Chaux Talk
Advocating for the Health and Well-Being of Children
December 2012 - February 2013

2012 Semi-Annual Meeting

A 50’s theme with vintage cars, Bazooka bubble gum and pink carnations!
Chaux Talk

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January 2013

2 Auxiliary Board Meeting 9:30am - 12noon Ste 200 Plaza Bldg
3 Unit Holiday Decorating Take Down at Hospital 9:00am - 11:00am MOB Patio
9 Auxiliary Unit Council Meeting 9:30am - 12noon ACP Basement
10 Auxiliary Education Meeting 9:00am - 11:30am MOB 113
15 Past Presidents’ Council 12:00pm - 2:00pm Chadwick Center
23 Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 9:30am - 12noon WCR

February

TBD Fantasy on Ice Thank You Reception
6 Auxiliary Board Meeting 9:30am - 12noon Ste 200 Plaza Bldg
7 Auxiliary Education Meeting 9:30am - 12noon MOB Executive 2
8 Temecula Unit-Poker Tournament TBA TBA
13 Auxiliary Unit Council Meeting 9:30am - 12noon Ste 200 Plaza Bldg
16 104th Charity Ball Hotel del Coronado
17 Charitable Business Unit-Poker Tournament TBA TBA
23 Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 9:30am - 12noon WCR

Deadlines for Upcoming Issues 2012-2013

March/April/May
Distribution: Mid-March 2013
Auxiliary Board of Directors’ Articles Due January 25
Event Ads and Save-the-Dates Due January 25
Unit News Articles Due February 1

Interesting Historical Fact

Throughout the 1950’s, Auxiliary members were often called Pink Ladies. On Pink Lady Days, several San Diego Department stores hired Pink Ladies as Courtesy Clerks with “wages” donated to Children’s Hospital. What a clever way to raise funds and advocate for Rady Children’s at the same time!
As we prepare to say goodbye to the year, we can reflect on our many accomplishments. Since the last issue of Chaux Talk, over fifty Auxiliary members enjoyed a fun morning at the Shamu and You Family Walk. Our annual Kids’ NewsDay just keeps getting bigger and better with Starbucks joining us by allowing us to sell at over 180 of their stores and sweetening it with a $1.00 off coupon. Kids’ NewsDay Co-Chairs Marilyn Williams and Rosalie Quadri-Mellish, joined by unit and community volunteers, did an outstanding job in making the day a rousing success.

Thanks to Edith Smith, Auxiliary Special Events Coordinator, for creating a wonderful 50’s theme to begin our 60th Anniversary Celebration at the Semi-Annual Meeting. It was gratifying to see so many of our members sharing in shopping, a delicious breakfast and maybe a few stories of their experiences in the Auxiliary. We also kicked off our Diamond Anniversary Fund to support Child Life Services.

Fantasy on Ice, a season favorite, opened in November. This is another event that continues to grow and get more exciting every year in thanks to all of our volunteers and the leadership of Fantasy on Ice Co-Chairs Kathleen Caffo and Heather Wolff. Best of all, it is continuing into the new year so bring your families for a fun day on the ice!

Cheryl Steinholt, Unit Council VP, and I started attending unit visits. We were constantly impressed with how each unit is unique and innovative and accomplishes so much for the Hospital. We left each meeting inspired. Several unit events were held since the 2012-2013 year began. Many units worked hard over the summer to begin the year with a variety of events from jazz, to a bus trip, to shopping (lots of opportunities to get a head start on the holiday gift list) to celebrating Oktoberfest and the holiday season. There’s more to come! Several units are still waiting to entice us with their creative events.

As this year comes to a close, I am so appreciative to 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 Editor Mary Rea has worked hard 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, healthy holiday season. I look forward to bringing in the New Year with you and our continued year of celebration and excellence.

Happy Holidays,

Harriet Bossenbroek
Rady Children’s Hospital
Auxiliary President

The Bayview Unit (1953-2003), one of the original Auxiliary Units, was initially called “Las Chiquitas.” While the Bayview Unit is no longer active today, its members continue to support Rady Children’s Hospital as Miracle Makers each year and by contributing to Kids’ NewsDay. Thank You to the Bayview ladies for your ongoing commitment!
Child Life Services: *A Lifeline for a Sick Child*

It is a well-known fact that Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego provides world-class medical services to a very special and vulnerable population in our region—children. A less well-known fact is that Rady Children’s is in the forefront of recognizing the importance of caring for the socio-psychological and emotional needs of its young patients through its Child Life Services program. Child Life Specialists have emerged as a profession to help children and their families adjust to the extra-ordinary disruption in life that comes with illness and injury, including fear, denial, a sense of unfairness, and a desire for “normalcy.”

The mission of Child Life Services is to help ill and injured children (and their families) adjust and cope with the challenges that come with medical procedures, hospitalization and surgery. Carolyn Harvey, Rady Children’s Lead Child Life Specialist, describes the challenging situation facing children at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego (RCHSD):

- 50% of patients are under the age of 3.
- In an average day, a child meets 30 new faces in the Hospital; the first day there are 60 new faces.
- The average stay in this new environment is 3 days—but sometimes children must adjust to weeks and months in the Hospital.
- Medical procedures are unfamiliar (from a child’s perspective, the term “scary” comes to mind) and sometimes painful.
- There are a lot of people invading their personal space.
- There is a definite sense of loss of control over one’s life.

Doctors and nurses are highly trained to care for their pediatric patients with a primary focus on medical care and treatment. It is the Child Life Specialist who has the time and training to address the unique emotional and social-psychological needs of each patient and their family. The Specialist helps them to navigate this challenging experience and ease their fear and anxiety. Studies demonstrate that children who are prepared for medical tests and procedures, including surgery, have more positive outcomes—lower anxiety, use less pain medication, and in general, have a shorter hospital stay.

When Child Life Specialists prepare children for medical procedures they rely on age-appropriate language, therapeutic play, and medical equipment. The soft-bodied, Medkin teaching doll is a favorite of children which can be opened to examine the organs inside the body. Depending on the age of the child, coping skills are also taught, such as deep breathing, re-focusing, and imagery.

Child Life Specialists manage the play rooms at the Hospital and as much as possible they try to provide a “normal” environment for a child. Play is a form of communication and expression for children. They can work through emotions. They can become the “doctor” with dolls and be in control. The Child Life Specialist makes sure that the social-psychological well-being of the child is not lost in a medical environment. They encourage play, routines, normalcy, and for a kid to be a kid.

