Chaux Talk
Advocating for the Health and Well-Being of Children
Summer 2015

Why We Give...

I support Rady Children’s Because our children deserve the BEST!

So every child has a good chance of being healthy!

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Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

“Imagine the Possibilities!” Our Annual Meeting, held June 3rd at Liberty Station, was an exciting evening! I hope you were able to attend this amazing event. Auxiliary President Cheryl Steinholt shared her vision that with our support the possibilities are endless when it comes to participating in the future of Rady Children’s Hospital. Cheryl also shared highlights of the past year: The Auxiliary was often in the news, we have a new unit in La Jolla, and she spoke passionately about the new Genomics Endowment. The new Auxiliary Board was installed and we said “goodbye” to outgoing Board members Penny Rich, Jackie Schloeder, Laura Stearn, Jeanie Scott and Karry McDannald.

The evening’s guest speakers were Steve Jennings, Senior Vice President and Executive Director of the Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation, and Dr. Donald Kearns, President of Rady Children’s Hospital. It is always exciting to hear from these gentlemen!

Watch for photos of the Annual Meeting in the Fall issue of Chaux Talk.

Jan McGowan
Special Events Director
wow! what a year!

My heart is full when I look back at what we accomplished this year! Not only did we fundraise and advocate for Rady Children’s, we were there when the Rady Pediatric Genomics and Systems Medicine Institute was announced, and we watched in awe as Eric Montaño thanked his doctors for his new heart.

Penny Rich, Unit Council Vice President and I enjoyed our time “on the road” visiting the units and attending all the events. We also enjoyed our Starbucks! I will miss my travels with Penny as she leaves the “Big Board,” but I have been assured that Ann Desmond is a coffee lover and I look forward to hitting the road with her in the Fall!

April was a busy month for events, five to be exact. Four events occurred in the same week, three on consecutive days. We finished in May with La Playa Unit’s Celebration of Champions. A perfect way to end the year by getting to interact with the children and families who are the very reason we do what we do every day!

The Fuerte Hills Unit’s Sweet Charity kicked off the funding of our Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Endowment for Neuroscience at the Rady Pediatric Genomic and Systems Medicine Institute! Josh Rathweg shared his daughter Bryn’s story about having a rare and aggressive form of brain cancer, anaplastic ependymoma. Not only did Bryn have her genome sequenced, she also had proton radiation therapy. Josh was so thankful for the treatment and care Bryn and the rest of his family received at Rady Children’s! Dr. John Crawford continues to monitor Bryn, but she shows NED, No Evidence of Disease. We can imagine the possibilities for Bryn’s bright future!

I would like to thank our Genomics Steering Committee members Harriet Bossenbroek, Leslie Dupree, Shaunna Kahn, Lynne Lurie, Phyllis Snyder, Jeanie Scott, Laura Stearn, Vellet Wyatt Finley and Norma Yates. Together we have formulated a solid fundraising, education and advocacy plan for our Endowment for Neuroscience. Anyone who is interested in serving on a committee, please contact me at the Auxiliary offices.

I would like to give special thanks to Jan McGowan for planning a lovely Annual Meeting! It was an awesome celebration of the Auxiliary and all that we accomplished this year!

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful summer—see you in the Fall!

Cheryl Steinholt
Auxiliary President

Note from the
EDITOR

While there are many reasons, both personal and philanthropic, that Auxiliary members give their time and talent to Rady Children's Hospital, commitment to healthy kids and to a healthy community is a common theme. So, the theme for our Summer 2015 issue of Chaux Talk, the final issue of the 2014-2015 Auxiliary year, is “Why We Give.” On our front cover, Auxiliary President Cheryl Steinholt and Unit Council Vice President Penny Rich tell us why they support our mission to advocate for the health and well-being of children. And throughout the newsletter we have featured Auxiliary members sharing why they give. Finally, our back cover illustrates giving by the community, as representatives from Jersey Mike’s present the Auxiliary with a check for $150,000 following the Jersey Mike’s month-long fundraising campaign and March 25th Day of Giving. A huge and humble THANK YOU to all!

On a more melancholy note, this will be the last issue of Chaux Talk that I will edit (at least for a while), as I assume a new position as Unit Council Vice President. Editing Chaux Talk has been not only tremendously fun, but enormously rewarding as a way to give to the Auxiliary and the hospital, but also a way to further the Auxiliary’s mission to increase community awareness of the wonderful work done by the hospital for all our children.

When it comes to supporting and giving to the Rady Children’s Hospital and to the Auxiliary, everyone is a winner!

