Southeast Cluster Unit members hold a Membership Social to remind us that with the arrival of Spring, it’s time to renew your Auxiliary membership! For information about membership renewal see page 4.
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Kid-Friendly Recipe – The kids can make these little gems all by themselves.

Peanut Butter Cookies

1 ½ cups peanut butter (smooth or chunky)
1 cup sugar
2 unbeaten egg whites

Combine peanut butter and sugar and blend well. Add egg whites and mix thoroughly. Roll into walnut-size balls and place on ungreased cookie sheets. Flatten with a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Cool before removing from pan. Makes 2-dozen cookies.

That’s all there is to it! Enjoy…

Chaux Talk Editor

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President’s Message

Harriet Bossenbroek
Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary President

In the past, Springtime seemed to be a time to slow down our Auxiliary activities in anticipation of summer. This is no longer true. We still have several excellent unit fundraisers to attend, as well as our Annual Meeting and year-end parties. Because so many units have begun to have Fall events, they are busy planning now, and through the summer, for the next year. Kids’ NewsDay is also getting a jump-start. Mary and Susan haven’t taken a break in order to make the October 21, 2014, event even more successful. Please contact Mary Reynolds at mreynold52@san.rr.com or Susan Atkins at sjatkins@aol.com if you would like to join them.

Fantasy on Ice was a huge success. Although the rink was open for fewer days, more people attended than ever before. Thanks Heather and Kathleen and all of the unit reps who keep it a joyous holiday tradition. The rink gets better every year!

Time seems to have flown by and we are already planning our new Board with Cheryl Steinholt taking over the Presidency. Please think about stepping up your level of involvement and joining us. Taking a leadership role has been one of my most fulfilling experiences. Consider making it one of yours!

Although we are no longer celebrating our 60th Anniversary, The Diamond Anniversary Fund continues to grow. I am so excited that we are getting close to reaching our goal of $600,000. Both cash and legacy giving allow Child Life Services to continue to receive funding for years to come. Contact smoten@rchsd.org for more information.

Changes around the Auxiliary office: Starting in March, remodeling will begin at the Plaza Building. Sometime in April, the office will move to the second floor. More information will be provided as the date draws closer.

Please mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting that will be held June 4 in the evening. Remember that each member is expected to attend either the Semi-Annual or the Annual meeting. We are fortunate to have speakers who provide informative topics about the hospital. Attending this event also provides a fun atmosphere in which to meet members of the other units.

Happy Spring!

Harriet Bossenbroek, President
Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary

Note from the Editor

Spring is here and with spring comes the season for renewal, and for Auxiliary members time to renew memberships and recruit new members. We are delighted that the Southeast Cluster Unit members provided us with a beautiful photograph of their Membership Social to remind us that memberships can be renewed beginning April 15. See page 4 for details on how to renew your membership online. We also have the privilege to feature an essay by an outstanding young woman about how her grandmother’s involvement with the Auxiliary shaped her life.

This issue of Chaux Talk includes several informative articles on health issues and the hospital. Members of the Auxiliary Board had an opportunity last fall to tour the new Scripps Proton Therapy Center, which opened in February and will provide our community with access to the latest technology for the treatment of cancer. Our Auxiliary Education/Advocacy Vice President has information about how you can be even more involved with Rady Children’s Hospital by attending TEAM RADY coming up in May. Read all about it on page 3!

Finally, we are introducing a new tradition with this spring issue; the sharing of healthy and kid-oriented recipes. I started it off with a cookie recipe that my children, and now grandchildren, love. If you have a family-tested favorite recipe you would like to share with your fellow Auxilians, please email it to me at a.desmond@sbcglobal.net. In the meantime, enjoy!

Ann Desmond, Editor
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Kids’ NewsDay is a work in progress and Chairs Susan Atkins and Mary Reynolds are working hard, along with their committees, to have a spectacular 25th Kids’ NewsDay event on October 21, 2014.

Committees were formed to review and revise the current KND procedures and to make recommendations to the units as to all the different ways to be involved. We heard you when you said that it’s harder to sell papers, and we heard you when you said that you are burned out after so many years. So our goal is to create new and innovative ways for each Auxiliary member to be involved. Perhaps you will find sponsors, or contact local service clubs to sell in your community, or work with your schools to get kids involved in the process.

Look for our recommendations later this spring. If you have any comments or suggestions, don’t hesitate to contact Susan or Mary. We want the 25th annual Kids’ NewsDay to be the biggest and best ever!

