo Vallarta
- 5 course dinner prepared by Chef Dora (our caterer for our event) in your home
- A Wyland Sumi-e painting of a sea turtle just for Las Candalistas
- One bedroom condo in Mammoth for 3 days along with a gift card for \$75 for dinner

Zulu Nayala will be moved into the silent auction as a "Buy it Now" for \$4,200.

Using our own Tablecloths. Anyone who can steam or iron them please contact Randi Young.

We need help at night. Will be sending out a work schedule. We changed the start time to **5:30**. Laura will send an email out a week before our event with everything you need to know including how to print your parking pass.

**1st Vice Presidents - Philanthropy** - Kathy Black (absent) and Cathy Howard

- All of the Philanthropies are doing great.
- Ann Lynch from South Bay Wildlife Rehabilitation will be our guest speaker for May.
- Great tour at Manes for Movement. It was awesome to see one of the students going through his therapy and to meet all of the horses.
- The Marine Mammal Care tour is scheduled for May 9th at 10:30. At 11:00, we will witness a feeding. Please let either of the VP's know if you would like to attend.
- Manes for Movement is having a fundraiser on 5/20 from 5-10.
- The Cancer Support community is looking for volunteers on 5/21. CSC South Bay is a proud partner of Tour de Pier, a unique fundraiser that takes stationary cycling outdoors on the beautiful Manhattan Beach pier.
- Next month, nomination forms will be handed out to nominate next year's philanthropies. Forms are due by 6/30.

**3rd Vice Presidents - Membership** - Susan Yamate & Randi Young

- We currently have 133 members. We have a list growing with potential new members. An Open House has been scheduled for Friday, 5/19 at the home of Debbie Sampson. All potential members will be invited. If you recruit a new member, you will be able to attend the Open House also. More information to follow.
- If you would like to change your status, notify the VP's, in writing, by 5/15.

**Treasurer** - Judy Armstrong

Provided us with the current budget numbers as of week ending, 4/07:

- Event Budget - \$84,823.59
- Members Budget - \$6,238.90
- Property Budget - \$610.45
- Grand Total - \$91,672.94

**Parliamentarian** - Lisa Nesicolaci

- Our June luncheon will be at Blue Water Grill on 6/14. The cost will be \$55 per person. Mail her a check or Venmo her @Lisa-Nesicolaci and include your entree selection. They are listed in the April Newsletter.
- If you would like to remain a voting associate, you need to email Lisa by 5/15. Must reapply each year to maintain this status.

**Sunshine and Rain** - Carla Smith and Susan Udewitz:

A member, who would like to remain anonymous, is having health issues. Please pray. We just heard that Lynn Gecks Moody lost her husband Mike quite recently. Sympathy and thoughts can be sent to her address 4188 Via Solano, Palos Verdes Estates CA 90274. Carolyn Pohner announced today that Pam Barret -Hill is ill with pneumonia. We are sure she would love encouragement. 27826 Saddle Rd Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 Keep Joe and Gina Radiochio in your thoughts and prayers as Joe has started his chemo treatments 5 days a week.

A discussion followed if flowers are sent. Susan said they just send a card as they were unaware they should also be sending flowers and if they even have a budget. Judy informed them that they have \$500 in their budget and the consensus was that flowers should be sent when appropriate.

**Small Fundraisers** - Selina Hamilton

Debbie reported for Selina:

- Joanie Sedillo hosted a Cabi party on 3/17 that went well and was a lot of fun. We made around \$350.
- Wine tasting at Debbie Sampson's was a fantastic and fun success. \$3,000 was raised and the company has donated 18 bottles of wine for our Spring Event.
- Our Tupperware fiesta party that was held last weekend at the home of Pat Hoffman was a fabulous event and we had a fantastic turnout. Stay tuned for how much we made!

Thank you for supporting all of our small fundraisers.

**Excursions** - Cindy MacFarlane and Susan Sanborn

Excursion planned today at the Botanic Gardens to view the Washed Ashore Exhibit. Plans are to meet in the parking lot at 1:00. If you are a member of the gardens, you can bring one guest in for free. It will be sorted out there. The cost is \$15 per person.

**Book Club** - Marlyn Franklin

Excited that their March meeting was attended by 10 people. Their book for this month is Lessons in Chemistry and will be held on Wednesday, 4/26, at 4:30 at the home of Judy Moorhead. If you would like to attend, let Marlyn know.

If you bring a guest, they are only able to attend one meeting unless they become a member. It's a great way to encourage members to join and an excellent recruiting opportunity.

**Bunco** - Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond (absent)

Bunco will be held on Wednesday, 4/19, at the home of Joan Sedillo and we are in need of players. If you are interested in attending, please let Hollidae know. If they don't get enough interest, this month will be canceled. Check it out...it's a lot of fun!

**Dinner for 6** - Debbie Sampson

On their 3rd round.

**President's Updates** - Laura Henson Broussard & Debbie Sampson

- The Superstar awards for April were presented to a group that is iconic to Las Candalaiastas and have been known to create a stampede at our fundraising events....that group would be Found Treasures! Congratulations to Judy Moorhead. Brigitte Haber, Barbara Smith and Hollidae Brown!
- A member has stepped up to chair our Fall Event!
- Need volunteers, chairs, for next year's Spring Event. It can either be in the morning or evening. Will only hold a Live Auction one time during our calendar year. It's never too soon to start planning. If you have any ideas, email Debbie or Laura.
- Please remember to buy your tickets for our Spring event. Our last 3 events have sold out. Our charities appreciate your support.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Lorri Mino, Recording Secretary