

# LAS CANDALISTAS OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

And just like that, we're done with September. What a wonderful first month we had back together. I want to thank everyone for attending our first General Meeting of the year and all the members that took advantage of Zoom. We had a total of 63 members - 37 Active/Provisionals, 14 Associates, and 12 Sustainers. Out of those 63, 11 of took advantage of Zoom. Thank you to our Parliamentarian, Michelle Drapeau, for organizing the room and the food. Everything was delicious and of course, I took advantage that we could have wine! Also, a big shout out to Nanci Browning who volunteered to help us with setting up Zoom.

So, to recap our September, we had our work/cook days at the church on 9/16 and 9/17. While we would have loved to have more members show up then the 30 that did each day, these members came to work. It always amazes me the work that is involved in making our famous jams and jellies. Thank you to Ann and her team for getting it done, Lois Riopelle for her fabulous job at Member's Hospitality and Susan Sanborn who brought fun projects for us to work on for Sunshine and Rain and the Fall Event.

On 9/21, we had our first Excursion hosted by our Liaisons of Fun, Julie Waldron and Janie Woodburn. It was such a fun filled day of visiting the old movie theater in El Segundo. It was fascinating to listen to the organist explain the history of the theater along with the background of the making of the silent movie. Thank you so much Julie and Janie.

9/25 brought us our first Book Club at the home of Judy Moorhead. We read *The Women* by Kristen Hannah. Thank you Marlyn for bringing us all together.

Our first Cocktails at Sunset was held on 9/26 at the home of Stella Bullock and it was fantastic. Please read the article within this newsletter for all the ghoulish details!

Now it's time to move on to October which is a very important time to attend our General Meeting as we vote for the Top 3 Philanthropies for this year. Please read the Philanthropy and Parliamentarian articles for more information. Your vote counts so please plan on attending.

We have another Small FUNdraiser planned by Selina and Team for 10/06. It's a Holiday Swap at the home of one of our Provisionals, Megan Zimmer. An Evite has been sent out for this event.

It's finally Bunco time on 10/16. Make sure you have signed up with Hollidae Brown and Janie Woodburn.

Another event you will not want to miss is the Fall Social with all of our new Provisionals. I attended one of their planning meetings and all I can say is WOW and it's an event you will not want to miss on 10/19. Please make sure you RSVP by 10/09 to the Evite that was sent.

Next Book Club will be on 10/23. Check out Marlyn's article for all the facts.

It's your chance to join another LC Excursion on 10/24. Our Liaisons of Fun have a fun day planned at the L.A. Library with a tour and other surprises. Make sure you sign up! This is going to be fun and ties in with the theme of our Fall Event.

With that, I thank you so much for your support as it means the world to me. Make sure you read all the articles of these hard-working Officers and Chairs. We hope to have your willingness to volunteer and help as We're Better Together!

**Lorri Mino**  
**President**

## **PARLIAMENTARIAN**

We look forward to seeing all of you at our October General Meeting!

**When:** Wednesday, October 9th  
**Time:** 9:00 Social, 9:30 meeting starts  
**Where:** Peninsula Center Library - Community Room  
701 Silver Spur Road, RHE

This is a very important and exciting meeting! We will have a representative from each of our Top 6 charities and they will present their organization's mission, goals, and funding request. Eligible voting members will vote for the Top 3 following the Top 6 presentations.

It is mandatory that we have a quorum (greater than 50% of our voting members) in attendance at the meeting before the ballots can be released. I will be confirming with Membership VPs on attendance to make sure we have met this requirement.

As a reminder, **NO absentee ballots** are allowed. You must attend this General Meeting either in-person or via Zoom to vote. Ballots will be distributed in-person during the meeting. If you're an eligible voting member, and you're in attendance via Zoom, you will need to email your Top 3 vote to Michelle at [Drapeau205@gmail.com](mailto:Drapeau205@gmail.com) **during the voting portion of this meeting**. Votes received prior to the meeting or after the meeting will not be included in the voting tally and certification.

**ZOOM:** For those members who unfortunately cannot attend this special general meeting in person, you will be able to attend via Zoom. The link is in the email that came with this newsletter and will be sent again to all members the week of the meeting. Please note, according to our standing rules, to be counted present via Zoom, your video camera must be turned on at least at the beginning of the meeting and your ***first and last name*** must be displayed.

**Michelle Drapeau**  
**Parliamentarian**

## **ROSTER UPDATES**

If you were unable to attend the September General Meeting, you may pick up your roster at the October General Meeting. If you live by a member who is not usually in attendance at meetings, please see me about delivering their roster to them.

Additional Rosters are available at the meeting for \$5.

