

LAS CANDALISTAS APRIL NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

April is a busy, busy month for Las Candalistas. April usually means Spring is in full bloom, but it also means our Spring Event is almost here! **Thank you to our amazing, creative, dedicated Event Chairs Nanci Browning, Cheryl Deppe, Selina Hamilton, and Danielle Weinstock.** Soon they'll be able to celebrate their success! And take a vacation! Please support our hard-working Event Chairs and our Philanthropies by purchasing tickets if you haven't yet and by spreading the word. Ticket price increases April 13th and close April 18th so don't wait! Please read the articles below on the Event, to get all the details and to see what else our Event Chairs need.

The Spring Event is a fun topic so now let's talk about the business side of LC. Yep, it's time to vote on more changes to our Standing Rules and also to our Bylaws. Most of the proposed changes to both the Bylaws and Standing Rules are clarifications and to bring both up to date with current technology. There are some proposed Membership changes as well, in the Standing Rules. As I have stated in the past, our Standing Rules regarding membership revolved around the *Walk on the Wildside*. Since our fundraising events have changed, we need to redefine what is expected from our members, especially Actives. Please bear in mind that these Standing Rules are a work in progress and will most likely be 'tweaked' by future leadership teams. We are in a state of rebranding ourselves and it will take some time.

The proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules are attached. There will be some time for discussion at the meeting, but it will be limited. We will do our best to clarify any questions. Please refer to the Parliamentarian's article in this newsletter for voting instructions.

It is important we have a quorum. If you are a voting member, please attend this meeting!

I'd like to add: If protocol like this interests you, I suggest you become a member of our leadership team, as an Officer or Board member. You would be part of the team that guides this organization and will have a better understanding of how Las Candalistas operates. It's very rewarding!

Lastly, because April is such a loaded meeting, we will be starting with something fun. Our social time is from 9:00-9:30 and we'll be offering **'Coffee with the President.'** There will be coffee for everyone and some sweet treats! So please come at 9:00 and mingle with your fellow members. Thank you to Membership Chairs Susan Yamate and Randi Young for organizing.

See you all at the very important April General Meeting!

**Laura Henson-Broussard
President**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of the Las Candalistas Board of Directors will be held during the April 10th LC General Meeting at the Peninsula Center Library. All members are encouraged to attend.

2024 – 2026 Board of Directors Election

At the April General Meeting, all eligible members will be voting for 3 new members for the Board of Directors 2024 – 2026 term of office. Janie Woodburn, Sharon Logan, and Gina Radocchio will be completing their 2-year terms of office and Amy Mosher and Carla Smith will continue for their second year. All voting eligible members that are unable to attend this meeting in person can reach out to Parliamentarian, Brenda Holcomb, for a ballot.

The following three Las Candalistas members have accepted their nomination for the Board of Directors. Please take a few minutes to read their bios that they have submitted (see below) to familiarize yourselves with their experience and value they can add to the Board of Directors.



two grown children. My daughter, Kristin and her
Cindy Macfarlane

I am honored to be nominated to the Board of Directors and look forward to serving this organization. I became a member of Las Candalistas in 2019 while I was still working full time at Miller Children’s Hospital as a nurse and manager of outpatient clinics. It was not until I retired in 2022 after 34 years, that I was truly able to devote time to the organization. Since joining, I have helped with the silent auction, found treasures and garden, as well as serving as the excursion coordinator for the past 2 years.

I have been married to Jerry for 36 years and we have two grown children. My daughter, Kristin, and her husband live in Colorado. My son, Michael, his wife and my two grandchildren live in Maine. I try to travel to see them as often as possible.

I am really looking forward to becoming more involved in Las Candalistas and getting to meet and become friends with the members.



Lynda Black

Hello Ladies! I am honored to be nominated for the Board of Directors. I joined Las Candalistas in 2020 after returning from a 3 ½ year stint in Utah, just north of SLC for my husband’s work. My dear friend Pat Hoffman had joined this wonderful group in 2016 and had invited me to several spring events so I knew when I returned, I wanted to be part of LC!

I worked for 28 years for E.R. Squibb & Sons which eventually merged with Bristol Myers as a field representative calling on pharmacy, pharmacy headquarters as well as drug wholesalers. My husband always jokes, “my wife sells drugs!!” Don’t worry, it was boring things like antibiotics and topical ointments. My last 8 years I called on psychiatrists and clinics for our mental health division. Once I retired, I got bored and worked for 2 ½ years at The Catalina Cooking Store when they opened. I enjoy cooking - some days more than others - and started playing golf again this year. I have 2 children, both in their 30s!! When did this happen?

