

LAS CANDALISTAS MARCH

NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's very rainy as I write this, but sunshine is right around the corner. All the traditional groundhogs did not see their shadows on February 2nd so hopefully we're in for an early spring! However, my favorite predictor of spring is California's own Mojave Maxine, a 47-year-old tortoise who lives at the Living Desert Museum in Palm Desert. When spring truly arrives, she and her tortoise roommates will emerge from brumation – the reptile form of hibernation in burrows underground. So far, at the time of this writing, Maxine is hanging tight in the warm underground, she's not ready for her closeup yet. We hope to see you soon Maxine!

On to the important stuff...you all know we're at that time where we select the Officers and BOD for next year. As I have stated before, I have truly enjoyed being part of several leadership teams over my almost 20 years with this group. I feel I have grown as a person as a result. *I highly recommend you serve as an officer, BOD member, or event chair* so you can get the maximum benefit out of being a member. Your bonds with the community and other members will grow stronger as well.

Thank you to our fearless Spring Event leaders Danielle, Selina, Cheryl, and Nanci who are working hard to make sure Havana Nights is not only a successful event for our philanthropies but a fun one as well. More info in their newsletter article. Thanks also to all members chairing a committee or working on a committee. Tickets are on sale at www.lascandalistas.org so buy yours now and spread the word! In fact, purchase a table to ensure you and all your friends can sit together.

I don't have a lot more to say in this newsletter, so I'll leave you with these thoughts:
“Don't wait for someone to bring you flowers. Plant your own garden and decorate your own soul.”
– Luther Burbank
Or maybe

“Finally my winter fat is gone. Now I have spring rolls.”
--no one took credit for this

See you all at the March General Meeting!

Laura Henson-Broussard
President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We will be accepting nominations for the 2024 – 2026 Board of Directors at the March General Meeting. Members of the Board serve for two years. This year there will be three (3) Board openings.

The responsibilities of the Board include: reviewing and approving any action taken by the Officers regarding the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and financial matters of Las Candalistas. All members of the Board shall also serve as members of the Philanthropy Committee and the Nominating Committee which nominates and approves the slate of Officers for the following year.

If you would like to be nominated, please contact a member of the Board, or have a fellow member nominate you. If you are planning to nominate someone, please contact her prior to making the nomination to ensure her willingness to serve if she is elected.

Questions? Contact Amy Mosher at 310.714.0222 or mosher120@yahoo.com.

Amy Mosher, Chairman of the Board

Janie Woodburn, Sharon Logan, Gina Radocchio, Carla Smith

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Our March General Meeting will be held on March 13th at Peninsula Center Library, 701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates.

9:00 – Social

9:30 – Meeting begins

Brenda Holcomb

Parliamentarian

SMALL SOCIAL FUNDRAISERS

The Dance class is THIS Sunday, March 3.

We still have a few spots open.

Contact Selina by text if you are interested-
626-399-8887

Selina Hamilton

Small Social Fundraisers

Rumba Flamenco Dance Class LC Small Social FUNdraiser



Come dance!!!

Get ready for our Havana Nights Spring Event by learning a flamenco-style rumba! Enjoy some fun dance moves with your fellow LC sisters.

We will be instructed by Victoria Koh. She found her passion for flamenco and performs with local groups Dundee Flamenco, Salsa Flamenca, Camino Rio, and at Algeria's in Long Beach.

Individual dancing! No partner needed!

When: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Where: Precision Dance Company
25834 Narbonne Ave. Lomita 90717