Ann Desmond
Chaux Talk Editor
“Years of Service” to the Auxiliary is a new category that can be found on all unit membership rosters. A review of this information provided the opportunity to learn about what keeps members involved in the organization. Here is a “Years of Service” recap for 1,149 members of the 22 active units:

- 603 have been members less than 10 years
- 398 have been members 10-24 years
- 111 have been members 25-39 years
- 23 have been members 40-49 years
- 14 have been members 50+ years

Sallie Haight is the longest active member of the Auxiliary with 50 years of service to the Presidio Unit, which was formed in 1953. Sallie was invited to join the unit by Dottie Persky, who is a 51-year supporting member and one of her best friends. One of their favorite memories is stuffing Raggedy-Ann-and-Andy dolls for the former Auxiliary-wide annual craft Faire. When asked, “What is the key to keeping members involved in the Presidio Unit?” Sallie is quick to say that the group has always been close, they work well together and every one of the members pitches in to get the job done. “We are a small, but mighty unit.”

The La Playa Unit, which was also founded in 1953, has the largest membership in the Auxiliary. Of the 216 members, 51 have been with the group for 25+ years including eight 40-year, and eight 50-year members. Mary R. Jones is a 60-year supporting member of the group who states that the La Playa Unit has always been very inclusive and supportive of its members. It is a multi-generational unit with 91 members who have been with the unit less than ten years. The members are passionate about the hospital’s mission and have long supported the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

The sixteen-member Mountain View Unit was formed in 1999. Eleven of the 16 are founding members. At the time the unit was formed, they were connected through PTA, teaching or school administration. The children who brought them together are now adults with kids of their own. Many of the members of this small, but powerful Mountain View Unit have held Auxiliary Board positions.

There are countless other stories highlighting the reason men and women joined their Auxiliary units and the strong bonds that have kept them together throughout the years. Here’s a list of the 22 active units and the year each was formed:

- 1953 = Bonita
- 1953 = Dana
- 1953 = La Playa
- 1953 = Presidio
- 1956 = Del Mar
- 1956 = North County
- 1958 = Del Cerro
- 1961 = Rancho Santa Fe
- 1971 = Rancho Bernardo
- 1972 = Scripps Ranch
- 1976 = Tierrasanta
- 1982 = North Coast
- 1986 = Fuerte Hills
- 1990 = Poway
- 1994 = Carmel Valley
- 1997 = Southeast Cluster
- 1999 = Mountain View
- 2006 = Inland Empire
- 2010 = Young Professionals
- 2011 = Alpine
- 2013 = Coronado
- 2015 = La Jolla

Jeanie Scott
Membership Vice President
Membership Corner - continued

Congratulations to all active Auxiliary members who have reached a five-year milestone this year:

**Five Years**
- Margaret Bartlett, Presidio
- Hannah Jo Block, North County
- Mary-Kay K. Butler, Del Cerro
- Elaine Butz, Dana
- Pam Carlson, Bonita
- Renee Carnett, Dana
- Connie Conard, Del Cerro
- Monica Cooper, North County
- Susan De Leon, Dana
- Kim Emerson, Del Cerro
- Joanna Everett, Tierrasanta
- Diane Fausett, Del Cerro
- Lorraine Fisken, Tierrasanta
- Kelle Higgins, Tierrasanta
- Sandra Holloway, Fuerte Hills
- Joleen Langston-McGregor, Del Mar
- Leisa Loos, Tierrasanta
- Michelle McCurter, North County
- Jan McGowan, Scripps Ranch
- Nicole Mikles, Rancho Santa Fe
- Linda Mistretta, Tierrasanta
- Etta Osborn, Tierrasanta
- Laurie R. Pieratt, Del Cerro
- Linda Rains, Presidio
- Mary Rogondino, Dana
- Kathy Sayer, Scripps Ranch
- MaryAnn Traficante, Del Cerro
- Sandra K. Wetzel-Smith, Scripps Ranch
- Georgine Wynne, Bonita
- Susan Zapotoczny, Tierrasanta

**Ten Years**
- Martha Acosta, Scripps Ranch
- Connie Anderson, Tierrasanta
- Loraine Bales, Bonita
- Jennie Cirello, La Playa
- Elaine Drake, North County
- Evva Fennison, Del Mar
- Meighan Gallavan, Bonita
- Diana Hilton, Presidio
- Judith Hoffner, North County
- Susanna Lievens, Del Cerro
- Barbara McCluskey, Bonita
- Sandra McMillan, Fuerte Hills
- Karen McPartland, Poway
- Sharon Nisleit, Fuerte Hills
- Robin P. Olson, La Playa
- Sheila Reilly, Del Mar
- Ginny Robertson, North County
- Jackie Smith, Dana
- Julie Thomas, Del Mar
- Rowena Treitler, Tierrasanta
- Catherine Viani, Tierrasanta
- Susan Waddington, Fuerte Hills
- Betty Williams, Southeast Cluster
- Marilyn Williams, Bonita

