Welcome New Members

North Coast Unit
Laura Ngo, Susan Duffy, Stephanie Neill, Karen Zegras, Laura Stearn, Membership Rep and Lisa Campbell

La Playa Unit
Sheila Thomas, Kathy Brown, Kristin Kurth, Claudia Virgilio, Chantelle Malarkey

Del Cerro Unit
Suzanna Graciano, Pat McGregor-Membership Rep, Joan Sturgeon, Judy Quenga, Jean Buck-Board of Directors, Membership Committee

Tierrasanta Unit
Barbara Zinser Leos and Libby Clemmer

See more of our new members on page 6, “Fall New Membership Orientations”
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**Note from the EDITOR**

“Never think that what you have to offer is insignificant. There will always be someone out there who needs what you have to give.” ~ Anonymous

As Auxilians we share our gifts and talents within our units, our families, our communities and the auxiliary. I am truly thankful for the gifts we give and the gifts we receive through Rady Children’s.

We are all blessed with gifts that we are able to give, whether it’s lending a helping hand or brightening somebody’s day with a smile. I was so thankful that we were able to give Dr. Kearns a standing ovation at the Semi-Annual meeting. Believe it or not, he had never received one. Another gift we all can share is our ability to all work together for a common cause. It’s amazing to be venturing into this area of genomics that will change the world of medicine and it’s a partnership that we all will be proud of – giving the precious gift of a cure or diagnosis for children in many years to come. Remember to share your gifts, as there will always be someone who needs what you have to give.

‘Tis the season to give and keep giving throughout the year. Hope you all have a Happy New Year.

Annette Fargo, Chaux Talk Editor
President’s Message

Cheryl Steinholt
Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary President

True happiness comes from the joy of deeds well done, the zest of creating things new. — Antoine de Saint-Exupery

As we come to the close of another year, I look back at the many accomplishments of 2015 and what we have accomplished just in the past few months. Since September, we have had eight unit fundraisers, Rady Children’s Family Walk, the 26th Annual Kids’ NewsDay, Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s Golf Tournament and the opening of Fantasy on Ice at Liberty Station, not to mention education meetings, representative meetings, two new member orientations and all of the unit meetings happening monthly around the county.

The Semi-Annual Meeting was held on November 4 at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay. Kim Gorman, our Special Events Director did a fantastic job organizing this event. Dr. Donald Kearns, President and CEO of Rady Children’s and Dr. Stephen Kingsmore, President and CEO of Rady Pediatric Genomics and Systems Medicine Institute, entertained us with their banter while giving important updates about the Hospital and the Genomics Institute. Dr. Kingsmore not only gave us a lesson in genomics that was understandable and relatable, he spoke about our endowment and how we are supporting Dr. Gleeson’s research to prevent, diagnose, treat and cure neurological diseases. Rady Children’s is on the cusp of being world-renowned for its advances in pediatric precision medicine.

The Genomics Steering Committee has been meeting monthly. Be sure to read Laura Stearn’s article about exciting events coming up next year, the first being an Education Super Session all about genomics and our Endowment for Neuroscience on Thursday, February 4 in MOB 113. Dr. Kingsmore and Dr. Gleeson will be our guest speakers. If you are interested in serving on a genomics subcommittee in the area of education or speaking, please contact me. It’s so exciting to be involved in the beginning stages of something that is life changing.

I am so appreciative of all of you for what you give to the Hospital and the children of our community. Our Board of Directors continues to provide outstanding leadership to the Auxiliary. Our Chaux Talk Editor, Annette Fargo, has worked diligently to get Chaux Talk out with all of the news in a timely manner. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated staff to lend their support for all of our needs. My thanks to all of you who have stepped up to take on roles that were “out of your comfort zone.” I trust that, like me, you have found joy in your new assignments.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season. I look forward to bringing in the New Year with continued success.

Accepting Nominations for the Auxiliary Board of Directors

Step up to the challenge! Be a Leader! Here is your opportunity to make a real contribution to the Auxiliary and the Hospital. Being a member of the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Board of Directors provides a rewarding experience where you can make new friends, challenge yourself and make a real difference. Being on the Board is not only gratifying, it is fun! We need you!

Nominations forms for all Board positions will be available through your Unit Chairman starting in early January, with the exception of Auxiliary President, a two-year term of office. Forms and job descriptions will also be on the website at www.radyauxiliary.org for your convenience. The deadline for submission for all nominations is February 15, 2016. If you have been an active Auxilian for at least two years, you are eligible for nomination. Don’t be embarrassed to nominate yourself! For more information, contact your Unit Chairman, or email hbbrook@aol.com.

Step up to the challenge!