**Important Reminder:** Our roster is compiled by Las Candalistas for the sole use and convenience of the members. **Commercial or other use is prohibited.** Please guard carefully against any unauthorized use by others.

Please note that Provisionals Ara Issari and Gerri Oshry, both in the printed roster, have decided to postpone joining. A couple more corrections as well: Tracy Glover's birthday is 6/23 and Beth King's husband, who passed last year, was not removed from her info. We apologize to Beth for the oversight.

We have a new member! Please add to your roster:  
Gale Swartz; 2727 Colt Rd., RPV 90275  
[swartzplace@gmail.com](mailto:swartzplace@gmail.com) cell (310) 347-7927 Birthday 3/28

A pdf version of the Membership portion of the roster was eblasted to all members. This is the most current, corrected version and has our newest member Gale in it. Please let me know if you did not receive it.

**Laura Henson-Broussard** [lauhen6491@gmail.com](mailto:lauhen6491@gmail.com)  
**Corresponding Secretary**

## **PHILANTHROPY**

We are very excited for our General Meeting, on October 9<sup>th</sup>, when a representative from our Top 6 charities will be presenting their organization's mission, goals and primary request for funds. They will also have the opportunity to present an 8–10-minute video or power point. Immediately following the presentations, our members will have a few minutes to express any further facts or experiences they may have about a certain charity. At that point we will vote for the Top 3.

We hope you will all be able to attend the meeting to hear from our charities and have the honor to vote for them! **PLEASE remember that our new Standing Rules on voting, state that you have to be in person or on Zoom to be able to vote.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** We have scheduled a tour at Manes for Movement on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30. We will have a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting for those who would like to come.

**Below is a brief summary of the Top 6 charities for you to familiarize yourselves with.** If you need more information about a certain charity please email Lisa at [Lisanesi90@yahoo.com](mailto:Lisanesi90@yahoo.com) or Debbie at [debs744@hotmail.com](mailto:debs744@hotmail.com).

### **Boys & Girls Club of LA Harbor**

Boys and Girls Clubs serve 2,700 youth daily at 20 locations throughout the harbor communities of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City and Harbor Gateway (Torrance, Lomita & Gardena). Focused programming on academics, arts, and athletics provides structure and success for students in school. Premier programming includes STEM, Robotics, 3-D Animation, and Video and Music Production which ensures learning is fun and focuses on careers, which is deeply needed in our communities. Within College Bound, the university pathway program for high school seniors, celebrated 99% on-time high school graduation rate; 95% college acceptance; \$6M in financial aid and scholarships awarded! Additionally, Career Bound prepares teens for the workforce. Their commitment to great futures for their members is leading to meaningful quality of life, purpose, and motivation to enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens.

**Primary Request: \$20,000 for Community Food Pantry Program serves 2,000+.**

BGCLAH opened a daily community food pantry after the pandemic. This program provides staple foods for families such as eggs, milk, meat and more for free. We encourage families to cook healthier meals by offering fresh food items and posting recipes that incorporate those items.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

### **Cancer Support Community**

Cancer Support Community South Bay (CSC South Bay) programs offer much needed emotional and educational support to cancer patients, survivors, and their family members all free of charge. For the last 35

years, their support programs have provided hope, healing and emotional wellness to cancer participants and their loved ones as they navigate a stressful and devastating time in their lives. They are integral to the support of cancer patients in active treatment, those returning to wellness post-treatment, and long-term survivors, as well as their family members, caregivers, and other loved ones, from ages 5 and up. A lot of time and resources go into supporting the families that are affected by cancer, so every dollar that is donated is used, often when a patient loses the cancer battle, their families leave national cancer charities money instead of locally. Last year 25,000 families were helped.

**Primary Request: \$20,000 for Supporting Kids and Teens Impacted by Cancer to Improve Their Overall Emotional Wellbeing Programs. Serves 200 children annually.**

CSCRB offers nine support programs for kids and teens impacted by cancer. These programs are led by professionally licensed therapists with a licensed coordinator overseeing the kids/teens programs and special events. CSCRB provides extensive professional emotional support for kids and teens impacted either themselves by a cancer diagnosis or through a loved one's cancer diagnosis. Their specialized programs help support kids and teens to thrive in school, social and home settings while experiencing a difficult and challenging time in their lives.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

### **International Bird Rescue**

International Bird Rescue is a global conservation organization based in California for birds in a changing world. Since 1971, Bird Rescue has responded to over 250 oil spills and other wildlife emergencies, caring for more than 160,000 birds on six continents. Bird Rescue aims to give a voice to waterbirds through conservation, advocacy, and wildlife literacy that builds empathy and encourages action.