**Twenty Years**
- Evan Bakke, Poway
- Nancy Baldry, North County
- Dyana Brown, Carmel Valley
- Natalie Emerson, Bonita
- Ann Goldberg, Del Cerro
- Jet Heintz, La Playa
- Vanya Hilbert, La Playa
- Joan Larch-Miller, Del Cerro
- Carol Schieman, Scripps Ranch
- Jan Smith, Del Mar
- Freida Sprague, Dana

**Twenty-Five Years**
- Rosa Dubost, Bonita
- Marilyn Murlowski, Poway
- Kathy Rozkus, Fuerte Hills
- Judith Scharer, Fuerte Hills
- Linda Trousdale, Tierrasanta

**Thirty Years**
- Sunny Golden, Del Cerro

**Thirty-Five Years**
- Marsha Bouman, Tierrasanta
- Marian Johns, Tierrasanta

**Forty-Five Years**
- Mimi Davis, Bonita

**Fifty Years**
- Sallie Haight, Presidio

If you have any questions about your years of service with the Auxiliary, please contact Amy Durazo at 858-966-8089 or adurazo@rchsd.org.
Education Corner

We had two great seminars to end our year. In April, Dr. Harold Hoffman spoke to a full house. He is an Allergy and Immunology specialist at Rady Children’s Hospital, and specializes in allergy and immunology genomics. Dr. Hoffman began his talk by showing a short video which describes the human genome and defines terms including “genomics,” “genome” and “genetics.” The video is called The Animated Genome, and can be viewed at: http://unlockinglifescode.org/media/animations/659#660. I hope you can find some time to watch this over the summer.

Dr. Hoffman and his group of “Team Hoffman” are using the field of “systems medicine,” the merging of biology and computer technology, to study rare genetic-based immune diseases in children and families. Everyone left the room inspired and in awe of the medical advancements happening in his field.

We finished the year with a presentation from the Children’s Hospital Emergency Transport (CHET) team, which included a tour of the heli-pad on top of the hospital.

We were very fortunate to have had such dynamic speakers this year. We learned more about our new heart transplant program, cochlear implants, the importance of immunizations, and telemedicine. I appreciate all the doctors who arranged their schedules to come and speak to us. They all expressed gratitude for the Auxiliary’s support of the hospital.

I have loved being the Education and Advocacy Vice President this year and look forward to hearing more in the fall from our education representatives. Have a wonderful summer.

Laura Stearn
Education and Advocacy Vice President
**Fund Development Corner**

**Wow! It is so exciting for me** to remind you of how successful we were with our 2015 Jersey Mike’s March Month of Giving. The total amount we raised is over **$150,000.00**!

Thanks once again to my fabulous team of Jersey Mike’s Reps who helped make things run smoothly this year. Thanks to all Auxiliary members and their families who volunteered to hand out cookies (some even cleaned off tables!), and to all of you who not only ate at Jersey Mike’s, but also promoted this fundraiser. Customers were lined up at many locations because they knew this would benefit Rady Children’s Hospital.

Above all, thanks to Cathy Brown and all of the local Jersey Mike’s franchise owners for an amazing opportunity to partner with them and conduct an outstanding fundraiser. The Jersey Mike’s employees were as enthusiastic as we were about raising so much money, and I received many comments afterwards about how much our Auxiliary members enjoyed working with them.

On another note, a Junior Miracle Makers appreciation event was held in the Leichtag Garden at the hospital on May 20th. We can be very proud of all the young people who have raised at least $500 for Rady Children’s Hospital during the past year. Instilled with a wonderful sense of philanthropy already, they are our future leaders, employees, fundraisers, and hopefully even some will be Auxiliary members.

Lynne Lurie  
Fund Development Vice President

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**Unit Council Corner**

Dear Auxiliary Unit Presidents,

**As this year comes to an end for me, I would like to personally thank each of you** for your leadership and commitment to Rady Children’s Hospital. It has been a wonderful year for me to visit your unit and to attend your unit events. My travels went from Temecula to Alpine, luckily for Cheryl and me all were near a Starbucks! Your unit along with the others is unique, full of fun and enthusiasm and working towards the same goal for the children of Rady Children’s Hospital. I have made so many wonderful new friends this year, and renewed old acquaintances from the years past.

I want each of you to know I personally appreciate all the outstanding work you do for the Auxiliary. In addition to managing your unit, you also attended Unit Council meetings and other Auxiliary-wide events. Because of your efforts many of the children at Rady Children’s Hospital have had their lives changed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you as Unit Council Vice President.

