

LAS CANDALISTAS JUNE NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



I'd like to raise a glass to all of you for a successful year on so many levels! You chaired committees within events, worked on committees for events, worked at events, attended events, spread the word, donated, helped each other out, made new friends, made memories, and had fun too! We met all our fundraising goals and more, thanks to all of you!!! And we updated our Bylaws and Standing Rules which were much needed.

Extra Special Cheers to our:

Board of Directors: Chair Amy Mosher; Secretary Sharon Logan; Members Janie Woodburn, Carla Smith, and Gina Radocchio worked on the Bylaw and Standing Rules amendments and made sure Las Candalistas ran smoothly all year.

Fall Event Chairs: First time event chairs Amy Mosher and Debbie Bramhall did a spectacular job on a new event, *'Between the Covers,'* They had a vision of a literary luncheon, and they brought it to life! It was so successful we're doing a second one this Fall.

Spring Event Chairs: Nanci Browning, Cheryl Deppe, Selina Hamilton, and Danielle Weinstock. I just can't stop talking about *Havana Nights* and what a memorable and successful evening that was. Everything about this event was outstanding.

1st VPs Philanthropy: Lisa Nesicolaci and Debbie Sampson worked hard on building better relationships with our charities and introduced new ways to interact with them. They are thinking outside the box and it's exciting! We are creating an even stronger bond with our community thanks to these two.

2nd VPs Ways and Means: Lynda Black and Debbie Bramhall continued building stronger relations with our sponsors and community partners and ensuring that our events have all the i's dotted, and t's crossed. They have made such a difference!

3rd VPs Membership: Susan Yamate and Randi Young did a fantastic job taking care of our Provisionals, worked hard on updating the standing rules and creating a volunteer form, and were always thinking of and implementing ways to make membership better. They have had a busy but successful year!

Parliamentarian Brenda Holcomb did fabulous work with our standing rules and bylaws amendments and making sure our general meetings ran smoothly. Shout out to Danielle Weinstock for all her help with Zoom!

Corresponding Secretary Karen Stockbridge reformatted the roster so it looks better and is easier to update. It was not easy! And she always made sure we were up to date with timely newsletters and eblasts. She did a great job as 'mistress of communications.'

Recording Secretary Lorri Mino didn't miss anything and kept amazing notes. Be careful what you say at a meeting, she'll put it in the minutes.

Treasurer: Lucy Huebner, our new Treasurer, had big shoes to fill but did a wonderful job of taking care of our finances!

Friends and Family (Jams and Jellies): Kathy Black and Cathy Howard were new chairs to this important committee. They did a wonderful job carrying on a Las Candalistas tradition and their very hard work is so appreciated!

Adopt a Family: Kathy Black and Cathy Howard didn't rest after Friends and Family and went above and beyond in ensuring in-need families had a happy holiday!

Small Social FUNdraisers: Selina Hamilton organized several fun and successful small fundraisers as Chair of this new committee. I learned a few things! These events helped members get to know each other better as well.

Sunshine and Rain: Carla Smith and Karyn Farris were unfortunately busy but took good care of our members who needed TLC.

Thrift: Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond continued collecting thrift items throughout the year and delivering to our philanthropies. And of course, collecting items through the year for the holiday toiletry bag program. They've been doing this since 2007! Shout out to Barb Morel who helps underwrite the holiday toiletry bag program every year. And who approached Bombas for socks. It took two years for them to respond but now we will receive Bombas socks every year!

Excursions: Cindy Macfarlane, Shelley Pogorelsky, and Trish Winchester did a fun excursion to the Huntington! They did their best to organize more fun trips, but it just didn't pan out this year. Your efforts are appreciated!

Bunco: Hollidae Brown and Paula Redmond organized the fun games and kept the dice rolling! I won big at one of the nights!

Book Club: Marlyn Franklin organized the meetings and book suggestions. She loves to read, and it shows!

Donor Snap: Polly Goodman once again led this very important job of tracking and thanking our donors. She deserves extra applause! Polly has also trained Tracy Glover this year who is doing great!

Storage: Polly Goodman's second important job: managing the contents of our storage unit. Thanks Polly!

Greater Giving Event Software: Irene Almeida, Kathy Black, and Debbie Bramhall are experts at reservations and check-in! Lynda Black worked the back end, creating the ticket sale website. Utilizing this software at our fundraising events has been a game changer for us. This software is now crucial to our events.

Bulk Mailings: Irene Almeida was our liaison with the post office and organized bulk mail parties. (they're a lot of work!)

Ralphs Community Contribution Program Coordinator: Cheryl Deppe made sure our Ralphs donations came through! This is quite a profitable program. Sign up if you shop at Ralphs.