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Education/Advocacy Corner

Mark Your Calendars for Team Rady  
May 13–15

This exciting event is for all Rady Children’s Hospital staff, physicians, volunteers, Board members, and Auxiliary members.

A few Auxiliary members attended in 2013 (its debut year) and will attest to what a fabulous event it was. Sharon Bedsaul, Chair of North County Unit, sent an email saying, “Three of us from our unit went to the Thursday session of ‘Team Rady,’ and we were very glad we did. We didn’t know what to expect and were absolutely shocked to see SO many people. Everyone was so enthusiastic and having a really great time… Kudos to everyone who put in their time and effort to produce such a wonderful event…Thank you Rady Children’s!” Moreover, after seeing the Telemedicine Robot for the first time, the unit decided to put its December event proceeds toward buying one for the hospital.

If you did not attend last year, “catch the spirit” by watching a YouTube video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF1cd7Uy7h4

My goal as your Education/Advocacy VP is to get a record number of Auxilians to attend Team Rady 2014. It will be held at the Port Authority Building (Cruise Ship Terminal) with four sessions to accommodate everyone’s schedule (Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and afternoon, Thursday morning). You will learn about the commitment for innovation, the vision for the future, and the amazing work that is going on within the organization.

Team Rady 2014 will also be filled with stories as it celebrates the hospital’s 60th Anniversary. Yes, the Auxiliary was started the previous year, and we need to share Auxiliary memories and milestones by submitting thoughts and photos, as individuals or as a unit. Tell about the most important innovation you have seen, the most meaningful moment you have had (some of you as a parent of a child treated at the hospital), something about “the way things used to be,” or anything else that would help tell a story. Use this link to send in your information: http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/1508362/Team-Rady-2014-Our-Stories.

Plan to come as a unit. I guarantee that you will walk away from Team Rady 2014 more convinced than ever about why you are committed to the Auxiliary and the hospital. I hope to see many of you there!

Lynne Lurie  — Education/Advocacy VP
Calling all Active, Supporting and Friends of the Auxiliary - Membership Renewal Period Begins April 15

It’s almost time to renew your Auxiliary membership online. Follow the instructions listed below beginning April 15 (please don’t try to renew early as your dues will be posted as a donation) or follow the instructions provided by your unit membership representative for manual paper renewals.

1. Go to www.helpsdkids.org/auxiliary. At the top of the page click “My Account.”
2. Type in your User ID and password if you already have an account. If you do not already have an account, click on “Get Started.”
3. Click on “Auxiliary” to see unit pages. Then, click on “Units.”
4. Click on your unit’s page. This will give you access to your unit’s directory, documents, and blog.
5. On the right side of the page, click on “Your Current Membership.”
6. If you are an active member of the Auxiliary, click on “Renew Now.”
7. Click on the appropriate membership category you are renewing for and then click “Next.”
8. Fill in all the appropriate information. Make certain all of your contact information is correct—this information will be merged into the Auxiliary’s master database, which ensures that you receive all pertinent Auxiliary information, including Chaux Talk. Click “Submit” at the bottom of the page.
9. You will receive confirmation of your membership renewal both on the screen and in your email inbox. Please send a copy to your unit’s membership representative.

Current Unit Membership Rosters will be ready for distribution at the Annual Spring Membership Reps Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2014 — 10:00 am
Rady Children’s Plaza Building — 3665 Kearny Villa Rd., 5th Floor West Conference Room
RSVP to Jeanie Scott at jeanies@jpscott.net/ or (858) 454-3471
Renewal Period: April 15 to June 30

Unit Council Corner

We have had a wonderful year. Currently we have 23 units, and 13 have already had their major fundraising event, all of which have been fantastic. We are now looking forward to our Spring events, which look to be equally fantastic.

One of the joys in serving as Unit Council VP is visiting the unit meetings and getting better acquainted with all our extraordinary members. Harriet, our president, and I have visited 17 of our units so far, which has really been a lot of fun!

We closed out 2013 with a holiday luncheon at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo. In lieu of a gift exchange everyone brought toys, books and gifts for the children at Rady’s. What a great way to end the year!

Happy Spring,

Jackie Schloeder
Unit Council VP
My Inspiration – By Hannah Block

Many years ago longtime North County Unit member, Penny Rich, recruited her family to help out at a RCHA fundraising event. Granddaughter Hannah Block not only came back year after year to volunteer, but also went on to write a heartwarming school essay about her experience. In the spring Hannah will graduate from high school and plans to attend the University of Arizona in the fall. She will focus her studies on leadership and communications. Hannah included this essay in her college applications and U of A has already invited her to participate in school leadership programs. Auxiliary membership matters, not only to the sick children we help, but our membership can also inspire family and friends to volunteer and become leaders. Hannah’s essay is printed below.

