Las Candalistas

# LAS CANDALISTAS NOVEMBER

# NEWSLETTER

# **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**



All I can say is "WOW!" If you attended our Fall Fundraiser, *Between the Covers*, on October 20th, then you know what I'm referring to.

I cannot thank our event chairs Debbie Bramhall and Amy Mosher enough for their hard work, creativity, and perseverance to make this a memorable event. I applaud them for thinking outside the box. It paid off in a big way. I heard attendees describe it as 'Amazing," "Fun and Fabulous," "Inspiring" and more! Plus, most importantly, it was a financial success for our philanthropies! I also cannot say thank you enough to all the members who worked so hard to make this event a success. Some of you worked leading up to the event, some at the event, many of you did both! You are all fantastic! And thank you to all our members who attended and brought their friends and family.

Another wonderful LC event was our annual Fall Social on October 7th . Our outstanding Provisionals created a beautiful harvest themed evening that was enjoyed by about 90 members and their partners. They did not miss a detail. The nod to our traditional Soup Supper was appreciated by many of our members. (See my History Lesson article for more info on this.) An extra big thank you to our hostess, Provisional Sally Gutierrez.

If you were at the Fall Social then you heard the official announcement about The Good Guys, our brand-new men's auxiliary of LC. My husband, Greg Broussard, is heading it up. A sign-up sheet was passed at the Fall Social. If your partner is interested, please send their email address and cell to me at lauhen6491@gmail.com. This social group is purely optional, just for fun, but is a great way for our partners to get to know each other.

Don't miss the LC Holiday Party December 3rd ! Have a fun evening with your LC family. See the newsletter article for more info. Please RSVP directly to me by November 18th if you would like to attend. Bring your partner or come solo!

Now back to business....

The Officers and BOD have been working on updating the Standing Rules. We will be working on restating and amending the Bylaws as well. It is quite a big project, so we are breaking it up in stages. The first stage is the easiest one. I have attached the proposed amendments, just to the Standing Rules. **The first part includes amendments that require a vote.** The second part is just a restatement or clarification of Officer descriptions and does not require a vote. They are included for information purposes only. Voting members will be asked to approve the proposed amendments in person at the November General Meeting. **There will be no absentee voting, so I am asking that if you are a voting member, please attend the November Meeting. We will need a quorum**.

To give you all some clarification on what the difference is between a Standing Rule and a Bylaw: Bylaws refer to the general regulations and rules established by a company or other organization for internal management.

Standing Rules are more administrative and specific.

For example:

Bylaws state when the meetings of an organization are held.

Standing Rules tell where and what time these meetings are held.

Bylaws give primary responsibilities of the officers and BOD.

Standing Rules give the specifics.

For your information, our current standing rules are printed in your roster. Bylaws are available by request.

In closing, I hope to see you at the November General Meeting and the LC Holiday Party. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!

Laura Henson-Broussard President Laura Henson President

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

With this being our final newsletter of the year, the Board of Directors would like to express its gratitude for the incredible Las Candalistas community that you are all a part of. Everyone's enthusiasm, dedication, and passion have made 2023 truly memorable.

In this season of giving and gratitude, we want to express our sincere appreciation and thank you for sharing your talents, your time, and your positive energy. Your presence makes Las Candalistas a vibrant and inspiring place.

May your holidays be filled with warmth, your hearts be lights, and the new year bring you endless opportunities for success and happiness. Here's to a joyful holiday season and a fantastic start to 2024!

# Amy Mosher, Janie Woodburn, Gina Radocchio, Sharon Logan and Carla Smith 2023 Board of Directors

#### PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. **We will be back at the Peninsula Center Library Community Room** (on the library level) at 701 Silver Spur Road, RHE.

9:00 Social and 9:30 Meeting begins.

We will be voting on Standing Rules changes at this meeting. We will need a quorum of voting members present at the meeting. There will be no absentee voting. If you are a voting member, please attend this meeting.

