

LAS CANDALISTAS MAY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

“Change is hardest at the beginning, messiest in the middle, and best at the end.” – Robin Sharma

Las Candalistas is experiencing change. It is inevitable, if we want to continue having a positive impact on our South Bay community. If you attended ‘Jammin’ with the Jellyfish’, you saw an LC Spring Fundraising Event like no other. Kudos to the 5 brave event chairs who seized an opportunity and went with it, jumping into the unknown, with the singular goal of benefiting our charities more than ever before! It couldn’t have been possible without the support of all the amazing members who stepped up to the challenge. How did it turn out? Read more in the article below but you’ll have to attend the May General Meeting to get all the scoop!

How else are we changing? We are on the look for new members! Our Membership chairs Susan Yamate and Randi Young are hosting a Potential New Member Open House on May 19th. Please see the article below and invite any ladies you know who may be interested in becoming an LC member. We are attempting to expand our membership, so please don’t exclude women who work or have commitments during the day.

Congratulations again to our April superstars; Brigitte Haber, Judy Moorhead, Barbara Smith and Hollidae Brown who are the Found Treasures crew. We so appreciate your hard work in this year-long commitment to a part of LC that is beloved by our members and our supporters.

We are looking forward to hearing our guest philanthropy, South Bay Wildlife Rehab, speak at our May General Meeting. They provide such an incredible service to our community and have been one of our philanthropies for many, many years. You won’t want to miss this meeting!

It’s almost time for one of our best and most anticipated General Meetings of the year: the June Luncheon. This is when you will get to watch our Top 3 Philanthropies receive their checks and you will meet the new Officers for next season and hear some of their ideas. It is a moving and exciting meeting. We will once again hold this at the lovely Bluewater Grill overlooking the Redondo Marina. Please see the details in the newsletter and don’t forget to make your reservation and pay for your lunch.

Lastly, we would love for you to try something different next season. We are looking for members who will take on the 2024 Spring Fundraising Event as chairs. There were 5 chairs this year, you could do the same or have less. Whatever suits you. You may think you can’t, or you may be afraid to take on something that seems so big, but we know you can do it. You will have a strong support team behind you, ready to help you with every detail. We guarantee that it will be one of the most rewarding experiences you will have. Please contact us if you are interested or have questions.

“Great things happen to those who don’t stop believing, trying, learning, and being grateful.”- Roy T. Bennett

Debbie Sampson and Laura Henson-Broussard
Co-Presidents

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hearty congratulations to Amy Mosher and Carla Smith, our newly elected members of the Las Candalistas Board of Directors. They will serve a two-year term starting in July. We thank them for their willingness to step up and assist in the leadership of our organization.

Speaking of leadership, we will be announcing the new officers of Las Candalistas for 2023-24 at the June 7th luncheon meeting. We think the membership will be pleased with the selections. Several have previously served as officers and have a combined wealth of experience, and many are newer members of Las Candalistas. All of them are creative, have a lot of good ideas, and are full of energy. We thank them for agreeing to serve and we look forward to an exciting year!

Finally, a HUGE round of applause to the Spring Event Chairs (Debbie Sampson, Laura Henson-Broussard, Karen Stockbridge, Linda Black, and Randi Young) and **all** the Las Candalistas members who have worked tirelessly for the last many months to make sure that every detail of Jammin' with the Jellyfish was as beautiful, as creative, as entertaining, as fun filled, and as successful as all of our past events! Ladies, it was AWESOME!!!

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

MEMBERSHIP

Spring is renewal time and, on that note, it's **TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!** Only one more month and then we break for summer so don't miss the deadline to be in the Roster!
ALL DUES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 30th.

- *ACTIVE \$75.00 (\$55.00 and \$20.00 Supply fee)
- *ASSOCIATE \$95.00 (\$75.00 + \$20 Supply fee)
- *SUSTAINER \$100.00

Fill out the attached Membership dues form and include your check made out to Las Candalistas. Mail your check to :

Susan Yamate
5006 Paseo Del Pavon
Torrance, CA 90505

You are also welcome to bring your check to the May General meeting.