Harriet Bossenbroek, Immediate Past President, 2016 Nominating Committee Chairman
## Calendar

### January 2016

6 – Wednesday  
**Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Rady Children’s Plaza Building, Suite 201

7 – Thursday  
**Auxiliary Education Seminar**  
9 a.m.  
Medical Office Building, Room 113

13 – Wednesday  
**Unit Council Meeting**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Rady Children’s Plaza Building, Suite 201

### February

3 – Wednesday  
**Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Rady Children’s Plaza Building, Suite 201

4 – Thursday  
**Auxiliary Education Super Session**  
9 a.m.  
Medical Office Building, Room 113

10 – Wednesday  
**Unit Council Meeting**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Rady Children’s Plaza Building, Suite 201

11 – Thursday  
**Chocolate & Champagne Soiree**  
TBA Auxiliary Endowment for Neuroscience

### March

2 – Wednesday  
**Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Rady Children’s Plaza Building, Suite 201

9 – Wednesday  
**Unit Council Meeting**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Rady Children’s Plaza Building, Suite 201

11 – Friday  
**North Coast Unit Date Night for a Cause**  
5 – 8 p.m.  
Belly Up Tavern, Solana Beach

22 – Tuesday  
**Alpine Unit Seasonal Flower Fun**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
Chaparral High School, El Cajon

### April

6 – Wednesday  
**Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Rady Children’s Plaza Building, Suite 201

7 – Thursday  
**Education Seminar**  
TBA

13 – Wednesday  
**Unit Council Meeting**  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Rady Children’s Plaza Building, Suite 201

16 – Saturday  
**Del Mar Unit Heard It Through the Grapevine**  
Del Mar Country Club, Del Mar

17 – Sunday  
**Poway Unit Tabloids & Tea**  
The Grand Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe

20 – Wednesday  
**Fuente Hills Unit Sweet Charity**  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Sycuan Resort, El Cajon

23 – Saturday  
**Rancho Santa Fe Gala Broadway Nights**  
6 p.m.  
Grand Del Mar

25 – Monday  
**Mountain View Unit Boot Scootin’ Bunco**  
6 – 9 p.m.  
Lemoncrest Elementary, Lakeside

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### Genomics News

The Genomics Steering Committee has been meeting regularly and we have a few dates for you to put onto your calendars:

First, we will be having an Education Supersession on Feb. 4. Dr. Gleason and Dr. Kingsmore will be speaking. You can get more details from your Unit Education Representative.

The following week, on Feb. 12, we will have a Champagne and Chocolate Educational Social. We will have a special speaker on hand to update and educate our wonderful Auxilians so you can feel empowered while talking about genomics and our endowment. More information will be coming through your unit chairs soon.

Lastly, on May 6, we will be hosting a community educational and fundraising night at Petco Park. The Padres have partnered with us to offer our Auxilians and the public a chance to fundraise for our endowment as well as educate the San Diego community about our Auxiliary and our newest genomics project. This is a family-friendly event and we would love to have a large turnout. Please save the date. More information about this will be coming in the next Chaux Talk.

Laura Stearn
Chaux One UP For...

For more than twenty years Marilyn Cornwell has volunteered her heart and soul to the Celebration of Champions. This event serves patients and families of those treated at the Peckham Cancer Care Center at Rady Children’s. The efforts of all those that make this event possible have earned over $6.5 million dollars to be utilized in support and care of those diagnosed. These funds are carefully used to provide goods and services that insurance does not cover. This is what makes Marilyn and all those that support the event return year after year.

When interviewed by Kimberly Hunt, Marilyn shared that it is a “blessing” to have been able to serve such a successful and enjoyable event all these years. Let’s not forget that Marilyn has volunteered for almost 30 years in the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. We know it takes a special spirit to stick with the changes and happenings that pop up when working on any event like this. The desire to help the kids and make a positive difference in their lives and those they touch has motivated Marilyn all these years.

Please join us in thanking Marilyn and congratulating her on her ABC Channel 10 Leadership Award.

Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s Golf Tournament a big success!

Despite a little rain, the 5th Annual Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s Golf Tournament was a big success! Thirty foursomes had a shotgun start at the beautiful Fairbanks Ranch Country Club. After the fun golf scramble, which included two hole-in-one chances to win a car, as well as a chipping contest, golfers and guests enjoyed a cocktail hour in the clubhouse. During the three-course dinner, we watched a video, Savannah’s Story, about how genome sequencing significantly improved the life of a young patient of Dr. Joseph Gleeson. Sandra den Uijl and Gina Jordan, Rancho Santa Fe Unit members, did a fantastic job organizing this event for the fifth year in a row. Several units were represented by donating items to the opportunity drawing, getting foursomes and providing volunteers to help throughout the day. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Auxiliary’s Endowment for Neuroscience. We are all looking forward to next year.
Semi-Annual Meeting

Congratulations to Our Outstanding Honorees

A wonderful tradition at the Semi-Annual Meeting is the presentation of awards recognizing outstanding service by fellow Auxilians, hospital staff and partners in the community. This year was no exception as we honored several dedicated individuals.

