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To work in partnership with Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego and to support its mission through advocating for the health and well-being of children, increasing community awareness of Rady Children’s, and fundraising.

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Note from the Editor

I am so honored to be editor of Chaux Talk once again. It’s a thrilling time to be reporting good news as we, as an auxiliary, embark upon our pledge to raise $2.5 million to support the Rady Pediatric Genomics and Systems Medicine Institute.

The Fall season is upon us, and I already feel the buzz of excitement around all the events being planned for the coming year: the 20th Anniversary of Circle of Care, Kids’ NewsDay, Family Walk at Sea World, Tee Up For Rady Children’s, the Semi-Annual meeting, Fantasy on Ice, and the many unit fundraising events. Flip through the pages for news and information about all of these upcoming events.

Fall is also a time to reflect back at what we accomplished during the past Auxiliary year. You will be amazed by the amount of money raised by the units in the article on Designation of Funds. As an Auxiliary we raised close to $2 million last year to benefit the health and well-being of children in our communities. Let’s aim high for the year ahead.

Enjoy the fall season, carve a pumpkin or visit a pumpkin patch with friends or family.

Annette Fargo, Editor — dfdevelop@aol.com

Happy Halloween!
In the two short years since joining Rady Children’s, I’ve been nothing but continually impressed by and grateful for the Auxiliary’s contributions to the Hospital. I have witnessed unprecedented growth in our research programs, technology and innovation—most notably, the launch of the Rady Pediatric Genomics and Systems Medicine Institute. Furthermore, for the fifth year in a row U.S News & World Report has ranked Rady Children’s among the nation’s best in all 10 pediatric specialties.

These kinds of momentous accomplishments don’t just happen. Rady Children’s has only been able to realize such remarkable milestones through the generosity of our community and, most importantly, our Auxiliary. You consistently lead the charge in raising money for the Hospital and in supporting important programs for patients and families who seek our care.

In fiscal year 2014, the Auxiliary committed an incredible $4.6 million to the Hospital. The Auxiliary Impact Report, due out soon, will highlight your influence on many areas of the Hospital. You will see how your dedication and passion have allowed us to provide the best possible care and healing environment to the Children of San Diego. It also will detail how the Auxiliary is again making history by committing to raise an additional $2.5 million to establish the Auxiliary Endowment for Neuroscience. Your generous pledge solidifies the Auxiliary’s visionary legacy and pioneering spirit for advancing pediatric healthcare.

I’m looking forward to an exciting fall and
Children’s Circle of Care
Celebrating Their 20th Anniversary!

Children’s Circle of Care is a very special group of philanthropists who donate generously to form a circle of support to help the patients and families receiving care at Rady Children’s. Through annual gifts of $10,000 or more, Children’s Circle of Care members support a common mission: To advance the work of pediatric healthcare, research and education to benefit children. Although Children’s Circle of Care has a presence throughout North America through 27 of the most prestigious children’s hospitals, it is most meaningful to our Rady Children’s members that all gifts remain here and benefit children in San Diego.

Children’s Circle of Care ensures that Rady Children’s is ready to help every child who needs us with the finest in medical services and compassionate care.

For more information on becoming a member, contact Sara Moten at 858.966.8477, smoten@rchsd.org.

Technology Workshops

Thank you to the 16 units who participated in the 2015 technology survey. Here’s a snapshot of how the units surveyed are using technology:

- 69% can take credit cards
- 56% have a Facebook presence and a website
- 44% have online event registration
- 25% have online document sharing
- 19% have an e-newsletter
- 6% have online auction software
- None have a blog or use conference or presentation technology

Based on the responses, my goal is to hold two technology workshops per year on rotating topics.

On May 29, 15 auxiliary members attended my first technology workshop. The first half, led by Sage Tree Solutions, focused on how to create and maintain a website. “It’s easier to build a website than I thought,” noted one attendee. In the second half, I explained the benefits of blogging and how to start a blog. As one attendee noted, the key takeaway is to “keep it simple and do it on a regular basis (which doesn’t have to be often).”

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winter, one that is filled with events—some new and some that continue the long tradition of extraordinary community fundraisers. I’ll be selling papers on Kids’ NewsDay, and you’ll certainly see my daughter and me at Liberty Station this year for Fantasy on Ice. I hope to see you there.