Reminder: There will be no General Meeting in December

Parliamentarian, Brenda Holcomb

## **PHILANTHROPY**

We were pleased to have a different top six present at this year's October meeting, including one completely new to us. We had representatives from: Boys & Girls Club of the LA Harbor, Community's Child, Manes for Movement, Marine Mammal Care Center-LA, South Bay Children's Health Center and South Coast Botanic Garden. They all attended our General Meeting on October 11th. Each charity's representative(s) gave heartfelt, thoughtful presentations on their organization's history, mission, and primary program for which they are seeking funding. All eligible voting members in attendance cast their votes for the Top Three after the presentations were completed. Eligible voting members who were not present at the meeting had been given an absentee ballot upon request from Brenda Holcomb, Parliamentarian. The votes were tallied by our Parliamentarian, two officers and a board member.

We are happy to announce that our Top Three Charities for the 2023-2024 fundraising year are: Community's Child, Manes for Movement and Marine Mammal Care Center-LA. We are confident that all our amazing fundraising efforts and hard work during this year will result in our being able to support their primary requests, in addition to being able to give support to our other very deserving 2023-2024 nominated charities. Last year we had a record-breaking year. Can we do it again?

At our November meeting we thought we would carry on the theme from our Fall Fundraiser 'Books'. **We are collecting new** *and* **used children's and adult books for Cancer Support AND Trinity Kids Care**. Please bring book donations to the General meeting on November 8th. If you have a donation and can't attend the meeting, please contact either Lisa or Debbie before the meeting.

Lisa Nesicolaci & Debbie Sampson 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents Philanthropy

# FRIENDS AND FAMILY

# Friends & Family 2023 Holiday Sale

Your Friends & Family 2023 team would like to extend a huge thank you for all your orders and the ones that you gathered from your family and friends. We were excited to bring back our full array of holiday items this year and from all the orders we received for our signature, special items, we can see that you were too! Thank you for helping to make our sale a success! All the proceeds will go directly to our selected philanthropies.

# ORDER PICKUP DATE: Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at Kathy Black's home 213 Via Alameda, Redondo Beach

If you will not be able to pick up your of				
Kathy Black (310) 721-0622	Of	Cathy Howard (310) 365-6336		
<u>Ksmiljanich@aol.com</u>		<u>dcamhoward@sbcglobal.net</u>		

We do have some jams left over so we will be bringing them to sell at our November General Meeting, November 8<sup>th.</sup> They are \$10 apiece. Our other 'goodies' are sold out.

Thank you again from your Friends & Family Team, Kathy, Cathy, Janie W., Janie H., Ann, Laura W., and Polly



#### **ADOPT A FAMILY**

Ho Ho...we still have a long way to go!!! With only 60 days until Christmas, we are in desperate need of checks and/or gift cards. So far, we have four families from Community's Child that we have committed to adopting. We are hoping to adopt two more depending on the money we raise, so keep those checks and gift cards coming. This is a time when we are reflecting on how thankful we are for the blessing we have received in our lives. Please reach deep down and make those blessing come true for our adopted families. Thank You! Thank You! We would like to thank those of you who have already sent in your checks or gift cards to the Adopt-A-Family co-chairs.

Here is how you can help support our efforts to provide the most magical Christmas for our adopted families. We only have 60 more days!

Gift Cards: Amazon, Target, Kohls, or Ralphs

Checks: Payable to Kathy Black or (Las Candalistas tax deductible)

Kathy Black /213 Via Alameda / Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Venmo: Contact Cathy Howard

Please feel free to bring your tax-deductible donation to the November meeting. We will make our way to Santa's workshop soon after that.

Kathy Black: <u>310.375.6270</u> Cathy Howard: <u>310.365.6336</u> **Adopt a Family Co-Chairs** 



# FALL FUNDRAISER

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the success of our literary luncheon, "Between the Covers." And a big thank you as well to the five authors whose time and talent made the idea of a literary luncheon come to life.

