

LAS CANDALISTAS FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Will you be my Valentine?

Just say Yes because you're stuck with me. At least until June 30th.

Our 2023-24 season is zooming by! We are about halfway through, and we have accomplished a lot. We've had very successful: Fall Fundraising Event, Small Social FUNdraisers, and Friends & Family Sale.

We've helped our philanthropies with Adopt-A-Family, Thrift collections and toiletry bags distribution, collections of items needed by our philanthropies, and volunteer opportunities with our philanthropies.

We've improved our organization by rebuilding our website, adding ZOOM to our general meetings, and adopting our first round of standing rules changes. And we've had fun with an excursion to the Huntington Library, the Fall Social, Holiday Party, Book Club, and Bunco! Whew!

But...We have a lot of exciting projects coming up: more Small Social FUNdraisers, Excursions (wine tasting!), more fun with Book Club and Bunco, more opportunities to interact with our philanthropies, selection of next season's (July 1, 2024-June 30th 2025) Officers and BOD, phase II of our standing rules changes, AND, of course, our Spring Fundraising Event, *Havana Nights*. **I hope you have picked the area you would like to work in at this Event, or have decided how you will participate, especially if you are an Active or Associate member. More info on this event is in the newsletter.**

A word about the selection of Officers and BOD for next season: Amy, our BOD Chairperson, will go into the details about the process. But I'd like to add something. **I wholeheartedly encourage you to serve as an officer or BOD member, especially if you have never done so. I have been an officer a few times and have served on the BOD. It has truly been an amazing and rewarding experience and I obviously keep coming back for more! There is so much to gain by being a member of this group, but being part of the Leadership Team takes it to a whole new level. You will be happy you did!** I look forward to seeing you at our February General Meeting, which is on Valentine's Day. A perfect day for celebrating our LC sisterhood!

Laura Henson-Broussard
President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting soon to consider members for the various Officer positions for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year. For those that may be interested in learning more about each of the roles, please refer to the Officers portion of the Standing Rules located in back of your roster. You may also want to refer to the Amendments that were presented at our November 8th General Meeting where a vote was taken in favor of their adoption. These adopted revisions more clearly reflect the responsibilities of each role and will be included in next year's roster.

Being an Officer is a great way to be more involved, form bonds with new friends, and have a better understanding of this creative organization. We welcome and highly encourage our less experienced members to consider joining the Officer group. Less experienced members will be supported by those experienced Officers that will serve again next year. I can assure you that by becoming an Officer, you will gain a greater sense of connectedness to the organization and enjoy a fulfilling experience.

Please reach out to me if you have an interest in any of the Officer positions via email at mosher120@yahoo.com or by phone at 310-714-0222.

Additionally, we will begin looking for nominations for the Board of Directors for next year. There will be 3 positions open for 2024 – 2025. Nominations are open now and will continue through the end of March. Please talk to members that you think would be good Directors and encourage them to run; however, make sure you confirm a member is interested in running before making a nomination. And if you might be interested in nominating yourself, please contact any of our current Board members and let us know your interest. The Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting of members on April 10 at the Peninsula Center Library as part of our regularly scheduled General Meeting.

Thank you,

**Amy Mosher, Janie Woodburn, Gina Radocchio, Sharon Logan and Carla Smith
2023 – 2024 Board of Directors**

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday February 14th
at the PV Library at 701 Silver Spur Rd. RHE.
9:00 – social. 9:30 – meeting begins.

Brenda Holcomb
Parliamentarian



SPRING EVENT

Havana Nights

2024 Spring Event

Saturday, April 27th

Party with a purpose, a fun night of giving... at the Norris Pavilion



The Event Chairwomen have been busy getting us ready for a fabulous evening fundraiser. Look forward to trying your luck at the casino, dinner with a Cuban flare by Chef Dora, dance to the rhythm of the night with our DJ, have fun dressing up for our Photo Booth, be amazed by the Cigar Rolling Exhibition. More exciting details to come!

WE NEED YOU! Committee Chairwomen have just accepted positions and will be looking for helpers. We will discuss in detail at the General Meeting.

