President’s Message

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Mission Statement

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

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Board of Directors On the Move

There’s been quite a buzz in the news about Visioning Day. This Auxiliary-wide event occurs approximately every five years and allows all members to have a voice in the future of our organization. The event was held at a very unique venue: the San Diego Air and Space Museum. Members envisioned the path our organization will travel over the years to come. This interactive day was organized by Harriett Bossenbroek — thanks to Harriett for all your efforts in planning such a vital forum to accomplish our goals.

The Healthy Habits Wellness Campaign is on the move, too! Members are encouraged to incorporate healthy habits at their meetings, in their homes and with their children. Please read the Healthy Habits Column later in this issue, and send in your Healthy Habits to your Chaux Talk Representative to share with all of us. Healthy Habits make Healthy, Happy Members.

Annette Fargo, Chaux Talk Editor

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Hello, Auxilians,

Here in San Diego, it is sometimes hard to determine exactly when spring begins. We don’t always have a defined meteorological marker like our friends and family who reside in less temperate climes. But spring is also a state of mind, of renewal and rebirth, and that we do feel, no matter the weather. This fresh outlook, this new vitality, is truly evident throughout the Auxiliary.

Positive energy and optimism was palpable at Auxiliary Visioning Day. So many new and exciting ideas and ways to utilize our great existing resources bubbled up, confirming that Auxilians remain passionate about our cause, clear about our purpose, and committed to our work. If you missed Visioning Day, you missed a treat. Be sure to talk to someone who was there, and catch their enthusiasm. There are still ways to be involved in this exciting process, such as volunteering to serve on the committee that is charged with crafting our new Vision Implementation Plan. Contact the office if you wish to participate. Thanks to our President-Elect Harriet Bossenbroek, Paula Cook, our wonderful staff and all of you for a great day!

Spring at the Auxiliary also means that we are shifting into high gear with unit events, and there is an impressive array of activities on the calendar. Although many New Year’s resolutions have already come and gone, you can still resolve to support other units’ events as a volunteer or guest. I guarantee that you will have a great time, make new friends and come away inspired by witnessing the vibrancy and diversity of our Auxiliary.

Units are also doing some important spring housekeeping: reviewing their dues structures and putting together slates of unit officers for the coming year. The Auxiliary nominating committee is hard at work as well looking for Auxilians who would like to serve on the Board of Directors. I highly encourage you to consider taking on a leadership position at the unit or “big board” level. Congratulations to those of you who have decided to commit to a higher level of service, and thank you to those of you who are “retiring” from board service. We literally couldn’t function without your gift of leadership.

One of the greatest joys of serving as Auxiliary president is the opportunity to visit each unit. It is a delight to learn what is unique about each unit, and to watch and participate in the camaraderie and fellowship that is universal throughout our organization. Our Unit Council Vice President, Pam Caldwell, and I have thoroughly enjoyed your hospitality. We look forward to joining several more units in the coming weeks, and seeing and feeling the spirit of volunteerism and philanthropy at work.

One last note: remember one of our collective goals is to increase our effectiveness as ambassadors and role models for a healthy lifestyle by adopting “Healthy Habits”, our Auxiliary wellness plan, whenever possible. We all know that good health for our community’s children begins in the home.

Happy spring!

Velvet Wyatt Finley, President and
Pam Caldwell, Unit Council VP
Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary
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**Notes:**
- **March:** All events are held within the Rady Children's Hospital campus.
- **April:** Events include a Golf Tournament and a Tabletops & Tea event.
- **May:** Features a Life Member Reception and a Del Mar Unit event.
- **June:** Includes a Celebration of Champions event in San Diego.
Education and Advocacy

New Law to Keep Children Safe

As of January 2012, California children under 8 years old must ride in a child passenger safety seat or booster seat unless the child is taller than 4’ 9”. In addition, the child must ride in the back seat of the car until age 8.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, seat belts are designed for adults 4 feet 9 inches or taller. Booster seats put the child where the seat belt fits correctly so it can do its job: protecting vital organs, as well as the head and spine. According to national safety statistics, the backseat is the safest seat in a vehicle, with 40% fewer injuries in accidents. Please visit “Your Child’s Health” and “Center for Healthier Communities” on the Rady Children’s Hospital website at www.rhcsd.org to keep up to date on laws and child safety issues.

Education/Advocacy documents and seminar notes are all located on www.helpsdkids.org in the Members Only Library.

Education seminars are the first Thursday of each month. All Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend from your home, you may register once you receive the “Go-To Webinar Invitation” from your Unit Chair. Please join us and be an informed advocate for children and a healthy lifestyle.

