

La Providencia Guild of Children's Hospital Los Angeles



Newsletter

Dec./Jan. 2012

President's Message

As 2012 begins, I would like to share my reflections on the past year. We mingled and danced at "An Evening In Paris". It was a delightful and successful night!

"Fun In The Sun" at the Summer Meeting was just that - fun! Our new members and others got to strut their stuff wearing Thrift Shop togs.

All year the Fashion Show Committee ladies were working away to make the successful "A Royal Affair" outstanding - the dancers, fashions - perfect!

Quite a few ladies played Bridge, Bunco and Poker games. Our money to play goes straight to the Hospital and our bonus is the fun we have together. If you don't participate in any of these activities, please think about joining this coming year in one or all of them!

I cannot say enough about how the Thrift Shop has thrived and is at the top of its' success! As you know, this is our rock and our business! THANKS to everyone for your contribution and dedication for making La Providencia Guild an outstanding



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Thrift Shop News

As my Chairmanship comes to a close I want to thank all of you for making this year such a big success. I know when you hear the total dollars sent to CHLA at our Annual Meeting it will be because you were there to help and it could not have been done without all the devotion that the Actives, Associates and even some Patroness' have helped in working in the Thrift Shop. We had two really big events this year. Our Christmas in July sale made \$3,279.07 and the Bake sale made \$806.70. Our Jewelry sale this past week made over \$3,300.00 and still counting. A special thank you to Debbi Lowman who offered her beautiful home for the jewelry sale.

Dolly Monte

Thrift Shop Chairman

THRIFT SHOP MON*EY BUSINESS

The Fall Season saw the temperature cooling down, but our numbers continued to rise at The Shop with 10 days bringing in over a \$1,000 each between September and December. And, we were closed seven of our regular days!

Also, thanks to everyone for helping keep our costs down. Utility bills have been average or below the norm which allows us to send that much more to Children's Hospital. Speaking of CHLA, \$20,000 was sent to the hospital in November from the Thrift Shop.

Helping to make that possible were our super saleswomen below, who brought in the highest monthly numbers.

Sep 01, 2011 (Thurs) – Total sales: \$1,095.28 – (Active) Sharon Terranova (Team Terranova) Connie Lawless, Ann O'Donnell-Gardner, Deborah Spang, Carol Thielemann.

Oct 29, 2011 (Sat) -Total sales: \$1,111.09 - (Active) Glenda Jones (Team Jones) Lisa Murray, Phyllis Forsch, Ana Roses, Dorothy Austin, Nancy Johnson, Donna Michel.

Nov 22, 2011 (Tue) – Total sales: \$1,507.79 – (Active) Mary Christensen (Team Christensen) Connie Lawless, Beverly Wardle, Irene Metzger, Lynn Shelby, Doris Palmer.

Dec 21, 2011 (Wed) – Total sales: \$1,957.70 – (Active) Dolly Monte (Team Monte) Ana Roses, Judy Pierce, Lynn Koon, Mary Butler, Gene Marie Watson, Kathryn Levine.

Until next time.....Dorothy Austin – Thrift Shop Treasurer

President.....continued

supporter of Children's Hospital Los Angeles. It has been my honor to be your President and hopefully the "No I In Team" spirit continues - "Team + Individuality = Success" and my belief is, this is a winning combination. Look forward to seeing you at the Thrift Shop and at our events.

Judy Gragg President, 2011-2012

Mark your Calendars

DESIGNER NAMED FOR 2012 FASHION SHOW

Veronica Chavoor, 2012 Fashion Show Chairman, has announced that Christine Ritchie will be the Production Manager for this year's Fashion Show Oct. 21 at the Universal Sheraton Hotel. Christine presented the wonderful fashions at last year's show.

Veronica points out that Christine's line of clothes may be found in Burbank at the Encore Nouveau store at 3322 W. Magnolia Blvd., which has just begun carrying her designs.

More exciting Fashion Show news will appear in upcoming Newsletters as Veronica and her committee outline plans and share events with the membership.

Good luck to Veronica and crew as they work to bring another fantastic show to the Guild membership and guests.

Lorelei Kelley



Treats for the Caregivers

Can you fit a bit of baking on your calendar?

Every month La Providencia Guild donates baskets of goodies to the emergency dept. at CHLA. They love us, and look forward to the **first Friday of each month**. Cookies and cash donations are needed.