Members...do you have friends who are not yet on our data base? We want to make sure they can get tickets and join you at our event. Ask them if they'd like to learn more about Las Candalistas and then give their contact information to Laura at lauhen6491@gmail.com

Our BIGGEST NEED is Auction Prizes...Big and Small.

Live Auction- We make a huge amount of money on the live auction. Do you have access to anything that can create a fun experience? Do you have a short-term vacation rental you'd be willing to donate? Do you have season tickets to Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Theater that you'd be willing to offer? Do you or your spouse work in TV and want to offer tickets to a taping of a show, music contest show? Would you be willing to contact a chef to create a special dinner party at your home which could be auctioned? Might you know a manager at Terranea, Shade, Portofino, or other hotel who might donate a night's stay? Would you be willing to take a group out on your boat for cocktails at sunset? PLEASE PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS AND LET US KNOW. Contact Debbie Sampson with your ideas. debs744@hotmail.com

We are also looking for Sponsors and Donors. If you know a key executive at a company and would be willing to give us their contact info so that we can contact them for donations, we can keep your name anonymous. Getting our request in front of the eyes who can help us best is the hardest part of getting donations. Contact Lynda Black at bljs@msn.com

Tickets will be going on sale soon. WE REALLY HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Nanci Browning, Cheryl Deppe, Selina Hamilton, Danielle Weinstock
Spring Event Chairs



SILENT AUCTION NEEDS YOU!

As your chairs for the 2024 Spring Fundaiser's Silent Auction, it's that time of year again, where we come to you for your help and support. We need you to help us by going shopping, networking, creating, and pairing up with each other for fun shopping adventures for exciting silent auction items!

Here are some of the items on our Spring Event's Chairs wish list:

- Curated items in the Cuban style- ie: beachy items-donations from Riviera Village, Fringe, Oui' beach?
- Jewelry
- Cigar tasting
- Experiences-concerts, theater, Porsche experience, TV show taping, any behind the scenes (Sofi stadium), Sports tickets,
- Magic Castle
- Golf lessons, analyze golf swing, PVGCC
- Whale watching/harbor cruise
- Estate wine
- Good Champagne with bucket
- Destination wine tasting
- Vacation homes/condos
- Quality statement potted plants- like the big succulent shell from last Spring Event
- Gift cards to restaurants, etc. Perhaps you received some for Christmas that you would like to donate 😊

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 donations are due by April 15th. You can reach Lorri at 310-749-5997 or lorrimino@gmail.com or Cindy at 310-872-6334 or cmac625@verizon.net for any questions. Attached to the newsletter are various documents that will help you seek items.

Thank you for your support,
Cindy Macfarlane/Lorri Mino
Silent Auction Chairs

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

Nancy Hauge had a knee replacement last Monday. She requests no visitors, but cards would be uplifting. She has a caregiver and family is there as well.

Nancy Hauge
7321 Via Lorado
RPV, 90275

Danielle Weinstock's mother passed away on January 22nd. She died peacefully surrounded by her loving family. The family does not need anything, but cards are welcome.

Danielle Weinstock
660 5th St. Unit D
Hermosa Beach 90254

Rich Sittel, Jennifer's husband, slipped on black ice in Mammoth and broke 7 ribs. He was in a hospital in Mammoth for a few days. He and Jennifer are now home, his recovery will take 6-7 weeks. Cards and prayers would be most welcome!

Rich Sittel
30020 Via Victoria
RPV 90275

Sue Karbach fell and broke her hip a few weeks ago and is coming along with the help of her friends. She does not need anything other than a ride to the meeting on Feb 14th. (She does not have a car).

She lives near Hawthorne and Greyslake on Flambeau.
Her # is 424-206-2573.

Update from Gina Radocchio- Joe is in Cedars and I am staying at the hospital with him. I'm sad to say he isn't doing well. They discovered another tumor in his abdomen, and it is located in an area that they can't reach. They have no idea what it is. The doctors are trying different things to identify it so they can treat it. He has too many things that have happened because of this tumor to mention. It is so frightening and discouraging.