As part of the health care team, Child Life Specialists make rounds with the doctors and nurses. They also work collaboratively on treatment plans with social workers, psychologists, and other health care professionals. With a focus on family-centered care, the Child Life Program also hosts special events and underscores the importance of holidays, birthdays, and personal or family milestones.
Although most child life interventions take place in hospitals, the Child Life Specialist also helps a child with a chronic illness or injury to re-acclimate to school since this can be challenging. They work with teachers and students to be a support system for the returning child.

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary is celebrating its 60th Anniversary by fundraising on behalf of this worthwhile program, Child Life Services which relies fully on charitable contributions. Through the Diamond Anniversary Fund, the Auxiliary intends to make a difference in the lives of children and their families... and hopefully, “bring a smile” to their faces!

Mary Rea, Chaux Talk Editor

““We Love Child Life Specialists”

Nancy Colbert, RN , Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego

“It is such a rewarding experience when I see in a child’s eyes and from their body language that they are less fearful of whatever medical experience they are going through. They have their own comprehension of what is happening. They can verbally express or show through play that they are going to be OK and can survive this stressful experience.”

Carolyn Harvey, Lead Child Life Specialist, Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego

Carolyn Harvey is passionate about children as demonstrated by her work as a Child Life Specialist. With an undergraduate degree in Child Psychology and a Master of Science in Human Child Development, as well as 12 years of experience as a Child Life Specialist, she is the Lead Specialist who supervises and mentors seven others. Originally planning a Nursing career, Carolyn decided to combine her love for children and interest in the medical environment in the Child Life field.

Her extensive training and experience enable her to help children and their families cope with a very difficult time in their lives. Carolyn meets many of her patients after an intense and traumatic experience, such as a car accident, skateboard accident, or dog mauling. There are also children with chronic and serious illnesses. She currently supports children on dialysis and prepares patients receiving kidney or liver transplants.

Carolyn has several goals for her department. She would like to participate in research that documents the positive benefits of Child Life Services. Additionally, she would like to expand these services into the Emergency Department and Radiology. The addition of three Child Life Assistants (there is one Assistant currently) would allow for full staffing of the play rooms. This would enable the Specialists to spend more time with children bedside and to provide additional education and therapeutic play. Caseloads are now 30-45 kids per Specialist and her goal is 20 kids per Specialist.

Carolyn is excited and grateful for the attention and support from the Auxiliary this year! Funds raised through the Auxiliary’s Diamond Anniversary Fund are earmarked for Child Life Services.

How does a Child Life Specialist cope with the emotional aspects of the job dealing with seriously ill and injured children? Carolyn responded, “I leave work at work. I am very active. I work out regularly and practice Pilates, Continued on page 6
Semi-Annual Meeting

Meet the Honorees! Recognition for OUTSTANDING Service to Rady Children’s

Appreciation and recognition were the order of the day at the Auxiliary’s 2012 Semi-Annual Meeting on November 7. The Auxiliary celebrated the winners of our traditional awards to rousing applause and approval.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is the highest award given by the Auxiliary. It is given in recognition of outstanding service and accomplishments and continued support of Rady Children’s above and beyond the unit level. This year’s recipient certainly meets those noble criteria.

**Karen Frances Haak**, a 16-year Auxilian and dedicated member of the Del Cerro Unit, has consistently demonstrated exemplary service through leadership within her Unit and through two separate terms on the Auxiliary Board of Directors. During her Board terms, she served three Auxiliary Presidents in pivotal roles as Miracle Maker Vice President and New Unit Coordinator. During her time overseeing the Miracle Maker program, she was able to reinvigorate and promote the program both within and outside the Auxiliary. As New Unit Coordinator, Karen was instrumental in the formation of the Alpine Unit, the Mesa Unit, the Young Professionals, and the Charitable Business Unit.

For the past 10 years, she has spread the word about Rady Children’s through her beautiful handmade quilts and her quilting group, thereby raising both funds and awareness, recruiting new Auxilians, and creating the Frances Hamm Miracle Maker group. One of her gorgeous quilts hangs in the Auxiliary office, another gift of love from Karen and her friends. Karen is so many things to the Auxiliary: devoted member, generous donor, dedicated leader, gracious hostess, tireless foot soldier, ambassador and advocate. Most importantly, she is an inspiration to us all. Congratulations, Karen!

**Honorary Membership** is given to a community member who has provided outstanding service to Rady Children’s and demonstrated continued support and friendship to our Auxiliary. Four of our most loyal supporters were inducted as Honorary Members.

**Mali Digius, Diamond Boutique**

For several years, Mali Digius has been an avid supporter of the Auxiliary, handling the Diamond Boutique’s numerous donations to Auxiliary-wide and unit events. She has supported the Rancho Santa Fe, North Coast, Scripps Ranch, Del Mar, and Bonita Units with donations of beautiful jewelry for auctions, and provided gift vouchers for pearl necklaces for every attendee at various Auxiliary events. In fact, Mali nicknamed the necklace the “Charity Necklace,” because she says “when you wear it, it will remind you of giving back to the community.”

**Southeast Medical Center Associates**

The Southeast Medical Center Associates (SEMCA), a pioneering and visionary partnership of African American Physicians and health care providers, has been a friend and collaborator of the Southeast Cluster Unit since the inception of the Unit. Not only does SEMCA provide full-service health care to the Southeastern San Diego community, but the Center houses the Children’s Primary Care facility, a satellite of RCHSD. SEMCA physicians have supported SECU as their biggest financial donor at every fundraiser. In addition, the Physicians have actively supported Kids’ NewsDay by pre-ordering papers and having them available in their Offices for their patients. SEMCA Physicians have also supported the SECU’s extensive advocacy efforts in the community by providing educational materials and serving as workshop presenters.
Marcia Fram
For the last several decades, Marcia Fram has quietly provided an invaluable service to the Auxiliary and the patient families of Rady Children's Hospital. Marcia is the dedicated volunteer whose beautiful and elegant calligraphy graces the pages of the Book of Honoring and Remembering on display in the lobby of the Rose Pavilion at Rady Children's Hospital. She has literally entered thousands of names by hand, a painstaking task that can only be described as a labor of love.

Chuck Cetola, Ranch Mail
For over a decade, Chuck Cetola has made himself and the resources of Ranch Mail, his postal service business, available to support and promote the efforts of the Rancho Santa Fe Unit. In addition to charitably hosting the Unit’s post office box fee for over ten years, he also generously displays advertising for the Unit’s various fundraising and advocacy events. Quick to offer support, Chuck always welcomes Auxilians and their last-minute copying projects with a cheerful “on the house...it’s my way of supporting a good cause.”