My grandmother, Penny Rich, is my inspiration. She is a considerate, thoughtful and giving woman. She is always ready to give to those who are in need. For years now she has been a significant part of the North County Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Unit. She helps raise money for different departments of the hospital each year. She has raised money for the NICU for Pediatrics, an important part of what makes Children’s Hospital special. Many people know what the Intensive Care Unit is, but little do they know about how important Carly’s Garden is to the children, another focus of my grandma’s efforts. Carly’s Garden is a special place at the hospital where the kids can go and hang out to get away from being stuck in their hospital beds and rooms all day every day. Finally, in past years the fund raising efforts have benefited the Critical Care Unit. This unit helps all the kids in critical condition get much needed treatment from the nurses and doctors in a special section of the hospital, making them as comfortable as possible.

One of my favorite ways to help fundraise is to be a part of their winter luncheon event. When I was 4 years old and attended, I would try to keep up with my grandma as she made the rounds selling raffle tickets, encouraging her friends and invitees to donate either time or money, and thanking all of them for attending. I thought she was so much fun to follow, amazed at her energy, and excited to see the results she was able to achieve. I was fascinated to later find out that each year she was featured in the local newspapers because of her efforts at this event.

Once I asked, “Grandma, why do you do this?” She smiled and said, “I am doing this to help all the little boys and girls who are sick and less fortunate than us.” I was young, so I thought that when she said “sick” it meant a cold or flu. However, little did I know how dreadful the meaning of a small word like “sick” could actually mean.

As I got older I found out that “sick” didn’t mean catching the flu or the cold. It meant that someone, but not just “someone,” it meant a child was losing his or her life with each passing moment.

As I turned 5, I started taking part in this event by following in the same footsteps as my grandma by selling the raffle tickets with the help of my grandpa. This helped me learn my math while most importantly I was helping raise money for those sick kids. As I grew I would sit at the same table each year and do my part in this special event.

Last year (age 14) I was able to raise over $2,000 selling those tickets on my own. This time I was in the newspaper just like my grandmother had been.

In the past few years the North County Unit has added junior members to their unit. And you can bet I was the first one to sign up! With becoming the first junior member came a lot of responsibilities. This past year my grandmother gave me the chance to find the guest speaker for our Winter Luncheon Event. The unit fundraising was for the Hearing Department. Knowing how important our guest speaker was I asked my mom, Traci Block, and my aunt, Cami Rich, to give me their take on what I should look for in a good speaker, since they had been helping at this event for many years and have been members along with my Grandma too. I found a girl in high school to give her perspective of what it was like growing up with loss of hearing and how she was helped at Rady Children’s Hospital. This assignment is another way I am able to show I care, to be a part of something bigger than me and to help those less fortunate.

My grandma has had to select a larger location so she can accommodate more people to this amazing event. She has over 200 people coming to support Rady Children’s Hospital. She stands in front of everyone and smiles at me from the podium. She has given me another assignment at this amazing event. Now my grandma hands me the microphone to give the invocation and give hope to all the families in need.

Today my grandma lets me be more than that little girl who wanted to know why she did all of this. And now, she has inspired me to become the same considerate, thoughtful, giving woman she is today.

I will be entering college soon and I will always remember all the wonderful women along with my Grandma I have met along the way who have been a part of my history in the North County Unit.
Rady Children’s Hospital to Partner with Scripps Proton Therapy Center

Last November members of the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Board of Directors were given a unique opportunity to tour the new Scripps Proton Therapy Center, San Diego County’s first facility to offer advanced proton therapy to cancer patients—and the only one of three such facilities west of the Rockies and twelve nationwide.

Proton therapy is a form of external beam radiation treatment that uses powerful technology to generate a beam that penetrates the body from the outside. By far the most accurate form of external beam radiation treatment available today, proton therapy treatment can shape and manipulate high dose radiation specifically to well-defined cancerous areas throughout the treatment region, while sculpting around normal organs and healthy tissue. Since protons can be precisely controlled to match a tumor’s shape, radiation can be delivered to a tumor without affecting surrounding tissues, organs or structures such as the heart, liver or brain. This precision also allows for a more potent and effective dose of radiation to be used, while minimizing side effects. Some of the many cancers that may be effectively treated with proton therapy include prostate, breast, chest and lung, pediatric, brain and spine, head and neck, lymphoma, gastrointestinal tract and sarcomas.