I am so proud of the Auxiliary’s recent accomplishments, and I hope that you are, too. On behalf of all the patients whose lives you impact each day, thank you.
Membership

As I ponder the fact that I am now starting my 40th year in the Auxiliary, I am also excited that we continue to get wonderful new members each year. To those of you who have recently joined, welcome! This is an amazing organization, and you will find that the more involved you become, the more you will get out of it.

In order to provide more insight into Rady Children’s and what we are all about, many of our new members should be attending a New Member Orientation session this fall. The sessions include a tour and the chance to learn more about the Hospital and the Auxiliary. For those who cannot make one of the fall dates, or for those who joined later, there will be two more sessions after the first of the year.

Our membership renewal process continues to improve, and we were able to have new members join online for the first time. My goal is to keep improving it and to making sure it’s easy to use. Now, let us all stay involved as much as our busy schedules allow, including participation in Auxiliary-wide events and attendance at some other units’ fundraisers. Above all, keep having fun as we grow our membership and commit to keeping Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary the best organization ever!

Lynne Lurie, Membership Vice President

Save These Dates

Membership Orientations

Thursday, October 29 - Morning
Thursday, November 12 - Evening

More information to follow.

Semi-Annual Meeting and Award Nominations

Plan on joining fellow Auxilians in a fun-filled morning during the Semi-Annual Meeting on November 4. Not only is there great shopping and informative speakers, it is a time to honor both unit and community members who have excelled in supporting Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. There are several categories of awards that enable us to recognize the achievements.

- **The Distinguished Service Award** is awarded to an Auxilian who has given exemplary service and made outstanding accomplishments, while providing continued support of Rady Children’s above and beyond the unit level. It is the highest award given by the Auxiliary.

- **The Honorary Membership Award** is given to individuals or organizations that provide ongoing support to one or more units.

- **The Very Special Person Award** is the Auxiliary’s opportunity to recognize a member of the Rady Children’s faculty or staff who has demonstrated outstanding support and friendship to RCHA.

- **The Kite Award** is our newest category. This very special award is our highest award given to a community partner. The project must engage our organization on an Auxiliary-wide basis and address every component of our mission statement.

Please consider submitting a nomination to thank those who have gone above and beyond. More information will be available through Unit Council and on the Auxiliary website under the Members Only Library. I look forward to seeing all of you in November at our Auxiliary-wide event.

Harriet Bossenbroek, Immediate Past President

**Deadline for Award Submission: October 12, 2015.** If you have any questions, please email Harriet Bossenbroek at hbbrock@aol.com.
Register to Walk!

Join the Auxiliary Gene Team for the 9th Annual Rady Children's Hospital Family Walk at SeaWorld

Sunday, October 4, 2015 – 7:30 a.m.
http://give.rchsd.org/goto/auxiliary

Grab your friends, family and unit members for the 3-Mile Fun Walk or 1-mile shortcut option that starts at South Shores Park on Mission Bay, enters through SeaWorld and continues back to the Park where the shortcut route will finish. At the finish line enjoy games, entertainment, food and fun at a special celebration. All participants will receive a t-shirt, free admission to the festivities after the walk and a discount coupon to return to SeaWorld after the walk.

You can make a difference! Walk with the Auxiliary Gene Team

Join our team and help kids like Bryn. Bryn Rathweg was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer that is very aggressive and difficult to treat. After surgery to remove a tumor, her care team used genome sequencing and cutting-edge research to create a personalized therapy plan customized to Bryn’s DNA. Today, Bryn shows no signs of cancer and she enjoys singing and dancing with her family.

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Endowment for Neuroscience will support incredible patient care opportunities, clinical trials, DNA sequencing, bioinformatics, training, education and bridge/seed funding in perpetuity. Together we can help change the future for children now and for generations to come. Join our Auxiliary Gene Team and your registration fee and any fundraising will go directly to the Auxiliary endowment.

When you support Rady Children’s, you help children whom you may never meet but whose lives have been saved through your support.

Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s

The Rancho Santa Fe Unit’s Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s Golf Tournament is now teaming up with all Auxiliary Units to make Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s our biggest and most successful tournament ever. Celebrating its 5th year, we invite you to be a part of Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s Golf Tournament to be held at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club on Monday, November 9. This year the tournament benefits the Auxiliary’s $2.5 million pledge to the Endowment for Neuroscience at Rady Pediatric Genomic and Systems Medicine Institute.

There are many ways for Auxiliary units to be a part of our Day-of-Fun No-Handicap Golf Scramble.

We need players and dinner guests:
Get a foursome or several. Invite your friends to play in a fun-for-all Golf Scramble. If you don’t golf, join us for dinner, music and awesome opportunity drawings.

We need sponsors:
Sponsors will receive print, television and website logo on all publicity displays as well as names on posters the day of the event. They may distribute handouts/publicity to guests as well.

We need volunteers:
Our Day-of-Fun Tournament does not happen without you and your friends. Auxiliary members are our most important volunteers.

As a new Auxiliary-wide event, Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s is a way for all of us to share in the future of children at Rady Children’s. For more information, please contact Gina W. Jordan, ginawjordan@yahoo.com or www.teeupforerady.com
Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Grab your yellow apron and hit the street! Kids' NewsDay (KND) 2015 is scheduled for October 20, 2015. With our new focus on a “Day to Donate” we hope to raise more money than ever before. We need everyone’s help to make this event the success we know it can be. This year’s funds raised to date from Kids’ NewsDay (KND) will exceed $3,000,000.

This will be the 26th year of KND, and we want to give a special shoutout to our long-time partners: The San Diego Union-Tribune and NBC 7. The Auxiliary’s relationship with these special media partners is certainly what has made KND what it is today. With the sale of the San Diego Union-Tribune to the LA Times, we were able to continue our contract to put out this special Kids’ NewsDay edition. With NBC 7’s promotional spots both before and during the “Day to Donate” we are able to reach the entire county with the news about Rady Children’s and their good work. KND gives us the ability to reach a huge audience to fundraise and give our Auxiliary the best exposure.

Please put October 20th on your calendar and plan to do all you can, both before and during our Auxiliary-wide fundraiser. Your KND Unit Rep will fill you in on all of the opportunities to help make this year’s Kids’ NewsDay the best ever!

Susan Atkins and Mary Reynolds, KND Chairs
**Salty Roasted Pumpkin Seeds**

**Ingredients**
- 1 1/2 cups pumpkin seeds
- 2 tablespoons melted butter (or olive oil)
- 2 teaspoon kosher salt

**Directions**
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Scoop out the inside of your pumpkin and separate seeds from pulp. Don't worry if there's a little pulp left on the seeds when you roast them—it only adds flavor. Remove the biggest pieces so the seeds are easy to toss.
3. In a bowl, toss the seeds with the melted butter, coating thoroughly. Add salt and seasonings.
4. Spread seeds in one even layer across a greased baking sheet (or you can use a cookie sheet covered in aluminum foil).
5. Bake for 30 minutes, or until the seeds are golden brown. Stir the seeds every so often while they're baking, so that they toast evenly.
Ways and Means

Event Contracts, Invitations and Flyers

It is amazing to me that September seems to arrive earlier and earlier every year, but here it is again and it’s time to start our busy Auxiliary year. I am so happy to be serving as your Ways and Means Vice President this year. Already, we have many exciting unit events on our calendar ranging from wine tasting to concerts. Since we just had a Spring Ways and Means Workshop in May, I am not planning our Fall workshop until November; date and time to be announced. If you have any specific topics you would like to have addressed, please let me or Amy Durazo know your requests and we will do our best to accommodate your desires.

Here are a few reminders for your event chairs:

1. Get those event information forms in to me as soon as you know your dates and location, and be sure to include contact information.
2. Don’t forget to submit your contracts as soon as you can, although they are being processed a lot faster now, you still need to leave time for possible rewrites and corrections. Contracts go directly to Amy Durazo for submission to legal.
3. Remember that your invitations and flyers must be approved before they can be mailed or sent by email to your guests.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at your exciting events this year.