Congratulations to **Farryl Moore** who received the *Distinguished Service Award*. She has been a dedicated member of the Auxiliary for more than 20 years. As a member of the Del Mar Unit, she has held almost every position including unit chairman. Going beyond the unit level, Farryl’s commitment and dedication to the Auxiliary made her a natural for the “big board,” where she also served in several positions including President. Her latest contribution was being the catalyst for the Coldwell Banker partnership with Kids’ NewsDay.

Receiving the *KITE Award*, **James Lovejoy**, owner, and **John Driscoll**, operations supervisor of Priority Moving have been instrumental in getting the newspapers into the hands of volunteers for Kids’ NewsDay. With the sale of the Union-Tribune, they were faced with a challenge; the newspapers are now being printed in Los Angeles. But that didn’t stop James and John! The morning started at 1 a.m. with drivers going to Los Angeles, picking up the papers, driving back to San Diego and then distributing them all over the county. A new set of drivers picked up the unsold papers and delivered them to the Auxiliary office.

Mr. Lovejoy happily donated the use of the trucks and the drivers. The drivers were paid, the trucks were not available for their usual business and the company paid for the gas, all adding up to a large financial donation. The spirit of the group is even more impressive!

This year we recognized **Sara Moten** as a *Very Special Person*. She has worked for the Foundation for almost eight years, and the last several years as the director for the Auxiliary. What sets her apart is her dedication and her passion to help us be the best we can be.

Sara has a wealth of knowledge and is the “go-to gal” for questions about the auxiliary. She is always available to help with whatever we need and often knows what we need before we do! Always cheerful and diplomatic, Sara maintains a calm demeanor even in stressful situations. Smart, funny, creative and dedicated, Sara is very special to us.

We were pleased to announce three *Honorary Members*:

**King Deutsch** was a 2014 recipient, and this year marks his 20th year of service. However, because he was unable to attend last year’s Semi-Annual Awards, we wanted to personally recognize and thank him. King has given countless hours to the Celebration of Champions, contributing time, items and cash. King does everything he can to make this day a special one for the kids and their families undergoing cancer treatment. His time spent on this event is the epitome of the expression, a “labor of love.”

**Clint Bell** has been described by one unit as an Auctioneer Extraordinaire. But that doesn’t even begin to cover how invaluable he is to several units and their fundraising events. Three units nominated him for the Honorary Member Award! Clint volunteered his time to make a presentation at the Ways and Means retreat. He has been known to adjust a planned vacation by a day or two to work an event. Clint is certainly more than an auctioneer. He has gone above and beyond to become invaluable to our fundraising efforts. His dedication and support for the Auxiliary and passion for the hospital makes him an ideal Honorary Member.

**Traci Hong** is the community relations marketing manager for the *Union-Tribune* and has been the Kids’ NewsDay contact between the newspaper and the Auxiliary for the last eight years. Working through the many changing faces of our local paper, Traci makes sure that Kids’ NewsDay happens. Traci has provided continuity through Foundation staff changes as well as the many changes in Auxiliary Chairs. She is patient while she “trains” the incoming liaisons. Always enthusiastic, she works tirelessly to get the special edition printed and ready for sale. In an ever changing environment, Traci remains our “constant,” and is recognized as an Honorary Member.
Thanks to all unit Membership Representatives for a successful Fall meeting with a good brainstorming session. They have been busy recruiting and guiding new members into their respective units. Our Fall New Member Orientations gave new members a chance to not only meet each other, but also to learn more about the Auxiliary and Rady Children’s. They were taken on wonderful tours led by Sara Moten and Amy Durazo. Check out the photos of the smiling faces of our newest members and some of their Membership Representatives.

Lynne Lurie, Membership Vice President
The new 2015-2016 Fantasy on Ice venue brought exciting holiday festivities. Opening Night was spectacular and the NBC Holiday Party with Minnie and Mickey’s “meet and greet” sure put lots of smiles on kids’ and parents’ faces. It was wonderful to see all the people come out for a season of skating and to help support Rady Children’s Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. Although the season is nearing its final days, there is still time for additional skating through January 3, 2016.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, volunteers and skaters for making this season a huge success!

Kathleen Caffo and Heather Wolff, Fantasy on Ice Chairs

Unit Council: Who? What? And Why?

Each month, usually September through May, unit chairs of each of the 22 units that make up the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary share auxiliary information with members at their unit meetings. Where and how do the unit chairs come by all this information? They belong to the Unit Council, a group of all unit chairs who meet on the second Wednesday of the month to receive information from the Auxiliary Board of Directors, the Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation, and from the Hospital. In addition, unit chairs share with each other about their unit meetings, events and projects.

This year’s unit chairs met for the first time in September, on the hottest day of the year, to learn about the Treasurer’s job, guidelines for submitting articles for Chaux Talk, and New Member Orientations. Subsequent meetings have also included information about Education Seminars, Ways and Means Workshops, and Auxiliary-wide events such as Kids’ NewsDay and Fantasy on Ice.