Our mission is to inspire people to act toward balance with the natural world by rescuing waterbirds in crisis. Our vision: we dream of a world in which every person, every day, takes action to protect the natural home of wildlife and ourselves.

Millions of birds die every year due to Human-Wildlife Conflicts such as injury from fishing (hooks, nets, and lines), human cruelty, illegal shootings, habitat disruption, starvation, pollution, and climate change-induced hazards such as the accelerated spread of infectious diseases.

Education is essential for better long-term outcomes for people and for wildlife. We provide environmental education for 1,000 students annually through on-site field trips to our Center. Many of these students come to us in partnership with the Point Fermin Outdoor Education Center which provides opportunities to underserved LAUSD schools.

**Primary Request 20,000 for Wildlife Center Avian Rehabilitation, Research, and Education Impacts 1,000 children and 1,500 birds**

Our specialty veterinary hospital in San Pedro rescues and rehabilitates 1,500 native aquatic birds annually and releases them back into the wild. This daily work maintains and develops our facilities and skills (enabling us to respond rapidly to crisis events as they occur) and is the basis for our environmental education programs for children.

Despite the challenges shared above, intervention and education make a difference. It is why we are a first-line responder at the local, regional, and international level. Our long-standing experience and proven results helped establish the global best practices for the fields of both wildlife emergency response and clinical wildlife medicine.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

### **Manes for Movement, Inc.**

Manes for Movement's mission is to help improve function and positively change the lives of children and adults with disabilities using Equine (horse) Assisted Therapies and Activities. Currently they offer a full continuum of services from recreational adaptive horseback riding lessons to medically based therapy interventions like Hippotherapy that address functional goals, such as walking, talking, sensory processing, and more. We currently serve children as young as 18 months old through adulthood with a variety of neurodevelopmental, genetic, and psychological diagnoses. Manes for Movement is the only therapeutic riding facility within 40 miles of the South Bay that provides both medically based Hippotherapy services, and recreational Adaptive Horseback Riding to the community under the same program roof. In 2021 Manes for Movement provided over 1200 hours of direct service hours to children and adults with disabilities.

**Primary Request \$15,000 for their Equine Assisted Therapy and recreational Programming. 2,000+ program hours.**

Their current programming includes- 1. Medically based Hippotherapy sessions directed by licensed physical and occupational therapists 2. Feeding therapy and Assistive Technology training with a licensed occupational therapist 3. Recreational adaptive horseback riding lessons overseen by a PATH Intl certified therapeutic riding instructor 4. Ground based therapeutic horsemanship programs 5. Adaptive Riding Horse Show team that participates in local horse shows and competitions.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

**Providence TrinityKids Care Hospice Foundation**

Providence TrinityCare Foundation has compassionately entered the lives of individuals faced with the realities of suffering, loss, death, and grief, to offer expert care and education, while respecting each person's choices, values, and beliefs for more than 40 years. They take pride in the fact that they never turn anyone away due to their ability to pay. In the late 90's, TrinityCare began receiving an unusual number of calls for hospice for children. Hospice at this time was based on adult illnesses with anticipated outcomes. TrinityKids Care was created in 2001 to help children with life-limiting illnesses live as normal lives as possible, for as long as possible, in their own homes. TrinityKids Care is the only pediatric hospice and palliative care provider serving Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

**Primary request \$10,000 for equipment for palliative care patients. 220 children served.**

Mobility aids can significantly impact the quality of life for children in pediatric palliative care. Wheelchairs, walkers and crutches help children move around more independently, reducing their reliance on caregivers. These aids enable children to participate in more activities, social and recreational, which can improve their overall well-being.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

**South Coast Botanic Garden**

Founded in 1960, South Coast Botanic Garden has the distinction of being the first public garden to be developed over a garbage landfill. The story of the Garden's "trashy past" is, in fact, South Coast's greatest asset, providing a platform to showcase land reclamation techniques and environmental rehabilitation, in addition to traditional botanic garden topics. Today, the Garden includes more than 2,500 plant species from around the globe. The gardens attracted 375,000 guests last year.

The Garden is in the midst of a grand transformation, which will bring a bold long-range vision plan to life. As a way to reach a larger population, particularly underserved communities, we continue to offer a monthly free admission day, and EBT cardholders may visit the garden any day, free of charge. Therapists are also welcome to attend free with their clients as part of physical and mental therapy. The Garden is a hub for school and student visits and hosts an annual summer Destination Science camp for a hundred or more local youth.