Vellet Wyatt Finley, Immediate Past President, 2013 Auxiliary Nominating Committee Chairman

Calling All Auxilians: Time to Embrace Your Inner Leader!

Are you or do you know someone who is:

- Looking for a way to deepen their connection to our Auxiliary and mission?
- Ready to take on a leadership role beyond the unit level?
- A team player who enjoys challenges?
- Enthusiastic about making new friends in the Auxiliary?
- Excited about our new Vision Implementation Plan and eager to see it put into action?
- Collaborative, committed, compassionate, congenial? Then it is time to consider service on Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary’s Board of Directors!

Nomination forms for all Board positions (except President, which is a two-year term of office) will be available through your Unit Chairman starting in early December. Forms and job descriptions will also be on the website (www.helpsdkids.org/auxiliary) for your convenience. The deadline for submission of all nominations is January 31, 2013. If you have been an active Auxilian for at least two years, you are eligible for nomination. You may even self-nominate! For more information, contact your Unit Chairman, or email vwyattfinleyrcha@gmail.com.

I guarantee that serving on the Auxiliary Board of Directors will be a rewarding experience that you will never forget!

Vellet Wyatt Finley, Immediate Past President, 2013 Auxiliary Nominating Committee Chairman

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yoga, prayer, and relaxation techniques.” Carolyn and her husband enjoy biking, fun times with their family, and love “silly, fun days at the Zoo and Disneyland.” According to Carolyn, “I practice what I teach.”

What is most rewarding about being a Child Life Specialist? “No money, no gift can equal the smile you receive and the comfort you give,” asserts Carolyn. “My greatest rewards are a simple Thank You, a piece of art, a high-five, and a hug.”

Mary Rea, Chaux Talk Editor

Left to right: Carolyn Harvey, Stacey Bartletti, Rowan Bartletti, Jay Bartletti, Jaydon Bartletti and Lisa Tweed
Unit Council

“We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.”

– Jimmy Carter

We had our Unit Council Retreat on October 10 and participated in making mosaics, instructed by artist Judy McCutcheon. While creating our mosaics, we reflected on the diversity of the Auxiliary and how over one thousand women and men come together from all over San Diego County and Temecula to make up this big, beautiful entity that is Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. One thousand diverse members with unique ideas and ways of seeing the world all come together to advocate and fundraise for the health and well-being of children. The art of mosaic captures this ideal perfectly. The Unit Council chose to create the Rady Children’s kite logo. Some broke the pieces of pottery into squares in advance, some fitted pieces as they went along. Some found it easy, some found it difficult. In the end, all the bits and pieces of pottery came together to make a beautiful unique piece of art as distinctive as the individual who created it.

As Auxilians we learn to work together within our units and with the Auxiliary as a whole. We revel in our successes and learn from our mistakes, we are always changing and evolving, yet cherish our 60-year history and traditions. In many ways, we are like a beautiful mosaic.

Cheryl Steinholt, Unit Council VP

Ways & Means

What a great start to a fabulous year! We’ve “Tee’d Up Fore Rady Children’s Hospital” thanks to the hard work of the Rancho Santa Fe Unit and the support of their significant others! The Del Cerro Unit put on a delightful Fall Fantasy luncheon & boutique. Our newest unit – the Charitable Business Unit – held several Speaker Series to recruit new members and advocate for Rady Children’s. The North Coast Unit spoiled us at their Spa La La event at the La Costa Resort & Spa.

An incredible “Jazzy” event was hosted by the SECU and the Scripps Ranch Unit dressed up in dirndl dresses and lederhosen for an Oktoberfest. Presidio took us On the Road Again to the Carlsbad Street Faire. Bonita held their spectacular Annual Holiday Luncheon & Auction by the Bay while up in Alpine we made beautiful Cornucopias to adorn holiday tables! Rounding out the year, North County held their 31st Annual Holiday Luncheon & Boutique while the Tierrasanta Unit provided us with Breakfast with Santa!!!

Congratulations to all the Ways & Means Chairmen for their dedication and hard work in making ALL of these events fun and successful.

Karin Whiteley, Ways & Means VP

Interesting Historical Fact

There are many fond memories by Auxiliary members from the 1950’s of making pink sock puppets which were given to each child when they were admitted to the Hospital. The sock puppets were originally called “Pinkie” but a naming contest resulted in a change to “Sockie,” short for Socrates.

Education and Advocacy

Our speaker for October was Dr. Kenneth Lyons Jones, renowned pediatrician and birth defects researcher. He identified fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) in the 1970’s along with Dr. David Smith at the University of Washington. He has been active in research, teaching, clinical work, and public service for nearly 40 years. According to Dr. Jones, FAS is used to define a cluster of birth defects seen exclusively in the babies of women who used alcohol during their pregnancies. Symptoms include:

- Poor growth in the womb, due to the effects of alcohol on the developing brain
- Distinct facial features
- Delayed development in thinking, speech, movement and social skills
- Short stature
- Lack of creases in hand
- Psychological problems
- Low IQ (63)

How much alcohol is safe to drink during pregnancy? Dr. Jones commented that it is impossible to predict how alcohol will affect any given individual. No woman who is pregnant or may become pregnant should drink. Many women do not know they are pregnant until about six weeks along, and if they have been drinking, may have already caused damage to the brain of the fetus. About one in one hundred children suffer from FAS, about the same number as Autism. However, it does not get the same amount of attention. In addition, children with FAS often have problems with the law. It is suspected that many inmates on death row suffer from FAS.

Dr. Jones stated that Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is 100% preventable if a woman does not drink alcohol during pregnancy. There is clearly no safe amount of alcohol to drink while pregnant.

Jackie Schloeder, Education and Advocacy VP
The Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary welcomes almost 100 new members who joined the Auxiliary since September of this year. Approximately 80 new and potential Auxiliary members who attended one of two New Member Orientation meetings in October were greeted and welcomed by Auxiliary President Harriet Bossenbroek and Foundation Interim Executive Director Carol Damen-Scherer. New members viewed two video presentations and received a folder of information and useful facts about the Hospital and the Auxiliary. Each Orientation meeting was followed by a tour of the Hospital.