Warm Regards,

**Penny Rich**  
Unit Council Vice President
Alpine

Spring was in full swing when the Alpine Unit hosted its first spring floral arrangement class. Twenty-five participants attended the evening class, led by Brenda Landini, on the campus of Chaparral High School. The completed arrangements were beautiful!

In addition to the annual cornucopia floral arrangement event, the Alpine Unit is planning to offer a package of three floral arrangement classes. The classes will include winter, spring and summer arrangements. Stay tuned for more details!

Jersey Mike’s Month of Giving was a huge success and the Alpine Unit represented the El Cajon Jersey Mike’s. Thank you to Jersey Mike’s for their generosity and to everyone who came out and supported Rady Children’s Hospital!

Bonita

The Bonita Unit is pleased to announce that our Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on November 7, 2015, at Paradise Point Resort. Our committee members worked hard to find this new, exciting venue and all our members will be working hard over the summer to bring you a great event. Thank you Kim Gorman, Lisa Wojciechowski and Sherry Beckhart for volunteering to chair this event.

The Celebrations of Champions was another successful event. Thank you Dianna Thomas-Fitts and all the members who attended and helped.

Our end-of-year ended on another high note with our installation dinner at Miguel’s Restaurant, where we said “thank you” to the outgoing and “hello” to the incoming. Thank you, Rose Cepeda, for putting this dinner together.

Our Auxiliary unit will be holding the Third Annual Wine Auction on September 19, 2015. The ticket price is $15.00 and it will be held at a member’s home. We will have many different wines to sample along with food, gift baskets, door prizes, and a lot of great socializing. Contact Dana Hartman 619-507-7088, if you are interested in coming and I will email you more information. Thank you Teri Bristow, Lisa Wojciechowski, Pam Carlson, Rose Cepeda and Dana Hartman for chairing this event.

Everyone is looking forward to a relaxing summer and to another successful Auxiliary year.

Dana Hartman
Carmel Valley

There’s lots of news to report from the busy ladies at the Carmel Valley Unit. We held a very successful mini-FUNdraiser at Cardiff Beach Bar @Tower 13 restaurant and bar in April. The second annual Rock the Tower Music Fest and Fundraiser featured good music, delicious food, a silent auction, and a day and evening of fun for all, for a great cause. Tower 13’s owners generously donated 13 percent of gross sales from noon to midnight to Rady Children’s Hospital. Marilyn Nolen, Edith Smith and Lynne Carlson took the helm on this event. Thanks to all who participated and to the very generous folks at Tower 13.

Carmel Valley Unit also participated in Jersey Mike’s “Day of Giving” on March 25th, a daylong nationwide event when 100 percent of the day’s sales were donated to a local charity—in this case, Rady Children’s Hospital! Unit members were on hand at several Jersey Mike’s locations, passing out cookies and smiles to customers. Di Goldschmidt and Lori Parks coordinated our volunteers.

Carmel Valley Unit took part in Celebration of Champions once again. We were proud to sponsor two children this year— one supported by the unit and one sponsored by Eric and Diane Goldschmidt, our unit co-chair. Many of our unit members participated in the festivities surrounding this fantastic event.

Our unit is also busy working on a new website, thanks largely to the efforts of Michelle Thompson and the website committee, which includes Laurie Horton, Charlotte Floweree, Edith Smith, Jeanne Decker and Dyana Brown. The new site will be up and running soon.

We are excited to share some important updates for our “Sounds of Hope for Children” concert. The concert is going to be held Saturday, October 10th at the beautiful Illumina amphitheater. Save the date! We are delighted to announce that our featured artist is three-time Grammy award-winning singer and songwriter Rob Thomas. Rob has long been associated with Matchbox Twenty and has also collaborated with numerous super stars including Santana, Mick Jagger and Tom Petty. Our Ways and Means Chairs Lynne Carlson and Edith Smith and Unit Co-Chair Dyana Brown have been working diligently on all the little details that make this event one of the highlights of the year! Don’t miss it!

We wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

Jeanne Decker

Coronado - Wining and Dining, but No Baking in Coronado!

Springtime is when the Coronado Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital focuses on in-unit fundraisers to provide seed money for its Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot.

Members invited spouses, friends and prospective members to the annual Wine Tasting and Auction event, this year held at the home of Auxilian Katie Hart. Members each donated two identical bottles of wine—one to taste and one to bid on. That way, members and guests know what they are bidding for!

A second fundraiser is the “NO-BAKE Bake Sale”, the perfect answer for those of us who are running to and fro, with little time to bake. Members are each given envelopes addressed to the in-unit fundraising chair, with a little poem attached, to pass out to friends:

We’ve thought of a plan that’s truly grand
And hope that you’ll lend us a hand.
In an envelope please put the price
Of a pie or cake or something nice.
No pans or dishes, no oven to start,
No fuss or bother; you’ve done you’re part!