**Primary Request \$10,000 for their Children and Family Garden – Serve 100,000 annually.**

Once the new Family Garden opens, it will host a myriad of hands-on activities for guests to enjoy. This will include STEAM components in Marine Fossil Dig, Rambling Woods, Ephemeral Streams, Root Climb, Pollinator Pathway and Bloom and Sprout areas. Family program development will consist of interactive and self-guided intergenerational activities, with additional resources for the divergent community. In addition to in-person learning via interpretive signage, there will be a complete educational curriculum for groups/teachers to have pre- and post- discussion and prompts to support any nature-based learning tied to the space. The educational component inside the new space will be significant. Funding support will help to cover the costs of materials and staffing for this program.

Children and families will have time together in nature, have an opportunity to be curious and awed, and will have an enhanced appreciation and improved understanding of the natural world and be encouraged to be positive environmental stewards.

**No federal funding is given to this project.**

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

## WAYS & MEANS

### **Sponsorships for Events!**

Sponsorships are an important part of making our events GREAT! Do you or a family member have connections to any businesses in the South Bay? If you do, we are happy to send the emails/make the phone calls and follow up – we just need contact info! Attached to this newsletter are the “TIERS” and what we will provide each sponsor. You can also find the tiers handout on the welcome page of Members Only portion of our website.

Thank you for your help!

**Susan Yamate & Randi Young**  
**Ways and Means**

## MEMBERSHIP

We enjoyed seeing so many of our members at the September meeting and the potluck lunch. We hope to see more of you at this month’s meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you can’t attend, you can always attend on Zoom.

A warm welcome to our newest member, Gale Swartz! Her contact info is under Roster Updates in this newsletter.

## **FALL SOCIAL**

Friendly reminder to RSVP to our Fall Social on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Our 14 Provisionals have been working hard. They can’t wait to meet more Las Candalistas members. We have already received 76 RSVPs!!! The invitations were sent out via Evite which has all the details. RSVPs are due by October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are bringing a guest, please mention their name in the comments when you RSVP. Questions about the Fall Social? Ask Kelly Reinart at reinart5@aol.com.

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**



Pramila Tekchandani 10/2   Lynn Gecks Moody 10/3   Lisa Nesicolaci 10/7  
Nancy Pearson 10/9   Carol Mead 10/11   Judy Moorhead 10/11   Laurie Anderson 10/13  
Rene Wolfer 10/13   Tracy Peffer 10/19   Suzanne Manavian 10/20   Sue Soldoff 10/23  
Irene Rosenberg 10/28   Maureen Megowan 10/29

**Kelly Reinart & Joan Sedillo**  
**Membership**



## SUNSHINE AND RAIN

Thank you so much to the members that have signed up to be on the Sunshine and Rain Task Team. We will be "Better Together" having a group on board to help each other when needed. It's not too late to join our team to help with making meals, running errands or helping with rides. If you're interested, please let us know.

If you know of a member in need or have good news to share, please give us a call.

◆ We have been informed that Joanne Shultz, one of our long-time members, husband John passed away on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Services for John are being held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Palos Verdes Estates. A reception will be held at the church after the service. Sympathy cards can be sent to:

Joanne Shultz  
3008 Via Buena  
Palos Verdes Estates 90274

◆ Cheryl Gutierrez's husband Hector has been having a rough time with complications from multiple back surgeries since July. Cheryl would be so appreciative for prayers for Hector as he will still need another procedure. The Sunshine and Rain Task Team will be helping with a weekly Meal Train to give Cheryl some help as she navigates many appointments for Hector. Please keep them both in your prayers and send healing thoughts their way. Cards can be sent to:

Cheryl and Hector Gutierrez  
3869 Bluff St.  
Torrance, CA 90505

◆ We received the following note from Joan Sedillo. Joan says she is gradually improving:

*I really appreciated all the cards and the plant that was delivered to my house. It brightened my day.  
Thank you, Joan*

Irene Almeida 310-486-1816 [irenealmeidascalistas@gmail.com](mailto:irenealmeidascalistas@gmail.com)  
Paula Redmond 310-987-9744 [theredmonds7@gmail.com](mailto:theredmonds7@gmail.com)  
Sunshine & Rain

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## FALL FUNDRAISER "Between the Lines"

Well, 2024 has been a year or maybe it's felt like 3 years....

*BETWEEN THE LINES* is almost here!

**Date:** Friday, November 1, 2024  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.  
**Venue:** Palos Verdes Golf Club

All of the hard work will come to fruition on November 1, 2024. We truly believe that it is going to be fabulous! We are looking forward to all the smiles, fun and buying frenzy that will take place. Get your tickets, don't delay, we are going to have a most wonderful day raising money for our charities.

Thank you to everyone for all the effort put forth. Y'all are SUPERSTARS!