Our sold-out event stands as a testament to the dedication of our members that worked tirelessly across all areas to make an event of this size possible. Likewise, the generosity of our donors, the support from our sponsors and loyalty of our attendees was phenomenal. Everyone's presence and contributions enabled us to not only meet but exceed our goals, furthering the impact we can make on the charities we serve. The funds raised will play a crucial role in enhancing the lives of children and environmental causes within the South Bay. These generous contributions signify our members' and supporters' belief in our mission and commitment to creating a positive change in the world.

Additionally, we are absolutely thrilled to share the fantastic news that our "Literary Luncheon" has received an abundance of positive feedback from both guests and the talented authors themselves!

Once again, we want to thank everyone for your support. Your kindness has not only made "Between the Covers" a success but has also strengthened the foundation upon which we can continue our charitable endeavors. Together, we are making a difference, one event at a time. Our event was covered by *PV Magazine* and will be featured in an upcoming issue

Warmest regards, Debbie Bramhall and Amy Mosher Fall Event Co-Chairs

#### LC Creations/Garden Thank-yous

**Thank you to** all who helped create items for sale in the LC Creations/Garden Shop. And a special thank you to Ann Goodhart for organizing a successful yard sale for leftover items this past Friday.

Special thanks to Ann Goodhart for numerous giftables, the coasters and trivets, the fabulous wreaths and so much more. Thank you to Janie Hasselman for her very creative "book pocket" pillows and lovely napkin sets! One of our new provisional members, Stacey Navarro donated and created 3 live potted flower arrangements as well as a beautiful centerpiece. Cindy Macfarlane created lovely succulent handbag arrangements. Lynda black made some scented candles as well as decorated pumpkins. Janie Woodburn's daughter Dandi created the beautiful hand painted ocean themed ornaments. Susan Haas designed some upscale Halloween skulls and planted silver pots. Janis Davis -McGarry embroidered a few pashminas as well as book marks. Irene Almeida worked on projects, Judy Armstrong donated succulent, and Belinda Krakorian donated a very elegant wreath. Janie and I really appreciate all of the hard work. AND, a big thank you to all who shopped and bought!

#### Karen Stockbridge & Janie Woodburn LC Creations Chairs

#### Silent Auction Thank-yous

The Fall Fundraiser is over, we had so much fun. Now I would like to thank everyone for the work that was done!!

Thank you so much for supporting our silent auction. It was another successful and record-breaking year and I definitely couldn't have done it without you!

The following played a big part in this success (in no particular order of importance as you all were important in every way):

Thank you to all of you that donated such amazing items or money so I could go shopping! This year was very diverse with a lot of different things that we haven't had before. It made me proud to see everything displayed at our event because of your generosity! The following made it all possible (once again, in no particular order): Marlyn Franklin (donated), Cathy Howard (donated), Sue Soldoff (solicited), Gina Radocchio (donated), Lisa Nesicolaci (donated), Debbie Bramhall (donated/solicited), Hollidae Brown (donated), Lynda Black (donated/solicited), Cindy Macfarlane (donated), Nancy Pearson (donated), Karen Stockbridge (donated), Sue Spellacy (donated), Susan Yamate (donated/solicited), Randi Young (donated), Mary Ross (donated), Janie Woodburn (donated), Laura and Greg Broussard (donated), Anna Pinto (donated/solicited), Karyn Ferris (donated), Irene Almeida (donated), Paula Redmond (donated), Polly Goodman (donated), Doug and Carla Smith (donated), Donna Ciminera (solicited), Joan Sedillo (donated), Amy Mosher (donated) and Janice Petrosino (donated)....whew, you are all the best!

Thank you to my amazing helpers on the day of the event, Laura Webb, Susan Sanborn, Tracy Glover, Sally Gutierrez, Lynda Black, Cindy MacFarlane, Karyn Ferris, Lucy Huebner, Michelle Drapeau and Denise Macrae. You understood my vision even when I couldn't explain it myself. Great Teamwork!!!