Kris Grant
Dana

Dana Unit’s own Barbara Tourtellott was featured in follow-up publicity for Jersey Mike’s. Barbara is a long-time Dana Unit member and is truly a dedicated Auxilian. On Jersey Mike’s Day of Giving, she arrived for her ‘cookie lady’ shift directly from the NICU at Rady Children’s. Her one-month old grandson, Blake, had been rushed to the hospital earlier in the week with respiratory difficulties; he was improving daily, but was undergoing extensive testing. Blake’s dad works at Cubic and when his colleagues asked what they could do to help, he replied, “Eat at Jersey Mike’s.”

For the most part, as Auxilians we never meet the patients and families at the hospital. When something hits close to home we are reminded how fortunate we are to have our highly-regarded hospital, one dedicated exclusively to children, right here in San Diego.

Our 14th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk was a great success. The garden styles included traditional, water wise landscapes, newly planted spaces, and a mature canyon garden. Everyone looking for ideas to make their own gardens more beautiful found them on this year’s Garden Walk. The Dana Diamond Tour was sold out and the Garden Boutique continues to be very popular.

“Life isn’t about the waiting for the storm to pass, it’s about learning to dance in the rain.”

Pam Caldwell

*Images of scenes from the Garden Walk*
Del Cerro

It seems like long before the sun even comes up, the ladies of the Del Cerro Unit are busy cultivating new ideas on how to best support all of the kids and their families associated with Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego. Even though we are enthusiastically planning for our “Fall Fantasy” on October 17th of this year, we encourage our members to attend other exciting events including Broadway plays, the Garden Walk, Table Tops and Tea, Boot Scootin’ Bunco, and the Jersey Mike’s fundraiser. We believe that strengthening Auxiliary-wide relationships is an effective way to reach out to the community and still have fun!

Our ladies continue to gather once a month for meetings and this past April we were fortunate to have Dr. Jeffrey Neul educate us about the Pediatric Genomics and Neuroscience Institute, where our designated funds will go this year. His presentation helped us to better understand recent discoveries in the field that result in a more “personalized” form of medicine, an approach that holds unprecedented promise. This wonderful new chapter of opportunity has given us a new zeal for fundraising as we face an inspiring future in a new era of medicine. We believe it is our responsibility to advocate for this ambitious research. It’s a 24/7 kind of commitment, but one we can all support.

Our effectiveness as ambassadors, both individually and collectively, continues to empower our efforts, truly one of the hallmarks of the Del Cerro Unit. We really enjoy forging friendships: playing bridge, going to lunch, attending benefits, and as some of our newest members recently exclaimed, “SHOPPING!”

I think I can speak for all of the women in our remarkable Del Cerro Unit when I say we look forward to “building a foundation of hope” for the kids at Rady Children’s Hospital, and we know each of you share in that same responsibility.

Happy Spring everyone!

Kim Emerson
UNIT NEWS

Del Mar

The Del Mar Unit’s Beauty Night fundraiser was well attended by many “faces.” Held at SKY, a boutique medical practice offering ways to enhance your natural beauty, patrons enjoyed cocktails, appetizers and an educational seminar. SKY donated 20 percent of the sales. A big thank you goes to Amber and Dr. Yoo for hosting a fun and informative event and for their generous donation to the hospital. And thanks to all who put their pretty faces forward and helped to make it a success.

The Jersey Mike’s Month of Giving was also a big hit thanks to Sandra Conners, our fearless leader. The Solana Beach location raved that they raised the most money in the county!

Dressed in red and black, our dutiful members were busy bees putting the final finishing touches on everything from topiaries to gift baskets on the morning of our big event. Spring was in the air with fragrant flowers blooming as patrons descended onto the walkways of the picturesque Del Mar Country Club for “Heard it Through the Grapevine.” Many goblets did “runneth over” in support of the annual wine tasting event, netting one of the largest dollar amounts in our history. Cheers to all for their time, effort, and the gracious giving of their hearts—including our volunteers, the Del Mar Country Club, our generous sponsors and donors, staff, doctors, families and friends.

Two twins, two hearts, and two months of fundraising involving many giving hearts! Fraternal twins Eric and Raul Montaño both received successful heart transplants at Rady Children’s. Eric was the first pediatric heart transplant recipient in San Diego County history. We are honored and thrilled to support the Heart Transplant Program during this historic time for the hospital. It’s not every month you can make a difference in the life of a child, or two!