Time: 11:00am-12:00pm

Cost: \$20 per person

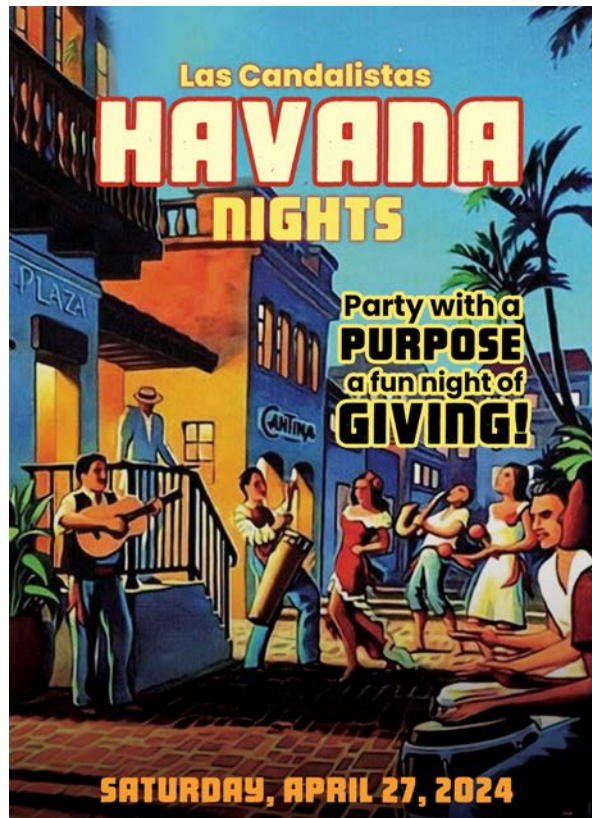
Maximum Capacity: 25 members

Confirm attendance by check or Venmo

* Please call or text Selina for your spot!

626.399.8887

SPRING EVENT



Ticket Sales are Open!

You can access event information and purchase tickets here:

<https://lascandalistas.ejoinme.org/havananights>

We are using the Greater Giving software again, which streamlines check-in and check-out by having guests pre-register their credit cards.

For members only: We will have a laptop at the March General Meeting, and you can purchase tickets then OR online.

Tickets are \$150 until April 12th. They will increase to \$175 after April 12th and close on April 18th (or sooner if we sell out). We have space for 270 guests, so invite your friends! Buy a table for 10 and choose your tablemates.

Thinking about your outfit for the night? We are suggesting “festive casual” attire.

Spread the Word! PLEASE forward the Constant Contact emails we send. PLEASE like and share our posts on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. You can find us on either site by typing lascandalistas in the search bar. We need your help spreading the word about the exciting night we have planned, and filling the Norris Pavilion means more money for our charities!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work at the event! Please read the committee chairs articles below for more information and to see where we still need help.

Nanci, Cheryl, Selina & Danielle

Your Havana Nights Co-Chairs

SILENT AUCTION

Thank you so much for those of you that have already stepped up and provided us with your donations or those that have let us know what donations you are working on. We're very excited with what you have come up with! However, we're a little nervous that we haven't heard from many of you. Our Silent Auction can only be a success by the number of members that participate. 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 once again will be able to sell the awesome Africa Trip from Zulu Nyala that members rave about. See flyer. We will be able to sell the trip for \$3900 for 2 people for 6 nights. Amazing!

We look forward to hearing from you! If you have something in the works, please let us know. All auction prizes are due by April 15th. Start shopping with friends, ask your favorite hangouts for a donation, provide a cash donation and we will shop for you. Need ideas? Please feel free to contact us! If you already have your donation ready, feel free to bring it to our next General Meeting on 3/13. If not, contact **Cindy, 310-872-6334 or cmac625@verizon.net** for pick up or information for drop off.

Attached to the newsletter are various documents that will help you seek items.

Any questions, please contact Lorri at lorrymino@gmail.com or 310-749-5997.

We are looking forward to having our Silent Auction to be a fabulous success which we can't do without you! Thank you so much!

Cindy Macfarlane and Lorri Mino

CASINO & RAFFLE

We need volunteers! We will be working in two shifts between 5:30-7PM and one shift 9-10PM. You are not committing to the whole night, and there will be training prior to the event. We need volunteers roving and selling "funny money" and we need more volunteers manning the raffle table – selling "funny money" and converting "funny money" into raffle tickets.

Please contact Danielle Weinstock dlwein@gmail.com or Selina Hamilton selinamonkey@gmail.com

AMBIENCE

Ambience is looking to borrow a few items from members:

Old, beat up wooden crates

Faux indoor palm and tropical type trees

Freestanding screen

Vintage globe (would like it smaller than a classroom globe and brownish in color)

Cigar boxes

Please contact Karen Stockbridge kostockbridge@gmail.com or Janie Woodburn jwoodlett@verizon.net

Games & LC Accessories –

We need volunteers to sell glow bands for the Heads and Tails game.