Thank you so much for checking on us. Please pray for Joe.

Carla Smith and Karyn Farris
Sunshine & Rain

EXCURSIONS

Who wants to go Wine Tasting?

We are planning a two night - three-day trip to Temecula. Our dates are March 19 - 21 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). We will secure an Airbnb, and Wine Tasting Tour of at least 3 wineries with transportation for one of the days. In order to secure the accommodations and the tour we need to know how many people are interested in attending. If you would like to go, we are asking for a \$250 deposit to be sent to Shelley Pogorelsky ASAP. Once we have the final participants, we will meet to discuss drivers, roommates, activities, and dinner plans. Any questions, please contact:

Cindy Macfarlane cmac625@verizon.net or 310-872-6334
Shelley Pogorelsky shelleyp@cox.net or 310-415-5716

Cindy Macfarlane & Shelley Pogorelsky
Excursions

BOOK CLUB

Cathy Howard will be hosting our February book club meeting Wednesday, February 28, at 4:30 pm. (We switch the time back from 4:00).

-3301 Danatha Street, Torrance-

We'll be reading THE MEASURE by Nikki Erlick who shows what happens when all adults across the globe are presented with the opportunity to learn how long they will live. How do people react? Interesting!!

Please contact Marlyn Franklin, marlyn.franklin@gmail.com, if you plan to join us and further information will then be sent to you. We hope to see you on February 28.

Marlyn Franklin
Book Club Chairman

MEMBERSHIP



Well, a gloomy January didn't stop us! We are on track to hold another POTENTIAL MEMBER OPEN HOUSE on Friday May 17th from 4-6 PM

(another thanks to Debbie Sampson who agreed to host AGAIN!)

Please help us grow Las Candalistas by inviting interested friends, neighbors, or family. (Announcements and invites to come in April)

In addition to planning the Open House we are already meeting with ladies who are interested in joining! Feel free to email us at wrapwithme@gmail.com or theyoungshome@earthlink.net

And remember to invite them to one of the General meetings!

CURRENT MEMBERS NOTE: Zoom meetings DO COUNT as part of the six required so make sure to LOG IN when you can't be there in person! (but we would rather see your smiling faces!)

A quick congratulations to two of our Provisional members Jan Schlesinger and Kelly Reinart who have stepped up to chair the Fall Event! We applaud their stepping up so soon and look forward to the event!

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY To these ladies....

Mary Sloper 2/1, Cathy Howard 2/2, Donna La Mont 2/3
Jean Fabera 2/11, Janis Davis 2/12, Catherine Kauffman 2/17
Nancy Hauge 2/17, Karen Stockbridge 2/18, Lois Olsen 2/19
Debbie Conlon 2/24, Robyn Dewitt 2/26, Irene Almeida 2/28



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

XOXO

SUSAN AND RANDI

Susan Yamate & Randi Young
Membership VPs

PHILANTHROPY

Wow, it is February already! Where has time gone? Marine Mammal Care were absolutely delighted with all your donations. While we were there to drop off the haul of goodies, we were given a private tour of the current patients. There are a number of seals and sea lions severely malnourished that they are nursing back to health and weight, plus 6 that were born at the center. They are expecting the next few months to be their busiest, as this is the time that more malnourished pups appear, So, our donations were well timed.



All the individual stories melted our hearts, but the one of Elmer made us realize the impact our donations and money have. Elmer, a harbor sea lion pup, was found alone in Christmas Cove, Palos Verdes, with his umbilical cord still attached, he was severely malnourished, and he lacked the typical interest and ability to catch fish. They also realized after numerous veterinary examinations that he had bilateral cataracts, resulting in blindness in both eyes.

He is now thriving and because he is blind is on his way to his permanent home, thanks to the dedicated care and support of the team at the Marine Mammal Care Center and made possible by donations such as ours. They have found a center in San Diego where he will safely live with other harbor sea lions.

Above-Lisa and Debbie with CEO John Warner and Dave Bader, Chief Operations & Education Officer.



Skinny Elmer when he was rescued, and fully fat and happy Elmer, ready for his next chapter.

