

# LAS CANDALISTAS JUNE NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Wow! Just like that, another Las Candalistas season is wrapping up. We cannot believe that our term as Co-Presidents is almost done. It's gone by in a flash. We want to extend a HUGE thank you to our hard-working officers, who not only succeeded in their roles but rose to the challenge of some extra tasks given to them at the start of the year. Most of them also doubled up on extra duties in chairing one of our fundraising events, and/or leading areas within the event. As we emphasized at our first meeting last year, "Teamwork, makes the Dream work!" It certainly did this year!

Thank you to the Board of Directors led by Laura Webb, for being our checks and balances and working with us to make this a ground-breaking season.

Thank you to the members who stepped up to chair the President's Special Committees. These positions are vitally important!

It can be difficult, in the moment, to appreciate what has been accomplished, but as we look back, we are thrilled with what we see:

- Small fundraisers that were fun and profitable.
- Social groups such as Bunco, Book Club and Dinner for 6. Our first year doing this!
- Speakers at our General Meetings for the first time. We had the privilege of learning more about all our nominated philanthropies.
- Superstar Awards at each general meeting. You **ALL** are Superstars!
- A successful Fall Event that was also a blast!
- A well-attended Holiday Boutique that had people wanting more.
- A different Spring Event that exceeded expectations, including implementation of a game changing event software.
- Potential New Member Open House.

## **WE ACHIEVED A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR FOR OUR PHILANTHROPIES!**



It has truly been a pleasure to serve as Co-Presidents for this exciting season. We are an amazing group of smart, creative, caring, and fun women!

So, what's on deck for next year?

Come to the June Luncheon and find out! Please make your reservation and pay by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Details are in the newsletter. It's going to be a fabulous and moving official end to our season. Come and see why we work so hard!! We truly hope to see you there and celebrate our amazing year with you.

Have a great summer but don't get too comfortable. We'll be knee deep in next season before you know it! With deep gratitude to all our members,

**Debbie Sampson and Laura Henson-Broussard**  
Co-Presidents

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to the Board of Directors: Janie Hasselman, Sharon Logan, Janie Woodburn, and Gina Radocchio for their support and assistance to me over the past year. It has been an honor to work beside each of you. I especially appreciate your thoughtful consideration of the unusual budgetary issues and the proposed changes in LC vision and direction that promise to keep Las Candalistas moving in a positive and successful manner as we continue in our mission of supporting children and the environment.

Janie Hasselman and I are now completing our two-year terms as Board members. Thank you, Janie, for your consistently patient and optimistic attitude despite difficult family health challenges. You are a beautiful example of strength and faith, and have served as an awesome role model of leadership for me. I thank you.

Sharon Logan, Janie Woodburn, and Gina Radocchio will be continuing for one more year and will be joined by Amy Moser and Carla Smith. I thank Sharon for her outstanding work as Board Secretary, Janie for providing a knowledgeable and valuable historical perspective on several issues, and Gina for her determination despite stressful and challenging family health issues. I believe that Amy and Carla will bring fresh energy and enthusiasm to the Board, and add to the balance of seasoned and newer leadership.

On behalf of the Board, I would also like to thank the 2022-23 LC Officers for their outstanding leadership, creativity, and determination in forging new directions for LC Events and Membership recruitment. They have laid a firm foundation for next year's Officers to build upon as we strive to expand our fundraising and support to our charities.

Finally, we thank our Co-Presidents, Debbie Sampson and Laura Henson-Broussard. Not only did they accept the challenge of providing leadership for the Las Candalistas, but they took on the role of serving as Chairs for a totally new and different Spring Event. This dynamic duo effectively worked together to draw the LC Officers and Membership into a cohesive force that envisioned, planned, and implemented a beautiful, fun filled, and highly successful fundraising event!! Just AMAZING!!

Thank you, everyone, for a truly exciting and prosperous year!!