Sharla Coyle, Ways and Means VP
UNIT NEWS

Alpine

Another exciting year is underway for the Alpine Unit. We kicked off the season by preparing snacks for the “Brown Bags” for the hospital. We love this opportunity to give while reconnecting with our members.

Save the date! We are busy planning our annual “Cornucopia” floral arrangement fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the beautifully renovated campus of Chaparral High School in El Cajon. Two sessions are offered morning and afternoon with lunch served in between. Shop for hand-crafted goods and homemade foods at our bountiful boutique and every attendee receives an opportunity drawing ticket.

Think you’re not “artsy” enough to take the class? Fear not, because you will be guided, step by step, by our own Brenda Landini, floral designer goddess, to create a beautiful centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table.

In addition to the annual cornucopia floral arrangement event, the Alpine unit will offer a package of three floral arrangement classes. The classes will include Winter, Spring and Summer arrangements. Stay tuned for more details!

Welcome back and happy Fall,

Donna Napier

Bonita

Summer is in full swing and so are the ladies of the Bonita Unit. Planning and preparations for our fall events are underway.

The Bonita Unit is proud to present the 27th Annual “Luncheon Auction by the Bay” on November 7, 2015, at Paradise Point. Our event will benefit the Supportive Care Program. As a relatively new program at Rady Children’s the Palliative/Supportive Care Medicine Program strives to enhance the quality of life and reduce the suffering of children and teens with life-limiting illnesses. The “Our Little Angels” theme of the luncheon includes a ceramic angel centerpiece handcrafted and painted by a unit member. The cost of the event is $75 per person or $750 for a table of 10. Watch your mailboxes for the invitation or contact Teri Bristow at tbristow2@cox.net to be added to the mailing list.

The Bonita unit has received a wonderful donation of original artwork from renowned Spanish artist Ramon Moscardo. The 24” x 30” framed hand signed, acrylic painting of a patio balcony overlooking Cadeques, Spain, will be offered during the auction. We will also be offering an original poster by Moscardo, silkscreened on recycled cardboard hand printed at his La Palmera workshop in Barcelona. The 27” x 45” poster has been embellished and signed by the artist.

Our In-Unit Fundraising team is planning the 3rd Annual Bonita Unit Wine Tasting and Auction on September 19. RSVP for $15.00 per person or pay $25.00 per person at the door. Please contact Dana Hartman at dana@actiontrophies.com for reservations.

Allyson Williams
Carmel Valley

Summer flew by as our members worked tirelessly on our much-anticipated Sounds of Hope for Children event. As we’ve reported, Rob Thomas, Multi-Grammy® Award winning singer, songwriter and recording artist will perform at our 10th Sounds of Hope concert at the stunning Illumina Amphitheater. The October 10 event will benefit the Hospital’s Neurotherapy Center and tickets are $175 per person.

As anyone who has attended Sounds of Hope knows, we always have remarkable auction packages and this year is no exception. The first auction item is a very special, one-of-a-kind soccer jersey signed by all 23 members of the 2015 FIFA Women’s World Cup winners the U.S. Women’s National Team. Value of this item; priceless! We are grateful to Marilyn Nolen for bringing us this amazing item. Thanks to the generosity of Lynne Carlson, another longtime Carmel Valley Unit member, we are also offering an ultra-luxe one-week stay at her magnificent private vacation residence in Zihuatanejo, Mexico. Casa Alegria, a cliff-top getaway, features a main house, three free-standing casitas, and a vanishing-edge pool with breathtaking views of the Pacific. To add to this spectacular experience, a driver, bartender, cook, concierge, housekeeping and daily breakfast are also included.

Dinner will be a walk-around affair and multiple bars will keep thirsty guests happy. We’re delighted to announce that our offerings will include premium cocktails, wine and beer and a tantalizing menu by MIHO Catering. The Unit is also planning an after party, with music by D.J. Mike. All that dancing will surely create an appetite so there will be late-night snacks available for revelers to enjoy.

The event promises to be a sellout so we encourage our fellow Auxiliary members to go to www.rchacarmelvalley.org and purchase tickets now. See you at Sounds of Hope!

Jeanne Decker

Coronado

Coronado’s Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot: Bigger and better than ever!