Wine Toss –

We need bottles donated with a minimum purchase price (after any store discount) of \$20. We need premium vintages \$40 and above, too. The Wine Toss will replace the Wine Pull. It is a fun carnival-like game. You can bring your wine donations to the March meeting or contact Hollidae or Lisa to arrange drop-off/pick-up.

Hollidae Brown hollidae12@gmail.com or Lisa Nesicolaci lisanesi90@yahoo.com

Sponsorships

We need sponsors and donors for this event! The more we can underwrite, the more money we can give to our philanthropies. We're looking for corporate sponsors, small business sponsors and private donors. Please think about who you think would like to partner with us! We would love any recommendations of potential sponsors we can reach out to. Anyone who recommended for our 2023 event, it would be appreciated if you are able to reach out to your contact again for our exciting 2024 Havana Nights to see if they are interested, and then we can work out the details with them. Sponsors that get on board early get a lot of recognition during promotion of our event as well as for the remainder of the year on our website. Please contact Lynda Black if you can help, bljs@msn.com

Dessert

Calling all bakers! We need volunteers to bake and package Cuban Shortbread Cookies for Havana Nights. We have decided to show off our fabulous LC baking skills AND save money on our catering budget!

Please contact Selina Hamilton if you're able to help: selinamonkey@gmail.com

Live Auction

We are excited about our live auction offerings for this event. But to mix it up a bit we would love to add a sports package. This is where we need your help! Do any of you have access to sports tickets, VIP boxes? We don't mind what sport, football/baseball/Ice hockey. Please contact me if you think you can help, Debs744@hotmail.com

So just a little taster of what we will be offering in our auction, more details will be sent out soon....

- A week in the sunniest spot in Ireland. Just two hours from Dublin. 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. It's also the ideal base to go exploring - both the town and the surrounding areas of Wexford. 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. Available September or October 2024.
- A dinner not to be missed! Chef Dora will come to your house and create a mouth-watering dinner party for 10. You and 8 guests can sit back and be served 5 courses of tasty food. All you do is set the date, invite your guests, choose, and buy some wine. It is a fabulous treat for any occasion.
- If you haven't already been, then Havana, Cuba must be on your list! Havana is a must-see for any traveler. The architecture is simply stunning, and you can't help but be captivated by the beauty of it all. Havana is a beautiful and historic city, and there is no better way to experience it than by staying in this luxurious apartment. The residence offers 2 bedrooms and 2 1/2 bathrooms and comes with maid service and security.
- City of lights Paris - Experience the ultimate Parisian luxury with a 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 luxurious views, fine wines, and a delicious 4-course meal that includes a starter, main dish, cheese, and dessert. You'll also indulge in a 7-course dinner at Michelin Star restaurant, Auberge Nicolas Flamel. You'll stay in a luxurious four-star hotel in the heart of Paris for five nights, with breakfast included each day.
- 3 nights and 3 days on the Bourbon Trail. This journey to some of the most iconic Bourbon distilleries in the world is a true Bluegrass bucket list item. Properties are 2 bedroom and 2 bathrooms, making it ideal for a group of four adults. The trip includes Steakhouse dinner at Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse in Lexington and a tour of 4 distilleries including tastings.

- New Orleans, a city like no other, is a testament to its unique blend of people and cultures, shaping its vibrant identity. Its globally renowned cuisine, from Creole classics like gumbo and jambalaya to the sweet indulgence of beignets and hearty po'boys, caters to every taste. You'll be staying at 'The Big Easy', your ideal retreat in the heart of New Orleans! This residence features a two-bedroom, two-bathroom setup, perfect for accommodating four guests. The trip includes a hands-on cooking class at the New Orleans School of Cooking and Dinner at Mosquito Supper Club and is for 3 nights.

We hope that got you excited! Don't forget to tell your family and friends! We will be sending out Constant Contact emails to everyone in our database to promote our Live Auction items.

Nanci Browning and Debbie Sampson

PHILANTHROPY

In February, we collected nonperishable items for the Boys & Girls Club food pantry. They were beyond excited when we were able to deliver 2 cars loads of goods to the San Pedro Location on February 21st. They explained to us that their pantry is open every day of the week and people can stop by to choose so many items each. It is so satisfying that Las Candalistas can contribute to the community food deficit in this small way.