Sincerely,

**Laura Webb, Chairman**

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

## **ROSTERS**

Just a reminder, if you have changes to your contact information that needs to be updated in our next Roster, and you didn't put it on a form when submitting your dues renewal, please email the changes to me at [kostockbridge@gmail.com](mailto:kostockbridge@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Thank you,

**Karen Stockbridge**

**Corresponding Secretary**

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our final General Meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at:

**The Bluewater Grill  
665 N Harbor Drive  
Redondo Beach, 90277**

**Meeting will start at 10:30** and a coffee station will be available.  
Lunch will be served immediately after the meeting, no later than 12:00.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you who signed up and paid for the luncheon. We will accept payment until June 4<sup>th</sup> and then the final count will be given to the restaurant. **We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins. We only have enough chairs to accommodate members who paid for lunch, you cannot attend the meeting only.** Thank you for understanding.

As a reminder, if you would like to become a Voting Associate or if you are currently a Voting Associate and would like to maintain voting status you must contact me by email at [Lisanesi90@yahoo.com](mailto:Lisanesi90@yahoo.com). The deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Any member with at least 6 years as an Active, qualifies to be a Voting Associate.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

**Lisa Nesicolaci, Parliamentarian**

## MEMBERSHIP

Summer is almost upon us, and it is time to turn in your annual dues! Thank you to those of you who have already paid. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. That way we can include you in our 2023-2024 roster. **Deadline is June 30th!**

**RAFFLE!** Members who have paid their dues will be entered into a raffle at the June luncheon on the 14<sup>th</sup>. If you pay at the door you will also be entered, so bring your checkbook! The dues form is attached and is also available in the membership only portion of our website.

Membership had a successful open house on May 19<sup>th</sup>. From that event we signed EIGHT new members! Thank you, Debbie Sampson, for hosting and for creating the amazing video with a look back at all things Las Candalistas. Thank you Cathy Howard, Kathy Black, Debbie Sampson, Laura HB, Donna Ciminera, Brenda Holcomb & Jane McNeil for speaking. And to all the members who sent and got the word out. We are excited to introduce our new Provisionals at our Luncheon on June 14<sup>th</sup>. As well as honoring Debbie Sampson, Amy Mosher & Judy Armstrong for 10 years of active membership.

Let's all have a wonderful summer and wish all our summer ladies a happy Birthday!



### June

Diane Stone 6/5  
Susan Sanborn Phillips 6/7  
Barb Morel 6/21

Melissa Clifford 6/6  
Linda Rodrick 6/19  
Cindy MacFarlane 6/25

Jane Butler Jackson 6/7  
Susan Haas 6/20  
Rori Roje 6/30

### July

Jane McNeil 7/1  
Michelle Joye 7/6  
Peggy Gussman 7/9  
Judy Holman 7/15  
Nina Smith 7/20  
Ginny Bleier 7/22  
Kitty Edler 7/27

Carla Smith 7/3  
Beverly Holman 7/7  
Paula Redmond 7/12  
Ann Hugh 7/16  
Carolyn Pohlner 7/20  
Susan Yamate 7/23

Julie Waldron 7/5  
Lisa Winkelspect 7/8  
Laura Webb 7/13  
Nancy MacTavish 7/17  
Monika Bauer 7/21  
Pat Crane 7/26

### August

Victoria Schoenfield 8/6  
Anne Rode 8/26

Sharon Logan 8/11  
Donna Scoular 8/29

Sue Spellacy 8/21

### **Randi Young & Susan Yamate Membership**



## **Philanthropy**

**WOW! WOW! WOW!** Your Philanthropy VPs would like to thank you for a most amazing year. **ALL** our philanthropies have benefited from your relentless hard work and incredible generosity. For the first time we invited all our nominated philanthropies to speak at our monthly General Meetings; our Top 6 last October and the remaining 8 in the following months. We loved hearing about what's going on with each of them and the opportunity to develop more personal connections was wonderful.

We also took ‘field trips’ to Momentum Pediatric Therapy Network, Manes for Movement, and the Marine Mammal Care Center with the extra bonus of being able to see the fabulous Cabrillo Aquarium during our Spring Event.

Additionally, several of our members volunteer each week at Community Child’s Healthy Bags Program.

And if that weren’t enough, throughout the year we filled the shelves of several food pantries with food and non-food items; donated cards and candy for a Valentine’s party; purchased art supplies for art therapy, bleach for cleaning, therapy items for hippo/occupational/physical therapies, many, many, many toys to stock toy chests, brought Christmas joy to 5 families; and so, so much more!! Thank you, thank you, thank you! And now...