***The Insider*,** our annual public newsletter: Karen Stockbridge created the best *Insider* yet! She's been our *Insider* creator since we started sending them, about 10 years ago!

Wyland Foundation Mobile Learning Center Liaison: Kathy Black organized visits to local elementary schools. So important to teach children the importance of saving and protecting our oceans and waterways.

Website: Janis Davis McGarry and yours truly are still the webmistresses. This was a big year as our website was rebuilt. Check it out if you haven't seen it. And sign up for the Members only section if you haven't yet.

Digital Marketing: This is also my job. I create the Constant Contact email marketing campaigns for our events and social media posts on Facebook and Instagram. Thank you to Stacey Navarro for her posts, shares and social media expertise. She has helped us get more followers! It really makes a difference.

As far as my personal thoughts on the closing of the year... I feel I accomplished my mission of: **Respect our History** – Each newsletter had a History Lesson.

Celebrate our Present – We had more social gatherings with our Small Social FUNdraisers, Bunco, Book Club, Excursions and more.

Envision our Future – We amended portions of our Bylaws and Standing Rules that were sorely needed. They now better reflect where our organization is today and where we are going. And we are embracing technology more with our revamped website, utilization of Greater Giving Event Software, and social media posts. Lastly, we are connecting more with our philanthropies and the South Bay community in general. Very exciting!

It has been a pleasure to serve as President, I have truly enjoyed the year. I'll close with a quote as by now you all know I really like to use them:

Have a wonderful summer! On to our 2024-25 season!

Laura Henson-Broussard
President



MAY GENERAL MEETING NOTES

If you missed the May General Meeting, you missed a good one!

The numbers from *Havana Nights* are in and the net proceeds from the event are at least \$65,000! This is fabulous for our philanthropies.

Thank you to author Rebecca Forster for speaking at our May General Meeting! Rebecca dazzled us with her stories! She also raffled off 3 of her books and the winner of one of the books will also be a character in her next book! Rebecca will be the moderator at our 2024 Fall Fundraising Event and she got us fired up for it! Chairs Jan Schlesinger and Kelly Reinart gave us preliminary info on the event, but you'll hear a lot more at the June Luncheon!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Board Members, Officers, President of Las Candalistas,

As this year comes to a close, I am filled with immense gratitude for the extraordinary dedication and efforts each one of you has contributed to our organization. It is through your unwavering commitment and collaborative spirit that Las Candalistas continues to thrive and make a measurable impact in our community.

Reflecting on this year, we have faced challenges, yet our resilience and innovative approaches have enabled us to achieve remarkable results. From our successful fundraising events to our impactful outreach programs, each initiative has been a testament to our shared vision and hard work.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each board member: Sharon Logan, Janie Woodburn, Gina Radocchio and Carla Smith for your strategic insights and steadfast support. Your guidance has been crucial in steering our organization towards achieving its goals. To our officers, your operational excellence and leadership have ensured that our day-to-day activities ran smoothly and efficiently. And to our President, Laura Henson-Broussard, your inspirational leadership and passion have been the driving force behind our success and modernization.

As we prepare to embark on a new fiscal year, let us carry forward the momentum we have built. I am confident that with our collective efforts, we will continue to expand our reach and enhance our impact in the community.

Thank you once again for your exceptional contributions and dedication. I am truly honored to work alongside such a talented and passionate group of women. Wishing you all a restful break and looking forward to another year of success and fulfillment.

Warm regards,

Amy Mosher, Chairman of the Board

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

Fall Event 2024- “Between the Lines”

This fall, November 1, 2024 we will hold another author’s luncheon. We will have four diverse authors, a silent auction, vendors, food, fun , drinks and a little something for everyone. We will be back at the Palos Verdes Golf Course. Of course no event with LC is complete without the help of our fabulous members and now the “Good Guys” as well. We will be working on things during the summer so please sign up at the June meeting or contact either one of us to offer up your time, talent, services, items to donate and special interest. Jan Schlesinger (320-249-6125) and Kelly Reinart (616) 706-7440

Thank you in advance for all of you support.

**Jan Schlesinger and Kelly Reinart
Fall Event Chairwomen**

ROSTERS

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

Thank you,

**Karen Stockbridge
Corresponding Secretary**

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Voting Associates Status- If you are currently a voting associate and wish to remain as one, you no longer need to let us know each year. As per our new Standing Rules, you will not need to renew again.

Other Members who would like to change their status and become a Voting Associate must meet the qualifications of having been an Active for 6 years (including provisional year). Voting Associates should attend the October Meeting for Philanthropy Selection vote, and the March Meeting for Board of Directors vote, and any other meeting where a vote will be necessary. Please email your request to change your status to voting associate. Brendaholcomb7@gmail.com Requests must be received by June 30th.