With Easter just around the corner (March 31), **we are seeking donations of Pre-Filled Easter Baskets for Community's Child.** They are looking for **baskets, candies, small items and fillers to go in the baskets.** You can also bring a basket fully assembled if you choose. Equally they are happy to accept cash donations towards the purchase of a pre-filled basket. All donations are tax-deductible. Please bring your donations to the March meeting or contact Lisa or Debbie, who can come and pick up them up. Let's help homeless and disadvantaged children have a fabulous Easter.

Also at the March General Meeting, we will have a signup sheet for our April hike with the PV Land Conservancy. That will be on April 6th at 10:30, so mark your calendars!

**Lisa Nesicolaci & Debbie Sampson,
Philanthropy Chairs**



MEMBERSHIP



Lucky Birthday Ladies!

Janet Warner 3/4, Marlyn Fanklin 3/7, Lynda Black 3/7,
Hollidae Brown 3/16, Selina Hamilton 3/18,
Freddie Benson 3/19, Ahna Small 3/19,
Jennifer Sittel 3/21, Lawrie Margrave 3/22, Brenda Holcomb 3/23,
Trish Winchester 3/24, Nanci Browning 3/31

Spring is just around the corner, which is when we start working on building our membership. And all of you LC ladies did a great job last year. We had eleven new members. Once again, we are asking you to get the word out and invite potential members to our meetings as well as our open house on May 17th for happy hour at Debbie Sampson's house.

Let's see if we can match last year's new membership numbers!

Randi Young and Susan Yamate
Membership Vice Presidents

EXCURSIONS

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, we are cancelling the 3-day Wine Tour in Temecula.

Shelley Pogorelsky & Cindy Macfarlane
Excursions

BOOK CLUB

Our February Book Club meeting was two days after the Newsletter articles were due, so our next meeting and book selection had not been decided...sorry! We can announce it at the General Meeting.

Cathy Howard was our February hostess and we we're looking forward to discussing the book THE MEASURES. If you read it, we hope you enjoyed it.

The March meeting and book choice will be shared with you later. Please contact me at marlyn.franklin@gmail.com if you're interested in attending our March meeting which will probably be on a Wednesday towards the end of the month.

Marlyn Franklin
Book Club

BUNCO

BUNCO will be on March 20th at 6:30. Michelle Joye will be hosting this month.

We will start at 6:30. Look for the evite. The first 11 people to respond will secure a spot. If there are less than 11 people, we will notify you as an alternate. Please remember to bring \$10 cash and a beverage of your choice. Let's get ready to BUNCO!

Paula Redmond and Hollidae Brown

Bunco

THRIFT

We will be collecting Thrift at the March meeting. Items needed are clothing for men, women and children, household items and small appliances. Please make sure clothing is clean and in good condition and appliances are all in working order.

If anyone is travelling and collecting the hotel size shampoo, etc. and new cosmetics, we will collect those for our holiday toiletry kits that we distribute in December.

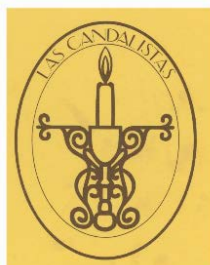
Thank you,

Donna Ciminara and Jan Raymond

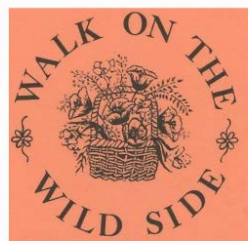
Thrift Chairmen

HISTORY LESSON #6: WALK INVITATIONS AND OUR LOGO

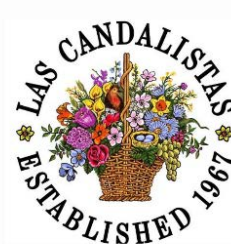
When Las Candalistas was first founded, our logo reflected our name, the Candlelighters. Later on, when our Spring Event, *Walk on the Wildside* became a South Bay fixture, we developed a logo for it, about 1981. It looks like we used both for a while, probably dropping the original logo when we incorporated in 1989 and using the *Walk* logo solely as our brand. In 2015, when our Spring Events began to differ significantly from our traditional *Walk*, we developed a more generic logo. This current logo still has the basket on it, which pays homage to our *Walk* days.