Annette Fargo
Fuerte Hills

April 22, 2015 marked the annual “Sweet Charity” luncheon and auction held at Sycuan Golf Resort. After more than 20 years, the entire Sweet Charity event operates as a well-oiled machine! Co-chaired this year by Harriett Bossenbroek and Judy Carberg, the day was a great mix of fun, fundraising and education. The effort to kick-start the Auxiliary’s Endowment for Neurosciences fundraising was an overwhelming success!

Auxiliary support for the hospital’s genomics research was clearly irresistible. Guests and unit members alike enthusiastically patronized this year’s luncheon, live and silent auctions, bridge, bunko and the new “mini-boutique.”

As in prior years, the entire Fuerte Hills unit lavished countless hours planning, preparing and gathering auction items from unit members, businesses and supporters in the community.

Auction items included the now famous “great purse give-away;” multiple gift card trees featuring 50+ gift cards to local stores and restaurants; personal services such as massages, skin care treatments and Botox; merchandise including handmade jewelry, garden art, paintings, photography, gourmet gastronomic baskets, bicycles, big screen TVs, and electronics; and trips to swanky resorts and hotels. The list goes on and on….

Here are a few pictures of our unit members pitching-in to put the finishing touches on the darling table and room decorations. Even some of the husbands and family members got involved. It does take a village!

A special thank you to everyone who attended the 2015 Sweet Charity event! Planning for the 2016 Sweet Charity has already begun. Keep your calendars open for late April 2016!

Sandra Holloway

Inland Empire

Charlie really Charmed the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Inland Empire Unit at our fundraiser in April, with the support of so many shoppers looking for new spring accessories to adorn their wardrobes. A big thank you goes out to the Promenade’s Charming Charlie in Temecula!

In celebration of Moms, we joined in on the fun at the Mom & Baby Fair 2015 held at the Rancho Springs Medical Center in Murrieta. Our members set up a booth and spread the word about the Inland Empire Unit.

With so many new members ready to make our September event a success, our unit is buzzing with excitement! “Taste of Hope” will be held at BK Cellars, a new urban winery in Escondido. We voted, unanimously, that our beneficiary for the event will be Rady Children’s Hospital Endowment for Neuroscience at the Rady Pediatric Genomics and Systems Institute.

We elected our unit’s new Board in April, and want to thank Rachel Mason and Allie Hamlin for their continued leadership and ability to persevere! The calling to support the Rady Children’s Hospital NICU at Rancho Springs Medical Center has been the drive to help build the membership of our unit. Here’s to the upcoming year!

Monica McGreevy
La Playa

The La Playa Unit was thrilled to host our 20th Annual Celebration of Champions on May 16, 2015. The Celebration of Champions is always a beautiful day of celebration, remembrance and outdoor festivities at the Embarcadero.

Quite a few of our members were able to attend the Mabel Jessop Symposium in La Jolla and enjoyed the presentations and a lovely brunch. We also had several groups of women and their daughters who enjoyed handing out free cookies at the Pacific Beach Jersey Mike’s in March during the Annual Day of Giving. The cookies were so popular and the ladies so friendly that quite a few customers handed the ladies cash for Rady Children’s Hospital on their way out of the store!

We put together dozens of snack packs for the hospital, and we continue to find meaningful ways to stock the Sunset Cupboard at the Peckham Center. It is stocked with cozy and comforting things for those families and children who are facing end-of-life moments at the hospital or at home. We also donated comfortable clothing to be used by those who find themselves in need of it while visiting the hospital and we continue to provide clothing for a special child in the Bernardy Center.

One of our longtime members, Jet Heintz, and her husband Flip have been invited to become ambassadors for the Rady Children’s Hospital Children’s 101 program, and we know they will brighten the days of all who come into contact with them. They have given many years of service to the children of the Bernardy Center and we are so proud of them and of their ongoing loving loyalty to this fantastic hospital.

June Olcott

Lisa Vieira, Lisa Peckham, Nancy Peckham, and Marilyn Cornwell. The Peckhams are Presenting Sponsors for the 2015 Celebration of Champions.

Jeanne Lynch, Barbara Brown and Robin Olson at the March La Playa meeting

Annie Jessop, Marje Miller, Diane Raines and Sam Przywitowski at a La Playa meeting

Julie Gildred Connolly and Wendy Rosenthal handing out cookies at Jersey Mike’s
UNIT NEWS

Mountain View

**Boot Scootin’ Bunco Night was a huge success** and all proceeds will benefit Palliative Care of Rady Children’s Hospital. Everyone enjoyed the delicious barbecue that included barbecued beef, three different kinds of salad, rolls and beans. We had a dessert table filled with yummy cupcakes, cookies and mini frosted cake bites. The Silent Auction table was filled with baskets of chocolates, wine, coffee, and there was a basket for your dog, a chair planted with succulents, a fire pit for the back yard with marshmallows to roast, a “Frozen-themed” party basket and so many other wonderful items. Tickets were sold for an opportunity drawing that included plants, hair care items, gift certificates, and jewelry, plus two miniature trees loaded with gift cards. We also had several cash winners!