Thank You,
Elaine Thomas

Feb.10, 2012-Collectors Club
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Feb. 16, 2012-New Member Tea
At the home of Marcia Baroda

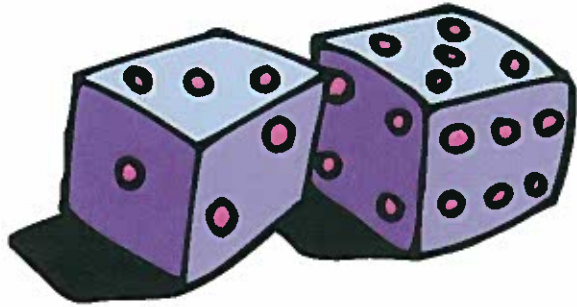
March 10, 2012-Annual Meeting
The Castaway Restaurant
Attire-LBD
(little black dress)

Invitation pg.10

March 12, 2012-11 a.m. Thrift Shop Tour
New Members
Get your apron and badge!



Bunco Girls on a Roll



Great food laughter and lingering friendships:

Results for Bunco 1 are as follows:

After enjoying a wonderful meal at Doris Palmer's on Tuesday Jan. 10th, our lucky winners were:

DORIS PALMER 13 GAMES

MARY JO HJELMSTROM & PATRICIA DYRNESS

TIED WITH 4 BUNCOS EACH.....

After admiring our hostess Debbi's Lowman's wonderful Holiday Decorations, and indulging in lots of Champagne brought by our own LYNN KOON, we enjoyed another wonderful meal on Tuesday Jan. 3rd with our winners for Bunco2 as follows:

JUDY STEWART WITH 13 GAMES

ANN SCHWAB WITH 3 BUNCOS

ONE MORE MEETING BEFORE OUR NEW SEASON STARTS
SO LADIES BE THINKING ABOUT JOINING OUR FUN
GROUP...

BLESSINGS,

MARY CHRISTENSEN BUNCO CHAIRMAN AND

LORELEI KELLEY MY RIGHT HAND BUNCO 2 CHAIRMAN

LET'S MAKE A DEAL



**LAST CHANCE FOR SPECIAL
DEAL**

ONLY ONE DOLLAR

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WE HAVE 100 MORE COOKBOOKS
TO SELL.

THEY'RE ONLY ONE DOLLAR!!!!!!
WHAT A BUY!!!!!!

Contact: LORELEI KELLEY—

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Please & Thank You!

Dear Guild Ladies,

We are starting a brand new year and we have some brand new patients to consider for gifting! Children of all ages really do need a diversion from "another uneventful day" for them in bed. A new toy, game, and cards like Old Maid or Crazy 8's just makes the day better and encourages interaction between parent and child. Or an age appropriate PG video is just the remedy for the older children. For the infants and young babies, a crib mobile helps stimulate their little minds with wonder.

We have done such good work this past year, by supplying the much needed Crib Mobiles and approved Toys.

Please see the attached list of approved toys and helpful guidelines for ideas, when shopping. These toys and crib mobiles are in constant need and very much welcomed by the staff and parents of these children. I am told that happy, busy children are better patients!

As mentioned before, I wanted to thank so many of you who have taken the time to purchase these items or by sending your check so the hospital can purchase these toys and mobiles for you at very good prices! I especially want to thank you for supplying toys, games, cards, video's, etc., that the children are able to play with "in bed"!

A very special "Thank You" to Veronica Chavoor and her many generous clients, who without hesitation, wrote substantial checks to the Guild supporting the Toy Drive project again this year. And Mary Jo Hjelmstrom received a wonderful toy from one of their employees at Thrifty Appliance. The gentleman said he just wanted to help the kids at the holidays. Please thank him for his thoughtfulness! More Kudos are awarded to Mary Jo and John Hjelmstrom and to their friend Bud Galloway. Bud has for years, handmade and donated hundreds of quality wooden toy cars and trucks to the Guild and other charities. Bud is retiring his hobby as of January 2012 as he is 90 years old! Bud's last donation of over 100 cars/trucks will be delivered to CHLA very soon. CHLA will use of them in the Play Therapy Rooms on the patient floors. What a lovely gift Bud has given, one that just kept giving joy to our children in need!