The Unit Council meeting in September also featured lunch and a special tour of the Surgical Sterilization Department led by Matt Parker, operations manager for Rady Children’s Surgical Services Department. This amazing behind-the-scenes tour gave unit chairs insight into a little-known, but vitally important area of the Hospital. Tours such as this one and information from Unit Council meetings help Auxiliary members to understand the Auxiliary’s vital role in supporting Rady Children’s.

Ann Desmond - Vice President for Unit Council
We did it again! Our Auxiliary members are awesome! You, your kids, their schools, your friends, your businesses and your spouses - all out there in your Kids’ News Day yellow aprons making a difference in the lives of San Diego kids. This year’s Auxiliary-wide fundraiser, Kids’ NewsDay, was a huge success. So many new ways to get out there and sell were happening all over the county.

We want to thank all of the Kids’ NewsDay Reps that worked so hard to organize all of the volunteers and to get 50,000 newspapers to where they needed to be. This year’s Kids’ NewsDay Reps were so enthusiastic, innovative and energetic. We send a big thank you! And, we couldn’t have moved all of those papers around if it wasn’t for Priority Moving and West Coast Escrow. A big Priority Moving Truck drove up to Los Angeles to load the papers, then drove back in San Diego, divided the papers into four smaller trucks, which delivered to the four area distribution centers. Then, along with Auxilians, West Coast Escrow officers spread the papers out into the community. We can’t thank them enough and hope that you will give back to our big sponsors. They were so instrumental to our success they were honored at the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Coldwell Banker, who sponsored our essay contest, purchased the six iPads needed for the winners and their teachers, printing the entry form and essays in their periodical and donating $3,600, which helped to make our essay contest so great. And a big thank you to NBC/7 and the San Diego Union-Tribune, who have been such staunch partners with Kids’ NewsDay for so many years. So many more community members worked alongside our Unit members and we thank them as well.

So Cheers to you Auxilians! Thank you for your commitment to Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary and Kids’ NewsDay.

Mary Reynolds and Susan Atkins, Kids’ NewsDay Chairpersons
Rain didn’t keep away the Gene Team, dedicated to helping kids one step at a time

On Sunday, October 4 at 7:30 a.m. thousands of walkers made a real difference in the lives of critically ill and injured children – and enjoyed a fun and wet morning at Mission Bay with their family and friends!

How can you get involved next year?
Walk with us, as an individual or form a team. Choose a 1-mile or 3-mile course. Fundraise to earn prizes and help kids. You can fundraise for a department or program that you’re most connected to and passionate about or you can raise money for the Hospital to use where it’s needed most. It’s easy — and every dollar raised stays right here in San Diego to help kids at Rady Children’s.

What is the new Kite Club?
Walk participants who donated $250 or more qualified as Kite Club members. Kite Club membership allows you to maximize your participation while making a real difference in the life of a critically ill or injured child and enjoying some special benefits. Kite Club members received an invitation to the Kite Club hospitality tent for complimentary breakfast, access to special Kite Club parking on walk day and other benefits. NOTE: Kite Club is not a fundraising level, but rather a personal donation option.
UNIT NEWS

Bonita

Kid’s NewsDay is a big deal for the Bonita Unit. A major contributor each year is the Chula Vista Police Department. Their consistent and significant support is always appreciated. We would also like to thank the following organizations for their support: Bonita Optimists, Bonita/Sunnyside Fire Department, Discovery Charter School, Starbucks, Bonita Kiwanis, Eastlake Optimists, Radio Latina, Arroyo Charter School, Luna Grill, Wolf Canyon Elementary, Wolf Canyon Elementary, St. Charles Catholic School, Hedencamp Elementary, St. Pious Catholic School, Kiwanis Club of Sweetwater, Millennium Optimists, Sunnyside Elementary and Donny’s Café.

Our 27th Annual Luncheon and Auction by the Bay was held November 7 at the Paradise Point Resort. With a beautiful clear sky and crisp fall feel, our event rang in the season of giving. Benefitting the Palliative/Supportive Care department, the “Our Little Angels” themed luncheon raised awareness and funds for those with significantly limiting illnesses. Our guest speaker’s words were both heartening and inspiring, reminding us of our mission. Through fund-an-item we brought in donations for the Music Therapy department as well. The Music Therapy and Palliative/Supportive care teams have come together to support patients’ and families’ wellness together.

The Bonita Unit wishes to thank our attendees, volunteers and donors who made this event a success. Preparations for next year have already begun. Happy Holidays!

Ally Williams

Carmel Valley

The Carmel Valley Unit’s 10th Sounds of Hope for Children was enormously successful and exceeded our goals in dollars raised and attendance. Multi-Grammy® Award-winning singer Rob Thomas performed to a sold-out crowd at the Illumina Amphitheater to benefit the Neurotherapy Center on a beautiful October evening.