NOTE: Status Changes are due no later than May 15 –

Please email wrapwithme@gmail.com or theyoungshome@earthlink.net



OUR FIRST OPEN HOUSE FOR POTENTIAL MEMBERS IS

HAPPENING MAY 19, 4-6 PM

The invitation is attached to this newsletter and is also on our website.

(Membership is not required to attend UNLESS you would like to accompany a prospective new member)



Cheryl Gutierrez 5/01 Sue von Nordenflycht 5/01
Marcia Butler 5/17 Karyn Ferris 5/18 Anne Nelson 5/19
Susan Creed 5/21 Debbie Bramhall 5/25 Belinda Krekorian 5/26 Jan Raymond 5/27
Janie Hasselman 5/30 Laura Henson-Broussard 5/30

Susan Yamate & Randi Young
Membership

PARLIAMENTARIAN

The May General meeting will be Wednesday, May 10^h at:

PV Library
701 Silver Spur Road
Rolling Hills, 90274

9:00 – Social/ 9:30 Meeting Begins

June Luncheon

The June luncheon will be held on June 14, 2023 at:

Bluewater Grill
665 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach 90277

The General Meeting will begin at 10:30 am and lunch will be served immediately following the meeting (no later than **12 noon**).

Please view the menu choices below (choose 1):

Boneless Breast of Chicken

With mushrooms in a Dijon mustard wine sauce, served with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Norwegian Salmon

With maple mustard glaze, served with rice pilaf and seasonal vegetables

Gemelli Pasta with Shrimp

With oyster mushrooms, asparagus and pesto cream

Vegan/Vegetarian

Stir fry with assorted vegetables and rice in soy sauce

*A starter Caesar Salad, dessert of Crème Brulee Cheesecake, soft drinks, lemonade, ice tea and coffee are **included**.

*Wine and cocktails are **cash and carry**

Luncheon is \$55 per member
Please make checks payable to Las Candalistas
Please include your entrée choice with your check
Payment is due Wednesday, May 31st

You can mail or drop off payment to:
Lisa Nesicolaci
24288 Ward St., Torrance, CA 90505

You will also be able to pay at the May General Meetings!

Lisa Nesicolaci,
Parliamentarian

JAMMIN' WITH THE JELLYFISH- SPRING EVENT

Well, we did it! We charted new waters, and it looks to have paid off! There is a quote in the Presidents letter by Robin Sharma 'Change is hardest at the beginning, messiest in the middle, and best at the end.' That felt so true about organizing a very different event, at a very new venue, with very different parameters, and completely new vendors! We have always said it takes a village (in the case of Jellyfish it is a 'Smack'!) and it certainly does.

Talking of Jellyfish weren't they spectacular? Thank you to the creative team led by Karyn, Joanie, and Janice P, who also made décor for places around the aquarium including the bathrooms.

The tables and centerpieces looked very classy, thanks to the hard work of Stella and Debbie B. The elegant bar décor was the handywork of Janie W and Belinda.

The Silent auction looked terrific, and we believe broke the silent auction record, thank you Lorri for leading the charge on this and to everyone that donated.

This is the first time that we have done our own bar, and guests were pleased with the assortment, and purchasing tickets was very efficient. This really taxed us but with the leadership of Cheryl we believe we got it about right.

Our guests were not held up in line at check-in, or check-out because of our new system and our awesome check-in and checkout gals and guy! Thanks to Nanci Browning for the research on the auction software. Guests seemed really happy with the ease of purchasing using their pre-registered credit card.

We tried out a new fun game but couldn't have done it without the glow bands being assembled and sold, thanks to Judy Armstrong and her family for assembling them, it was not a quick job, but made us lots of money and it was fun!

Our guests were very excited to receive their very own pot of our infamous Jelly. Thanks so much again to Ann, Janie H, and Janie W for leading on making us lots of small jars!

Our Emcee and auctioneer for the night, Gary Cannon did a fabulous job with our live auction and 'Fund a need'. Wow! We were blown away!

We have already received so many thank you's and great comments, some reached us Sunday morning right when we were being so hard on ourselves with the things that didn't quite meet our high expectations. Thank you to those that reached out to us, we really appreciate it.