Nada Markley
Education and Advocacy VP

Historian

WANTED!

Your help is needed in representing your unit’s events. Please submit photos, invitations or mementos to be included in the End-of-the-Year video or the Auxiliary’s 2011-2012 time capsule by April 30th. Please contact Jenn Comeaux for details jcomeaux@me.com

Jenn Comeaux, Historian
Public Relations

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Read All About It!

It’s time to get those press releases ready to publicize your events this spring.

Here are some tips for preparing a press release:

1. Releases should go out on Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary letterhead.
2. Include your name and phone number at the top of the page as “contact”. Put the current date at the upper left.
3. If you continue on to page 2, type the word “more” at the bottom of the first page. On the next page, at top left, put a shortened version of the title of the release plus “page 2”. Signify end of release with the symbols “###” centered at the bottom.
4. Your first paragraph or two should contain the 5 W’s (who, what, when, where, why).
5. Check and double-check for the correct spelling of names and titles. Do not rely solely on spell check.
6. Give a name and phone number where tickets or information may be obtained if your event is open to the public.

Don’t forget to also post your event on social media using the same information that is in the press release.

Sherry Beckhart, Public Relations Director

Chaux One UP For...

Congratulations to the Ahlering, Frost and Gildred Families - Recipients of the Thomas F. Carter Leadership Award

The Thomas F. Carter Leadership Award is given to those who demonstrate philanthropy, leadership and volunteerism in extraordinary ways. This year, the Award was given to the Ahlering, Frost and Gildred Families for four generations of support to Rady Children’s Hospital.

Not only do these family members share a deep commitment to Rady Children’s, but it also extends to the La Playa Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. Jeannie Frost has been a member of the La Playa Unit since 1956, Alison Frost Gildred since 1976, Dulie Frost Ahlering since 1986, and Julie Frost Gildred Connolly (Alison’s daughter) since 2009. In addition to their dedication to the auxiliary, these women have been very involved with the Charity Ball for a number of years by either serving as members of the Charity Ball Committee or as Charity Ball Chairs (Allison and Dulie). The family tradition of serving the community continues with Julie’s daughter, Claire Gildred Connolly, who volunteers for Kids’ NewsDay and Celebration of Champions. Dulie’s daughter, Anne, has volunteered with cancer patients at the Halloween Carnival, Celebration of Champions, and as an usher at the Charity Ball.

Submitted by Michele Prescott, Past Auxiliary President

Your Rady Children’s Kid-Friendly MRI

Getting an MRI can be a stressful experience that often requires young patients to be sedated. But kids who come to the new MRI Center inside the Acute Care Pavilion might actually enjoy being scanned. The high-tech, kid-friendly MRI machine features the CinemaVision system, which enables kids to watch a movie or listen to music during the exam. Studies have shown that entertainment during an MRI scan can soothe anxiety and minimize claustrophobia, leading to faster and better scans. Rady Children’s is the only hospital in San Diego with this innovative technology.

News from Stewardship Report 2011 submitted by Annette Fargo
New Faces

Our New Member Orientations were held on November 8th and 9th, 2011. Judging from the attendance of both the morning and evening sessions, we can say that your recruitment efforts have been very successful. We hosted new members from 15 different units, and hope they found the programs fun and informative. It was a pleasure and honor to meet so many wonderful women.

Welcome to all our new members and congratulations to their units. All these new faces guarantee a bright future for our organization. Our photo collage is just a small representation of those fabulous new faces. Welcome!

Karen Haak, Membership Committee
Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Board

It’s Spring: Time to Think Green!

Springtime for your Membership VP means it is time to think about membership renewal for all dedicated Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary members.

As I was reading the Rady Children’s Hospital Annual Report and seeing all of the many names of Auxiliaries who have contributed their time, talent, and dollars to our Hospital and our Auxiliary I knew our 1200 members would once again have a successful year! February was the month for all units to review their membership guidelines and make any changes in the dues structure they deem necessary. Your Membership Team will have a retreat in March to review all membership renewal procedures, so all are prepared to orchestrate renewal within their units. It is my hope many more of you will “Go Green,” and do your renewal online — either independently or at your unit meetings beginning on April 15th. By renewing online in the spring you will greatly help your Auxiliary leaders plan their budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, and we won’t have to “bug” you with renewal reminders. Best of all we may save a few trees! If you need help doing your renewal online we are here to help you. Remember, it is perfectly acceptable to do your renewal with a check, too! Please help me meet my goal of successfully getting all of you wonderful members renewed by June 30th!

Your Membership Team is busy planning Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary’s first Life Member Recognition Event which is planned for May. Details are forthcoming.