### ***Philanthropy Distribution Meeting***

Our Philanthropy Distribution Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Malaga Cove Library**. This is the time when Las Candalistas members come together to make thoughtful decisions on how best to distribute our hard-earned fundraising dollars amongst this year’s eligible philanthropies. All members are invited to attend as well as to present their insights/personal experiences with these philanthropies. Presenting members should plan on keeping their presentation to no longer than 3 minutes. A spreadsheet listing the primary and secondary requests of each of our philanthropies is attached and an agenda for the meeting will be sent shortly in a separate e-blast. If you would like to see our philanthropies’ complete applications for funding, we are happy to provide you with those upon request.

### ***Philanthropy Nominations***

June is also the time when we begin looking ahead by taking philanthropy nominations for next year (2023 – 2024) from our members. If you would like to nominate a charity, please complete the Philanthropy Nomination form in its entirety. This includes filling out the contact information and having not only your signature, but 2 supporting member’s signatures, as well. Completed nominations are due no later than June 30th. All completed nomination forms should be sent via e-mail to Cathy [dcamhoward@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcamhoward@sbcglobal.net) and Kathy [ksmiljanich@aol.com](mailto:ksmiljanich@aol.com) or dropped off at one of our homes. This year’s nomination form is also attached and will be available at the Philanthropy Distribution Meeting. Currently we have received nominations for: Boys and Girls Club, Cancer Support Community South Bay, Community’s Child, Friends of Cabrillo Aquarium and Manes for Movement.

### ***Philanthropy Selection Meeting***

In August, we will hold the annual Philanthropy Selection Meeting to discuss each of the 2023 – 2024 eligible philanthropies. All members are invited to attend. This will be your chance to learn from others’ personal experience(s) with our nominated charities. From the eligible philanthropies, 6 will be chosen as our Top 6 for the upcoming year. Meeting details will be sent to all members via e-blast in early August. Should you need further information, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Again, thank you for the honor of serving as your Philanthropy Vice Presidents this year. We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it!!!!

### ***Wyland Update***

We are thrilled to announce that Wyland’s extraordinary mobile lab will visit 3 Torrance schools in the Fall, with an additional 2 visits in the works. Stayed tuned for further information.

Cathy Howard and Kathy Black  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents Philanthropy

## **SUNSHINE AND RAIN**

We hope that everyone has a safe and healthy summer! Please say prayers and send positive energy to our members who are struggling with illness.

If you find yourself, or you hear of someone in need of some sunshine, please don't be afraid to reach out even though we're off for the summer! Carla can be reached by text or cell at (310)871-4101.

Take care everyone,  
**Carla Smith & Susan Udewitz**  
**Sunshine and Rain**

## **BOOK CLUB**

Our Book Club's first year has been both successful and fun...interesting books, lots of discussion, gracious hostesses and a chance to get to know our members. We're looking forward to next year's monthly get-togethers.

THE HENNA ARTIST by Alka Joshi was our May selection. We met at Susan Yamate' home to discuss this story and also shared some of the books we want to read over the summer.

(For those who read LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY- Apple TV will feature it next fall. Here's a link to the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PQE-Xcx1Gs>

It's been such a successful year for Las Candalistas, and a summer break is well deserved. Book Club will resume in October with more book selections for all to enjoy. Thanks for your support!

**Marlyn Franklin**  
**Book Club**

## **SMALL SOCIAL FUNDRAISERS**

**HOT OFF THE PRESS- MARK YOUR JULY CALENDAR- July 18<sup>th</sup> Bettolino's will be hosting a small social fundraiser for us. Eat in or take out anytime that day, mention Las Candalistas and they will give us 15% of your purchase! What a great way to start our new fundraising season!**

It has been a wonderful year of mini pods of us gathering to earn a few extra dollars for Las Candalistas through small social fundraisers. These smaller events have given opportunities to become better acquainted and provide some extra fun (and funds- around \$5500) to the year. Thank you to all who have hosted or organized a get together!

Let's continue to challenge our creative minds to find more opportunities to be social and raise funds! If you've got an idea or want to gather together to come up with new ideas, give me a call or text me, (626)399-8887.