After drinks and dinner, Michael Levy, MD, Director of Rady Children’s Neurotherapy Center, talked about the groundbreaking work being done to restore function and minimize surgical risks to pediatric neurological patients and the need for equipment like the ROSA™ Robotic Arm, which allows surgeons to perform more accurate, less-invasive procedures. There was barely a dry eye in the audience when one of Dr. Levy’s patients took the stage to thank donors for their support.

Bidding was lively as guests vied to win the opportunity to travel with Dr. Levy and International Neurosurgery Children’s Alliance on a surgical mission to Nicaragua; a one-of-a-kind soccer jersey signed by the U.S. Women’s National Soccer Team, 2015 FIFA Women’s World Cup winners; a weekend at the Chopra Center, and more. DJ Mike kept the party going after the amazing Rob Thomas concert.

Because Sounds of Hope was completely underwritten, all funds raised directly benefited the Neurotherapy Center enabling them to purchase a ROSA™ Robotic Arm, significantly improving patient’s surgical experience and recovery time.

We owe our success to the participation and hard work of all of our unit members. Great work ladies! Special thanks to event co-chairs Edith Smith and Lynne Carlson.

The Carmel Valley ladies will celebrate our Sounds of Hope success with a holiday party at Bolt Brewery. In the New Year, we’ll explore new approaches to supporting the Hospital and further developing our leadership. A committee led by Lynne Carlson and Marilyn Nolen will work on our new slate.

A happy and healthy holiday season to all!

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Neylon Decker
UNIT NEWS

Dana

The ladies of the Dana Unit have met twice this Fall. Our first meeting was at the lovely home of Barbara Tourtelott where we welcomed Auxiliary President Cheryl Steinholt. It was a great way for our newer members to meet and hear her enthusiastic explanation of the research being done at the Rady Pediatric Genomics and Systems Medicine Institute and Endowed Chair Dr. Joseph Gleeson. We also were able to distribute our new Dana Unit Directory to our 47 members.

Ann Desmond, Molly Crabtree and Donna Kaup were able to attend the very informative Technology Workshop given by Amber Yoo in October. We are so blessed to have this kind of assistance from the Auxiliary office. Amber is very knowledgeable and adept at teaching all levels of technology usage. These sessions are not only educational but it is fun to see all the other members from other units.

We had several members attend the Semi-annual Meeting and shop at the boutique. These events are always fun and informative.

The very organized Karen Novak was busy coordinating our annual Holiday Party. This year it was a progressive dinner. This gave our members and their spouses a chance to mingle and enjoy one another’s company in a variety of locations.

Molly Crabtree

Del Cerro

It’s the holiday season with a long list of to dos! We’ll spend countless hours cooking and cleaning, shopping for presents, booking travel arrangements, as well as attending numerous family events. It’s also an opportunity to reflect on what we’ve accomplished this past year, and how we’ve spent our time and energy and how we’ve embraced life experiences.

The Del Cerro Unit pledged to make an impact in 2015 by volunteering for new leadership roles, deepening our connection to our mission, and increasing our collectiveness as ambassadors for the children. Jeri Hafter once again took the helm for Kid’s NewsDay, and what a tremendous job she did in encouraging and coordinating the volunteers! We also reveled in a whirlwind of excitement as we came together on October 17 for FALL FANTASY. Our array of handmade crafts in the boutique, as well as vendor participation, enabled us to raise those much needed dollars to support the Rady Pediatric Genomics and Neuroscience Institute, an innovative new area of research so vital to the investigation of basic biological mechanisms.

One of the most influential confirmations of commitment became evident in the enthusiastic new member volunteerism within the Del Cerro Unit. My goodness, these ladies stepped up their game by jumping in without hesitation, demonstrating a yearning to do whatever they could to support the mission of Rady Children’s. Their dedication, eagerness and unselfish attitude have been inspiring.

Success is different for all of us: it’s discovering our “gifts” and offering them to the world; it’s making a difference in others’ lives through a smile, a laugh or a helping hand. Success is realizing how abundant our lives are and being so grateful that we want to share it with others, especially the children and families of Rady Children’s. Let us celebrate this season with our hearts overflowing.

Happy Holidays to all! — Kim Emerson

David Emerson, Sunny Golden

Diane Bailey, Fran Lupon

Karen Haak, Joan Sturgeon, Judy Quenga

Pumpkins

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Del Mar

Our glasses runneth over with mimosas and excitement at the Semi-Annual Meeting. It’s an annual tradition to carpool together on the way and we were fortunate to have the company of Fiona Kingsmore along for the ride. Dr. Kingsmore received a standing ovation from the crowd, as Dr. Kearns had humorously pointed out. We were very proud to witness Farryl Moore win the Distinguished Service Award for her 20-year dedication and service to the hospital, auxiliary and our unit.