The good news is that proton therapy is particularly effective for pediatric and young adult patients, who face greater risks from radiation exposure because they are still growing, and who are also more prone to long-term side effects than adults. Rady Children’s Hospital will be partnering with Scripps Health to provide this advanced proton treatment to pediatric cancer patients.

For more information about the Scripps Proton Therapy Center visit scripps.org/proton
Alpine Unit

The Alpine Unit was busy last fall with its third out-unit Cornucopia fundraiser. Brenda Landini led participants in creating beautiful cornucopias for their Thanksgiving tables. Lots of creativity and fun were had by everyone. Our unit’s members added their touch by making homemade items to sell in our boutique; jams and jellies, granola, brittle, wall hangings, pot holders, mosaics, sock snowmen and more!

Our Designation of Funds went towards the Asthma Department (50%) and Diabetes/Endocrinology Clinics (50%). By adding a holiday boutique and opportunity drawing we were able to donate almost double what we did our first year! Thanks to all who attended and made our fundraiser so successful! Thanks too, to our unit members for their continued hard work for the children of Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego.

Our in-unit Christmas Birdhouse fundraiser was equally successful. Participants had an opportunity to create a Christmas Birdhouse arrangement, candle arrangement or both. Many people decided to make a day of it by participating in both classes. Thanks to everyone who joined us in a day of creativity! You all did a beautiful job on your arrangements.

We will be getting together to “paint pots” for the Celebration of Champions event. We always have fun figuring out what to paint on the pots when we get together to create mini masterpieces for the children.

Debbie Sakarias

Bonita Unit

As we start the year we would like to welcome some new members to our unit. They are Sue Aasen, Brittany Perreira and Anita Seth. WELCOME ladies!! And speaking of welcoming, we’d also like to welcome two grandbabies for unit member Teri Bristow. One of her daughters gave birth in November to a boy and in January, another daughter gave birth to a girl. Bobbie Minton also welcomes a grandson born in September and another grandson born in November. Congratulations to all.

As we are not a unit to sit still for too long enjoying the success of our 2013 Holiday Luncheon/Auction, we have already begun preparations for our 2014 Holiday Luncheon/Auction. Our chairperson Marilyn Williams is busy assembling her co-chairs and committees and has hit the ground running with this fun event. Stay tuned for more info to follow.

Bobbie Minton
The Carmel Valley Unit is proud to announce that “Sounds of Hope for Children—Under the Stars,” exceeded all expectations in raising funds for Rady Children’s NICU at Scripps Encinitas—Expansion Project. Award-winning musician Mat Kearney headlined the event, sometimes leaving the stage at the Illumina Amphitheater, to sing among the 250 plus attendees—many of them on their feet and dancing.

In addition to the lively Mat Kearney concert, “Under the Stars” guests enjoyed empanadas and other tasty appetizers, shrimp and avocado ceviche, assorted street tacos, paella, cocktails and other beverages, plus a dessert and coffee bar—all prepared by LA’s acclaimed Border Grill.

Rady Children’s President Kathleen Sellick welcomed guests to the pre-concert program. No one in attendance was left unmoved after a young patient and his mother shared the heartfelt story of his NICU stay and recovery at Rady Children’s Hospital.

The evening also included an auction with some surprises. Instead of offering one ultra luxe stay at their magnificent private vacation home in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, the generous donor (a unit member) allowed three lucky bidders the opportunity to experience their cliff top getaway. Casa Alegria includes the main house, three free-standing casitas, a vanishing edge pool with breathtaking views of the Pacific—a driver, bartender, cook, concierge, housekeeping and breakfast daily all included.

The very energetic and entertaining Chef Brian Malarkey took the stage and auctioned an “evening to remember for 12” at his new Searsucker Del Mar restaurant. Bidding was so intense that Bravo network’s award-winning executive chef decided to offer three VIP dinners for 12 at his new American classic restaurant. Bidders were delighted.

A spectacular two-hour sunset cruise and cocktail party for 40 aboard the Spirit of Solar Yacht, donated by Solar Turbines, rounded out the evening’s auction items. The lucky winner and friends will savor sunset on San Diego Bay while enjoying complimentary hors d’oeuvres and cocktails graciously served by staff.

The party continued after the concert with a DJ, dancing and more food and fun for guests.

Jeanne Decker and Edith Smith

Congratulations to all the hard-working ladies of the Carmel Valley Unit for hosting another sensational and successful “Sounds of Hope” event!
Holidays were bright and merry at the Coronado Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. In our organizational year (the unit was chartered February 26, 2013), we now number 59 members, many of whom gathered for our unit’s first holiday party at the home of member Donna LaTona. An ornament exchange, set to special lyrics around the ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas story, highlighted the evening’s festivities.