**Selina Hamilton**  
**Small Social Fundraisers**

## THRIFT

If you have items you would like to donate during the summer months, listed below are the charities who are currently accepting, and who we support. Call first before you deliver to find out if they are accepting and their hours.

1. SHAWL  
936 S. Centre, San Pedro, open 9:00 – 5:00 Mon - Sat  
Phone: 310- 521-9310  
*Women's everyday clothes, cosmetics, new and used.*
2. House of Hope  
235 W. 9<sup>th</sup> St, San Pedro, staff on duty at all times  
Phone: 310-831-9411  
*Women's clothes all sizes. Also, good clothes suitable for job interviews. Cosmetics/Toiletries including opened containers. Sheets, towels, household items and cell phones*
3. YWCA  
437 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, open for deliveries 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri (12N-1pm closed for lunch)  
Phone: 310-547-0831  
  
Thrift Store – 310-547-2332 – (open 8:30am-4pm Mon-Fri, 9:30am-3pm Sat. & Sun.)  
*Clothing, household knickknacks, miscellaneous items which will sell in their thrift shop.*
4. Toberman Neighborhood Center  
131 N. Grand, San Pedro, open Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm  
Phone: 310-832-1145  
*They can always use school supplies. Also canned goods, dry foods for their Food Pantry. Items for their Thrift Shop (start accepting in mid-June)*
5. Harbor Interfaith Shelter  
Office: 670 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, open 8:30am-5:30pm Mon-Fri. Closed Sat & Sun. Entrance through rear of building parking area for donations.  
Phone: 310 831-0603  
  
*Sort by women's, men's, children's. Good clothes, suitable for job interviews or court interviews should be separate and clearly labeled. Sheets, towels, dishes, silverware, small appliances always welcome*  
.
6. Beacon House – **MEN** only  
1003 So. Beacon Street, San Pedro  
310-514-4940  
Men's clothing, casual and dress

**All donations should be taken to their Thrift Shop – 812 S. Pacific Ave. San Pedro, 310-514-4940**

We will accept **NEW** cosmetics and toiletries during the summer to be saved for our holiday toiletry kits. Please **don't include any used items**. Call or email Jan or Donna first before you leave **new items** at our homes to make sure we are not travelling. Donna is in a gated community and has to leave your name at the gate.

**Please note that the charities do not need any dressy clothing such as cocktail dresses, etc. Those items can be donated to PalosVerdes Resale, 2321 PCH, Lomita. Phone # is 310-534-1722. Open Tues – Saturday 11am – 4pm. All proceeds from their Thrift Shop are donated to many of the same charities we support.**

Have a good summer.

Donna and Jan

## **WEBSITE**

### **Website:**

Just another reminder for you to register for the Members Only section of our 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](mailto:lauchen6491@gmail.com) and I'll set you up. Please register!

Thank you!

**Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis-McGarry**  
Webmistresses

## **RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

Thank you to everybody who is a member of the Ralphs Community contribution program. Your shopping at Ralph's makes a difference, and it is such an easy way to generate money for our charities. This past quarter we made \$373.53 from 54 member shopping at Ralphs. Thanks to all for choosing Ralph's as your grocery store, it does make a difference. Just think if all our members joined the Community program, we could double that amount!

If you have not yet signed up to the Ralph's community program, it is very easy. Just go to their website here <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>

The instructions are very clear and it is an easy process. If you prefer to call to get set up, the number is 800 576 4377.

### **Amazon Smile Community Program**

Unfortunately, Amazon no longer offer a community program as they have decided to offer community support in other ways. We are grateful for their support over the years.

If you have any questions about the Ralph's Community Contribution Program you can contact me,

**Cheryl Deppe**  
[cheryl.deppe122@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.deppe122@gmail.com)  
949 205 9991



# JUNE 2022

## June Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
	Diane Stone	Melissa Clifford	Jane Butler Jackson Susan Sanborn	Officer's In/Out Meeting		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Philanthropy Distribution 4pm Malaga Cove Library		June Luncheon 10:30 Bluewater Grill			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Linda Rodrick	Susan Haas	Barb Morel			Cindy Macfarlane
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					Rori Roje ***	

\*\*\* Deadline for Dues, Philanthropy Nominations and Requests for Voting Associate Status