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 10:00. (This is half an hour earlier than originally planned)

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, iced tea, and coffee are included.

*Wine and cocktails are cash and carry

Luncheon is \$55 per member

The cutoff is June 5th, so Venmo or Zelle are the only payment options.

Venmo the "Brenda Holcomb" with a photo wearing a red hat.

**Brenda Holcomb
Parliamentarian**

MEMBERSHIP

As we close out this year it is time to turn in your annual dues for the 2024/2025 season! Thank you to those who have already paid. Please note the new membership fees and due date of June 30th! (late fee of \$25.00 now applies)

ACTIVE \$75.00 ASSOCIATE \$100.00 SUSTAINER \$125.00

Please send to Susan Yamate 5006 Paseo Del Pavon Torr 90505 (Fill out the form if there are changes in status or personal info)

Venmo is also available @Susan_Yamate

RAFFLE! Members who have paid their dues will be entered into a raffle at the June luncheon on the 12th. If you pay at the door, you will also be entered, so bring your checkbook! The dues form is attached and is also available in the membership only portion of our website.

Membership had a successful open house on May 17th. Of the 10 attendees we had NINE decide to join us that night!! Thank you, Debbie Sampson, for hosting and for creating the amazing video with a look back at all things Las Candalistas. In addition, Debbie presented our Philanthropy program. Thanks also to Laura HB, Donna Ciminera, and Kelly Reinart for sharing their experience as members over the years. And most importantly THANKS to all the members who got the word out.

We are excited to introduce our new Provisionals at our Luncheon on June 12th.



TO OUR SUMMER BIRTHDAY LADIES!

JUNE

Diane Stone 6/5 Melissa Clifford 6/6 Jane Butler Jackson & Susan Sanborn Phillips 6/7
Linda Rodrick 6/19 Susan Haas 6/20 Barb Morel 6/21 Cindy MacFarlane 6/25
Tracy Glover 6/26 Rori Roje 6/30

JULY

Carla Smith 7/3 Denise Macrae 7/3 Julie Waldron 7/5 Michelle Joye 7/6
Beverly Holman 7/7 Lisa Winkelspect 7/8 Peggy Gussman 7/9
Paula Redmond 7/12 Laura Webb 7/13 Judy Holman 7/15 Ann Hugh 7/16
Nancy MacTavish 7/17 Nina Smith 7/20 Susan Yamate 7/23
Pat Crane 7/26 Kitty Edler 7/27 Vera Kelley 7/30

AUGUST

Sharon Logan 8/11 Stacy Navarro 8/14 Jan Schlesinger 8/18
Sue Spellacy 8/21 Anne Rode 8/26 Donna Scoular 8/29

Have a great Summer!

Randi Young & Susan Yamate
Membership

Philanthropy

We would like to thank our membership for their immense generosity this year! We collected and delivered donations to 7 charities throughout the year, who were thrilled with all of the items.

We also took a hike with the PV Land Conservancy and learned about our native plants and wildlife. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Now it is time to distribute all of the funds that we have worked so hard to raise. Our Philanthropy Distribution Meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, June 3rd at 1:00 pm. All members are welcome, but the Officers and Board of Directors make the final decisions. A spreadsheet listing the primary and secondary requests of each of our philanthropies is attached for your review.

Philanthropy nominations for 2024/2025 are due by June 30th . If you would like to nominate a charity, you must fill out a nomination form and you will need 2 members' signatures besides your own. You can email your form to Lisanesi90@yahoo.com or you can take a picture and send it. The following charities have been nominated so far:

- Boys & Girls Club of LA Harbor
- Cancer Support Community
- Community's Child
- International Bird Rescue
- Los Serenos de Ponte Vincente
- Marine Mammal Care
- Rainbow Services

In August we will hold our annual Philanthropy Selection Meeting. Please check your emails in the coming weeks for date, time and place.

We have exciting things planned for the upcoming year! We will be kicking it off with a tour of the Botanic Gardens on Wednesday, July 17 th at 10:00.

More details to follow.

**Lisa Nesicolaci & Debbie Sampson,
1st VP Philanthropy, Co-Chairs**

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is taking a summer break. We will begin our new year on Wednesday, September 25 at 4:30 pm. at Judy Moorhead's home.

Our first book of the new year will be the best seller THE WOMEN by Kristin Hannah, so add it to your summer reading list.

from the NEW YORK TIMES...This is a story of a woman gone to war, but it shines the light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and who committed to their country, but have been too often overlooked. Their idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era. It was a fun year for our group, and we are now looking forward to next year. Enjoy your summer!!!