Natalie Emerson, Membership VP
Emersong3@cox.net

Membership Renewal begins April 15th

Online renewal will not be available before April 15th, please contact your Membership Representative for details or questions. www.radychildrensaux.org and www.helpsdkids.org
The 2011-2012 Fantasy on Ice was a huge fundraising success for the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. We reached new levels of exposure, and increased the rink skating activity.

We had an amazing season with no rain days, more than 25,000 skaters enjoying themselves on the ice, new street lamp banners on Broadway (which contributed to more rink visibility), new FOI postcards sent to over 5,000 people, a new promotional video and a fabulous new FOI Family Day that attracted over 150 guests.

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

Kathleen Caffo and Heather Wolff, Fantasy on Ice Chairs

Auxiliary-Wide Events

Extra, Extra! Read All About It!

The Auxiliary-wide events include:

- **Fund Development**
  - **Miracle Maker Spotlight**

**Bayview Rebels Miracle Makers Originally Began as Las Chiquitas Unit in 1953**

Here we are in 2012: still active supporters of the auxiliary, Kids’ NewsDay, and also donating to the New Acute Care Pavilion.

Ralphone Greaves is a founding member of our unit. She was chairman for the first time in 1960. Recently, she had us in her home for wonderful sit down luncheons and was honored for her years of service to the hospital. Ralphone you are amazing.

Sandy Randel Bezer and her “sweetheart” traveled around the world three times; it’s fun to hear about her stories and adventures. To some of us a trip to Del Mar is exciting.

We have many who have been honored as Women of Dedication:

- Joy Callicott
- Merrily Ann Tracht
- Pat Keating
- Betty McElfresh
- Katherine Rogerson
- Cookie Ingram
- Helen Decker
- Ralphone Greaves
- Lorrie Dunn
- Fern Murphy
- Mary Fadem
- Charlotte Thompson

Our chairman of 13 years, Beverly Wiskur, passed away suddenly last year. She was a shining light to all of us and will continue to shine in our hearts always.

Respectfully submitted in handwriting by JoAnn Foster

**Kids’ NewsDay**

A special partnership of The San Diego Union-Tribune, NBC 7 San Diego and Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary

The 23rd Annual Kids’ NewsDay will be Tuesday October 23, 2012!
Fund Development

JUNIOR MIRACLE MAKER

LIANNA TREITLER

When ten-year-old Lianna Treitler was appointed to be the Stewardship Commissioner of the Student Council at St. Gregory the Great elementary school, she took the opportunity to advocate for her favorite cause: Rady Children’s Hospital. She drafted a plan to service the hospital almost every month of the school year.

With the help of the student body, St. Gregory the Great raised over $150 for Kids’ NewsDay in October, collected over 110 toys for AJ’s Kids’ Crane in November, and gathered boxes full of sweat shirts & sweat pants for the Emergency Department in December.

Next on the horizon, St. Gregory the Great Catholic School is assembling toiletry kits and brown bags for patient families. Through all their hard work and generosity, St. Gregory the Great Catholic School has joined the Hospital’s prestigious group of Miracle Makers.

To share your own Miracle Maker story, please email me.

Rowena Treitler, Fund Development VP

rtreitler@yahoo.com

Alpine

The Alpine Unit was incredibly busy last fall. We had our first out-unit fundraiser on Nov. 19th. Brenda Landini guided 25 participants into creating a Bountiful Cornucopia for their Thanksgiving tables. We all enjoyed working with each of you and loved watching you find your creative flair!

While other units were decorating for Christmas at the hospital, the Alpine Unit was busy creating the first Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Christmas tree for Balboa Park’s December Nights. Jan and Debbie made a tree skirt, and Jaime, Debbie, and Cathy, with the help of Sherry Beckhart, put lights and ornaments on the tree on Thursday. Then the magic happened when Brenda and her Chaparral students added flowers on Friday. The turquoise and silver tree turned out gorgeous!

Our in-house Christmas Birdhouse fundraiser was a huge success. Our unit gathered at Chaparral High School on December 11th to put together 42 centerpieces. Special thanks to John Malzahn (birdhouses) and Don Dyer (boxes) for their carpentry skills! We hope that those of you that ordered a centerpiece enjoyed them over the holidays. Now you can repurpose them by adding spring flowers, Easter Eggs and ??? If you’d like to donate your Christmas Birdhouse back to our unit we can recycle it next year.

Happy New Year!