Since joining Las Candalistas, I have co-chaired LC Creations twice, co-chaired Jammin with the Jellyfish with an awesome group of ladies and I have been Ways & Means officer for 3 years! The 1st year Co-VP with Pat Hoffman and last 2 years with Debbie Bramhall. During Jammin, I started searching out businesses for sponsor partnerships and have enjoyed finding old and new businesses to partner with and raise funds for our charities!



Ann Goodhart

I am married to my husband, Jim, and we have two grown children. Still waiting for a first grandchild! I joined Las Candalistas the month after I retired from my 37-year career as a United Airlines flight attendant.

While being a member, I have been an officer holding several positions, including President. I have been a member of the Board for one 2-year term, serving as Chairman one year. I have Co-chaired the Spring event two times and the Fall event two times, thoroughly enjoying all of those adventures. I have also Co-chaired the Friends & Family Holiday Sales for several years.

Even after being an Active member of Las Candalistas for 19 years, I am still amazed at the generosity and creativity of the members. I look forward to contributing what I can to help Las Candalistas make a difference in our community.

Warm regards,

Amy Mosher, Chair

**Carla Smith, Janie Woodburn, Sharon Logan, and Gina Radocchio
Board of Directors**

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our April meeting will be held on Wednesday April 10th, 2024 at:
Peninsula Center Library
701 Silver Spur Road
Rolling Hills Estates 90274

Coffee with the President 9:00
Meeting start: 9:30

Board of Director Elections

We will be voting for three board members *and* amendments to both the Bylaws and Standing Rules at the April General Meeting. If you are an Active Member or Voting Associate Member, please pick up the ballots from me when you sign in. There will be two ballots, one for the board election, one for the Bylaws/Standing Rules.

Zoom

If you are a voting member and attending via Zoom, you may vote. Once we confirm your attendance (we will ask you to turn your video on), you may send your vote to me at brendaholcomb7@gmail.com More instructions on this will be given at the meeting.

Please contact me if you are a voting member interested in voting but are unable to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom for absentee instructions.

Thank you!

**Brenda Holcomb
Parliamentarian**

JUNE LUNCHEON

The June luncheon will be held on Wednesday June 12, 2024 at:

Bluewater Grill

665 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach 90277

The General Meeting will begin at 10:30. A complimentary coffee station and a cash bar will be available at that time. 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 Brûlée Cheesecake, soft drinks, lemonade, ice tea, and coffee are included.

*Wine and cocktails are cash and carry

Luncheon is \$55 per member

Please make your checks payable to Las Candalistas

Please include your entrée choice with your check

Payment is due Wednesday May 29th

You can mail payment to:

Brenda Holcomb

125 S. La Alameda AV Unit A

San Pedro CA 90731

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

Brenda Holcomb

Parliamentarian



SPRING EVENT- Havana Nights



A NOTE FROM YOUR CO-CHAIRS

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Because of your time, creativity, and effort; sales are robust, committees are “almost” fully staffed, and planning is firing on all cylinders.

We are so excited to share this wonderful evening with you and our community. You are amazing!

Nanci Browning, Cheryl Deppe, Selina Hamilton, Danielle Weinstock
Spring 2024 Event Co-Chairs

RESERVATIONS/CHECK IN:

We are so excited to see the number of guests, who wish to attend this amazing event, increase daily. We still have tickets to sell so please invite friends and family to join in the fun.

Please note, if you have 10 people who wish to sit together, you will need to notify Irene Almeida at irenealmeidascalistas@gmail.com. No tables, with less than 10 guests, can be reserved. If you do not have a party of 10, get together with someone else who can help to fill the table. Otherwise, you need to arrive with ample time to find a table that will accommodate you and your guests. Reserved tables of 10, will only be assigned for those who have notified Irene in advance.

Also, prior to the night of the event, PLEASE make sure you have registered your credit card. Cards registered for prior events are no longer accessible. You need to register specifically for Havana Nights. This will not only expedite check-in but will allow you to make purchases throughout the evening. Below, you will find a Go Contact List link. Please click on the link and make sure all of your information is correctly entered.

<https://lascalistas.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/HavanaNights/GoContactlessPleasePreRegisterYourCreditCard/tabid/1417745/Default.aspx>

Thank You!!!

Kathy Black, Irene Almeida, and Debbie Bramhall
Reservations/Check-in chairs

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

If anyone has any Bird of Paradise that are blooming the week of our Spring Event, please contact Jennifer Sittel. The centerpiece committee may need a few more than we had planned. Any donations would be very much appreciated.