A big shout out to Debbie Bramhall that helped me with collecting all of the donations, storing them at her house, going to the storage container for me and organizing delivery of the items to the event. It's a huge job and it's not like she wasn't chairing an event or anything. Thank you so much my friend!!!

Cheers to all of us!!! Lorri Mino Silent Auction Chair

#### Friends & Family Thank-yous

Friends & Family was thrilled to be part of our "Between the Covers" Event and share our signature jams and soups with folks who may not have had the opportunity to purchase from us in the past. We know that we have gained many new fans of these wonderful items for our future sales. There are so many of you to thank: *ALL* who helped to set up and arrange our beautiful table at the Event and who stayed there throughout the day promoting sales and replenishing as items were purchased; *ALL* who donated jars, ribbon, kitchen utensils and money; *ALL* who helped to make the jams, soups, cookies, pumpkin bread, and scone mix; and *ALL* who lovingly tied those beautiful Las Candalistas' bows. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

#### Your Friends & Family Team, Kathy, Cathy, Janie, Ann, Janie, Laura, and Polly

#### Sweet Shoppe Thank-yous

Thank you, thank you to all of amazing bakers; Irene Almeida, Cheryl Deppe, Polly Goodman, Cathy Howard, Rita Lollock, Donna Ciminera, Marge Rankin, Jan Raymond, Carolyn Pohlner, Shelley Polgoreski and Laura Webb!

We had such a wonderful assortment of yummy treats at the Fall Event. So many LC favorites and many new items too. Plus, everything was so beautifully packaged, it made our Sweet Shoppe look fabulous!

We also can't forget to thank our worker bees who helped sell all of our goodies; Tracey Glover, Sally Gutierrez, Kelly Reinart and Vera Kelley! Thank you all for making our Sweet Shoppe a success!

#### Lisa Nesicolaci & SusanYamate Sweet Shoppe Chairs

#### **Found Treasures Thank-yous**

We would like to thank all of our helpers in making Found Treasures successful. Thank you to Julie and John Waldron, Paula and Shay Redmond, Dick Haber and Wayne Smith for getting all of our treasures from RANCHO to the Palos Verdes Golf Club. Thank you to Barbara Smith, Sharon Logan, Jane Butler Jackson, Mary Ross and Susan Sanborn for helping with setting up our area and making it look pretty. Thank you to our wonderful cashiers- Nanci Browning, Shelley Pogorelsky and Danielle Weinstock.

Thank you to Rori Roje and Ralph Brown for taking the time to come after work and help us pack up.

We appreciate the tremendous help from everyone as we couldn't have done it without you.

#### Hollidae Brown, Judy Moorhead, Brigitte Haber, Barbara Smith Found Treasures

#### **Cashier Thank-yous**

A big THANK YOU to: Our Check-in team of Irene Almeida, Kathy Black, Cathy Howard, Brenda Holcomb and Greg Broussard. Our main Cahiers: Janis Davis-McGarry, Polly Goodman, and Lucy Huebner. Our Found Treasures Cashiers: Nanci Browning, Shelley Pogorelsky, and Danielle Weinstock You all made it work!

## **BUNCO**

We will be having our Bunco night on Wednesday November 15th at 6:30 pm. Our Hostess this month is JoAnne Mineo. For those of you who signed up at the last meeting, please look for an evite on November 1st. The first 11 ladies to respond will secure a spot. We will also accept alternates if a space opens up after the first 11 are filled.

It's going to be a fun evening.

#### Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond Bunco

#### HOLIDAY PARTY!!!!

Whether you've been naughty or nice ... You're invited to the Las Candalistas

> Holiday Party Sunday December 3rd

5:30 5:30 Rafaello's 457 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., San Pedro \$55 per person Bring your partner or come solo! Includes buffet dinner. Alcohol is extra.

# RSVP by November 18<sup>th</sup> to Laura at

lauhen6491@gmail.com

You can pay by check (payable to Las Candalistas) at the November General Meeting or send to:

Laura Henson 1207 S. Averill Ave, San Pedro 90732

Dress is festive!