What are you and all those little tykes doing on Thanksgiving morning Thursday November 26 this year? Participating in the 2nd annual Coronado Turkey Trot, of course!

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary-Coronado is pleased to invite all area Auxilians and their families to a bigger and better course for the Turkey Trot this year: The 5K race will begin and end at Tidelands Park, the large San Diego bayfront park at the foot of the Coronado Bridge.

All racers will receive a commemorative backpack with goodies from sponsors and a colorful commemorative Turkey Trot T-shirt. All children will receive participation medals. And, of course, there will be ribbons for winners by age groups. There will be two start times at 8 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. for runners and for walkers and parents pushing strollers. To sign up, go to www.CoronadoTurkeyTrot.com.

Plan to join us on Thanksgiving Day and move your feet before you eat!

Kris Grant
Dana

The Dana Unit, located in Point Loma, attended this year’s annual meeting with a record number of attendees from our unit. Our numbers keep growing and so do our Point Loma gardens. We had our Garden Walk at the home of Mary Klement. This is the second year that she has generously opened up her home and catered a lovely dinner to honor the volunteer docents who provide us with the extra bodies needed to make this walk a success and the homeowners who lent us their beautiful gardens. We couldn’t do it without everyone’s participation and this was our way to say thanks. Not only was Dr. Marilyn Jones on hand to thank everyone for the gift to the Craniofacial Department, she found time this year to experience the Garden Walk, too. We were honored that she found the time in her busy schedule to attend.

Ann Desmond, Pat Wise and Pam Caldwell are busy putting together a new directory for our unit, which will be ready for distribution sometime this fall.

We are planning our annual kickoff event in September at the home of Debbie Greaves. She prepares a dinner and whets our appetites for the upcoming year. New and prospective members are invited.

Molly Crabtree

Del Cerro

The long, lazy days of summer have given way to cooler evenings and the return of regular routines, signaling a renewal of spirit in our commitment to making a difference in the lives of the children of our community.

When Laurie Pieratt opened her beautiful home for our June meeting, several of our newest members were in attendance. It was delightful to watch as they seemed equally enthusiastic with the almost feverish pitch of activity that often defines us. I guess news travels fast and the reputation that our Unit has forged was in full view. I really enjoy these crazy, devoted, passionate ladies, who single-handedly have changed my opinion about what it is like to be a part of a volunteer organization. While we are all unique in our talents, our politics and our religions, the conviction with which we approach our common goal is all-embracing.

Our benefactor for this year’s fundraiser on October 17, 2015 is the Pediatric Genomics and Neuroscience Department at Rady Children’s. Genetics and genomics are at the core of modern life sciences. Gene- and genome-centered approaches are essential in the investigation of basic biological mechanisms, disease susceptibility and response to therapeutic interventions. With the growing knowledge of the human genome and the tools and technology to decode our DNA, we have entered a new era of medicine. The Del Cerro Unit is excited to be a part of this pioneering work.

We continue to create a lifetime of friendships, advocate through our neighborhoods and explore what it means to be a part of this process of growth and innovation. With a foundation of hope, I believe we can all make a difference no matter how small the contribution.

Happy Fall everyone!

Kim Emerson
Del Mar

The Ladies of the Del Mar Unit are toasting to the success of the 54th Annual “Heard it Through the Grapevine” fundraiser held on Friday, March 28 at the Del Mar Country Club. Recognized as one of North County’s premier fundraising events, tickets were sold out weeks before the event. The event was a fabulous food and wine tasting party meticulously executed by the volunteers of the Del Mar Unit. Patrons sipped and savored delicacies while listening to live music and strolling through an amazing silent and live auction.

The Del Mar Unit members were thrilled to be a part of a historic first for the Hospital: a team of surgeons successfully implanted a heart in 11-year-old Eric Montaño from San Diego. The operation took six hours from start to finish. “This incredible milestone is the culmination of years of planning and preparation — and the courageous act of a family who chose to donate life,” said Rady Children’s President and CEO, Dr. Donald Kearns. “The ability to perform heart transplants here in San Diego now allows us to provide comprehensive care for all children with any form of heart disease. Families will no longer have to relocate to other cities for a heart transplant and can stay close to home and loved ones.”