Debbie Sakarias

Auxiliary Life Members

Please Save the Date of May 10, 2012
1:00pm – 3:00pm

For a special reception; more information will arrive in your mail boxes closer to the date.
Unit News

Bonita

The end of 2011 was celebrated by our annual Christmas Brunch at the Chula Vista Country Club. The Club was beautifully decorated and very festive. The energy in our room was that of warm friendship, anticipation of the holidays and euphoria that our November Auction was a huge success! With all those feelings floating about, our silent auction was noisy and fun. Most of us left with items we just could not live without, and added an admirable amount to our auction total.

Our parting thought of 2011 was of how fortunate and blessed we are to know and work with our very own Phyllis Snyder. We are so happy for her winning of the Auxiliary Distinguished Service Award! Not only is she busy with the Hospital and her own family, but we also can always count on Phyllis in her quiet, cheerful and kind way to support and work on all our projects. We salute you….our friend!

WOW! 2012 is truly here and it is time to get busy and back to business! Jo Evans will start the year with spearheading the Big Board Nominations.

Our Bonita unit is now sponsoring a little 18 month-old boy at the Bernandy Center. Many thanks go to Lorraine Bales as she works tirelessly as our Hospital Liaison at the Center.

We are looking forward to a fun Bunko evening in March, and Theresa’s Marketplace in May.

Millie Boucree

Carmel Valley

The ladies of Carmel Valley had a busy fall and celebrated the holidays with a Mexican-themed dinner at a member’s home. Now that the New Year is here, we are busy putting together our annual event, “Sounds of Hope for Children.” “In the Name of Love” will be held on the evening of Saturday, April 28 at the Loft at UCSD. The hosted dinner and concert featuring the music of U2 with cover band Joshua Tree will benefit the Hospital’s Discovery and Research Program. For information about this invitation-only event, email: www.cvchairs@gmail.com.

Julie Luther

Dana

Springtime for Dana Unit is always the best part of our year. We’re having a terrific time working together to host our Point Loma Garden Walk fundraiser on April 28th. In January, we “walked the walk” to meet our homeowners and plan the best route for our guests. We’re never surprised but always delighted at the generosity our neighbors show for Rady Children’s Hospital. The planning for our Dana Garden Boutique, which means laying out a fancy department store in a new outdoor setting, begins in January. In March, after collecting gently-used containers for months, our “Garden Elves” get busy fixing-up, painting, and planting under the talented guidance of Renee Buchhauser. We have so much fun making masterpieces together on Saturday mornings that it isn’t fair to call it work. Hidden talents of our members come to light, and you’ll often hear exclamations such as, “did you see that darling birdhouse Frieda Sprague designed?” This year we will highlight the rare and pretty Duckworth Geraniums, named after our featured artist Suzy Spafford, who is the creator of Suzy’s Zoo. We are delighted that plant breeder Jim Zemcik is working with members Karen Wheeler, Elaine Butz, and Debbi Greaves so that you will be able to purchase a Margo Mouse, Grandma Gussie, or even a Cornelia O’Plume geranium this year. Digging in the dirt is what keeps Dana Ladies grounded in grins!

Gail Parker
**Del Cerro**

The Del Cerro Christmas meeting was held at Jerri Hafter’s condominium clubhouse. What a wonderful place to hold our get-together. It was decorated so lovely and the view was beautiful. The auction was a lot of fun, with good natured bidding and giggles. Of course the talk was all about our next fundraiser. There are a lot of new ideas for our next event, and it always gets everyone excited with the New Year. There was such a large assortment of great food and the holiday led an aura of good cheer.

The Hospital liaison committee had a fun work party in January; shopping, assembling and delivering 50 decorated brown bags to Volunteer Services. We also delivered 60 very cute crocheted hats we had received as a donation. Our executive committee met to discuss the need for possible revision to our unit standing rules, to be presented during our next meeting.

Our new members, Mary Kay Butler, Marilyn Scheibal and Betty Jennings attended the New Members Orientation.

Arlene Ippolito

**Del Mar**

We celebrated the holidays with a festive dinner followed by a competitive gift exchange; stealing was rampant, and all ended on a happy note. Members brought bottles of wine to donate to the 50th Annual Wine Tast — ‘Heard It Through the Grapevine.’ Due to the huge success and following of the event, we are bringing it back to the Del Mar Plaza on May 30th. Past and supporting members cannot wait to help out by volunteering. We are involving all members that have participated in the past, especially the Milagros Unit, which put on the historic event for so many years. Vendors will pour wine from their local vineyards and food stations will be provided by Del Mar restaurants. The focus will be on fun and socializing, with creative opportunity drawings and fundraising auctions that will generate funds for the Autism Discovery Institute (ADI), which we toured in January.