**Marlyn Franklin
Book Club**

THRIFT

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

1. SHAWL
936 S. Centre, San Pedro, open 9:00 – 5:00 Mon - Sat
Phone: 310- 521-9310
Women's everyday clothes, cosmetics, new and used.
2. House of Hope
235 W. 9th St, San Pedro, staff on duty at all times
Phone: 310-831-9411
Women's clothes all sizes. Also, good clothes suitable for job interviews. Cosmetics/Toiletries including opened containers. Sheets, towels, household items and cell phones
3. YWCA
437 W. 9th Street, San Pedro, open for deliveries 9am-4pm, Mon-Fri (**12N-1pm closed for lunch**)
Phone: 310-547-0831

Thrift Store – 310-547-2332 – (open 8:30am-4pm Mon-Fri, 9:30am-3pm Sat. & Sun.)
Clothing, household knickknacks, miscellaneous items which will sell in their thrift shop.
4. Toberman Neighborhood Center
131 N. Grand, San Pedro, open Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm
Phone: 310-832-1145
They can always use school supplies. Also canned goods, dry foods for their Food Pantry. Items for their Thrift Shop
5. Harbor Interfaith Shelter
Office: 670 W 9th Street, San Pedro, open 8:30am-5:30pm Mon-Fri. Closed Sat & Sun. Entrance through rear of building parking area for donations.
Phone: 310 831-0603

Sort by women's, men's, children's. Good clothes, suitable for job interviews or court interviews should be separate and clearly labeled. Sheets, towels, dishes, silverware, small appliances always welcome
6. Beacon House – **MEN** only
1003 So. Beacon Street, San Pedro
310-514-4940
Men's clothing, casual and dress

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

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

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

Have a good summer.
Donna Ciminera and Jan Raymond

Thrift

SUNSHINE AND RAIN

We had a difficult year, with the losses of members and their loved ones. We end with a reminder of why our Sunshine and Rain gals are so important to keeping our sisters in our hearts-

Dear Carla and Ladies of Las Candalistas,

Thank you for the beautiful bromeliad plant - it's one of my favorites. Thank you also for all of the wonderful cards offering comfort and strength during Joe's illness and passing. I so appreciate all of the kindness and support that has been given to me. Our ladies are so wonderful, and I am proud to be a member of such an amazing organization.

*Thank you,
Gina Radocchio*

**Carla Smith & Karyn Farris
Sunshine & Rain**

HISTORY LESSON #9

I hope you have enjoyed reading my History Lessons as much as I enjoyed researching and writing them. I learned a lot! Las Candalistas has a rich history in the South Bay.

My last post will be..... me! I am approaching my 20th year as a member, so I guess I'm part of our history now?

The first photo was taken at my first Spring Event, *Walk on the Wildside*, in April of 2006, at RPV City Hall. The theme was Mardi Gras, and I was dressed as a jester, haha. My job was Bake Shop.

The second photo is me at our latest Spring Event, *Havana Nights*, April 27th, 2024, at the Norris Pavilion! I've come a long way from that jester. If you had asked the me in the first photo if I had any desire to ever be President, I would have said "Heck No!" But, over time, as I became more involved and invested in our group, especially as an officer, BOD member and event chair, it finally happened. I encourage all of you to become as engaged as possible in this organization, the benefits are amazing. Step out of your comfort zone and grow. Plus, it is truly rewarding work. If this introvert can do it, you can too!

**Laura Henson-Broussard
President and Unofficial LC Historian**



WEBSITE

Website:

Just another reminder for you to register for the Members Only section of our website. On the Members Only section you will find a calendar of LC meetings and events, necessary documents, and other useful information. If you haven't registered yet, please do!

Thank you!

Laura Henson-Broussard and Janis Davis-McGarry
Webmistresses

RALPH'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Thank you to everybody who is a member of the Ralphs Community contribution program. Your shopping at Ralph's makes a difference, and it is such an easy way to generate money for our charities. If you have not yet signed up to the Ralph's community program, it is very easy. Just go to their website here <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>

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

Cheryl Deppe
Community Partner Liasson

Continue scrolling to calendar....

JUNE 2024

June Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
	Philanthropy Distribution Meeting 1pm zoom		Diane Stone Officer's In/Out Meeting	Melissa Clifford	Jane Butler Jackson Susan Sanborn	
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
			June Luncheon 10:00 Bluewater Grill			
16	16	18	19	20	21	22
			Linda Rodrick	Susan Haas	Barb Morel	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Cindy Macfarlane		Tracy Glover			
30						
Rori Roje ***						

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