We'll be playing a fun gift exchange: There are no requirements other than it has to be the most bizarre or unique item you can find for \$10 or less in a thrift store (or any store, but a thrift store may be most interesting). Wrap it up and each table will draw numbers to see who gets what! If two of you attend, each must bring a gift.

Hope to see you there. This is always a fun party, come celebrate the holidays with your LC family!



# **MEMBERSHIP**

The Provisionals would like to thank everyone who came to the Fall Social and contributed appetizers and desserts! These ladies worked hard to make it special, and we thought they really outdid themselves! There were 79 attendees at Sally's home – and as a Provisional herself – we also thank her for hosting! Thanks

also to all the husbands, sons, and friends who came and helped with set up or tear down. Below are a few pictures from the event.

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## BIRTHDAYS

Yvonne Vick 11/5 - Polly Goodman 11/13 - Joanne Condon 11/15 - Shirley Lyon 11/21



#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Lisa Harquail Sierveld 12/2 - Francie Chandler 12/3 - Gina Radocchio 12/8 - Randi Young 12/8 - SandyOlinger 12/9 - Sue Karbach 12/10 - Sue Andraos 12/12 – Val Stanton 12/14 – Ann Boyt 12/17 - KellyReinart 12/20 - Pat Hoffman 12/22

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season! Susan Yamate and Randi Young



Our next Book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 4:30 PM at Lisa Nesicolaci's home.

24288 Ward Street Torrance, CA

We have chosen a December date because it is a more convenient time during two very busy months.

Next month's choice is Rebecca Forster's first book in her series HOSTILE WITNESS. The book she sold at our event was SILENT WITNESS, the second book in the series. The main character is Josie Bates, a lawyer living in the South Bay who gets involved in very interesting cases. You might want to read both or all of this series.

Please contact Marlyn Franklin, <u>marlyn.franklin@gmail.com</u>, if you are planning on joining us. See you in December.

Note: Paramount Studios is now making the movie TOMORROW and TOMORROW and TOMORROW. The rights were bought at auction for \$2 million!

Marlyn Franklin Book Club

# THRIFT

We will not be collecting Thrift items at the November meeting. This is the final month we collect the new cosmetic and toiletry items for the Holiday Gift bags that we deliver to our charities in December. Please bring to the November meeting or deliver to Jan Raymond's home by November 10. Call or email Jan and let her know you will be leaving at her home. This way we know what we have and what we still need to purchase.

PLEASE HOLD ALL THRIFT ITEMS OF CLOTHING, ETC AND USED COSMETICS UNTIL JANUARY

#### TOILETRIES

Last year, with your generous donations, we donated 474 bags to our charities. 120 of these bags are for men. The following items are needed for both men and women.

Toothbrushes and small tubes of toothpaste for all kits – please ask your dentist to donate. And keep collecting the hotel toiletries that we include in all bags!!

Men- We still need deodorant, razors and combs.

Women- Toiletry bags (5x8 a good size) but we take all sizes too, deodorant, combs, women's razors, makeup, skin care items, lipstick and nail polish.

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond Thrift

### HISTORY LESSON #3: THE SOUP SUPPER

I was excited to see that this year's Provisionals were including soups and chilis in their Fall Social. I recall my Fall Social when I was a Provisional, in 2005 (!) with fondness. Back then, we were still doing the 'traditional'' Soup Supper where the Provisionals were split into groups and each group made a soup together. They would then serve their soup to members at the event. The theme was always a harvest or Halloween theme. I still remember how fun it was to make Butternut Squash soup at Marcia Butler's home. We stopped calling the event the Soup Supper and started using Fall Social instead a few years back. If I remember correctly, it was because we had some years where we just didn't have enough Provisionals to put on a proper Soup Supper. Subsequently, the event evolved into a Fall Social, where the Provisionals could choose what they wanted to do and what their theme would be. However, the purpose remains the same: to introduce our provisional class to the rest of the membership in a fun, social setting, and, for the Provisionals to get to know the other members of their Provisional "Class" by working together, planning, and creating a "mini-event". It is a great way for us to kick off our season!