Thank you to everyone that helped in the lead up to the event during the evening and even after with sorting and cleaning. If your husbands helped, please pass on our sincere thanks, we couldn't have done it without their help too!

The only thing we couldn't control was the weather! We sold a lot of pashminas! Thank you Julie W. for picking up the coffee from Starbucks!

Thank you to everyone that came! We hope you enjoyed Jammin' with the Jellyfish!

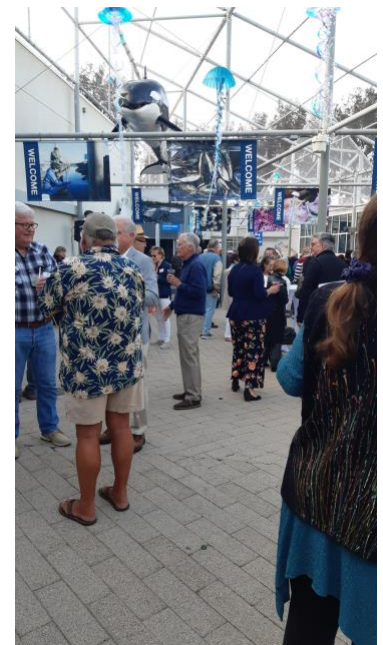
We have a good idea of how the finances worked out.....but we will reveal it at the General meeting. You will have to be there to find out.

Thank you all so much.

Karen, Laura, Lynda, Randi, and Debbie
The Jellyfish Jammers



Our very funny Emcee Gary Cannon with the guests in the background



TREASURER/ Check Requests-Deposits

Please refer to Important Reminders in your roster:

Expenses:

“ 5. Reimbursement: All expenses/bills must be submitted to the treasurer by the May General Meeting. “

CHECK REQUEST FORM

Please follow all instructions listed on the attached Check Request form.

One of your Event Chairs is the final signature on the form.

Check books are not available at meetings.

Completed requests can be mailed or dropped off at my home address.

For your convenience please use the secure Mail Slot in the front of my home under the house numbers.

DEPOSIT FORM

The majority of all monies are collected the day of the event.

If you personally collect any funds the attached Deposit form must be completed by you.

Completed form with funds attached can be mailed or dropped off at my home address.

For your convenience please use the secure Mail Slot in the front of my home under the house numbers.

Thank You

Judy Armstrong

Treasurer

Jellyfish- Ambience

Our jellyfish are still jamming!! They are still hanging and I guess the Aquarium is keeping them.

Many many thanks to all the members that helped create and assemble our beautiful jellyfish: Sharon Logan, Brenda Holcomb, Cindy Mcfarlane, and Susan Udewitz.

A special thanks to Marlyn Franklin for her donation to the cause.

And a special thanks to Janice Petrosino for creating the octopus decorations .

Another thank you to Carolyn Pohner, Donna Ciminera, Amy Mosher and Nancy Pierson who offered to help but we finished a head of time!!

These gals sure made the process fun and entertaining such a creative bunch!!

Many thanks

Karyn Farris & Joan Sedillo

Jellyfish Ambience

Silent Auction

Thank you to ALL who donated to Silent Auction! We had some new and very exciting prizes! The Silent Auction hit a new record in sales and it's all because of your help! Thank you!

Lorri Mino
Silent Auction

Leftover Event Items for Sale

We have a few turquoise table toppers and blue napkins. Toppers \$5 and Napkins \$1. Contact Debbie Sampson- debs744@hotmail.com

There's some miscellaneous bottles of wine, Blue Curacao (from the welcome cocktail), cases/bottles of Lagunitas and Corona beer, Ginger Beer and other mixers. We will bring to the meeting and sell at cost.

We sold a rainbow of Pashminas, but we still have some black ones left. \$10 at the meeting.



PHILANTHROPY

Wow!! How can it already be the third of May? The flowers are blooming, the hillsides are covered with beautiful flowers and our amazing Spring Event, *Jammin with the Jellyfish* is behind us.