We voted for our slate of officers for 2015-2016. We made plans to support the upcoming events that include a birthday celebration at the Bernardy Center, collecting brown bag items, and donating clothing for the Clothes Closet.

Everyone is looking forward to the summer and vacation time!

*Brenda Clark*

North Coast

**Thanks to everyone who came out to The Belly Up** and made this our most successful “Date Night for a Cause” yet! Event Chair Laura Stearn made sure it was a fantastic evening for all, and the overwhelming generosity allowed us to fund a playground cover and quite a few much-needed diagnostic evaluations for the Autism Discovery Institute. Of course we couldn’t have done it without all the hard work and support of our sponsors, donors, unit members and Board.

Celebration of Champions was extra special this year as Betsy Eddy organized the Junior Auxiliary members to work at the tile-decorating booth and see firsthand what a difference they can make as volunteers. Thanks to Betsy for getting the Junior Auxiliary started and continuing to help it grow next year.

We wrapped up the year on a fun note with a jambalaya cooking class and dinner at the home of Eva Schiess. After a great year as social chair she will be passing the baton to Kelly Stickney who undoubtedly has some fun events of her own in store for us next year. Thanks, ladies!

In closing, we would like to thank Michelle Stromberg for stepping up to be unit chair. We also welcome new board members Kelly Busia, Susan Duffy and Jerri Moore. With so much of the Board already in place, we will be able to hit the ground running in the fall, and our hardworking outgoing Board members can enjoy a little more time for other pursuits.

We hope everyone has a relaxing summer and we look forward to a great fall!

*Coleen Young*
The North County Unit was happy to support Jersey Mike’s month of giving by having a luncheon catered by Jersey Mike’s following our March meeting, as well as participating in the “Day of Giving” by handing out cookies at two locations.

We were pleased to host a wonderful membership tea in April. In addition to a special guest, our Auxiliary President Cheryl Steinholt, we were happy to have several prospective members in attendance. Besides the delicious sandwiches, salads and desserts, members and guests had an opportunity to shop at a Spring Boutique that featured many environmentally friendly plants and woodworking creations. Carolyn Harvey from Child Life Services at Rady Children’s Hospital gave an informative talk explaining the importance of the professionals in this department and their interactions with the children under treatment at the hospital. We were also treated to a delightful fashion show with items supplied by Draper’s and Damon and modeled by our very own members.

Our unit has also initiated monthly socials held at various locations. These casual get-togethers provide members with an opportunity to relax and interact socially. We look forward to these fun gatherings as an additional way to get to know each other better.

We would also like to acknowledge our “Happy Hands” group who received the Mabel Jessop Spirit Award in 2014 for their work in providing caps, burps, snugglies, blankets, and pillow cases both to Rady Children’s in San Diego, as well as the Rady Children’s pediatric department at Palomar Hospital in Escondido. We are proud of our creative and talented members. They include Judy Hoffner, Lois Powell, Pauline Muskett, Phyllis Stephenson, Sharon Bedsaul, Joan Macfarlane and Sherry Wallace.

Our year concluded with an installation luncheon for next year’s officers held at the Shadow Ridge Country Club.

Joan Vernetti
The Poway Unit had a very successful 12th annual Tabletops & Tea, “At the Chef’s Table,” on Sunday, April 26 at the Grand Del Mar. Missi Faucher and Caroline Lepore did a fabulous job chairing the event. Barbara-Lee Edwards from CBS News 8 did a wonderful job emceeing. Table decorators included Laura Ciruzzi, Karen Morrison, Karen Pado, Pam Bundy, Susan Basinger, Melinda Huntoon, Leah McBride, Bonnie Pancheri, Helen Armell, Jan Allen, Karen Shusterman, Laurel Roth, Lisa Blank, Missi Faucher, Deborah Oliver and Roxanne Reguly.

After a delicious luncheon, Acute Cardiac Unit Medical Director Dr. Justin Yea gave an informative presentation on the Acute Cardiac Unit and its future. Then Suzsy Estabanes gave an inspiring speech about her three-year-old son Grayson, who was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome and had his first heart surgery when 1½ days old. Auctioneer Todd Stephenson held a rousing live auction of eight items, including an Industrial Farmhouse Table decorated by Susan Hering.

Finally, the nine tables decorated with inspiration from famous chefs were won by lucky opportunity drawing winners. We appreciate the support of the Auxiliary Board and several units that purchased entire tables for the event. Visit us on Facebook to see more photos of the Tea.