Lastly a huge "Thank You" to all that participated right up to the end of the year, making the holidays magical for our kids! Each of you have made so many sweet smiles possible.

Diane Campbell, Toy Drive Chairperson 2011-12 1-818 843- 0548
2935 W. Valley Heart Drive Burbank, CA 91505



OUR GREATEST NEED **INTERACTIVE BOARD BOOKS**

In English, Spanish or Bilingual (English/Spanish)

Board books that make noise/music:

- Snappy Sounds Series
- Publications International Ltd Series

Board books with parts that move:

- **Imagine Me Series:** Barnyard Fun, Jungle Roar, Dinosaur Romp, Fun at the Sea
- *What Makes a Rainbow?*, Betty Schwartz
- *Wiggle your Toes*, Karen Katz
- *Where is Baby's Belly Button?*, Karen Katz
- *Dogs*, Matthew Van Fleet & Brian Stanton
- *Waddle*, Rufus Butler Seder

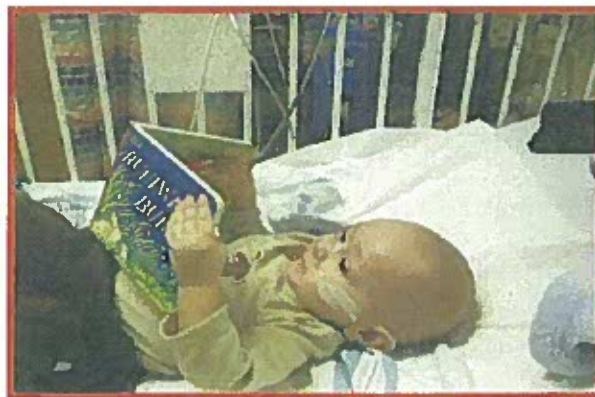
Family Favorites:

- *Runaway Bunny*, Margaret Wise Brown
- *Goodnight Moon*, Margaret Wise Brown
- *5 Little Monkeys* (bilingual version), Eileen Christelow

Board books that offer tactile experiences:

- Baby Einstein Series
- *DK Touch and Feel Series* (NOT Baby Touch and Feel)
- *Are You Ticklish?* Melanie Mitchell

NEW BOOKS ONLY!



Literally Healing
positions
children with
challenges for
success

- >Lego sets, especially the more sophisticated sets.
- >UNO games (they just can't keep these on the shelf)
- >Model cars, planes or boats for boys (Volunteer Resources furnishes a certain kind of glue)
- >Advanced bead kits
- >Bath & Body Works type of small size kits of 3 or 4 items wrapped together, the girls love these (Example: lotion, shampoo, conditioner). CVS Pharmacies have a large inventory of these small gift items packaged together.

Multiples of any of these items are just fine.

2011-2012 BRIDGE

The Annual Bridge Luncheon was held Saturday, January 28 at the Lakeside Golf Club. We thanked Sophie Goodsell for sponsoring us again this year. President Judy Gragg was introduced as our new Bridge Chairman for 2012-13.

The annual awards were given:

Clubs	1st place	Betty Quinn and Bev Wardle
	2nd place	Tomme Lenz and Sandi Barnes
Diamonds	1st place	Marilyn Teasley
	2nd place	Lynne Meares
Spades	1st place	Mary Hill and Pat Decker
	2nd place	Judy Gragg and Mary Jo Hjelmstrom
Nites	1st place	Rick and Phyllis Ainsworth
	2nd place	Sue Ann Gordon and Mary Jo Hjelmstrom

The winners of the day's plays:

1st place	Fanny Belle Mound and Nancy Storrs
2nd place	Bev Wardle and Linda Hansen

Special thanks to Yvonne McMillan and Fanny Belle Mound for making my life easier.

Marj Overstreet
Bridge Chairman

Spotlight

PRACTICING WHAT SHE PREACHES--TEAMWORK

“Good things come in small packages” and the Guild certainly has experienced that this year.

President Judy Gragg is a diminutive person, but packs a wollop of consideration in her dealings with chairmen, committees and the manner in which she proceeds.

A great believer that there is no “i” in team, Judy tries to keep herself in the background, ready to help or give an opinion, if asked. “Guild members motivate themselves.”

She feels strongly that “we have to work as a team to attain our goals”. But she says that members should bring their individuality to the team, share ideas and collectively enhance the project. “Team plus individuality equal success” is her mantra.

