

La Providencia Guild

Children's
Hospital
LOS ANGELES

Newsletter

66 Years of Service

March 2014

New Members Join Guild

These past few months have been busy ones for the Membership Committee!

On the evening of Dec. 9, a Prospective Members Informational Social was held at the warm and inviting home of Sue Ann Gordon.

Of the 7 invited ladies, 5 were able to attend and hear about Guild responsibilities and activities while nibbling on appetizers and refreshments.

We are thrilled that we will welcome seven new Associates for the 2014-15 year, and look forward to introducing them at the Annual Meeting March 15. They are **Cindy Birch, Mary Lou Browne, Tycene Davis, Mary Fraser, Roxanne Gunther, Jamie Reeves and Kathy Snider.**

The Active Members hosted a New Members Tea at the home of Patroness Marsha Baroda on Feb. 13. Marsha's house was used for Guild meetings going back to the 1940's, so we feel a special sense of history as she graciously opens her home for this event each year.

In addition to new Associates, we are happy to announce that Provisional **Tanya Karn** has accepted Active status, and that Associate and past president **Judy Pierce** will become an Active again for 2014-15. **Sue Meckley**, who had to resign last summer during her daughter's difficult pregnancy, will be returning again as a Provisional. (Healthy baby born Nov. 9!)

Associates **Lurdes Munoz** and **Ann O'Donnell-Gardner** have accepted Provisional status for 2014-15. Thank you ladies for your willingness to take on increased Guild responsibilities.

A personal "Thank You" to all the Patronesses and Associates who have contacted me regarding membership renewal. There are always changes at the end of the year. Submitting changes, including personal info, in a timely manner is important for Yearbook deadlines.

ANNUAL HOSPITAL TOUR:

Children's Hospital has postponed hospital tours until after April due to the large number of flu cases at this time of year. Visitors are being strictly limited to protect patients. **Marilyn Teasley** will be helping me by organizing a tour for later this spring. This is always a nice event, and husbands are invited. Watch for details to come!

It has been my pleasure to replace Tish Sellers as Membership Chairman. (Tish is enjoying the delights of Savannah, GA!). Thanks to my super committee members **Dorothy Austin, Veronica Chavoor, Sue Ann Gordon, Judy Gragg, Katherine Richards, Deborah Spang, Sharon Terranova,** and the Active Board for the help and support.

See you at the Annual Meeting!

Sharon Ranshaw, Membership Chairman

Annual Meet Set

Guild members will gather for the Annual Meeting March 15 at beautiful Oakmont Country Club. Chairman **Judy Gragg** is highlighting the 2013-2014 theme of outgoing President **Rosemarie Witten**, "Happiness is a Healthy Child".

Reservations deadline is March 7. If you haven't responded please contact Judy.

This is the members-only gathering of the Guild where the accomplishments of all members and events are presented by officers and chairmen; new members are introduced; outgoing officers are recognized and new officers are installed. And the the membership will learn the final total of the year's donations to the Hospital.

President Rosemarie will pass the gavel to new President Veronica Chavoor. Outgoing officers are Tish Sellers, first vice president / membership, Sharon Ranshaw; Deborah Spang, second vice president; Lynn White- Shelby, secretary; Dorothy Austin, treasurer; Lorelei Kelley, public relations.

Patroness **Marcia Baroda** will install **Veronica Joan Chandler**, first vice president; **Deborah Spang**, second vice president; **Lorelei Kelley**, secretary; **Dorothy Austin**, treasurer; and **Nancy Johnson**, public relations.

Members having served the Guild for 40 years or more will be recognized, including **Marcia Baroda (1974), Mary Brunner (1973), Anita Daniel (1973), Jeanette Henderson (1965), Mavien Ready (1972) and Teena Wolcott (1974).**

Sign-up calendars for Thrift Shop days, the various groups— Bridge, Bunco, and Poker, will be available.

Committee members are **Joan Chandler**, tablescape; **Lurdes Munoz**, invitation; **Pat Maskell**, program; **Judy Gragg**, reservations; **Lorelei Kelley**, Ann Schwab, greeters; **Sharon Ranshaw**, membership; and **Alicia Katz**, web master.



*"The Cotillion"
officially changed to
"Spring Social"*

*Pick up invitations.
Get a Poodle Skirt??
and "Rock Around the Clock"*

SAVE THE DATE!!

LA PROVIDENCIA GUILD SPRING SOCIAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014 - 5:00 pm

THE CASTAWAY STARLIGHT ROOM

1250 Harvard Road, Burbank

"Rock Around the Clock"

The Spring Social—formerly the Cotillion—will be a nostalgic look at the 50s era, with members and guests sporting poodle skirts, jeans, white shirts, etc.—maybe even some favorite foods will be served—come see. There's an official name change—the Cotillion is now called the Spring Social.