We have created a monthly newsletter (thanks for your help, La Playa Unit!) entitled Crown Flyer. Our new website, www.rchacoronado.com, was created gratis by unit members Sarah Davis and Shannon LeBlanc.

In-unit fundraisers in our formative year have included a wine tasting/auction, a jewelry/clothing in-home vendor party, opportunity drawings at meetings and a No-Bake bake sale. Now the unit is planning its first out-unit fundraiser; watch for upcoming news on the Coronado Turkey Trot, planned for Thanksgiving morning! So after the bird is in the oven, you and your kiddos are invited to trot on over to the Crown Island to work up an appetite.

Kris Grant
December didn’t have enough party days to accommodate busy schedules, so our Holiday Party was held in January. Hostess Molly Crabtree carefully tended her entryway poinsettias so we would all be greeted with a traditional reminder of the holidays.

Hospital Liaison Pam Fuchs turned the January meeting into a work party, putting together Hygiene Kits, Brown Bags and Clothes Closet items. Our February meeting featured guest speaker, Brenna Menard, daughter of member Posy Dibos. Brenna’s son is being treated at Children’s Hospital-Orange County for Velocardiofacial Syndrome. The Craniofacial Department at Rady Children’s Hospital is the recipient of our Garden Walk funds and Brenna shared her experience with diagnosis and treatment from the parents’ perspective.

Home and garden selection for Dana Unit’s 13th Point Loma Garden Walk was very successful. The ‘house hunters’ reported that their job was made easier because the Garden Walk is a well-regarded event and, when coupled with the sterling reputation of Rady Children’s Hospital, homeowners eagerly signed on. This year we are highlighting homes and gardens in the Fleetridge area of Point Loma and will once again feature the Garden Boutique and Dana Diamond Tour, which provides shuttle bus service and lunch in a lovely home and garden not included on the Garden Walk.

The Point Loma Garden Walk is San Diego’s most beautiful way to support Rady Children’s Hospital. We hope to see you on April 26.

Pam Caldwell
Del Cerro Unit

The Del Cerro Unit celebrated its end-of-the-year accomplishments at the Annual Holiday Potluck and Auction in December. Jeri Hafter graciously provided a spacious environment for the festivities and as usual, our ladies whooped it up while anchoring their friendships with their common bond of laughter and love.

Seemingly, we’ve replenished our energies from the excitement of last season. Although our “Fall Fantasy” is still months away, we’ve already begun to lay down plans for an incredible event; detailing vendor lists, menu options, invitation design, as well as coordinating speakers. Our excitement continues to grow in preparation for the Saturday, October 18th festivities—mark your calendars early!

Over the past few years, learning more about the research at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego has remained a priority for the members of our unit. Each month Betty Jennings faithfully attends the Education meetings to help us become better informed and actually better stewards of our time and talents. We continue to look for opportunities for fundraising in the most effective ways. Betty’s tremendous commitment shows through when she passionately shares her report on particulars relating to topics including Kawasaki Disease, Child Abuse, Eating Disorders and Palliative Care. Often the subject matter is difficult to hear, but with an empathetic tone in her voice, she delivers straightforward, uncomplicated news of optimism and inspiration. We’d like to thank Betty for her devotion.

As we begin our new year of dedicated efforts, may I suggest even in the midst of our celebrations, we keep our continued focus on advocating for the children; speak with conviction for our cause, lead with our hearts, then stand back and watch as great things happen!

Kim Emerson
The Del Mar Unit recently toured the Chadwick Center for Children and Families led by Dr. Cindy Kuelbs, Medical Director. We learned that children, who may have been sexually or physically abused, are seen by professionals at the Center’s Forensic and Medical Services program. Law enforcement agencies regularly refer these children, and professionals at the Center aim to assist the children in providing verbal or physical evidence of the possible abuse they suffered.

In January we held a sponsor reception at the lovely home of Judy Rowles for those who have supported our event “Heard It Through the Grapevine” over the years. We were thrilled to announce that proceeds from the event will benefit the Chadwick Center. The evening began with a presentation by Dr. Cindy Kuelbs. Charles Wilson, Senior Director, shared that the Chadwick Center is a world leader in the assessment, detection, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of child abuse and family violence. In 2013, the Center served more than 12,400 children and families. We were honored that Steve Jennings, Executive Director and Senior Vice President of the Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation, was present and engaged the crowd. The evening concluded with refreshments and heavy hors d’oeuvres as we raised our glasses to our sponsors.