**Jan Schlesinger & Kelly Reinart**  
Co-chairs for *Between the Lines*

## **“Between the Lines” Reservations**

If you haven't secured your ticket yet, act now! Invite friends and family to join us too!  
Ticket prices are \$125 and will increase to \$135 after October 7th.  
Ticket sales close on October 18th (or sooner if we sell out).

We will have our laptops at the October General Meeting and will be happy to make your reservation immediately following the meeting. Credit Card or Check.

If you prefer to pay by check, please be prepared to also give us a credit card to have on file for any purchases made at the event.

Or, reservations can be made online at <https://lascandalistas.ejoinme.org/btltickets>

We would be so grateful if you pre-registered your credit card by clicking the box, thus giving your approval for use on the day of the event and streamlining the process.

The event will be open seating but if you have 10 people who wish to sit together, please notify Debbie Bramhall at [debbie.bramhall@icloud.com](mailto:debbie.bramhall@icloud.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 party.

If you have any questions or need help with your online reservation, please don't hesitate to call Irene at 310-486-1816.

Thank You!!!

**Irene Almeida & Kathy Black**  
**Reservations/Check-in Co-Chairs**

## **“Between the Lines” Sweet Shoppe**

Shout out to all of our amazing bakers! We have 7 people signed up to make us yummy treats for the Fall Event, but we would love to have a few more. If you have a favorite recipe OR would be willing to make LC's favorite Cheese Bites, please contact us.

If working behind the scenes packaging or at our booth on the day of the event, is more your style, we have opportunities for you too!

Email [lisanesi90@yahoo.com](mailto:lisanesi90@yahoo.com) for more details!

**Lisa Nesicolaci & Susan Yamate**  
**Sweet Shoppe Co-Chairs**



## **“Between the Lines” LC Creations**

Our September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Workdays with the “Friends and Family” Jam making Ladies was so successful. We give thanks to Jim and Dale from the Good Guys group for setting up tables and hauling cases of jam to vehicles.

We made 50 beautiful, hammered flower cards for the “Sunshine and Rain” team to use for greetings to our members. If you receive one of these cards, be sure to look at the back of the card to see the member artist.

In addition, for the L.C. Creations, we made 14 decoupage seashell dishes and 35 dried flowered bookmarks with plastic sleeve and colored tassels.

Thanks to all the members that donated books for L.C. Creations. We received 27 books. In support of our “Between the Lines” theme, we will wrap each book and place the first line of the book on the front to pique buyer’s interest. We will sell them for \$10 which includes the dried flower bookmark. The L.C. Creations team has been busy sewing, planting, painting, and creating for the sales booth. The creativity of this team is amazing! We will have a variety of holiday items and gifts to sell at the fundraiser.

**Susan Sanborn**  
**LC Creations Chair**

## **“Between the Lines” Silent Auction**

Las Candalistas Members:

The time has come to turn in your Silent Auction items. If you have something you have promised or an idea you have been considering, NOW is the time to act. We need time to input the donations into Greater Giving and print bid sheets so we are ready the day of our event. Please bring items with Donation form attached to the October meeting or drop off you item at Cindy’s house at your earliest convenience.

We also welcome cash donations if creativity is not your expertise.

Sincerely,

**Your Silent Auction Chairs,**  
**Cindy Macfarlane and Stella Bullock**

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## FRIENDS AND FAMILY 2024 HOLIDAY SALE

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who were able to come to the church and help with the jelly-making! Every job was important, if you were chopping peppers, washing dishes, or stirring the pot. Hope you had some fun too! We also want to thank Lois and her volunteers for the snacks and lunch on the two days.

We accomplished a lot on the cook days. We made over 700 jars of jelly, using 13 25-lb. bags of sugar, 55 lbs. of Jalapenos, 50 lbs. of Red Bell Peppers, 38 lbs. of Blueberries, 20 lbs. of Cherries, plus many more ingredients to make the jelly happen.



Don't forget to turn in your order form to Kathy Black by October 9, or at the General Meeting on that day. An order form is attached to the email with this newsletter. You can also find the order form on the welcome page of the Members Only portion of our website. You don't want to miss out on a great hostess gift for the holidays or treats for yourself, your family or friends.

Order pick-up date and time will be in early November, TBD.

**Ann Goodhart, Janie Woodburn, Janie Hasselman, Laura Webb, Belinda Krekorian, Cathy Howard, Kathy Black, Lois Riopelle, Polly Goodman**  
**The Jelly Team**

## SMALL SOCIAL “FUN”draisers

Have you RSVP'd to our Holiday Swap? An Evite was sent to all members. A fun way to get in the holiday spirit! See the flyer below for the details.



**Las Candalistas**  
**Small Social FUNdraiser**  
**Holiday SWAP**

Bring up to 20 items to swap with your fellow LC sisters!  
Clothing for a holiday event from an evening gown to an ugly Christmas sweater, including accessories (shoes, bags, jewelry, shawls, etc.). Holiday decor and tableware are welcome too!