Unit Membership Reps, if you would like Membership Folders to give to new members of your units, folders are available for pick up in the Auxiliary Office, located in the Plaza Office Building at 3665 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 502, San Diego 92123. Each folder contains: an Auxiliary Fact Sheet; an overview of the Auxiliary’s mission, values, and vision; membership benefits, website, and office and staff information; and Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego Finger Tips and “Fun” Facts.

An Auxiliary Membership Notebook, with additional information, is also available in the Auxiliary Office. Unit leaders are encouraged to come to the Office to review and make copies of any of this information. And, of course, you are welcome to contact any member of the Auxiliary Membership Committee: Ann Desmond, Membership Vice President, Sherry Beckhart, New Unit Coordinator, and Jeanie Scott, Membership Committee Member.

Auxiliary Establishes Diamond Anniversary Fund to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

To celebrate its 60th Anniversary, Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary has set an ambitious goal of raising $600,000 for the Diamond Anniversary Fund. The Diamond Anniversary Fund is a special endowment that will support Child Life Services by retaining its principal and paying out all net income every year. Child Life Specialists are essential because they help patients and their families understand and cope with healthcare experiences. Community support is vital for this program to continue as it is 100 percent dependent upon philanthropy.

We encourage you to contribute to the Diamond Anniversary Fund by making an estate commitment and becoming a Lifetime Legacy Circle member or by making a cash donation of any size. Keep in mind that a donation of $10,000 or more will qualify you to become a Circle of Care member for the following year. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Cheesman at 858-792-7921 or krcheesman@yahoo.com.

Karen Cheesman, Fund Development VP
Once again, the enthusiasm and participation for Kids’ NewsDay was spectacular! More than 1,600 volunteers showed up in force to support Rady Children’s Hospital and the children of San Diego. Now in its 23rd year, this annual event was made possible through a special partnership of the Auxiliary, U-T San Diego and NBC 7 San Diego. Thank you to our sponsors Kohl’s, Ralphs, Chin’s and RCP Block and Brick. Thank you to Domino’s for our bright new aprons. The support from Starbucks and their $1.00 off coupon made our day even more profitable.

We appreciate our wonderful Auxiliary staff, Media Relations and Foundation staff for their hard work and dedication in planning Kids’ NewsDay and participating on the day of the event. The Facebook Sweepstakes increased our visibility by over 500. Thank you to Southwest Airline for their generous two round-trip tickets for our winners. A special thanks goes to all our Unit Representatives, DC Captains and Treasurers, and Auxiliary members for making the 23rd Annual Kids’ NewsDay a success. Every dollar raised provides funding that has a direct impact on patient care and community education.

Marilyn Williams and Rosalie Quadri-Mellish - Kids’ NewsDay Co-Chairs

**U-T Kids' NewsDay**

Open through January 6, 2013
10a.m. – 10p.m.

**Prices:**
- Adults - $14
- Children (Under 12) - $12
- Season Passes - $35

Season Passes are per person for unlimited skating through January 6, 2013

Spread the word...the rink is available for Corporate team building and holiday skate parties, birthday parties, Girl Scout troops, and youth group skating sessions. For more information about groups/parties, please call Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary at 858-966-6700. For information about ice skating view our website page at www.sdice.com

Kathleen Caffo and Heather Wolff - Fantasy on Ice Co-Chairs

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**Sycuan Presents**

**Fantasy on Ice**

A Season of Skating Benefiting the Pecham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children’s Hospital – San Diego

Open through January 6, 2013
10a.m. – 10p.m.

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**Auxiliary-Wide News/Events**

Thanks to all of our Auxiliary walkers and virtual walkers! We had a WHALE of a good time!
Etta Osborn - Tierrasanta Unit

After meeting Etta this year on the Auxiliary Board and having her as a guide for a spectacular Rancho Bernardo Home Tour (benefiting Rady Children’s), I decided to kick-off recognitions in the Chaux One Up For... column by recognizing Etta. Rowena Treitler (Tierrasanta Unit) knows Etta very well, “Any friend of Etta’s will tell you that she is creative, energetic, and enthusiastic... ‘a real go-getter’ and that’s the same approach she takes with her work for the Auxiliary. Since joining the Tierrasanta Unit a couple of years ago, Etta has played a very active role. As Ways & Means Chair, she brought many unique fundraising ideas to our Unit.”

Etta joined the Auxiliary to contribute and realized she “loves” coming up with new and creative approaches to fundraising. Her expertise in interior design correlates perfectly with working on fundraising concepts and projects. Both areas require generating fresh, new ideas and then figuring out how to implement them. According to Pam Hanig (Tierrasanta Unit), “I have lots of good things to say about Etta. She always has a positive attitude. At the Tierrasanta Board Retreat in July, 2011, she stood up (as a new Board member) to present her ideas for fundraising. By the end of her presentation, I am pretty sure we were all applauding. Her enthusiasm was catching, and we all felt the excitement. And when something doesn’t work out, it doesn’t get her down, she just comes up with other ideas!”

Submitted by: Mary Rea, Chaux Talk Editor

Jackie Schloeder - Rancho Bernardo Unit

Jackie Schloeder, the Chairman of the Rancho Bernardo Unit, is an excellent candidate for this recognition. I am not really sure if Jackie has won any awards but if she hasn’t, she should have! She is truly the glue that holds our Unit together. She is never too busy to call on sick members or listen and advise on ideas for changes or gripes a member may have. She never fails to thank the members that help her and often gives little Thank You gifts. She cares about everyone in our Unit!

Jackie joined our Rancho Bernardo Unit in 2000. She was Chairman of the Unit from 2002 until 2004. I believe that she then went on the Auxiliary Board of Directors for three years. Since 2005, she has either been the Chairman, Co-Chairman or Rotating Chairman of our Unit. She is now in her ninth year as Chairman and again serving on the Auxiliary Board of Directors as VP of Education and Advocacy. When Jackie isn’t volunteering to work on various projects our Unit is doing, she is volunteering at The Bernardy Center. I believe that she is at the Bernardy Center on almost a weekly basis, and from what I have heard, a very loyal, valued and loved volunteer for the children at the Center. She is a superior advocate for Rady Children’s Hospital.

Submitted by: Marcia Clingman, Rancho Bernardo Unit

Jerilyn Jones - Dana Unit

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge one of our Dana Unit members Jerilyn Jones who has achieved several of the highest recognitions in her field of law while at the same time, she has strongly supported the Auxiliary. Jerilyn was listed as a Top Attorney by The Daily Transcript in 2009, 2011 and 2012. She is designated as a 2012 San Diego Super Lawyer. Several of her high profile cases involve elder abuse issues. She finds satisfaction in contributing to the ongoing efforts to combat the numerous scam artists and abusers who prey upon the elderly and disabled.