(310) 541-7184 (home)

(310) 567-6970 (cell)

jennifersittel@gmail.com

HAVANA NIGHTS SILENT AUCTION - SOS!

A big shoutout to those members that have already given us their donations. We appreciate you! Our Spring event is less than a month away with all Silent Auction donations due to us by April 15, 2024. PLEASE NOTE, we have not received as many donations, this close to the event, as years prior. We need your help. Our silent auction can only be as successful as the members who receive and provide donations. Please consider reaching out to your favorite establishment to see if they would be willing to donate an item. Go in on a donation with friends. Provide a cash donation and we will shop for you. Remember, all donations from the members are tax deductible. If you need any ideas, please contact Lorri.

ALL SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS ARE DUE BY APRIL 15TH. You may bring it to our next General Meeting on Wednesday, 4/10. If that doesn't work for you, please contact Cindy Macfarlane for pick up or information for drop off. Cindy can be reached at 310-872-6334 or cmac625@verizon.net.

Lorri Mino and Cindy Macfarlane
Silent Auction

AMBIENCE

Ambience is looking for faux tropical trees to borrow. Must not be "planted" in heavy pots for easy lifting. Let Karen Stockbridge know at kostockbridge@gmail.com

Janie Woodburn & Karen Stockbridge
Ambience

CASINO/RAFFLE TABLE

Tickets to play will be available at check in or in the casino room. You can purchase 100 dollars in funny money for \$20. There will be 10 gaming tables available to play. Participants can turn in raffle tickets for prizes.

WINE/LIQUOR TOSS

Please help by donating wine or a bottle of hard liquor valued at \$20 or more. You can contact Hollidae hollidae12@gmail.com or bring to the April meeting.

TABLECLOTHS

We need one volunteer who is willing to transport the tablecloths to and from the Norris on the day of the event. The tablecloths will be dropped off at your home on Thursday afternoon April 25th, then picked up from your home on Tuesday, April 30th. Please contact Cathy Howard dcamhoward@sbcglobal.net if you can be of service.

Cathy Howard
Tablecloths

LIVE AUCTION-



If Cuba, Ireland, Paris, Portugal, New Orleans, or Kentucky are on your bucket list, make sure you are ready to bid on these fabulous trips, not only are you checking them off your list, but you will be helping our charities too. If traveling isn't on your list, how about hosting your very own Paella party for 8! All you need to do is invite your family or friend's round, Chef Dora will do the rest!

A big percentage of the money raised at our recent events has been from our Live Auction. It is important that we get the prizes right and can be subject to change right up to the event. But don't worry, any that we decide to change will still be available in the silent auction.

If you were at the March meeting you would have already seen the wonderful prizes so far. We need you all to spread the word and help us to get lots of bids. Make sure you share the information with any friends and family that are coming.

- A week in the sunniest spot in Ireland. The seaside town of Rosslare Strand, with stunning views and sandy shores, is the perfect spot for people looking for a bit of peace and tranquility. The accommodation is a 4-bed house that sleeps 9 in Rosslare in the County of Wexford. If Ireland is on your bucket list this trip is for you.
- Chef Dora Paella Party for 8, a dinner party not to be missed! Savor a delectable dinner in the comfort of your home prepared by Chef Dora. Dinner will begin with an array of passed tapas to get the party started. A lobster paella served with salad and veggies will be paired with Spanish wines. Finish the experience with our house made Cinnamon Churros y Chocolate!
- 4-Night Getaway in Havana - Havana, Cuba is a beautiful and historic city, and there is no better way to experience it than by staying in one of our luxurious apartments. The residence offers 2 bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms and comes with maid service and security. Raise Away can also arrange for airport pickup and drop-off, restaurant reservations, and specialized tours at an additional cost. We have everything you need to make your trip unforgettable.
- City of Lights - A Parisian Getaway Experience the ultimate Parisian luxury with our five-night package for two, designed for those with a taste for the finer things in life. This experience includes a dinner cruise on the Seine River, where you can enjoy the luxurious views, fine wines, and a delicious 4-course meal that includes starter, main dish, cheese, and dessert. You'll also indulge in a 7-course dinner at Michelin Star restaurant, Auberge Nicolas Flamel. Apart from these, there are plenty of other exciting things to do in Paris, such as visiting the Louvre Museum, taking a stroll through the beautiful gardens of Versailles Palace, exploring the charming streets of Montmartre, and enjoying a croissant at one of the city's famous bakeries.