Then if you find something at the SWAP that you'd like to take home, make a contribution to the "SWAP Jar" for our charities.

Remaining items can either be returned to you or be donated to one of our local charities.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a beverage of your choice.

Please RSVP to the Evite so we know who is coming.

Questions? Call or text me. Selina (626)399-8887

Megan Zimmer's House  
524 Via La Selva,  
Redondo Beach 90277

Sunday, October 6, 2024  
2-5pm

Mark your calendars for the **“The Great Cookie Exchange”** on *Sunday, December 22nd* from *2:00pm to 5:00pm* at Sally's house again! You'll have boxes of cookies to share for the holidays!

Do you have a fundraising idea that you'd like to host? Give me a call or text. Selina Hamilton (626)399-8887.

**Selina Hamilton**  
Small Social “FUN”draisers

## ADOPT-A- FAMILY



Boo...  did we scare you?

It's hauntingly close to the holidays with only 86 more shopping days until Christmas, and we need your help! The Adopt- a-Family Christmas Elves are in full swing. This is why we are giving you the opportunity to support this amazing endeavor with cash and/or gift cards (Amazon, Target, or Kohls) to purchase much needed gifts for our chosen families. For those of you who prefer to write a check, please make it out to Kathy Black.

Mail checks to:  
Kathy Black  
213 Via Alameda  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

For those of you who would like to support us with gift cards, please call one of us and we will be more than happy to pick them up (or you can bring them to our October/November meetings).

We are patiently awaiting the news to see which families from our philanthropies will be on Santa's Nice List this year. This usually occurs in November.

Thank you so much in advance for your generosity!!! Please open your hearts and wallets to help fulfill a young child's holiday wish.

**Kathy Black 310.375.6270 Cathy Howard 310.365.6336**  
**Adopt-a-Family Co-Chairs**

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

For those of you who don't know, you can help Las Candalistas and the philanthropies we support every time you shop at Ralphs.

First, go to their website:  
<https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program>

Once you click on the website link above, the instructions are very clear on how to create a digital account and then link it to Las Candalistas. Once you link your Card to us, all you have to do is shop at Ralphs and swipe your Shopper's Card.

Every time you shop, your receipt will state that there was a contribution to Las Candalistas on the bottom of the receipt.

Thank you for participating!

**Susan Sanborn [susan.p.sanborn@gmail.com](mailto:susan.p.sanborn@gmail.com)**  
**Community Partners**

## LIAISONS OF FUN

Our first liaisons of fun outing was so much fun. We all enjoyed attending the silent movie Safety Last with Wurlitzer organ accompaniment. Who would have thought that a silent movie made 101 years ago would still be relevant, funny, and anxiety inducing? Check out the El Segundo Old Town Music Hall website for future shows, they have some great ones planned for the Halloween season.



Our next outing will be just as much fun, so be sure to sign up so that you do not miss out! We had a few sign ups at the September meeting and there will be a sign up at the October meeting or you can email Julie at [waldrons4@msn.com](mailto:waldrons4@msn.com) or Janie at [jwoodlett@verizon.net](mailto:jwoodlett@verizon.net). Please let us know if you are willing to be a driver and how many passengers you can carry.

### October Outing

Downtown Central Library Docent Tour and Lunch – Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a 1-hour docent lead tour of the beautiful downtown Central Library. Our docent guide will share stories about the history, art, and architecture of LA's landmark downtown library. We will gather at the Peninsula Center Library roof top parking lot located at 701 Silver Spur, around 9:15 am where we get into carpools. Parking for the Central Library is available at 524 South Flower. After the tour we will walk to Grand Central Market, where you will be able to buy lunch from a variety of vendors. We may add some other interesting downtown LA places of interest for those who want to explore a little more. There is no cost for the tour, but everyone will pay for their own lunch.

*But wait there is more!*

### November Outing

Chen Art Gallery Tour and Lunch -Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

Join us for a docent lead tour of the Chen Art Gallery in downtown Torrance. The Gallery is a non – profit museum that houses one of the most important collections of Chinese art in the US. Operated by the T.F. Chen Family Foundation, the museum showcases the collections of world-renowned herbalist and Pharmacist Dr. Tei Fun Chen and his family. There are artifacts spanning 5000 years of Chinese history as well original etchings from Pablo Picasso, various European art including Renaissance- 20<sup>th</sup> century bronze statues, British and French clocks and jeweled eggs designed by Faberge. Quite the gem located in our own backyard. We will no doubt be hungry after seeing all the fabulous art so we will conclude our outing with lunch at a restaurant to be determined.