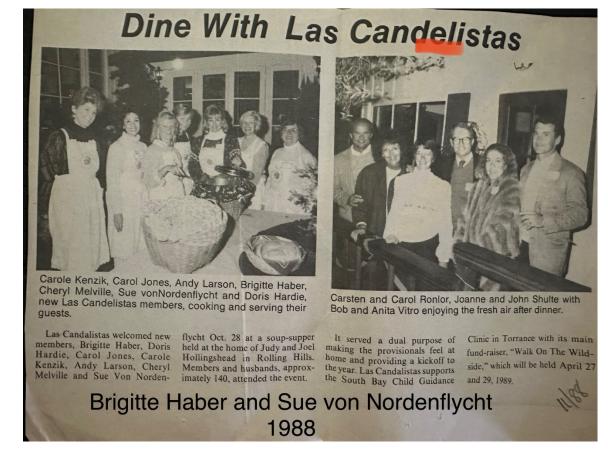
The first Soup Supper I found a news clipping of was in 1971. I also found news clippings from past Soup Suppers that have some of our current members in them! See below. Although our name is misspelled in one of them...

Thank you again and congratulations to our wonderful 2023-24 Provisionals. I look forward to working with all of you on future LC endeavors!

Laura Henson-Broussard

President and Unofficial LC Historian





## SUNSHINE AND RAIN

From Shelley Pogorelsky- To my dear friends in Las Candalistas, I want to thank you for all of your messages of concern as my husband and I were being evacuated from Israel at the start of the recent war. The messages brought a wonderful level of comfort. Additionally, at our lovely fall event, the welcoming was so very heartwarming.

Thank you all for all your concern and your prayers, Shelley Pogorelsky

Carla Smith and Karyn Farris Rain and Shine

#### **ROSTER DISTRIBUTION**

All Rosters have been distributed or mailed. Please let me know if you have not received yours. kostockbridge@gmail.com

Karen Stockbridge Corresponding Secretary

# **RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

With the Holiday Season approaching, we all seem to visit the grocery store more, our carts are piled higher, and our receipt shows that we are in holiday mode. This is all good news for our charities if our members are registered for the Ralph's Community program, as with every dollar we spend, Ralph's will contribute a percentage to Las Candalistas.

Currently we have 52 members registered and our last quarterly contribution from Ralph's was \$373.90. I would love to add more shoppers to the Ralph's Community program, so if you have not registered, and you shop at Ralph's, now is the perfect time to get onboard and help raise fund for our charities. If you already have a Ralph's card, you can link your card to Las Candalistas on their website here: https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program

If you don't yet have a Ralph's card, you can also register on the link above under the "create a digital account". Once you have opened the account, you will then be able to link Las Candalistas to your account.

Please consider joining the Ralph's Community Program if you shop at Ralph's. It is the easiest way to earn dollars which will go to our charities.

If you have any questions, you can call me or send an email. Thanks so much. Cheryl Deppe 949 2059991 email: cheryldeppe122@gmail.com

## WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

#### Website:

Just a reminder for you to register for the Members Only section of our <u>www.lascandalistas.org</u> 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 <u>lauhen6491@gmail.com</u> and I'll set you up. Please register!

#### 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! Thank you!

Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis-McGarry Webmistresses

# NOVEMBER 2023

# November Birthdays

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Yvonne Vick			Polly Goodman General Meeting			
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			Joanne Condon Bunco			
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		Shirley Lyon		Happy Thanksgiving!		
26	27	28	29	30		

# **DECEMBER 2023**

# December Birthdays

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Francie Chandler HOLIDAY PARTY Rafaellos				Hanukkah Begins 12/7-12/15	Gina Radocchio Randi Young	Sandy Olinger
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sue Karbach		Sue Andraos	Book Club	Val Stanton		Ann Boyt
17	18	19	20 Kelly Reinart	21 Pat Hoffman	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30
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