In September, we welcomed new members and were thankful to meet them at Michele Devine’s beautiful home in Santa Luz. Cheers to our Unit Chairs that were awarded Pearls of the Month in September and to our Pearl of October, Melinda Tucker.

Congratulations to Mary Reynolds and Susan Atkins for a super-successful and fun Kids’ NewsDay! Dana Worsham and Lisa Cavanaugh, our Kids’ NewsDay reps, clothed our members in yellow aprons and appointed them at various Starbucks and local schools, along with the support of the local Solana Beach and Del Mar fire departments. A big thanks goes out to Wendy Campbell, our members and their wonderful kids that walked the SeaWorld Family Walk.

Our Unit Holiday Party was so much fun as we gathered for an annual photo of the unit and toasted to the success of the New Year! Thanks to Sophia Alsadek for opening up her beautiful home.

Save the date for Heard It Through the Grapevine, April 16 at Del Mar Country Club. www.rchadelmar.org

Fuerte Hills

TRADITIONS! The Fuerte Hills unit has been around for a long time and we have some long-standing traditions. Like an extended family coming together for the holidays, we gather at a Welcome Back party before our first meeting. This start-up party is a chance to catch up with each other about our summer activities and to welcome new members.

This year, one of our founding members, Vicki Burnett, is joining us again. She took some time off — about 25 years — to pursue her career and raise her family. Her daughter is an active member of the La Playa Unit. We also welcomed back Sherry Marcus-Akers, who took a short hiatus and is back and ready to work. We are excited to have both these ladies back in the fold again.

Another tradition: Our first meeting is always held at Judy Sharer’s home. She always makes her signature kick-off-the-year chicken curry salad for lunch. Our Ways and Means chairs, Mary Lincoln-Johnson and Angela Wachtmann, already have many inspiring ideas to make this year’s Sweet Charity fundraiser the best ever. Sweet Charity will be held on April 20, 2016.

We are revved up and ready to go!

Carol Brown
La Jolla

Last spring 14 women came together to form the new La Jolla Unit with the goal of creating family-friendly events. A common link between the founding members was that they either live in La Jolla or have children who attended La Jolla schools. Many of the women have known each other for more than 10 years, while others met at recent school functions. Since that time, five new members have joined the group.

One of the priorities of the La Jolla Unit is to include their children in advocacy and fundraising events. On Kids’ NewsDay, every one of the 19 unit members participated, with at least half selling newspapers alongside their children at schools and restaurants.

Members sold papers at 21 locations in La Jolla and Kensington. At the October unit meeting we recapped the Kids’ NewsDay experience, which included lots of laughs and moving stories of support from the community. We also brainstormed ways to increase sales next year.

For the first year, the La Jolla Unit will focus on supporting auxiliary-wide events such as Kids’ NewsDay, Fantasy on Ice, holiday decorating, clothes closet and brown bags as well as supporting the Helen Bernardy Center. Members’ children participated in creating holiday decorations and will provide entertainment for monthly birthday parties.

Jeanie Scott

La Playa

This summer was an especially exciting time for our La Playa Unit as one of our cherished members, Marilyn Cornwell, won the 10 News LEADership Award for the inspirational work she has done and continues to do to benefit pediatric cancer patients and their families. Marilyn was featured on a news segment in August and will be honored at the 2016 Visionary Awards, to be held on May 26, 2016. We are so proud of Marilyn and are grateful for all she has done for La Playa, Rady Children’s and all the patients and families at the Peckham Center over the past 21 years.

La Playa members Kathleen Caffo, Chris Stehly, Mary Kay Bates and Heather Wolff were busy over the fall making preparations for the Grand Opening of Fantasy on Ice in the beautiful new location at Liberty Station.

We all look forward to some wonderful festive times this holiday season with friends and family at our holiday ice rink.

We are excited to announce that we have secured our site at the Embarcadero for the 21st Annual Celebration of Champions held on May 21, 2016. This past fall we were eager to welcome some new members, wrote Santa letters and supported Rady Children’s during this holiday season.

The La Playa Unit kicked off the new year with a lovely salad buffet luncheon at the home of Lori White. We are eager to welcome some new members this fall and get to work on writing Santa letters and supporting Rady Children’s during this holiday season. We hope to see you all at Fantasy on Ice!

June Olcott
UNIT NEWS

Mountain View

Our unit members supported Kids’ NewsDay by delivering and selling newspapers throughout East County. The fire department, schools and businesses were involved along with our unit members. It was a great day for Kids’ NewsDay!

Another activity in October was a yard sale at the home of our unit chairperson Gelia Cook. The yard sale proceeds will help support our unit activities throughout the year. It was a great day with lots of treasures sold. The members enjoyed coffee, doughnuts and bagels throughout the morning as we sold the many items donated by our unit members and families. At our October Unit meeting we covered an education report, updates about our Bernardy Center child and tickets sales for the Shop Under the Stars event. We reviewed information for Fantasy on Ice and established the place and date of our spring fundraiser, Boot Scootin’ Bunco.