Sign-ups for the Art tour will be available at the next meeting as well.

**Julie Waldron and Janie Woodburn  
Your Liaisons of Fun**



## **BUNCO**

We will be having our first Bunco Night this month on October 16 at Janie Woodburn's home. An Evite will be sent on October 1 to those players who signed-up at the September meeting. The first 11 ladies to respond will secure a spot.

The Las Candalistas Bunco Group is a fun way to get together with other members, play a game, eat snacks, drink wine, and be silly. We meet the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of December, June, July, August, and September.

If you would like to be included in Bunco this year and did not have an opportunity to sign-up at the September meeting, please contact one of the Bunco co-chairs:

Hollidae Brown: [hollidae12@gmail.com](mailto:hollidae12@gmail.com)

Janie Woodburn: [jwoodlett@verizon.net](mailto:jwoodlett@verizon.net)

We also need members to sign-up to host Bunco games.

**Hollidae Brown & Janie Woodburn  
Bunco Co-Chairs**

## **BOOKCLUB**

Our October Book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. Judy Moorhead will again be hosting at her home: 40 Hillcrest Meadows, RHE.

Our book selection for this month is *BY ANY OTHER NAME* by Jodi Picoult. It is the story of two female playwrights living centuries apart who both must confront sexism in the theater world. We meet Emilia Balzano in 1581 whose work is presented as William Shakespeare's...interesting!

Please contact Marlyn Franklin, [marlyn.franklin@gmail.com](mailto:marlyn.franklin@gmail.com) if you are planning on joining us. Further information will be sent to you before the meeting. Hope you enjoy the book!

**Marlyn Franklin  
Book Club**



## **THRIFT/HOLIDAY TOILETRY BAGS**

We will be collecting Thrift at the October 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.

The holidays are coming quickly, and we are collecting items for our Toiletry/Cosmetic Kits that we distribute to our charities in December. These items can be brought to the meeting and should be NEW ITEMS ONLY. They can be delivered to Karyn's home, just call or email to make sure she is not traveling. Karyn Farris 3603 Ironwood St. RPV, [Kafarris7@yahoo.com](mailto:Kafarris7@yahoo.com), 310.350.0542.

For Men: Deodorants, combs, razors and large toiletry bags.

For Women: Deodorants, lipstick, nail polish and any cosmetics.

We also need large cosmetic bags.

Many of these items can be purchased at Dollar Tree and Big Lots.

We will also need toothbrushes/toothpaste (please ask your dentist if they will donate). Any hotel size shampoo, etc, if you are traveling.

Thank you again for all your support in this effort.

**Joan Sedillo, Karyn Farris, Carla Smith**  
**Thrift/Holiday Toiletry Bags Chair**

## **DONORSNAP**

As most of you know, DonorSnap is the database we use to track donations, write thank-you letters, and to generate labels for event invitations. You can help by kindly letting us know if your contact information changes between annual roster issues. Also, if you are in touch with a corporate or non-member donor (or are reaching out to new ones) please send us the name of the organization, point of contact and postal address. Please send any updates via email to Tracy and Lois at [tag4646@gmail.com](mailto:tag4646@gmail.com) and [lois1936@live.com](mailto:lois1936@live.com). Thank you for helping us communicate at our best with an effective DonorSnap database!

**Tracy Glover, Lois Riopelle, & Polly Goodman**  
**DonorSnap Chairs**

## **WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND EMAIL MARKETING (CONSTANT CONTACT)**

**Website Update:** We have exciting news! Our website is now fully accessible according to the California requirements. This means that our website is easier to navigate for those with disabilities and friendlier to mobile devices and those who have weaker internet strength. Work has also been done on our SEO (Search Engine Optimization) so we can be discovered more easily. What's the point of having a website if you can't find it? Thank you to our web developer Bernhard Scholz of Brizzo for helping us which in turn helps our philanthropies!

Have you seen the new and improved LC website? [www.lascandalistas.org](http://www.lascandalistas.org). Please check it out! There are two parts to our site: a Public portion and a Members Only portion. The Public portion promotes us, our events, our current projects, etc. The Members Only portion is just for us. It has a calendar and all the documents you need such as check requests, deposit forms, newsletters, and more. To access it you need to register. Click on the menu at the top of our website, scroll down to Register and follow the instructions. I (Laura) HB will have to approve you. Once you are approved, you can then log in. A code may be sent to your email for security reasons.

### **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 section). 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 want 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 events, 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. If you have gmail, please check your Promotions tab, it will most likely go there. You can also add [lascandalistas@gmail.com](mailto:lascandalistas@gmail.com) to your contact list. That will help.

Thank you!