It would be difficult to fully explain the importance of the Heart Transplant Program without considering for a moment what those seemingly simple words mean to child: “A new heart, a lifetime of possibilities and hope.”

Annette Fargo

Fuerte Hills

As our year started to wind down, we once again participated in Celebration of Champions. It proved to be an inspiring day for those unit members that manned our ice cream booth. It was a cool day by the bay, but that didn’t stop the kids from wanting ice cream. We served hundreds of sundaes.

We ended the year with a unit party at the home of Kathy Rookus. It was a special time for all of us to relax and simply enjoy ourselves. With lots of games, food and chatter, we all had a great time.

This year we also experienced a great loss. One of our founding members passed away. Barbara Bradshaw succumbed to a heart attack on June 4, 2015. She was 65 years old, a beautiful, vibrant woman, and she worked tirelessly for our auxiliary. Much loved, much missed, we will honor Barbara by continuing our commitment to the auxiliary she loved.

Respectfully, Carol Brown

Out-going chairs, Jackie Williams and Sharon Nielent, with gifts from a grateful unit

Members at the Fuerte Hills end-of-the-year party

The Yellow Team winners of the games we played. A good time had by all

Angela Wachtman playing a game at our party
La Playa

The La Playa Unit is thrilled to announce that our 20th Anniversary of Celebration of Champions was our most successful endeavor ever, raising funds to support programs for patient families at Rady Children’s Hospital Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. The Celebration of Champions has raised more than $7 million over the past 20 years. Even the drizzle and rain could not dampen the spirits at the Embarcadero on May 16 as hundreds of pediatric cancer patients and their families enjoyed an inspirational day cheering those patients in treatment, celebrating those enjoying good health and honoring those who have left us too soon. The release of the white remembrance balloons was especially poignant as we watched the heartfelt notes on the balloons float into the sky. The relay races were full of joyful energy as patients, families and celebrities passed the torch and spectators and police escorts cheered them along the course. Picnic lunches, live music, special animal encounters, princesses and dinosaurs, an amazing carnival, and sweets and treats made for an incredible day for everyone present.

We would like to thank all of our fellow Auxiliary units who braved the weather and helped make this day so special with their amazing craft and carnival booths, their sponsorships and their enthusiastic support. The energy, excitement, smiles and laughter in the carnival area are what the day is all about, kids just being kids and families having fun together.

We also wish to express our deepest gratitude to all our sponsors and volunteers whose contributions were vital to this event and to the Rady Children’s staff who always come out and support us during this special event.

We kicked off the summer with a lovely luncheon on Shelter Island where we welcomed our new Unit Chair Heather Wolff.

June Olcott
UNIT NEWS

Mountain View

Summertime for our members was a time to relax and enjoy friends and family. Many traveled abroad and across the states, camped at the beach, and spent days being rejuvenated. The Mt. View Unit enjoyed an informal get-together in August to meet prospective new members, catch up on the latest auxiliary news and share information about the year ahead.

At our September meeting, under the leadership of Gila Cook, we began the plans for our fall and winter activities. Each year our members support the Family Walk at Sea World and Kids’ NewsDay. We began the planning for our big fundraiser Boot Scootin’ Bunco in 2016.

One of our members retired in June with over 40 years of service to education. Tina Brady was a teacher, an administrator and a district administrative employee. She was honored by the Lakeside Union School district for her many years of service, and has enjoyed her retirement by traveling and being with her family.

We look forward to the year ahead focusing on the many activities our unit supports at Rady Children’s.

Brenda Clark

North Coast

The North Coast Unit junior auxiliary members, led by Betsy Eddy, were pleased to be able to throw the August birthday party for the children at the Helen Bernardy Center. They look forward to becoming more involved in activities that support the hospital throughout the coming year.

As we continue to welcome new members, we are also excited to have Karen Zegras back in town and especially in the North Coast Unit — we have missed her joie de vivre! Last, but not least, we have begun plans for our 5th Annual Date Night for a Cause. Mark your calendars for Friday, March 11, 2016, because you won’t want to miss this entertaining evening at the Belly Up. A big thanks to Julie Luther for stepping up to run this year’s event. Expect more details on Date Night for a Cause and our other activities in the next Chaux Talk.