- 3-Nights on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, Embark on a journey along the Kentucky Bourbon Trail with a 3-night getaway for a group of four. During your stay, immerse yourself in the world of bourbon with tours and tastings at four of America's top distilleries. Your options may include renowned names like Woodford Reserve, Four Roses, Wild Turkey, Buffalo Trace, Maker's Mark, and more (subject to availability). Beyond the distillery experiences, Lexington has much to offer. Explore the historic Keeneland Racecourse or take a leisurely horse-drawn carriage ride through the charming downtown district. This city is also known for its numerous horse farms and championship golf courses, making it a destination that caters to everyone's interests. Your journey won't just be limited to exploring and savoring the nation's finest bourbon; it also includes a delectable dinner at Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse.
- The Big Easy - Escape to New Orleans, Step into The Big Easy, your ideal retreat in the heart of New Orleans! This residence provides a comfortable haven for a delightful and stress-free vacation. Its prime location and cozy amenities make it the ideal launching pad for discovering everything the city has in store. This residence features a two-bedroom, two-bathroom setup, perfect for accommodating four guests.
- Experience Porto, Portugal, located near the city center of downtown Porto this bright property features two bedrooms and two bathrooms. This residence is centrally located for an easy stroll downtown to one of the many local wine bars or explore what culinary masterpieces Porto has to offer. This experience includes a Portuguese dinner with a traditional live Fado music performance, along with a 3-hour walking tour of Vilanova de Gaia, part of the city that is renowned for its port wines. You'll visit three of these cellars and sample some of Porto's best wines.

Nanci Browning and Debbie Sampson
Live Auction Chairs

Philanthropy



At our March general meeting, we collected Easter basket items for Community's Child. They were thrilled with all of our donations that will help them give special treats to so many children.

Dede Ornelas, Program Director and Phil Wood, Food Manager

On April 6th, we will be doing a hike with PV Land Conservancy. We have 14 members signed up. If you did not sign up and would like to join us, please contact Lisa Nesicolaci at lisanesi90@yahoo.com for details.

At our April General Meeting, we will be collecting donations for South Bay Children's Health Center. Items requested:

-Toys

(preferably not bulk miniature ones, so no danger of young children choking on them)

-Children picture books

-Coloring books

- Journals

-Fidget toys

- Slime kits

-Arts & Craft supplies

We are scheduled for a tour of Manes for Movement on May 15th at 4:00. There will be a signup sheet at our April general meeting.

**Lisa Nesicolaci & Debbie Sampson,
Philanthropy V.P.s**

MEMBERSHIP

Happy Spring - Hope you are all enjoying more daylight!

Reminders this month:

*Potential New Member Open House – May 17th – Please forward any prospects to either Randi or Susan so we make sure they get an invitation

*Members are required to attend 6 out of the 9 General meetings...Please join us for COFFEE WITH THE PRESIDENT at the April Meeting in person! (zoom will also be available)

*Dues – we will begin reminding/collecting soon and will be due no later than June 30th.



To our April Ladies!

**Rita Lollock 4/7, Anna Pinto 4/9, Judy Hessick 4/10, Pam Barret-Hill 4/11,
Lucy Huebner 4/12,
Joan Sedillo 4/11, Diana Klink 4/14, Donna Ciminera 4/15,
Sara Jane Bettge 4/16, Janice Petrosino 4/18, , Sherry Granstrom 4/24,
Cheryl Guheen 4/26, Emma Gallart 4/27, Joanne Mineo 4/28,
Barbara Smith 4/29.**

Randi Young theyoungshome@earthlink.net

Susan Yamate wrapwithme@gmail.com

Membership V.P.s

BUNCO

BUNCO will be on Wednesday April 17th.

Debbie Sampson will be hosting this month. We will start at 6:30. Look for the evite April 1st. The first 11 people to respond will secure a spot. If there are more than 11 people, we will notify you as an alternate. Please remember to bring \$10 cash and the beverage of your choice.

Thank you!

Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond

Bunco

SMALL SOCIAL FUNDRAISERS

Hof's Hut will donate 20 percent of sales for ALL DAY (7am to 9pm) **Thursday April 11th** to Las Candalistas! Orders can be dine in or take out. You must mention Las Candalistas to your server and/or cashier. The info below is also attached to this Newsletter. Print it and bring to Hof's Hut April 11th. Send it to your friends! Please call in to make your dine in reservation the week before or follow this link to rsvp (not required). <https://grouprai.se/s277211> Enjoy your time off from cooking and raise money for our charities! Hof's Hut at 23635 Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance. Questions? Contact Lynda Black-bljs@msn.com



The flyer features a blue border and a central graphic with a smiling face inside a heart. Below this is a yellow banner with the text "EAT Deliciously TO Support". Three red heart icons are used as bullet points for the event details. A circular image of a burger and fries is on the left, and the Hof's Hut logo and social media handles are on the right. A small asterisked note and the GroupRise logo are at the bottom.