The following week we were back to work stuffing envelopes for the event. Be sure to mark your calendar for “Heard It Through the Grapevine” in our 53rd year to be held on Friday, May 9, 2014, at the Club at Santaluz. For information go to www.rchadelmar.org

Annette Fargo
Fuerte Hills

Our Fuerte Hills Unit enjoyed the holidays with friends and family. Our hospital liaisons, Karla Eckstein, Karen Smith and Nina Scott, decorated a lobby area at the hospital, hopefully brightening the spirits of the families and staff members who spent their holiday there. We are always aware that the hospital does not close for Christmas.

Our Christmas party, hosted by the social committee Mary Lincoln-Johnson, Rita Masar, Leslie Dupree, and Betsy Boaz, was held at Leslie Dupree’s home, which was beautifully decorated and much appreciated. We talked, ate and each of us brought a gift card to donate to the hospital. It was a great start to the holiday season.

In January we got very serious about our spring Sweet Charity event. Our 27th annual fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2014. Chairs Kathy Rookus, Karie Thurman and Sandy McMillan are hard at work bringing it all together. With a garden party theme you can expect lots of flowers and a wonderful way to welcome spring. Auction committee chairs Bev Little, Shara Stadler and Angela Wachtman are putting together some incredible baskets for the silent auction and opportunity drawings. The bridge, bunko and luncheon are held at the Sycuan Golf Resort. Be sure to take advantage of valet parking by our volunteer parking guys. Our parking guys, Chuck Ferguson, Randy Nisleit, Bob Williams and Bill Brown, were honored at the Semi-Annual Meeting with the Auxiliary’s Honorary Membership Award recognizing their many years of continued support.

We hope to see everyone at our spring Sweet Charity event . . .

Carol Brown

Inland Empire

Spring has sprung…Give three ladies six months, a mentor/wonderful friend (thank you, Penny Rich), a name change, and see how they grow. We are very excited for all the things yet to come!

Three of us were able to attend North County Unit’s “Winter Fantasy” luncheon, and what a wonderful and fun day we had. Rachel Mason, our treasurer, even won a festive Nutcracker basket.

January brought us time to gather for some laughter, fun, games and drinks, as well as two new members...Welcome ladies; we look forward to all the exciting things we will accomplish together.

February brought a personal celebration as we celebrated our daughter’s 2nd birthday on February 24th. The Hamlins can attest to all things wonderful that is Rady Children’s Hospital, as Rachel Elizabeth spent her first two days and nights in the NICU at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego. I love knowing firsthand how wonderfully talented the entire Rady Children’s Hospital team is, which allows me to share our story with potential members, our unit, and the Inland Empire Community.

March, April and May means spring time is upon us. We are in the midst of planning an Open House at the Temecula Children’s Museum, a few in-unit fundraisers for April and May, and our Bernardy Birthday Party.

Looking forward to the additional “spring” in our step as we strive to reach our goal of ten members by the Annual Meeting and fill more of our executive board and committee member positions.

Allie Hamlin
Our annual Bunco night is fast approaching. Join us for Boot Scootin’ Bunco Night, April 28th. There will be delicious food, silent auction, opportunity drawings, raffles, cash prizes and lots of fun! Look for the flier in this issue of Chaux Talk for reservation information and all the details. All proceeds will benefit the Asthma Department of Rady Children’s.

We had a glorious time at “Shopping under the Stars” at the Carlsbad Outlets in November. It was a great evening filled with shopping, raffles, door prizes and food! The proceeds from our unit’s ticket sales and silent auction basket benefited Rady Children’s.

In December our unit decorated the lobby of Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego. It was a joy to brighten up this area with Christmas ornaments, shiny trees, beautiful wreaths and other seasonal decorations.

We are growing! We had two members join in September and two more joined our unit in January. We look forward to their fresh ideas, helping hands and smiling faces.

We are looking forward to a productive year helping the children in San Diego County.

Brenda Clark
North Coast

The North Coast Unit is thrilled to announce that we will once again be hosting “Date Night for a Cause” at the Belly Up, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2nd. Save the date and don’t be late, because this year we are hosting the bar from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. and hitting the dance floor with Atomic Groove. We’ll also have plenty of great food, as well as wonderful auction items for the benefit of The Chadwick Center. You can purchase tickets in advance for $60 and find all the other details at www.radynscu.com. Special thanks go to Wells Fargo and William Umansky M.D. for their continued support over the years.