“Shop til you drop” has been the ongoing theme for Shop Under the Stars each year our unit has participated in this fundraiser. One hundred percent of the ticket sales benefited Rady Children’s. The event was held November 2 at the Carlsbad Outlet Center, with food, live entertainment, silent auction and opportunity drawing prizes. Each person received a souvenir tote with exclusive coupons and gift items, and it was a successful night of shopping for everyone!

Our Mountain View Unit looks forward to another busy and exciting year!

Brenda Clark

North Coast

It’s been a fantastic fall for the North Coast Unit. It started off with our best fundraising ever for Kids’ NewsDay thanks to lots of adorable helpers, as well as another year where ViaSat matched its generous employees’ contributions.

In addition to increasing our presence at Kids’ NewsDay, our new members are hard at work helping prepare for the 5th Annual Date Night for a Cause on March 11, 2016. Atomic Groove will be back at the Belly Up to raise everyone’s spirits and we will have lots of exciting auction items to help benefit Kawasaki Disease research at the Hospital. Keep up to date on the latest details by visiting our website at www.radysncu.com.

Our junior auxiliary has been hard at work as well. Thanks to fundraising efforts, dinner at Project Pie and a huge shoe drive, they have already achieved one of their goals for the year, to become Miracle Makers! In the spring they will be a big help as we prepare for Date Night for a Cause.

We wrapped up the year with a couple of our favorite North Coast traditions — decorating Carley’s Garden and attending a great holiday party. Thanks to Teresa and Eric Leitstein for hosting at their beautiful home and to Kelly Stickney for putting it all together.

Wishing you all the best for a wonderful 2016.

Coleen Young
North County

Our main focus for the past few months has been preparing for our annual fundraiser, Winter Wonderland, which was held at Shadowridge Country Club on Saturday, December 5. This event was co-chaired by Sherry Wallace and Sharon Bedsaul. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon, listened to an informative speaker about the Chadwick Center for patients and families, and shopped for holiday items and epicurean delights at our well-supplied boutique. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and I hope that many of you were able to attend.

Many of our members participated in Kids’ NewsDay, manning positions at several area Starbucks locations. We always look forward to this worthwhile fundraiser, and even recruit some of our very young family members to accompany us.

We were also pleased with the large number of members who were able to attend the November 4 Semi-Annual Meeting. We always enjoy getting together with our fellow auxilian members from other units.

The North County Unit is also continuing to promote social gatherings for our members to get to know each other more personally. The October Happy Hour was held at Vintana in Escondido and was enjoyed as always.

As this year is drawing to a close, we would like to wish all of our Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary friends a very happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Joan Vernetti

Poway

Our Tabletops & Tea co-chairs, Bridgett Brown and Deborah Oliver, had fun introducing the theme of our fundraiser, “Come Fly With Me: Vintage Travel Across the USA,” at the September meeting. Tabletops & Tea will be Sunday, April 17, 2016, at the Grand Del Mar. Tickets are available at www.tabletopsandtea.org. We hope to see many fellow Auxilians there and encourage you to buy your tickets soon, as our event has sold out in recent years. All proceeds will benefit the Developmental Services Department at the Hospital.

Our unit had great participation at Kids’ NewsDay, thanks in large part to the leadership of one-year member Helen Armell. Helen reported that our unit contributed a record-breaking amount to the Auxiliary-wide event.

Alison Hout
**Presidio**

It has been a busy fall for our Presidio Unit. Although there are only 13 of us, we get the job done and have lots of fun while planning and supporting the Hospital. We were excited about the success of Kids’ NewsDay and the Family Walk at SeaWorld. It was fun to reconnect with our fellow auxiliary members at the Semi-Annual Meeting sharing and supporting each other. Many of us have attended the events around the county and remain amazed at the creative energy that goes into each function.

Lynn Smith was a wonderful hostess at our October meeting where we made final plans for our big fundraiser. Save the date of February 27, 2016. We will be repeating our Luncheon/Fashion Show at the beautiful Coronado Golf Course Clubhouse. This year we have chosen the “Healing Environment” to receive the funds we raise. Of course there will be good food and lots of prizes for the opportunity drawings, and you’ll get a chance to see the latest in fashion. Hope to see you all there.

Thank you to Ursula Siesel for hosting the November meeting. Final touches for our February event were implemented and we organized our Christmas decorations for the Hospital. We threw out the old and started all over with the creativeness of “our” Ursula. Decorating our area was lots more fun this year. At the Parade of Lights on Mission Bay, fun and friendship was our theme for the evening.