1967-1980's



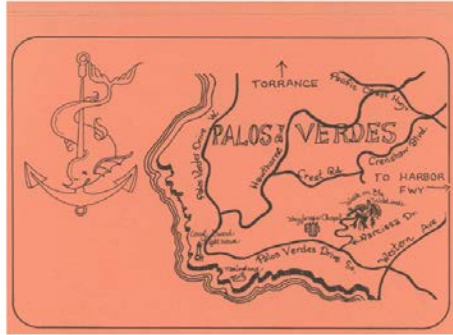
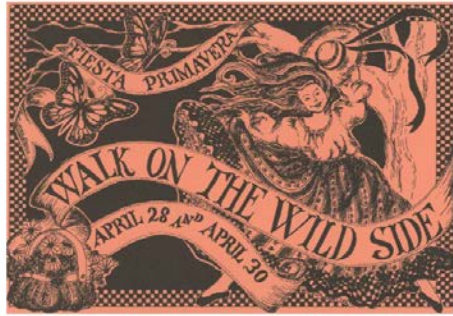
1981-2015




2015-present

Those of you who have been members for over 10 years or so remember....Invitation Writing day! This was so important that the date was picked at the beginning of our season. I'll describe it simply....This was a day when members, would gather and address invitations for our *Walk* to their friends, etc., everyone on their mailing list. It was mandatory for Actives and Associates. The addresses had been printed out on labels, but you were expected to stuff, seal, and stamp the envelopes and perhaps write a personal note on the invite to encourage the recipient to attend. Some years the invites were very intricate and had several pieces! It was quite a production! Coffee and snacks were usually served. Now, with technology taking over, and due to the increasing cost of printing and postage, we utilize email marketing (Constant Contact) as our main invitation source. A lot easier (and more cost effective) in my opinion.


Below is an invitation from *Fiesta Primavera*, our 1981 *Walk on the Wildside*. Note the line at the bottom so the member can sign it? The invitations did become much more elaborate through the years. I like this invitation because it describes well what the original *Walk on the Wildside* was. Enjoy and be thankful we no longer have an Invitation Writing day!



 LAS CANDALISTAS invites you to celebrate our "Fiesta Primavera" at our fourteenth annual WALK ON THE WILD SIDE.

If this is your first experience, allow two to three hours to partake of:

- a delicious luncheon prepared with great care by our members and served on the Portuguese Bend hillside overlooking the majestic coastline.
- a guided walk among the wildflowers and chaparral where our docents present informative and enjoyable narratives on our heritage of the land.
- a leisurely stroll among the pines where you may purchase handcrafted gifts, homebaked goods, herb specialties, plants, and many other items our members have been creating all year long...and
- the talents of our special guests who will entertain you with the music and arts.


Thursday, April 28, 1983
Saturday, April 30, 1983

End of Narcissa Drive, Portuguese Bend
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Luncheon served from 11:00 - 2:00

Donation: \$12.50
Reservations limited

For additional information
Please call 419-2073

Please join us for this special day.
Suzanne Motter
In case of rain, please consider this a donation.
Proceeds go to the South Bay Child Guidance Clinic.
Printing courtesy of George Rice & Sons

Laura Henson-Broussard
President and Unofficial LC Historian

RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Thanks to everybody who has signed up to the Ralph's community program. We currently have 56 members registered and our last quarterly contribution from Ralph's was \$363.

We all know the saying "every penny counts" and that is so true when choosing to shop at Ralph's and appointing Las Candalistas as your community recipient. Every dollar you spend helps to raise the contribution to help kids and the environment in the South Bay.

If you have not joined the community program, please consider doing so. It would be great to report 60 members next month!

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 register using the same link above.

Once you have opened the account, you will then be able to link Las Candalistas in the drop-down selection.

If you have any questions, please call me, or send an email.

Thanks so much!

Cheryl Deppe 949 2059991

email: cheryldeppe122@gmail.com

Cheryl Deppe
Community Partners

MARCH 2024

March Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Dance Class	Janet Warner		Officers Meeting	Marlyn Franklin Lynda Black		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			General Meeting			Hollidae Brown
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Selina Hamilton	Freddie Benson, Ahna Small	Bunco 6:30	Jennifer Sittel	Lawrie Margrave	Brenda Holcomb
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Trish Winchester						
31						
Nanci Browning EASTER						