**Laura Henson-Broussard - Webmistress, Email Marketing, Social Media**

**Janis Davis McGarry – Webmistress**

**Stacey Navarro – Social Media**

## RECIPE FROM THE LAS CANDALISTAS ARCHIVES

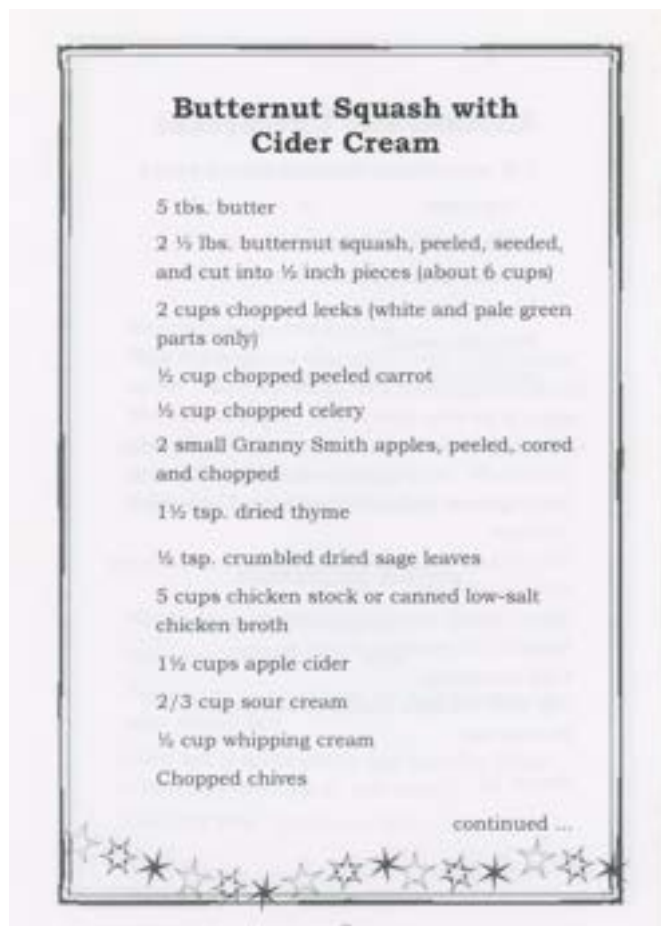
Since our Fall Social is this month, I thought I'd feature a recipe from a past Fall Social. For many decades, what we now call the Fall Social was called the Soup Supper. Our Provisionals would team up and make a soup and serve that soup to the members. For my Soup Supper back in 2005, my team made a Butternut Squash Soup at Marcia Butler's home. We had such a good time! Even now, when I see Butternut Squash Soup on a menu I think of that time with fondness.

So, it's no surprise that I picked a Butternut Squash Soup recipe for this month. This is not the one my team made; this one is from the 2010 Soup Supper. And it's not just an ordinary Butternut Squash Soup. It has the Las Candalistas special touch!

I hope you all attend the Fall Social on Oct 19<sup>th</sup> and welcome our 2024-25 Provisionals to our amazing organization. They may not be making soup, but they are making pizza and sangria which sounds pretty good!

Enjoy!

**Laura Henson-Broussard**  
**Unofficial Historian**



## COCKTAILS AT SUNSET - BOOS ANYONE?

The evening began with a bootacular spread of ghoulish delights, a visit(s) to the bar and Stella's out of this world decorations. Her Halloween Village is an event all on its own where every time you walk in the room, you see something different. No detail was spared as she even had blood coming out of her fountain and spiders in the ice cubes. It was so great to have a night to relax with the 38 members that attended. We thank all of you for coming. Thank you, Stella, for hosting and organizing this once in a lifetime event. Stay tuned for our next one in February!!!

**Stella (Cocktails at Sunset Chair) and Lorri (administration and General Buttinski)**



Hostesses Stella Bullock and Lorri Mino







Stella's Halloween Village! You have to see it to believe it!



So creative



Lorri's Spider masterpiece



Stella's Pumpkin Squares were so good they deserve mentioning

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## Birthdays

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
			<b>Officer's Meeting</b>  Pramila Tekchandani	Lynn Gecks Moody		
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
<b>Holiday Swap</b>	Lisa Nesicolaci		<b>General Meeting</b>  Nancy Pearson		Judy Moorhead, Carol Mead	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Laurie Anderson, Rene Wolfer			<b>Bunco</b>			<b>Fall Social</b>  Tracy Peffer
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Suzanne Manavian			<b>Book Club</b>  Sue Soldoff	<b>DTLA Library Tour</b>		
27	28	29	30	31		
	Irene Rosenberg	Maureen Megowan		<b>Halloween</b> 		