Heather Skale
Presidio

We are saddened by the loss of a good friend and fellow Auxiliary member, Dendy Talbert. She was very involved with our unit serving as Ways and Means Chair and Treasurer for many years. Our infamous bus trips are credited to her planning and organization. Dendy’s 20 years of volunteering exhibited her strong conviction and caring. The room would light up when Dendy entered. Her laughter and smile were a comfort to all. We will remember Dendy as a courageous, beautiful, giving and caring woman. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Summer is here and we carry on with our mission to support Rady Children’s Hospital. We have planned a Taco Party, inviting friends, for a summer get-together, and are already making plans to watch the Christmas Boat Parade at C-Level Lounge. Both of these events are in-house fundraisers. We have collected books for the hospital and delivered Brown Bags full of snacks for families in the emergency department. There always seems to be something to do and we enjoy doing it.

There are many plans for summer amongst our group. Lots of travel and family time are at the top of our lists. We wish you all a restful, fun and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you next fall.

Claire Dale

Best Buds, Gloria Cervantes and Dendy Talbert (on the right)

Dendy passed away March 6, 2015, at age 73. She was an active member of the Presidio Unit for 20 years. She enjoyed world travel, ocean cruises, entertaining, golf and knitting. “Personality-plus” is a good way to describe her, with strong convictions and a caring soul.

In Memoriam

The following members of the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary passed away during this past Auxiliary year. They were all committed to the Auxiliary’s mission of support for Rady Children’s Hospital and to making our San Diego community a safer and healthier place for our children. We will miss them!

Dendy Talbert
Member of Presidio Unit for 20 years

Kirk Butler
Member of La Playa Unit since 1954

Jean Miller
Member of La Playa Unit since 1965

Ann Felando
Member of La Playa Unit since 1967

Pat Greenbaum
Member of La Playa Unit since 1975

Jody Kerr
Member of La Playa Unit since 1977

Barbara Bradshaw
Member of Fuerte Hills Unit since 1986

Why I Give...
Scripps Ranch

On April 12th we held our “Cheers to Rady’s – Get on Board” brewery bus tour fundraiser with over 75 attendees. Two luxurious buses transported our group to Port Brewing & The Lost Abbey in San Marcos, and then to Latitude 33 Brewing Company in Vista for a great afternoon of beer tasting, food truck munchies, opportunity drawings and tons of fun! All of the funds raised by the Brewery Tour have been designated to the Audiology Program at Rady Children’s Hospital. What a fabulous time we had socializing and tasting craft beers!

We owe tremendous thanks to our wonderful event sponsors: Port Brewing/Lost Abbey, Latitude 33 Brewing Co., Marrokal Design & Remodeling, McGowan Enterprises, Inc., Caliber Advisors, Inc., Board & Brew, Gilmore Orthodontics, Scripps Poway Orthodontics, Silver Oak Escrow, Acculine and the following special donors: Vons, Luna Grill, Sports Clips, Costco, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Poway Dream Dinners, West Coast Mortgage, and Barbara Petsky, Nancy Fleischman, Jan & Tom McGowan, Cheryl & Bjorn Steinholt, Carol Schieman, Mary & Lou Rea, Yvette & Robert Gilman, Janet Mebane, Karin & Kevin Whiteley, Cathy & Don Denis and Elizabeth & Mike McKinnis.

Our last meeting of the Auxiliary year was held May 18th, and we celebrated our year with an “end of the year” social on June 8th. We are pleased to have just approved our nominated slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year including Rebecca Flynn, Chair; Michele Fischer, Co-Chair; Cathy Denis, Treasurer; Susan Parme, Secretary; and Nancy Fleischman and Kathy Steinhauser, Ways & Means Chairs.

Kami Evora
**Tierrasanta**

**Our Breakfast with Santa in December** was followed by several social events. It seems that the better we know each other, the better we work together. We had a mother-daughter tea, a painting party and we viewed the video that was made by Carlsbad High School students about vaccinations. The video was amazing in its information, and the production was well done, keeping everyone interested in the content. We had members working at several different Jersey Mike’s on March 25th, and we were so pleased with Jersey Mike’s contribution to Rady Children’s Hospital.

We had a booth at the Celebration of Champions on May 16th, and we also marched in the Tierrasanta Patriots’ Day parade on the same day.

**Pam Hanig**
UNIT NEWS

Why I Give...

UNIT EVENTS

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The Carmel Valley Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary presents

The 10th Anniversary of Sounds of Hope for Children

A Concert by Multi-Grammy Winning Artist

Rob Thomas

October 10, 2015 at 6:30
Illumina Amphitheater

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A Fall Fantasy

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