In addition to being a member of the Dana Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, she is a member of the Vista Hill Women’s Council on Mental Health. Jerilyn has been one of our most supportive Dana Unit members, as a sponsor, donor and a participant. She is 150% dedicated to everything she’s involved in!

Submitted by: Cordelia Mendoza, Dana Unit
Welcome new members to Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Fall New Member Orientations. For those who were unable to attend, we encourage you to join us on a Hospital tour on one of the following dates. This is a one hour tour. Prospective members are welcome also.

Wednesday, December 19, 2012; 10 - 11am
Tuesday, January 8, 2013; 6 - 7pm

In order for us to plan appropriately, please RSVP to Ann Desmond, Membership VP at a.desmond@sbcglobal.net or call 619-223-3265. Indicate your name, unit, and tour date/time. Parking will be validated.

Auxiliary Hospital Tours

Proceeds Benefit the Diamond Anniversary Fund

An Inspirational T-Shirt has been designed especially for Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego. Working in close partnership with Heart Threads, our “heart” was created as a subtle, non-logo design with butterflies, kites and words of wisdom in a heart shape. The best part of the shirt is that an affirmation is printed on the inside of the shirt touching the heart. The affirmation on our shirts is -- “I inspire miracles. I open my heart to Rady Children’s Hospital.”

The cost of the T-Shirts is $40 of which $20 will be donated to the Diamond Anniversary Fund. You can order your own Inspirational T-Shirt online at www.heartthreadsclothing.com. They make thoughtful gifts!

Auxiliary-Wide News/Events

You are cordially invited....

In the mid-1950’s, the Thrift House on 5th Avenue opened and the La Playa Unit’s Neva Abernathy was a founding force as she served as the first Chairman. A fun memory from the La Playa Unit is their participation in the “Strip Tea” Fashion Show that raised funds for the Thrift Shop.

Inspirational T-Shirt for Sale

Interesting Historical Fact
Alpine Unit

The Alpine Unit participated in its second Kids’ NewsDay. We met a lot of generous people willing to donate a dollar or more for newspapers. We are thankful for the support of our local Starbucks and the Alpine community. Last fall, the Alpine Unit was very busy preparing for our two fall fundraisers. At our November Cornucopia Fundraiser, participants created beautiful Cornucopias for their Thanksgiving tables. We were able to offer a morning and afternoon session. A light lunch of potato cheese soup in a bread bowl, fruit and cookies were served between sessions. Each member of our Unit made items for sale at our craft boutique. Mosaic birdhouses, aprons, table runners, homemade jellies and warm slippers were just a smattering of what was offered. Thanks to everyone who helped make our fundraiser a success!

On December 15, our Unit members met to construct 50 Christmas Birdhouse Centerpieces. Look for more on this fundraiser in the next issue of Chaux Talk!

Debbie Sakarias

Bonita Unit

It is that time of the year again! We hope all of our members and fellow Auxiliaries are in the midst of enjoying their families and loved ones. During the last few months, we have had full attendance at meetings and accomplished a great deal of business. We also welcomed two vivacious and talented new members Rosa Cepeda and Lisa Wojciechowski. In addition, our Kids’ NewsDay went off without a hitch! Thanks to Marilyn Williams at the helm with her energy and knowledge. Many, many thanks to all who were up at the crack-of-dawn making Kids’ NewsDay a huge success!

Our #1 priority these past few months was to present an exciting, fun and informative Luncheon and Auction by the Bay for our friends, families and fellow Auxiliaries. We hope you agree we did just that! To be able to put on this event, every member of our Unit shared their time and talents by organizing committees, donating gifts and gift cards, creating baskets, making centerpieces, and driving materials “to and fro.” We are so proud to say, all of this was accomplished with much camaraderie, friendship and a passion for Rady Children’s!

We would be remiss not to mention our “unsung heroes,” all those husbands that help every year in this huge undertaking without complaint and with great humor! We would also like to recognize Mike Bristow, our computer genius, because without his computer knowledge and patience, we would be hard-pressed to have our Auction run so smoothly. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone that worked so hard and to those who supported us by attending. Happy Holidays and a Blessed New Year!

Millie Boucree
Carmel Valley Unit began the year with a brunch to welcome potential new members. Co-Chairs Marilyn Nolen and Lynne Carlson hosted the well-attended event at Lynne’s beautiful home. The New Member Brunch was a huge success and a lot of fun. Approximately 20 women attended and we were delighted that Auxiliary President Harriet Bossenbroek could join us for this special occasion. Board members shared some of the Unit’s many accomplishments, activities and exciting possibilities for the future at this informal gathering of energetic, enthusiastic and involved women. We were pleased to welcome so many new members to our Unit!

As we celebrate the Auxiliary’s Diamond Jubilee, we are exploring ways in which we can revitalize and reinvigorate our Unit to better serve the Hospital and the needs of our community. We look forward to the year ahead!

Jeanne Neylon Decker

Charitable Business Unit

As the calendar year of 2012 winds down, the newly formed Charitable Business Unit (CBU) is just getting started. Our goal has been to educate current, new and prospective members about the Hospital and the goals of the CBU in a fun and interactive atmosphere. On October 3, the CBU hosted our very first Speaker Series event at Quality Social downtown. This year, the CBU will be donating all proceeds to Research and Discovery. We are very grateful to have Dr. Edward Quigley, Research and Administration Officer for Rady Children’s, speak to our guests and members about both his personal and professional experiences in the advancement of research and discovery. Dr. Quigley eloquently gave examples of the impact healthcare research and discovery has had in finding cures and treatments for childhood diseases.

In closing out the end of the year, the CBU partnered with the All Gauge Toy Train Society and Wall 2 Wall Trains in decorating the ground floor of the Acute Care Pavilion. The toy train groups teamed together and designed a special Polar Express Toy Train exhibit for the children and their families. The CBU is very excited and grateful to have the support of so many friends and colleagues in our community.

Julie Davis
**Dana Unit**

The Dana Unit began as Las Tiacitas and was one of the original 12 Auxiliary units formed in 1953. Our history includes a mother/daughter duo of Sally Haskin and Lauren Cremascoli, who joined after her mother’s passing. In today’s Unit, a majority of the members work outside the home so our activities, events and fundraisers are tailored to time-sensitive schedules. The Dana Unit continues to grow and thrive in the spirit of both service and camaraderie. This year, we welcome four new members: Janine Wahlfeld, Linda Bernsen, Renee Daniels and Marilyn Hughes plus returning member Pat Buchanan. We voted our first Honorary Member Kim Adams, who hosted our 2012 Point Loma Garden Walk Thank You Party in her historical quarters on Naval Base Point Loma.