Short and sweet have been her meetings—still giving everyone a chance to express ideas and opinions. Judy has educated herself in Parliamentary procedure, attending classes and paying close attention. She is detail-oriented and comes to meetings thoroughly prepared and leads with poise and calmness. She says she enjoys both the meetings and preparation involved.

Asked what her greatest accomplishment has been this year, her comment was “I’m not responsible for the successes this year—the chairmen, committees and membership deserve the accolades and the credit.

“Our Thrift Shop has had enormous success and I’m very proud of the Associates that man the Shop, and thankful for their dedication. Dolly Monte’s leadership has been outstanding.” Our biggest fundraiser, the Thrift Shop success is attributable to every member, she points out.

The Fashion Show headed by Judy La Verde was outstanding, she said. Tish Sellers outdid herself with a fabulous Cotillion. And all the other chairmen were “stupendous”. Judy stresses that she has been blessed with an extremely supportive Executive Board, comprised of the Guild officers.

Judy is very self-effacing and doesn’t like to talk about herself, but gives a brief account of her history. She was born in St. Petersburg, FLA, and when five-years old, her family went to Panama, where her Dad worked on the Canal locks as an electrician. At age 16 she moved to New York, where she lived on Long Island with her family.

Sadly, Judy’s older sister passed away in October. Her older brother Ralph lives in Montana with his wife Joyce and she has six nephews and one niece. Her family is scattered throughout the United States, even as far away as New Jersey and North Carolina.

After high school Judy attended the Grace Institute, a business school, and landed her first job with NBC in the sales department. She then moved on to a TV representative firm, first as an assistant and then selling and buying commercial spots. In 1971 Judy came to the Los Angeles area and lived in

Culver City, where she purchased a Condo.

In 1979 she met husband Walter in the hallway, and finally agreed to a date after Walt made two attempts—she's a tough one! They were married in 1982.

Judy is a great lover of dogs and dotes on her two Dobermans, China and Jake. Many dogs have graced the Gragg household, sometimes as many as 3 at a time.

Crossword puzzles are a staple for Judy, even continuing a “not so favorite” newspaper just for the puzzles. She has collected “Gone With The Wind” memorabilia, including a jewelry box and plates, and is a member of the Guild Collector's Club.

Judy is active in Guild bridge groups, subs for Bunco I and II on occasion, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Burbank Philharmonic Orchestra. She's a very busy lady.

Husband Walt is an interesting person with a wide range of interests. He attended the Naval Academy, earning an engineering degree, and then served in the Air Force in Japan. Following this he worked at Hughes Aircraft as an engineer.

But Walt caught the acting bug, appearing in TV shows and movies. He was in 85 episodes of the “Untouchables,” as a member of the Elliott Ness crew. With his screen name of Steve London, Walt also appeared in several movies, including “Zero Hour” with Dana Andrews. In 1979 Walt passed the bar and became an attorney—wow, can't keep up with him.

It is great to have the talents (and brains) to succeed in so many areas—go Walt. Judy said he recently mentioned maybe becoming a doctor! Walt continues in the entertainment field, appearing in commercials and acting roles.

During his initial acting period Walt raised his two children from a first marriage, Jon, who lives in Riverside, and Cindy, who lives in Lompoc. Cindy's daughter Melanie visits frequently with Judy and Walt. Judy spends “many shopping hours” with Melanie during her visits.

So a thumbnail portrait of our President—a caring, self-effacing, dedicated person who keeps herself in the background, and definitely keeps the “i” out of team, but deserves much applause for “a job well done”.

Lorelei Kelley

*President Judy Gragg
at the Children's
Hospital Tour.,
Feb. 1, 2012.*



Photo Courtesy of Diane Campbell

La Providencia Guild

of Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Invites you to . . .

BREAKFAST *at Tiffany's*

Our Annual Business Meeting,

This year it's Breakfast on March 10th, 2012

Attire.....LBD (Little Black Dress)

The Castaway - Mountain View room
Burbank, California

Gathering @ 9:00 am ~ Breakfast @ 9:15 am

Meeting @ 10:00 am ~ Installation @ 11:00

Response Deadline March 1st, 2012

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Please return to *Kris* Veatch

2019 Jolley Drive, Burbank, 91504

Name..... *Telephone*.....