**EAT Deliciously
TO Support**

Present flyer to team member for credit.
Valid for dine-in or take out.

Thursday, April 11th 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Hof's Hut
23635 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance

*Fundraising
HAS NEVER BEEN
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Present this flyer to your server on the date listed above, and **generated*** from your event will be donated back to your organization.

Hof's Hut
RESTAURANT & BAKERY

hofshut.com @hofs_hut

* of subtotal sales generated from your event. Excludes alcohol and gift card purchases. Valid for dine-in and call-in take-out purchases.

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We are looking for more fun ideas for May. Contact Selina Hamilton if you have an idea. selinamonkey@yahoo.com

Selina Hamilton

Small Social Fundraisers

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

Lois Riopelle-

As mentioned at the March meeting, Lois has been diagnosed with a lung disease. When we reached our again, she said, "I am working on trying to resume normal activities mostly with oxygen."

Lois Riopelle
1424 Brett Pl. San Pedro 90732
503-559-7411
lois1936@live.com

Judy Hessick-

Judy had a knee replacement last week. She would appreciate prayers and cards.

47 Santa Barbara Dr
RPV, CA 90275

Carla Smith & Karyn Ferris
Sunshine and Rain

BOOK CLUB

The April Book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, at 4:30 pm. We'll know who is hostessing soon and will notify all who want to attend of the location.

Our choice for this month is Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson. It's the story that "...forces us to look at how chance encounters like an historical event, such as a slave trade, alter a family of Caribbean heritage".

Hope you can join us. If interested, please notify Marlyn Franklin, marlyn.franklin@gmail.com. More information will then be sent to you. It's a really fun group!

PS: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, is now a miniseries showing on Paramount+ with Showtime starring Sean McGregor. It's one of my favorite books! Check it out!!!

Marlyn Franklin
Book Club

THRIFT

We will **NOT be collecting** Thrift at the April meeting. Our final collection for the year will be 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

HISTORY LESSON #7: FUN STUFF

Since April can be a heavy month, I'd thought I'd share some fun LC things I've found. I know there are many more, but this is what I have. Many of the people mentioned are still members, but some have moved on or passed on. Enjoy!

Laura Henson-Broussard
President and Unofficial LC Historian

An example of some of the amazing member made
ambiance creations used at our events.



For many years the Roster cover reflected the theme of that year's Walk. The covers were usually a beautiful piece of art drawn by a member. However, in 1988-89 they went a different route. I think this satirical one is my favorite! The theme was 'A Country Life.' The invitation to that Walk was quite elaborate and whimsical. Photos don't do it justice, I will bring it to the April Meeting for a Show & Tell.



'A Day in the Garden' 2012 Spring Event
at the South Coast Botanic Garden

An example of what the skits were like. This is from our 2001 Walk 'Flight to Paradise ... A Tropical Adventure.'



Greeting guests at Saturday's Walk on the Wild Side fundraiser in Rancho Palos Verdes were, above from left, Pam Barrett (Pocahontas), Monica Mortensen (architect Julia Morgan), Beverly Holman (Rosie the Riveter), Barbara Smith (Scajeweas), Kerry Zesiger (a U.S. Air Force tech sergeant) and, kneeling in front, Nina Smith (Amelia Earhart). At left, docents Patti Crane and Ann Hugh, dressed as the Mother of Invention and the Mother of Discovery, shared stories about famous women.
Meredith Greener

Rori Roje on the left, still a member :-)
Photo from the Palos Verdes Peninsula News



"Three Sirens on the Rocks" This is the really wild part of Walk on the Wild Side. Of the skit starring Rori Roje, Carol Friedman and Lois Buchanan, the four docents noted that, "There is trouble in paradise for three talented mermaids. They just their act together and take it on the road through the Seven Seas."

Daily Breeze article about 2008 Walk: "Women Who Dare" at RPV City Hall. Many in these photos are still members!

APRIL 2024

April Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
			Officer's Meeting			
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Rita Lollock		Anna Pinto	General Meeting Judy Hessick	Joan Sedillo Pam Barrett-Hill Hof's Hut  Fundraiser	Lucy Huebner	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Diana Klink	Donna Ciminera	Sara Jane Bettge	Bunco 	Janice Petrosino		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Sherry Granstrom  Book Club		Cheryl Guheen	SPRING EVENT  Emma Gallart
28	29	30				
Joanne Mineo	Barbara Smith					