We at Presidio extend our warmest wishes and much happiness during the holidays to all our friends and fellow auxiliary members. Happy New Year to all!

Claire Dale

**Rancho Bernardo**

Rancho Bernardo Unit members and their spouses gathered in July at the home of Norma Dahlvig and enjoyed fiesta-style food for the final summer social. The highlight of the evening was Al Dahlvig’s famous margaritas. It was a wonderful time of getting to know one another and sharing some laughs before the season hiatus.

October led to volunteering for the Carmel Valley unit Sounds of Hope Fundraiser and gearing up for Kids’ NewsDay, which was successfully organized by new chair, Rosemary “Ro” Pohl. The unit surpassed last year’s collections and had several new ideas to make next October’s event even more productive. Chaux it up to the Rancho Bernardo and Poway Unified School District community for their generous donations!

We are proud to have celebrated our 20th year conducting the Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser which holds strong with Tammy Young at the helm. Rady Children’s Pediatric Intensive Care Unit is benefiting through this season’s efforts. We appreciate the continued support from other units with personal orders and encourage everyone to participate next year. It’s a great feeling knowing you have decorated for the holidays or spread some holiday cheer while at the same time having donated to Rady Children’s.

The ladies from the Rancho Bernardo Unit would like to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season and Prosperous 2016!

Cheers, Marcie Sands
Rancho Santa Fe

The Rancho Santa Fe Unit has had busy start to the 2015/16 year. On September 15, a new member brunch was held and the unit welcomed 17 new members. Unit members have planned our annual Tee Off Fore Rady Children’s Golf Tournament, now an auxiliary-wide event. The tournament was held November 9 with all proceeds going to the Rady Pediatric Genomics Institute for Neuroscience. Thanks to Gina Jordan’s leadership, the event was a huge success.

The unit also held its annual Jimmy Choo shopping event at a private home. Great shoes and bags were bought with proceeds from sales used to underwrite our unit’s annual gala that will be held on April 23. The holiday luncheon and boutique was held on December 10 at the Grand Del Mar to a sold-out crowd. Thank you to all of our loyal vendors and Giselle Chalhoub for organizing and planning.

The unit once again walked for Henry’s Hemophiliacs at the Family Walk at SeaWorld, in October and many members along with their children had a great time supporting Kids’ NewsDay on October 20.

As a unit we look forward to our annual gala, “Broadway Nights,” on April 23 at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar.

Respectfully submitted by Shaunna Salzetti-Kahn

Scripps Ranch

Our Scripps Ranch Unit has had a busy and eventful start to our 2015-2016 auxiliary year. In September we were thrilled to welcome two new members to our unit — Christine Holstad and Angela Phillips. The rainy morning of October 4 did not dampen the enthusiasm of our Scripps Ranch walkers who took part in the Family Walk at SeaWorld. Cheryl Steinholt and Jan McGowan picked up Starbucks coffee before the walk and were grateful the rain held off during the event. With the vital help of volunteers such as the Scripps Ranch Old Pros, our unit members outdid last year’s fundraising on Kids NewsDay 2015. Volunteers were stationed outside nearby Starbucks locations and elementary schools and an early counting showed the amounts raised by our Scripps Ranch teams outdid last year’s totals making the “Day to Donate” a success. We are grateful for all the volunteers who helped on Kids’ NewsDay. Approximately 20 Scripps Ranch Unit members attended the November 4 Semi-Annual Meeting. We are so proud of Auxiliary President Cheryl Steinholt from our unit, who presided over a fantastic meeting with excellent speakers and honorees. Our holiday social in December took place at Liberty Station with a happy hour and ice skating at Fantasy on Ice. Planning is underway for our spring fundraiser, date to be announced soon, at a local brewery and tasting room.

Kami Evora, Publicity Chair
Tierrasanta

The Tierrasanta Unit expanded far beyond Tierrasanta’s borders on Kids’ NewsDay. We went to 19 locations from Clairemont to Santee and had help from many people and organizations including the Tierrasanta Kiwanis. Many thanks to our unit coordinators, Maria Polifka, Marta Phillips and Joyce Robison for a successful day!

Our unit has started a junior division this year, and one of their first events was the Tierrasanta Oktoberfest. They had a fun booth and raised $187 for the Hospital.

On October 21, four members of our unit participated in the monthly birthday party at the Bernardy Center. Chris Evans planned the event with a fun craft project for each child. There was also music, singing, and reading books for the children. This was my first time there, and it was a truly amazing experience. When a child responded with eye contact or a smile, you felt a real connection. Interacting directly with the children deepened our commitment to the auxiliary’s mission.

Pam Hanig

2015 Coronado Turkey Trot

Coronado Unit Chair, Ann Goodfellow, Auxiliary President, Cheryl Steinbuhl and Coronado Treasurer, Cathy Brown welcome the CarMax Team as they cross the finish line of the 2nd Annual Coronado Turkey Trot.
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