- My check for \$40.00 payable to La Providencia Guild, for the Breakfast and my 2012 - 13 Yearbook
- Sorry, unable to attend! \$5.00 is enclosed for my Yearbook, I have asked _____ to pick up my Yearbook
- As a Patroness, I'm attending the Annual Meeting Breakfast; Patronesses are prepaid but must R.S. V. P.

Collector's Club

SILVER, SILVER EVERYWHERE

Things were gleaming with silver touches everywhere at Sue Ann Gordon's home when she hosted the Collector's Club for the "ABC's of Silver" Jan. 13.

Displaying pieces of her own, Sue Ann set the stage for the members, who brought special pieces to share. She created a wonderful ambiance for the meeting and delicious luncheon provided by Rosemarie Witten.

Chairman Gene Marie Watson presented some history of silver, explaining the types of silver, how some silver was originated and what to look for when purchasing. Gene Marie explained hallmarks, used to identify genuineness or high quality. It's a complicated system of marks that identify the silver, maker and the year in some cases, but there's a lot to know to understand this—it's a puzzle!

Beautiful pieces were shared by members, especially by Diane Campbell, who brought place settings inherited from her Godmother—with each piece of the "Olympia" silver pattern different. Deborah Spang brought a few pieces of her gorgeous silver, wonderful special pieces, part of her enormous collection.

Tish Sellers explained how to clean silver so it stays in its lustrous condition, and members chimed in with different methods of which they were familiar.

Want to learn about "mourning jewelry" and history? Included in this issue is an invitation to the Club's Annual Luncheon Feb. 10. Gene Marie has a wonderful day planned.

See you there—Lorelei Kelley



A Day in the Life of Martha Washington

Collectors' Club Annual Luncheon

Friday, February 10, 2012

Lakeside Golf Club

4500 West Lakeside Drive
Burbank, 91505

Social: 11:30
Luncheon: Noon
\$35

Speaker: Kathleen Hitt M.A.

Reservations required by February 3rd
Make check to: La Providencia Guild
c/o Tish Sellers
643 Birmingham Rd., Burbank 91504
(818) 848-2928



Please note that Levis, jeans or denim pants of any type or color are not permitted in Clubhouse

Editor's Corner



Max Laurell Presenting a gift to La Providencia Guild donated by New Urban West Builders

Left to Right: Donna Salant, Carol Thielemann, Deborah Spang, Sharon Terranova, Max Laurell, Ann O'Donnell- Gardner.

Well you can take the lady out of La Prov but you can't take the La Prov out of the lady!

If evidence was ever needed of this truism just look to Max Laurell. A member in good standing when family and work issues forced her to resign. She's back! And if you think she isn't devoted just look at this check she got from her brand new employer. Seems she can't quit thinking about the guild. A grateful group sharing some holiday cheer got to be the lucky recipients of the very generous donation made by New Urban West Builders. We thank you both and can't wait to see what else Max has in store for us :)

So we close another year out. Soon we will all be sitting at the annual meeting hearing about all of our accomplishments and finding out the grand total for all of our efforts last year. It is a good feeling when we leave that meeting knowing our work is getting something done and it is something we can all be proud of. Now we move to our new jobs, new challenges and hopefully with re-newed vigor and enthusiasm. I for one am so excited to take on the Thrift Shop. I cannot say enough nice things about my predecessor Dolly Monte and her crew who have been working with me every step of the way so far. I have pestered poor Dolly with all my ideas and she has done everything she can to encourage or gracefully discourage them. I am feeling so blessed. Those of you that know me know my pathetic brain goes at warp speed 24-7 so this has not been easy. Dolly's parting wish to me has been "**make more than last year!**" "Team work with no I", that is the true La Prov spirit! Let's keep it going! Thank's for teaching me how to do a newsletter, a special thanks to Lorelei Kelly writer extraordinaire, now on to the the Thrift Shop.

Gratefully Submitted,

Deborah Spang- Newsletter Chairman

February, 2012 Thrift Shop Calendar

Chairman of the Month: Rosemarie Witten

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March, 2012 Thrift Shop Calendar

Chairman of the Month:

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suarez * *		* * *		lilly wiggins Hariz 1-4 Kaidbey 1-4		Warren 10-1 * *		shafer michel *	