This month we will be collecting for the Boys and Girls Club's Community Food Pantry, please bring any of the following items to the February general meeting or contact one of us to pick the items up:

(non- perishables) bread, tortillas, fruits, vegetables (cans and jars), lentils beans, rice and grocery gift cards.

Please Save the date for Saturday April 6th, Palos Verdes Land Conservancy are doing a hike at George F Canyon at 10:30am and welcome LC members to learn more about the conservancy and its work.

We are so grateful for the continued support of all our amazing members!

Lisa Nesicolaci and Debbie Sampson.
Philanthropy Chairs

SMALL SOCIAL FUNDRAISERS

Get into the mood for *Havana Nights* by joining in on this upcoming SSF... *Rumba Flamenco Dance Class* on Sunday, March 3rd, 11-12pm. No need for a partner! Check out the attached flyer for details.

Confirm your spot by cash, Venmo, Zelle, or check to me. Selina Hamilton
(626)399-8887.

selinamonkey@yahoo.com



Selina Hamilton
Small Social Fundraisers

BUNCO

This month Bunco night is February 21st at 6:30pm at the home of Nanci Browning.

For those of you who signed up for Bunco, please look for an Evite containing all of the details. If you're interested in playing and did not sign up back in September, please let me or Paula know, and we can add you to the distribution list.

Looking forward to a fun evening!

Hollidae Brown & Paula Redmond
Bunco

THRIFT

We will **NOT** be collecting Thrift at the February meeting.

We will continue to collect toiletry items at the February meeting to be held for our Holiday 2024 gift kits.

Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond
Thrift

HISTORY LESSON

HISTORY LESSON #5: THE LAS CANDALISTAS QUILT

There are many things Las Candalistas has been known for over the years, and, at one time, quilting was one of them. For many, many years some of our members were quilters and they would design and create a beautiful masterpiece every year. It would receive much attention! This one-of-a-kind quilt would then be raffled off at our annual Spring Event 'Walk on the Wildside.' This tradition began in 1977 and ended, I believe, in the early 2000's. I have included some photos and articles below. If you were one of these members that helped create these works of art, thank you for your talent and commitment! The guests who won these quilts in our raffles have more than just a wonderful item, but a piece of PV history.

Laura Henson-Broussard
President and Unofficial LC Historian

Kim Borden, Margaret Schucker and Susan Crink display the first quilt ever to be offered at the La Candalistas! "Walk On The Wild Side." The quilt will be on display at Fountain Fabrics April 11 through 16. Plans began last summer, and the quilt was a lot of fun to put together, according to Mrs. Schucker.

Quilt Highlight of Walk on Wild Side

The highlight of Las Candalistas "Walk on The Wild Side", April 21 and 23, will be the awarding of a hand-made quilt depicting Peninsula wildflowers on the second day of the eighth annual event.

According to the group, the quilt was designed to represent "our close feeling with the natural wonders of the Palos Verdes Peninsula...it is through these wildflowers that we are expressing our attachment to the beauty of our environment."

The center circle of the quilt depicts the state flower, the California poppy. Framing these poppies

are 16 wildflowers which can be found growing on local hillsides.

The wildflower designs were created by Kim Borden and hand embroidered in authentic colors by the following members of Las Candalistas: Kim Borden, Ann Boyt, Susan Crink, Barbara Donegan, Doris Duncan, Micky Eastman, Jean Elverum, Gloria Henderson, Kitty Henderson, Ginny Leewenburgh, Judy Nemeth, Ann Payton, Ann Rode, Bonnie Upp and Arlene Tambini (non-member).

The quilt was prepared and assembled by Margaret Schucker, quilt-coordinator, along with Judy Nemeth, Donna Kenneback and Kim Borden. Mrs. Schucker has been responsible for teaching and supervising the members in the art of quilt stitching.

Tickets costing \$1 each will be on sale from members through April 23, with the drawing to be

held at 2 p.m. during the Saturday Walk.

Prior to the drawing, the quilt will be displayed at Fountain Fabrics in the Peninsula Center from April 11 through 16. Tickets can also be purchased at the store on April 16.