Coleen Young

North County

The North County Unit is looking forward to another successful year led by our new board of officers who were installed at the end of last season, and headed by our co-chairs, Lucy Johnson and Penny Andersen.

Our unit once again sponsored a child and participated in the “Celebration of Champions” held at the Embarcadero, and our representatives thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the patients, their families, and other participants.

Our Ways and Means co-chairs, Sherry Wallace and Sharon Bedsaul, were busy this summer with a couple of unique fundraisers, which were both fun and profitable. On one day, Menchie’s Yogurt in Escondido generously donated a percentage of sales to our unit from customers who mentioned Rady Children’s. A second very enjoyable event was held at the Grand Tea Room in Escondido. This was an afternoon tea luncheon that included raffles and photo opportunities for members and guests. Sharon and Sherry have also been diligently planning our annual December fundraiser, Winter Wonderland, which will be held at Shadowridge Country Club on December 5, and will include a luncheon and a holiday boutique. We hope that you will all have an opportunity to attend.

Joan Vernetti
On June 9, the Poway Unit held its end-of-the-year social at the home of Catherine and Scott Harman. Many members brought their spouses to enjoy the savory meal prepared on site from Quick Wok and the breathtaking views at sunset. At the party, Assembly Member Brian Maienschein presented volunteers with certificates of appreciation for our Spring 2015 fundraiser, Tabletops & Tea, which was a huge success.

Many unit members attended the Auxiliary’s Annual Meeting on June 3. The unit was proud to have three members voted onto the Auxiliary’s board of directors. Bridgett Brown was elected as Hospital Liaison for a second year, and Catherine Harman and Michelle Monts were elected as Co-Chairs of Kids’ NewsDay.

Several prospective members attended a social at the home of outgoing unit president Karen McPartland on August 25, which was also attended by numerous existing members. Prospective members were given an overview of Auxiliary-wide activities and unit fundraisers, and were given an opportunity to ask questions of the group.

Our annual fundraiser, Tabletops & Tea, will be held next spring on April 17, 2016, location to be determined. The event chairs, Deborah Oliver and Bridgett Brown, have already begun the planning. The Poway Unit genuinely appreciates the support we get from other units and hopes that we have even more guests this year from other units who will attend our very special event.

Alison Hout

Summer is over and we at Presidio are anxious to get back together to begin another exciting year supporting Rady Children’s. Our September meeting found us sharing all the adventures we experienced: trips to New York, Maui, France and Italy; paddling down the American River. And even a trip on the American Queen down the Mississippi. Family time, visiting old friends, as well as hosting visitors, were also on our lists. Fun was had by all.

During the summer we collected items for the clothes closet, as well as books to share with the brave children receiving care at the Hospital. Our Taco Party, an in-house fundraiser, was a lot of fun. Street tacos and adult refreshments were enjoyed by all in the beautiful backyard of Joyce Knott.

First item of business at our meeting will be our major fundraiser. We plan to repeat the luncheon fashion show and are looking forward to seeing you all there. Watch for the date and more information coming out soon. Many of us attended the Annual Meeting in June and are looking forward to the Fall meeting where we connect with all our fellow auxiliary members sharing ideas and plans.

Claire Dale
Growing our membership while strengthening our friendships has been the focus of the Rancho Bernardo Unit over the past few months. Several members enjoyed a festive “Taco Tuesday Happy Hour” social night on the veranda patio at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in April. A week later we enjoyed a private Vodka Tasting Party to include the husbands and significant others at Lynn Cassidy’s home in Poway.

In May, the Rancho Bernardo Unit co-sponsored a child with the Scripps Ranch Unit for the Celebration of Champions. Members attended to support the event. Our end-of-term luncheon was held at the gorgeous Rancho Bernardo Country Club where long-standing members Nancy Noel and Barbara Ann Watson were presented with their 30-year pins, while Michelle Prescott was presented with her 15-year pin. Outgoing officers were recognized and new officers were welcomed in. Special guest Joannie Mees, our annual poinsettia supplier, joined in the fun. She looks forward to assisting with the holiday season’s poinsettia sales beginning mid-September. Contact Tammy Young at 858-395-5777 or tsginrb@aol.com to place your pre-orders. Delivery will be December 7, 8 and 9.