We look forward to more years of continued service to the patients and families at Rady Children’s Hospital.

Sue De Leon

**Del Cerro Unit**

It’s hard to believe how quickly time passes, but here we are 60 years later still embracing our mission to advocate for the health and well-being of children through increased community awareness of Rady Children’s. The Del Cerro Unit began our season with a whirlwind of excitement in planning and executing the last of the details for our Fall Fantasy event held at the Town and Country Hotel on September 29.

We enjoyed each other’s company at our August meeting with Joyce Seyffert accommodating our lively group; she has so much patience! Her backyard presented the perfect ambiance to enjoy a lovely end-of-summer meeting. Carol Hartman graciously hosted our October meeting in her home, an environment that provided an eclectic mix of both art and beauty. She invited us all to enjoy an incredible feast of food (no one can eat THAT much!) while we listened to Betty Jennings share her Education Report. Arlene Ippolito had some especially nice things to say about our Auctioneer Clint Bell! Helen Pittman and Diane Bailey, our Co-Chairs, offered their sincere thanks for all the hard work and dedication in making this year’s event one of our most successful ever!

Enthusiasm ensued as Kassy Kaiser and Joka Kouw laid out plans for Kids’ NewsDay. What a tremendous job they did in coordinating volunteers with their respective locations around the county. Christmastime always brings about one of our favorite celebrations: our Potluck Brunch. It’s so nice to take time to get to know each other on a more personal level and share stories about our family and friends. As we look forward to sixty more years of service, the Del Cerro Unit wishes everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday season.

Kim Emerson
Unit News

Del Mar Unit

In September, the Del Mar Unit had a lot to celebrate. Jan Smith and Farryl Moore, Membership Reps, crowned Mary Reynolds, our dedicated Unit Chair, the “Pearl of the Month.” Also they introduced our newest members: Tina Evans, Linda Durkett, Stacy Ulrich, Lisa Inouye and Maria Simpson. We welcomed them with open arms and miniature pumpkins.

October was a full calendar as we banned together for the Shamu Walk as Marching Mermaids again. In mid-October we gathered at the home of Annette Fargo for a “bewitching” meeting and we were fortunate to have both our Auxiliary President and Unit Council VP attend, Harriet Bavenbroek and Cheryl Steinholt. Ginger Wood was crowned “Pearl of the Month.” Thank you to both of our recent “Pearls” Mary and Ginger for cohosting this spirited gathering.

Later in the month, we partnered with members, friends, and firemen on street corners and neighborhood Starbucks for Kids’ NewsDay. By the way, make sure you save-the-date for “Heard It Through the Grapevine,” on Friday, May 10. Melinda Tucker and Grace Evans are Chairing this event. Stacey Ulrich, our Advocacy Rep, happens to be an ER doctor which also happens to be our designation this year. Because Rady Children’s is the only designated Level 1 Trauma Center for Pediatrics in the region, with 150-250 patients daily, a number of you already know the miracles that happen there.

Hope you all have a Safe and Happy Holiday. Thank you to www.davesiccardi.com for providing us with our “Bewitching” photo.

Annette Fargo

Fuerte Hills Unit

The Fuerte Hills Unit began the 2012-13 year with its traditional Annual Bunco Social. We thank Sandy McMillan for hosting the event and Kari Thurman for providing the food and drink. Our September meeting was held at Karla Eckstein’s lovely home. We were proud to have as our guests Cheryl Steinbrot, Unit Council VP, and our own member Harriet Bavenbroek, Auxiliary President. Our Ways and Means Committee, headed by Sandy McMillan and Judy Scherer, is well on the way with event plans. This year’s theme is A Mexican Fiesta. Please save-the-date, April 24, for Fuerte Hills’ Sweet Charity.

Kathy Rookus hosted the October meeting where the emphasis was on Kids’ NewsDay. We are so proud of Rosalie Quadri-Mellish, Auxiliary KND Co-Chair, She and Shara Stadler have worked very hard, and with so much enthusiasm, to make Kids’ NewsDay another success. Thank you ladies! It’s hard to believe that we are already thinking about the “Holidays.” Cyndi Bramwell is, once again, heading up Santa Letters while Judy Carlsberg and San-D Holloway are preparing for Fantasy on Ice.

The year is off to a great start as we look forward to representing and fundraising for Rady Children’s. We also welcome new member Kathy Schwartz.

Kasey Sweat
La Playa Unit

The La Playa Unit hit the ground running with preparations for the 18th Annual Celebration of Champions which will be held on May 18. Please save-the-date for another wonderful day of celebrating in honor of our Champions. During one of our recent meetings, our Unit had the pleasure of watching the magnificent news coverage from last year’s event which greatly energized our spirits and dedication for the upcoming year.

It’s that time of year again for our Unit’s annual Letters from Santa fundraiser. La Playans have been busy little elves ensuring the special delivery of Santa’s letters to children everywhere. The La Playa Unit celebrated the holiday season together during our Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive which was held on December 1.

It was a special evening to socialize with one another and reflect upon the memories made in 2012. With full hearts and well wishes, the La Playa Unit said goodbye to one of our own. After more than 20 years of dedication serving Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, Denise Holcombe passed away on September 19. Denise made an incredible impact on our Unit as a friend and devoted member.

Nicole Wickstrand

Mesa Unit

Last year when the new, still growing Mesa Unit was looking for a fun, low-key fundraising opportunity, Ways and Means Chair Kriselle Crane happened upon a pastry company called Butter Braids. Marlene Banwart of West Bend, Iowa, who was searching for a way to bring in extra income to feed her six children, founded Butter Braids in 1990. Marlene decided to sell her family’s favorite braided pastry at a local farmers market. When the company became successful, she pulled the product out of retail stores to fulfill the company and personal mission of “Helping Others Help Themselves.” Today, Butter Braids is sold only through fundraising groups.

The Mesa Unit members sold 75 loaves last year. The group hopes to double that number this year by not only selling to other Auxiliary members and friends but also at the Semi-Annual Meeting. Cost of the pastry is $12 per loaf with five flavors offered. The pastry is delivered frozen and is perfect for any special occasion. The $5.00 per loaf profit will be donated to the Hospital’s “Greatest Needs” category. The Mesa Unit will offer Butter Braids again in the spring.