Las Candalistas, auxiliary of the South Bay Child Guidance Clinic, will hold the walk on the old Vanderlip Estate in Portuguese Bend which now belongs to the Filorium Corporation.

The 45-minute walks are led by Las Candalistas docents. The five topics they will be discussing will be wildflowers, the history of the Peninsula, sea mammals, geology and astronomy. Also included is a tide pool station.

The Children's Walk is limited to Peninsula third graders as a field trip this year.

Last year, Las Candalistas presented the clinic with over \$10,000, all proceeds from the 1976 walk.



Members of Las Candalistas will unveil their quilt today and tomorrow at the South Bay Quilters Show, "Great Coverup III," to be held at the Torrance Recreation Center. Las Candalistas officers gathered recently

to give us a sneak preview, however. Pictured counter-clockwise, from left, are Kim Borden, Janet Behrendt, Deri Antrim, Shirley Benton and Judy Hribar.

Candalistas Will Unveil Quilt 1988

The Las Candalistas quilt will be unveiled at the South Bay Quilters Guild show, "Great Coverup III," to be held today and tomorrow at the Torrance Recreation Center.

Each year, a quilt is sewn by the members of Las Candalistas to be given away at their annual fund-raising event, "Walk On the Wild Side," April 28 and 30, with the monies being donated to the South Bay Child Guidance Clinic.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of "Walk On the Wild Side," and a special hand-appliqued quilt of beautiful wildflowers portrays a continuing theme of the event—an afternoon among the wildflowers in the Portuguese Bend area of the Peninsula.

Prize tickets will be available during the quilting show for \$1. The giveaway will take place April 30, and the winner need not be present to win. The show hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on



RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

RALPHS Shoppers: call 1-800-443-4438 to register, or to check on whether you are registered with the Community Contribution Program. Give the Ralphs representative your phone number and designate **Las Candalistas NPO # SH584** to receive your contributions.

Please feel free to call me or email should you have questions!

Cheryl Deppe Community Contribution Program Coordinator

cheryl.deppe122@gmail.com

949 205 9991

WEBSITE

Website:

Just a reminder for you to check out our newly updated website at www.lascandalistas.org Please register for the Members Only section of the website if you haven't already. You're missing out if you don't! On the Members Only section you will find a calendar of LC meetings and events, necessary documents, and other useful information. All you have to do to sign up is go to our website, click on the Menu button on the upper right, scroll down to Register, click it and follow the instructions. It's easy?

Thank you!

Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis-McGarry
Webmistresses

SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAIL MARKETING (CONSTANT CONTACT)

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!

Email Marketing (Constant Contact):

We have been using Constant Contact for email marketing for several years. I wanted to explain what this is, for those of you who are not familiar with it.

Constant Contact is an email marketing company that will send out emails for your organization. They have professional templates and the ability to send mass emails. If you subscribe to receive emails from your favorite stores, you have most likely received emails via Constant Contact.

We utilize Constant Contact mostly to advertise our events. In fact, our most recent fundraising event, 'A Night at the Ranch,' used Constant Contact as the primary advertising source (along with a follow-up postcard)

All LC members are on the Constant Contact email list so any time one is sent out, you will receive it. You can, in turn, forward it on to friends, which helps us spread the word.

However, often times emails sent through companies like Constant Contact can wind up in your Promotions box or Spam box rather than your Primary inbox. So please check all your inboxes to make sure you haven't missed an email. You can all add lascandalistas@gmail.com to your contact list. That will help.

Thank you!

Laura Henson-Broussard
Social Media and Email Marketing

Las Candalistas Calendar

FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				Mary Sloper	Cathy Howard Ground Hog's Day	Donna LaMont
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Officer's Meeting			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Jean Fabera	Janis Davis		Valentine's Day  General Meeting			Catherine Kauffman Nancy Hauge
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Karen Stockbridge	President's Day Lois Olsen		Bunco			Debbie Conlon
25	26	27	28	29		
	Robyn Dewitt		Irene Almeida Book Club			