Members may pick up their invitations at the Thrift Shop and mail to guests.

Rockin' entertainment and favorite songs will keep us hopping. It will be a page out of history for many attendees,

Chairman Lynn White -Shelby and committee are planning a Live Auction, Silent Auction and Opportunity Drawing. with \$1,000 and \$500 prizes for the winners of the Opportunity Drawing.

It truly will be a "Rock Around the Clock"—be there or be square!

ANGELS, ANGELS EVERYWHERE

We have a whole new shop, as I am sure most of you are aware. First, the store was emptied, the office was cleaned, the shelves in the store were washed, as were the glass cabinets, every drawer, cupboard, cabinet was attended to. Even our floors were re-finished.

The old pool store square display shelves are out, the original rounders from our Magnolia shop are gone. New racks providing more linear feet of space are in. The racks are taking linens off the shelves, opening them up for more items. We have a new, larger, all glass display case that has wonderful lighting inside. Our back room has undergone a tremendous transformation as well. We no longer sort from one box, bag or bin into another and store it on top of, or under, a large table.

More hanging racks in the back room facilitate sorting right onto a hanger. There is a new row of shelves almost doubling shelf space in the back room for sorting hard items. I'm sure you are wondering how much this cost. Fortunately for us we were able to buy fixtures from a shop that was open less than a year, at pennies on the dollar. But if you factor in all the hours that our amazing crew put in, well I can't count that high!

Who is crazy enough to devote countless hours during the holidays? I'll tell you who: Mary Jo Hjelmstrom, Judy Pierce, Lynn White Shelby, Marje Simay, Ann O'Donnell Gardner, Dee Dee Rowlands, Lorelei Kelley, Rosemarie Witten, Irene Metzger, Chris Welker, Sue Ann Gordon and Judy Gragg.

You can't move mountains without men and we had no shortage of man power either. Some were husbands, some friends with no connection to the Guild, other than knowing a member or a member's husband. This kind of generosity just overwhelms me.

Loading our moving van, driving it, disassembling, assembling were Ron Spang, Brad Welker, Steve Monette, Chris Gargaro, Charles Chavoor, Mark Saduski, Dean Shelby, Tim Wells and Allen Katz. We thank you all.

Now it's time to welcome our new members, get new committees organized and rev up for another great year!

See you at the Shop.

Deborah Spang, Thrift Shop Chairman

More Angels Bringing Smiles



We brought smiles to Hospital staff members this year. At left, Mary Hurst, Toys for Tots chairman, presents a check to Wendi Kallaris, volunteer Toy Dept. head. At right members of the ER staff enjoy some of the goodies Mary Jo Hjelmstrom, Treats chairman, brings to the Hospital the first Friday of every month. Mary Jo always needs donations of "good stuff to snack on". Both "Tots" and "Treats" appreciate monetary donations.



They're winners!!

Bridge winners announced at the Luncheon in Jan. included Sandy Barnes, Gene Marie Watson, Sophia Goodsell, Bev Wardle, Kathy Levine, Sharon Terranova, Linda Hanson, Judy Gragg, Joyce Merta, Lynda Willner and Mary Jo Hjelstrom. Unfortunately Bear didn't hold good cards!



Bridge Queens coordinator Tomme Lenz enjoys the beautiful roses that graced the tables at the Bridge luncheon..

Bridge Chairman Sue Ann Gordon thanks all the members and guests who played Bridge for CHLA--she said they are winners, one and all.

Photos by Sue Ann

Roll, Deal and Gather

Have a delicious meal and an evening of fun and laughs by joining one of the Guild's special groups.

There's the Bunco and Poker gals, who have a blast and the opportunity to be "a winner" at the end of play. Bridge offers a variety of groups, a different one almost every day of the week. Poker and Bunco meet in members' homes and Bridge has a variety of gathering places.

If you would like to participate but can't come on a regular basis, check out the substitute lists. Sign up sheets will be available at the Annual Meeting. Or check the yearbook for the chairman of each group.

These groups also collect dues, which go to the Hospital. Have fun, eat, win and still support the Hospital.



Who Has the most Poker chips???

Photos by Teresa Garcia

'Happiness Is A Healthy Child'

Congratulations to all members of the Guild for an absolutely wonderful and prosperous year. No matter what part you played, your membership, work and dedication has enabled us to donate funds to Children's Hospital. Every member has been responsible for this successful year.

You Are the Best, the Very Best!

Lorelei Kelley, Newsletter Chairman