Jeanie Scott
Unit News

Mountain View Unit

Members of the Mountain View Unit created silent auction baskets for the Shop Under the Stars event on November 5. This was a successful night of shopping, eating and raising money for Rady Children’s Hospital. All proceeds, including 100% of the ticket sales, benefited the Hospital. There was live entertainment, the silent auction, and door prizes. Many of our members “shopped ‘til they dropped!”

Our members were very busy in 2012! We participated in Kids’ NewsDay and we loaded and delivered newspapers throughout East county. The Shamu & You Family Walk was fun for all who participated. It was a great day to walk and enjoy Sea World! We supported Fantasy on Ice, and put up holiday decorations at the Hospital. We had a Christmas get-together for our Unit members who brought in items to share with the Lakeside Help Center.

Looking back, our September meeting seemed like a blur. It was full of planning, reviewing the By-Laws and getting ready for Kids’ NewsDay, Shop Under the Stars, and Fantasy on Ice. We invited new members and enjoyed delicious snacks. Our goal has been to reach out and grow our membership. Mt. View members continue to support the Clothes Closet, filling the Brown Bags with goodies for the families at the Hospital, and looking at ideas to improve our major fundraiser Boot Scootin’ Bunco which happens in the spring!

The 2013 year promises to be a good year for the Mt. View Unit and we look forward to welcoming new members!

Brenda Clark

North Coast Unit

The North Coast Unit got off to an early start this year thanks to great organizational work over the summer from our Board and our Event Co-Chairs Teresa Leitstein and Lacey Morgan. They pulled things together in record time for an amazing October event Spa La La at La Costa. Attendees enjoyed bellinis, mini spa treatments, access to all spa facilities, and lots of great shopping and food. Thanks to our sponsors, vendors and members for making the evening a great success and maybe even starting a new tradition for the North Coast Unit -- as you can see, it was a lot of fun!

But Teresa and Lacey are just getting started. Now we are looking forward to Date Night for a Cause at the Belly Up on April 26, including great music, food, opportunity drawings and auction items. So tell your guys and your friends to save-the-date and we’ll have more information in the next Chaux Talk.

Happy Holidays to all & best wishes for a healthy and happy 2013,

Coleen Young
Our year is off to a fabulous start under the leadership of Unit Chair Linda Fromm, and our members are happy to be back for another year of service. We kicked off the year in September with our first In-Unit Fundraiser, a raffle for a wine gift basket. Cheers to Terry Moreno, our lucky winner. More fundraisers are planned throughout the year to keep our meetings fun and fruitful! We are thrilled to welcome seven new members this fall: Laura Ciruzzi, Laura Smith, Stephanie Abbott, Sara Previte, Margaret Dutcher, Roxann Merlini and Nancy Foster. We love the energy these new women bring to our Unit.

Kids’ NewsDay was another successful event with many Unit members selling papers at local Starbucks’ stores and area schools. A big thank you to all of our members who participated, and to Lori Rauterkus and Evan Bakke, our enthusiastic and organized Kids’ NewsDay Chairs.

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Auxiliary, we are also marking a milestone of our own as we plan our 10th Annual Tabletops and Tea! With Event Chair Bridget Brown as our guide, we are busy planning for this amazing event which will be held on Sunday, May 5. Stay tuned for more information including our first ever Tabletops and Tea website which will debut this year. Mark your calendars now for this Poway Unit tradition — we hope to see you there!

Happy Holidays to you and yours from the North County Unit!

Nancy Baldry

Unit News

North County Unit

Held at the lovely country home of Penny and Dick Andersen, Oktoberfest, our In Unit Fundraiser was a treat. Penny and her mother Dorothy Mitchell were Charter members in 1982 of the Escondido Unit, which later became the North County Unit. Penny remains one of our most active members today. For the Oktoberfest gathering, her husband, aka “Chef Dick”, served homemade sauerkraut, grilled brats, and pork. Our members brought delicious salads and red cabbage, and it was all topped off with strudel. The raffle items created by Hildegard Stute and her crew were lovely and well received. Altogether, a convivial and happy evening was enjoyed by all as members old and new, and their spouses and friends, got better acquainted.

Next, members returned to work parties, continuing to produce beautiful items and baskets for the Holiday Boutique, raffle and silent auction. These were featured at our 31st Annual Holiday Luncheon held at the Shadowridge Country Club. Once again, our hard working Ways and Means Committee Traci Block, Penny Rich and Hildegard Stute, plus many assorted elves, produced the wonderful and festive ambiance that has always surrounded this popular event. Funds raised this year go to the Audiology Department. Now we look forward to working together on new projects that will benefit Rady Children’s Hospital in 2013.

Happy Holidays to you and yours from the North County Unit!

Nancy Baldry

New members Roxann Merlini, Nancy Foster and Laura Ciruzzi

Michelle Ments, Diedre Mikkelson, Catherine Harman and Margaret Petersen share a happy moment at our September meeting.

Terry Moreno

Denise Zogby

New members Roxann Merlini, Nancy Foster and Laura Ciruzzi

Tabletops & Tea table from a past event

Michelle Ments, Diedre Mikkelson, Catherine Harman and Margaret Petersen share a happy moment at our September meeting.

Terry Moreno

Denise Zogby
Presidio Unit

Our Unit has the honor of having Sallie Haight as a member. Sallie’s commitment to Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary for 47 years qualifies her to be the Auxiliary’s longest serving member. Sallie joined the Presidio Unit of Children’s Hospital Women’s Auxiliary, as it was then called, in 1965. Her dear friend and neighbor Dottie Persky encouraged her to join. Sallie had many friends in the Unit who lived in the Presidio and Mission Hills area of the city. Sallie’s two young daughters Kathy and Susan loved to attend the events. They remain strong supporters today. Husband Jim and son Glenn were supportive, but asked her not to volunteer them for anything. Sallie has been Unit Chair, Ways and Means Chair and is currently Membership Chair. She underwrites the wine for our bus trips and is in charge of our “Bitch and Brag” fund. She is still young at heart, and we are proud to claim her as a special member of our Unit!

Our “On the Road Again” trip to the Carlsbad Street Faire was a fun event benefiting Rady’s Heart Institute. It was the perfect venue for our members and friends who love to shop, and the luncheon at Fresco Trattoria was delicious. Our dynamic Ways and Means Chairs Linda Rains and Helena Sturgill did a fabulous job; we cannot wait to see what they come up with next year!