During a sunset wine and hors d'oeuvres party on June 29, we surprised and recognized our past year’s Unit Chair, Jackie Schloeder, for her service and many leadership contributions. She was honored with a special Spa Package and beautiful orchid from the members. We look forward to Jackie co-chairing next year with Tammy Young.

Marcie Sands
What a wonderful year!
The Scripps Ranch Unit topped off our 2014-15 year on June 8 with fabulous food, friendship and festivities in the great outdoors — poolside at the beautiful home of Kathy Steinhause. Even Kathy’s dog, Dozier, took center stage in several of the photos. This End-of-Year Celebration with a beach motif was planned for optimal fun and camaraderie by Social Chairs Doris Berry, Carol Schieman and Kathy Sayer. The outgoing Unit Chair, Mary Rea, was honored with flowers, gifts and a beautiful hand-painted scrapbook filled with a collection of photos and memorabilia prepared by Historian Rebecca Flynn. Rebecca is excited to assume her new duties as the Scripps Ranch Unit Chair for 2015-16!

As we gathered around the Memory Book, we shared laughter and stories over several of our most successful events this year. We could not have had a more fun-filled time than on our fundraising adventure “Cheers to Radys – Hop on Board,” a bus tour event to local breweries where we sampled craft beers and tasted “gourmet” food truck cuisine. It was a great time! For a very different experience, we shared a lovely evening of fellowship, fine cuisine and wine tasting at our delightful “Giving from the Heart” dinner event at Yanni’s Bar and Grill. And our Unit rallied and volunteered in May at our popular Advocacy Booth at the Scripps Ranch Community Fair, where we promoted the health and safety of children in the community.

Behind the scenes, at monthly meetings and at many events, the Scripps Ranch Unit is supported by an amazing team of inspiring women dedicated to the Rady Children’s mission of improving children’s health and well-being. There is no doubt with such talented and caring members in our Unit, 2015-2016 will be another memorable and successful year.

Mary Rea
UNIT NEWS

South East Cluster

One of the side effects of being a great volunteer is that everyone wants you to be a part of their team or committee. That is exactly what happened to the South East Cluster Unit members who were nominated to serve as unit officers. We have elected officers who are enthusiastic, hard working and dedicated to the mission of the auxiliary. Cheryl Sykes, Ardellia Southern, Dianne Joiner and Nell Clark joined our Unit Chair Deborah Higgins as our newly elected officers.

Our unit is constantly involved in activities that allow us to educate the public about Rady Children’s Hospital and the wonderful resource it is for the San Diego Community. In June, the Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority recognized SECU’s work in the area of Community Health. Our Unit Chair Deborah Higgins was on hand to receive the award. Congratulations SECU!

As we move into fall, remember: “October is the month when the smallest breeze gives us a shower of autumn leaves. Bonfires and pumpkins, leaves sailing down, October is red and golden and brown.” (Author Unknown)

Carolyn Smith

Tierrasanta

At our recent 2015-2016 year planning meeting, with 19 members attending, our new co-chairs Lynne Lurie and Lynn Robinson took charge. We had a delightful dinner at the Robinson home and enjoyed looking at and eating from her Fiestaware collection. Our unit will be celebrating our 40th anniversary this year as an auxiliary unit of the hospital. We are planning a get together and will be inviting all past members to attend and celebrate with us. We also started planning for our major fundraiser of the year, Breakfast with Santa on December 5, under the direction of Marsha Bouman. We are starting early and are using an automated system for our silent auction, which we hope will allow anyone interested to participate.

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Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary

Save-the-Date

The Del Mar Unit Shopping Boutique
Sunday, November 29th
4:30pm - 7:00pm

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Proceeds to benefit the projects of the Del Mar Unit
**UNITE EVENTS**

SAVE THE DATE!
RCHA - NORTH COUNTY UNIT PRESENTS
WINTER WONDERLAND
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015
SHADOWRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE - EPICURIAN DELIGHTS 10:30 AM
LUNCHEON AT NOON PRICE T/B/D
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