Our unit once again had the pleasure of decorating Carley’s Garden for the holidays—it’s one of our favorite traditions. Thanks to unit member Laura Stearn for running such a smooth event. We also enjoyed a tasty holiday brunch and gift exchange (i.e., theft!)—thanks to Teresa Leitstein for hosting and helping us close out 2013 on a great note.

Hope 2014 is off to a wonderful start for everyone and that we will see you May 2 at the Belly Up.

Coleen Young

North County Unit

At the first 2014 meeting of the North County Unit, dates for our upcoming spring events were announced by Chairman Kathy Broach, and planning for these events began.

Members were urged to collect and save treasures for our in-unit White Elephant sale in March.

Then in April we will host our annual Membership Tea and guests will be warmly welcomed. Members will set and decorate the tea tables with lovely china and imaginative centerpieces. Tea, homemade sandwiches, and sweets will be served, and the Boutique shopping will round out this special day.

Our Nominating Committee has been selected, and when you read this we will have a new slate of officers and committee chairmen for next year. In May we will have a luncheon at the Shadowridge Country Club and these officers and chairmen will be formally installed. Our Secret Pals for whom we have been selecting little gifts and cards all year, will also be revealed at this meeting—super fun!

We have many enthusiastic and hard working new members, so this is an exciting time. New members, new ideas, and everyone working together to support Rady Children’s Hospital.

Happy and creative spring from our unit to yours!

Nancy Baldry
In December our unit continued the tradition of bringing gifts for the hospital to our holiday party. Margaret Peterson and Michelle Monts delivered the gifts, which included Christmas presents for our sponsored child at the Bernardy Center and 50 Comfort & Care bags. Cori Lombardi arranged for Twin Peaks Middle School students to prepare an additional 100 bags! Members also decorated the third floor of the hospital.

At our January meeting we started off the New Year with much enthusiasm for upcoming events! Our in-unit fundraisers this year include an art night with “Spiritivity” where members participate in a directed art project, and a fundraiser with Stella and Dot Jewelry.

Please mark your calendars for the Poway Unit’s Tabletops and Tea, Sunday, May 18th, at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. This fabulous event has become a tradition not to be missed! Our theme this year is “The Art of Tea,” so be prepared to be awed and inspired. Our area of designation is The Healing Environment and our fund-an-item is “Hours for the Arts” to fund 600 hours of storytellers, musicians and artists. We will be raffling off fabulously decorated tabletops and there will be silent and live auction items, opportunity drawings, and our unique vendor fair that just seems to get better every year. Buy your tickets early—the event is sure to be a sell-out! Please see our ad in this edition of Chaux Talk for ticket information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Denise Zogby
**Presidio Unit**

Our first meeting of the New Year was held at the beautiful home of Verna Zopfi. We were busy with plans for our February event, but we still found time to look back and talk about the fun we had at our in-house fundraiser in December, one of our favorite events, dinner at C Level, Island Prime, for The Parade of Lights. We invite friends and family to join us for an elegant dinner, with wine and window seats, to watch the beautiful Boat Parade of Lights. We have a delightful and fun evening while raising funds to support our unit events. Our Ways and Means Chair Linda Rains makes our reservation for this event in January so we are sure to have the best seats in the house. Our meetings are always noisy, fun and followed by a tasty potluck and fellowship.

Our major fundraising event in February was a luncheon at the Coronado Golf Club with styles featuring Chico’s Fashions and proceeds benefiting Child Life Services. Our speaker was Carolyn Harvey, Lead Child Life Specialist, who gave us an overview of what her department does for Rady Children’s Hospital. Our models looked like they were professionals, including Auxiliary President Harriet Bossenbroek. The bridge provided a beautiful backdrop for our spectacular and sold-out event. We were pleased to see many friends from other units supporting us with their presence. Linda Rains, Helena Sturgill, Ursula Siesel and Margaret Bartlett, our Ways and Means Committee, worked tirelessly to make this event fun and successful. Although we are a small unit, we all work together and everyone does her share to promote Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego.

Linda Gillett

**Scripps Ranch Unit**

Our **Unit Membership Chairs** Michele Fisher and Elizabeth McKinnis presented eight new unit members for installation at our January unit meeting. Pictured left to right, the following women “accepted our rose,” and were officially welcomed as unit members at our January unit meeting: Kristina Hamann, Jill Fellows, Lauri Stoppenbrink, Jane Rabun and Elise Johnston. They were also presented with their RCHA membership pins. Not pictured are new unit members Vivienne Adibi, Raeele Pacheco and Julie Ross.