Linda Gillett

Rancho Bernardo Unit

We skipped into fall with a fun meeting at Meda Menius’ home which included a pot-luck luncheon and an art show of our members’ work. It was a nice change, and we were also delighted to welcome a transfer member to our Unit -- Michele Prescott. Two of our members were in the hospital during the fall, but both thankfully are improving. However, that did leave our Unit a little short-handed but the other members pulled together to support Kids’ NewsDay and our Poinsettia Sale. The plants sold well! We want to thank all Unit members who worked on the fundraiser, sold Poinsettias for us, made donations, or bought our beautiful plants. We again selected The Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children as the beneficiary of our efforts.

We kicked off the Christmas holiday on December 1 with a Wine and Cheese Reception at Lynn Cassidy’s house, followed by the “Vicky Lawrence Show” at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts. Our Unit plans to unwind from the hectic holiday pace with a relaxing Christmas luncheon meeting on December 19.

While reflecting on our 60th Anniversary, a nice memory I have is getting together to make crafts for the Fair that we used to hold eons ago. It was a good team-building experience and you really got to know the other members. Happy Holidays to everyone and we look forward to working together in the New Year!

Marcia Clingman
Scripps Ranch Unit

Guten Tag from Scripps Ranch! We held a fabulous Oktoberfest fundraiser on October 20 -- the evening was filled with Beer Tastings, Wine Tastings, BBQ by Phil's BBQ, sausage & cheese tastes, and cake pops and truffles. We even learned to Polka! Our proceeds will go toward the Diamond Anniversary Fund supporting Child Life Services. Dankeschon an alle our Unit members and community supporters.

“No Soup for You!!!” In November, we held an In-Unit Social where we divided up into groups and had a soup cook-off contest. We will be happy to share the winning recipe with anyone who would like it! Great fun.

Best Wishes to all for a wonderful Holiday season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Aufrichtig, Karin Whiteley

Southeast Cluster Unit

On October 20, we hosted our very successful Jazz & Jeans Fundraiser benefiting the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. SECU members Elizabeth Goodman, Claire Hopkins and Kenya Taylor chaired the event. Everyone danced the night away to the great sounds of Dave Scott and the New Slide Quartet. We extend a special thanks to all of you who supported our efforts.

Sometimes we get so busy with Unit business we don’t have time to truly appreciate the road traveled to get us where we are today. SECU Co-Chair Jewel Kelley agreed to share the following reflections: “As I reflect back, I can say without hesitation, I am proud to have helped organize the Southeast Cluster Unit. Organized in 1997, under the capable leadership of then President Darlene Davenport and Ms. Bobbi Dion, SECU’s nine Charter members immediately moved forward to increase its membership and produce fundraisers. I take such pride in being part of this successful effort—to add to the total number of Auxiliary members, as well as increasing the total number of Units that make up the Auxiliary organization. I would also like to note that it was important to our membership that we reflect the diverse communities of Southeastern San Diego and of San Diego county as a whole. And while our members live throughout the county of San Diego, it was with total consensus that our Unit was named Southeast Cluster Unit. I remain proudly committed to being part of this capable and dedicated group of women.”

Carolyn Smith

Dave Scott and the New Slide Quartet
**Unit News**

**Temecula Unit**

How the year has already begun to fill up and fly by! With new Temecula Unit members settling into their new roles we are ramping up for our First Annual Poker for a Purpose Tournament to be held on February 8. Our Unit has always held an annual golf tournament and this new event allows us the opportunity to break out of the mold, try something new and raise much needed funds for the Asthma Unit.

**Kids’ NewsDay** was an absolute success! Our Unit was posted outside our local Barron’s Marketplace and we had such a great turnout. So many of our Temecula residents were eager to get their hands on this year’s issue of KND! We sold out of every one of our papers in 2 hours!

We are so excited to be participating in the City of Murrieta’s Annual Fall Festival! This is our first year participating in this event and we are excited to work with the different vendors, entertain the children and hopefully bring new members into our Unit.

We have been invited to help with Temecula’s Annual Holiday Home Tour. This large event needs typically 150 volunteers and our Unit is more than happy to help. We have also joined forces with a local specialty boutique corner in beautiful Wine Country — Rusty Rooster Barn. Our Unit will be volunteering to help staff the Annual Christmas Boutique and we are participating in the Holiday Bake Sale to raise funds for Greatest Needs.

Jessica Vulovic

**Tierrasanta Unit**

October felt like summer, and the Tierrasanta Unit turned that sunshine into energy. For Kids’ NewsDay, we increased our selling locations to 17 and raised more money than in previous years. We had friends, neighbors, Kiwanis members, and many husbands helping this year. Many thanks to Samantha and Marsha Bouman for project managing this event. Our Membership Co-Chairs organized a booth at the Tierrasanta Oktoberfest. Children visiting the booth could answer health questions. Correct answers were rewarded with a RCHA-logo bracelet. We took the opportunity to inform parents about the Auxiliary. For the second consecutive year, we had a Wine Tasting and Home Tour Fundraiser. One of our members Etta Osborn was the interior designer for this home that was within walking distance from the Rancho Bernardo Winery. It was lots of fun, and the house décor was amazing.

Pam Hanig
Happy Winter! As the weather cools down, the Young Professionals Unit continues to heat up! With walkers in various teams, we had a great turnout at the Shamu & You Walk, which was so much fun. After creating Activity Bags this summer, we were well prepared for September’s task of putting together Brown Bags. With all sorts of snacks and goodies for the kids and even Starbucks’ lattes for the parents, we put together bags that we hope will please and bring cheer to hungry families at the Hospital. We had great success with Kids’ NewsDay! What a great experience for our group! We were spread out all over San Diego county, from schools to Starbucks to offices. We’re so proud that our Unit contributed to bringing in significant donations to benefit Rady Children’s. Upcoming events for us include Fantasy on Ice and our Holiday Meeting!

Also, this will be our first year participating in Holiday Decorating at the Hospital and we could not be more excited! Feel free to come by the Cardiac Waiting area where we will be putting up our festive decorations! Happy Holidays to all of you from the Young Professionals Unit!

Lacey De Geus and Lauren Terrazas

15th Annual Mabel Jessop Women’s Financial Symposium

Thursday, March 28, 2013

Hyatt Regency La Jolla at Aventine
3777 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, CA 92122

9:15 am – 1:45 pm
Lunch will be served

This event is complimentary.
Happy Holidays!