It's that wonderful time in our Las Candalistas' year when we distribute our funds to our Top 3 Charities, *1736 Family Crisis Center, Community's Child and Manes for Movement* and determine what additional funds are available for our other 11 nominated charities. We invite you to attend our Philanthropy Distribution Meeting on Monday, June 12th at 4:00 PM at the Malaga Cove Branch of the Palos Verdes Library. Please come if you would like to advocate for your favorite charity. All members are welcome, but only the Philanthropy Committee (Officers and BOD) are eligible to vote. We will send an eblast before the Meeting to you remind you of each charity's program and monetary request. Our Top 3 will be presented with their checks during our June luncheon.

It's also the time when we begin accepting nominations for our 2023-2024 Charities. The nomination form can be found attached to this newsletter and in the Member's Only section of the LC website. We will also have the forms at our General Meeting. Remember, you will need two additional signatures on your submitted nomination. Please email them to both Cathy dcamhoward@sbcglobal.net and Kathy ksmiljanich@aol.com or drop them off at one of our homes by June 30th.

Last month "those lovely ladies from Las Candalistas", as SBCHC so fondly refers to us as, came through again!! Their toy chest is now filled to the brim with an abundant variety of toys and can be refilled many more times with all the extras. Thank you, thank you, thank you! They are so very, very grateful!



This month we are welcoming Christina Jones from what we formerly knew as South Bay Wildlife Rehab to our General Meeting on May 10th. Her update below lets us know about their slight name change, Ann Lynch's retirement, and their plans for the future.

First, after many years of dedicated service to the community and the wildlife that reside here, Ann Lynch has retired as Director of the organization. However, we are pleased that she will be assisting us in a consulting role as Emeritus Director.

*I am taking on new responsibilities as Director of our organization which has also undergone a slight name change: moving forward, our official title is **South Bay Wildlife Rehab and Education**.*

As well we no longer have access to the property in Palos Verdes where we did the final stages of our rehab work with large flight cages for raptor physical training. While this is a disappointing development, we remain grateful for all the support we have had from the landowners through the past 30 years.

We are currently looking for a new space to continue our rehab work and are in the process of acquiring our new "educational" permits from Fish and Wildlife. Once we have our new permits in hand, we are looking forward to starting up our programs again.

Thank you again for your continued interest and support in our organization.

It's not too late to join us on our outing to the *Marine Mammal Care Center* in San Pedro on **Tuesday, May 9th at 10:30. Now that our **Spring Event** is over, and calendars are hopefully a bit more open, this will be a great opportunity for a fun, relaxing morning learning about all the amazing work MMCC does and, as an extra added bonus, witnessing "feeding time". Please let **Cathy** dcamhoward@sbcglobal.net and **Kathy** ksmiljanich@aol.com know if you are able to join us.**

Cathy and Kathy,
1st Vice Presidents Philanthropy

BOOK CLUB

Susan Yamate will be hosting our May Book Club gathering on Wednesday, May 31 at 4:30 pm. (We'll get to see her newly renovated kitchen.)

5006 Paseo Del Pavon
Torrance, 90505.

THE HENNA ARTIST by Alka Joshi is this month's selection. The story is about a teenage girl from rural India who moves to the large city of Jaipur to pursue an independent life after escaping an abusive marriage. She becomes the most sought after henna artist in the city.

Please RSVP to Marlyn Franklin if you plan to join us on May 31. We have had great meetings this year, so mark your calendars and enjoy the novel.

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

There will be a celebration of life for Michael Moody, husband Lynn, on Friday, May 12 at 11am at St Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes with a reception to follow in the parish hall.

We have just heard that Christina Jespersen's sister passed away suddenly last tuesday. This is such sad news. We are sure Christina would appreciate some love and support.
160 The Village #9
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Susan Udewitz and Carla Smith

Sunshine and Rain

THRIFT

We **will be collecting** Thrift at the May 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.

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 Ciminera and Jan Raymond

Thrift

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

MAY 2023

May Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Cheryl Gutierrez Sue von Nordenflycht		Officer's Meeting			
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
			General Meeting			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Marcia Butler	Karyn Farris	Anne Nelson Open House 4pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Susan Creed				Debbie Bramhall	Belinda Krekorian	Jan Raymond
28	29	30	31			
		Janie Hasselman-Laura Henson	Book Club			