The Scripps Ranch Unit would like to take this opportunity to recognize a young man from our community, Scott Rider, a talented and aspiring DJ extraordinaire who recently organized an evening of his entertainment to fundraise for Rady Children’s Hospital. A cancer survivor himself, he understands the miracles unique to Rady Children’s that without philanthropy would not be possible. Scott is pictured with Mary Rea and Elizabeth McKinnis who accepted his check from the evening’s proceeds. Scott Rider is a Miracle Maker helping to make a difference in the lives of San Diego’s children. We thank him for building a spirit of giving among his friends, family and the community.

Our In-Unit Fundraiser Event Chairs Yvette Gilman and Rebecca Flynn planned a dinner party, “Let’s Get Our Gatsby On,” that took us back in time to the days of prohibition when the Roaring 20’s Speakeasy parties were all the rage. Our members all took part in putting on this fun nostalgic evening that was held on Saturday, February 22, at the home of Steven and Michele Fisher, which was transformed with Art Deco and lights into the infamous “Gatsby” Mansion. Entrance required a secret password and many of our members dressed in flapper attire complete with feathered headbands, boas, fringed rag dresses and bling, accompanied by men in their “Gangster” attire.

Follow the Scripps Ranch Unit on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rcha.scrippsranch

Nancy Fleischman
The Tierrasanta Unit continues to foster valuable relationships within our tight-knit community. One such relationship is with Curves, Tierrasanta. Over the holidays, Curves conducted a toiletry drive to benefit Rady Children’s. Their help will allow us to create dozens of hygiene kits for patients’ parents. In the past, Curves has also sold our signature RCHA ornaments in their studio. We offer our sincere gratitude to Curves and their clients for their on-going support!

Another unit child has made the news. Last November, Lianna Treitler held her annual Drop ‘n Shop to benefit Rady Children’s. For four years in a row Lianna and her Mom Rowena transformed their home into a shopping boutique, offering unique clothing/gift items to their customers. The boutique started as a way to highlight Lianna’s home-made crafts to benefit the patients. She’s made Capri Sun coin pouches, hair bows, duct tape wallets, tissue cases and Rainbow Loom bracelets (this year’s creation). This past year, she also became an Origami Owl designer to raise money for the hospital. Once a patient herself, this is her way of giving back. At only 12 years old, Lianna has been a Junior Miracle Maker for the last five years.

Finally, we are excited to install a new member into our group. Welcome, Kendra Villalpando! Kendra joined our unit after her experience with Kids’ NewsDay, because like the rest of us, she wanted to give back to her community! We are proud to have added a new member to our organization who is as dedicated to San Diego’s children as we are.

Rowena Trietler

Young Professionals Unit

Young Professionals Unit members Alexis Torres and Laura Lambillotte decorate Rady Children’s Hospital for the holidays.
Unit Events

Sweet Charity
Hosted by the Fuerte Hills Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary

Bridge, Bunco, Luncheon

Wednesday April 23, 2014

Invitation to follow

Proceeds to benefit the Integrative Medicine Program at the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

Add your friends to the mailing list: sgarland735@gmail.com

The Mountain View Unit of

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary

Presents

Boot Scootin’ Bunco

Proceeds to Benefit
Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego
Asthma Department
$25.00 per person

Monday, April 28, 2014
6:00 - 9:00 pm

For tickets or additional information, please contact Heather Bush at 619-443-1300

Opportunity Drawings & Silent Auction!
Join us!!
Unit Events

The North Coast Unit invites you to DATE NIGHT for a Cause MAY 2, 2014 5-8PM featuring Atomic Groove @ The Belly Up Tavern 143 S. Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach, CA 92075 Tickets are $60 online at www.radysncu.com or $70 at the door Proceeds to benefit The Chadwick Center

SAVE the DATE The Poway Unit of the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary presents the 11th annual Tabletops and Tea The Art of Tea 5.18.14 Tabletops inspired by famous artist masterpieces Sunday May 18, 2014 • 11am-3pm Biancha Bernardo Smith for more information & ticket request please contact... Caroline Legone carolinelegone@gmail.com Missi Faucher halleytas@sbcglobal.net Proceeds to benefit The Healing Environment Tickets: $75 Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego
An Invitation!
The Del Mar Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Presents
“HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE”

53rd Annual Wine & Food Taste
Proceeds to benefit Rady Children’s Hospital Chadwick Center for Children and Families

Friday Evening ~ May 9th, 2014
6pm ~ 10pm
tickets are $95 and in limited supply
Wine & Food Taste
Local Craft Breweries
Live & Silent Auction
Live Music

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RCHA Annual Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2014