The Bernardy Center party was a great success thanks to Caroline Marquez and Randi Hock, our tireless Hospital Liaisons. The patients were entertained crafting gingerbread men, while decorations were festive and bright. We all sang happy birthday and learned a lot about life. Our holiday tree at the hospital was merry and whimsical, with a mermaid and beach theme. Thanks to all that participated and to the Bunco group that donated ornaments.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for details on ‘Heard it through the Grapevine.’ Tickets are limited, so save the date of May 30th. It’s going to be a night to remember upon the ocean view deck in Del Mar.

Mary Reynolds — www.rchadelmar.org

**Fuerte Hills**

The Fuerte Hills Unit ended 2011 with a holiday luncheon at El Torito. Social chairs Harriet Bossenbroek and Terri Wahl did a fabulous job organizing the event. With the theme “Eat, Drink and Be Merry,” the stage was set for a casual and fun time for all. We also thank Sharon Nisleit, Carol Brown and Jackie Williams for representing the Unit at Fantasy on Ice; and Cyndi Bramwell, Terri Wahl and Jeanne Draz Conti for organizing Santa Letters.

The Unit welcomed 2012 with its January meeting hosted by Susan Waddington. The meeting provided the opportunity for brainstorming as Unit members begin preparations for its April fundraiser, ‘Sweet Charity,’ led by Ways and Means Chair Leslie Dupree. This talented group of women comes together every year with dedication and enthusiasm to make the event a success. So please mark your calendars for April 25, 2012 for Fuerte Hills’ Sweet Charity Event.

Kasey Sweat
Mountain View Unit will be presenting Boot Scootin’ Bunco 2012. Our unit has planned another exciting and entertaining night of raffles, silent auctions, door prizes, cash winners, and delicious food! All proceeds benefit Highest and Most Urgent Needs at Rady Children’s Hospital. So save the date of April 30th for Boot Scootin’ Bunco. Look for the flyer in this issue of Chaux Talk for reservation information.

As 2011 came to a close, our unit enjoyed another fundraiser we deemed “Shopping Under the Stars” at the Carlsbad Outlets. There was lots of shopping, raffles, door prizes, and food enjoyed by all. In December our members enjoyed Fantasy on Ice, decorating the lobby area of Rady Children’s Hospital, and gathering for a special Christmas dinner at Margarita’s in Santee. We collected gift cards to give to Lakeside Christian Help Center, which helps families during the holidays.

Another December activity was a birthday and Christmas celebration for our Bernardy Center child. Cookies were baked, gifts wrapped, and decorations displayed for all to enjoy at Bernardy Center. It was a joyful occasion for “our child” and the staff.

The Mountain View Unit continues to support the Clothes Closet and bring items to fill the brown bags which support the families at Rady Children’s Hospital.

Brenda Clark
North Coast

The North Coast Unit started 2012 with a bang -- thanks to all of you who joined us at Union for our first guest bartending event and helped make it such a success. Union was a great spot for seeing our old friends and making some new ones, as well as raising awareness and funds for the Helen Bernardy Center.

Date Night for a Cause will continue at the Paradise Grill in Del Mar on March 22nd. In addition to happy hour and opportunity drawings, this event will also include shopping with select Glamourama vendors.

Our final event will be happy hour at The Belly Up Tavern on May 18th. It will include music, a live auction, food and more for only $50 a person. Thanks to our sponsors Wells Fargo Bank and William Umanskey, M.D., for helping to make it all possible.

Our unit would also like to say a huge thanks to Leslie Jackson for pursuing and receiving a significant grant from Northrop Grumman, and for her hard work securing some of the fabulous live auction items we'll be showcasing at The Belly Up. Hope to see you there!

Finally, we would like to thank Kevin Connors from Coast Highway Photography Studio in Solana Beach for all his support of our unit (including this photo) and of Rady Children's Hospital.

Coleen Young

North County

The New Year began with our unit creating and working hard on our spring garden sale and our annual holiday event for next winter. Our winter season was a huge success this past year. We have an enthusiastic group of women who kicked off 2012!

Our Ways and Means committee just returned from their annual LA shopping trip at the mart, purchasing and ordering one-of-a-kind unique pieces for our winter sale. The group loves their annual girls’ getaway.

In February, we were fortunate enough to have our Education Chairs Dorothy Richardson and Loie Jeromin coordinate an informative speaker, Dr. J. Schwimmer, to speak at our unit meeting. The doctor spoke to us about the Weight and Wellness Center as well as obesity. We were all so grateful he joined us and we all learned so much.

Marilyn Herde has purchased a variety of warm winter clothes for our sponsored child. Marije Cartwright, our Membership Chair, has been working hard coordinating our spring Membership Tea. We are so proud of our unit and the profound difference each member has contributed in the lives of the children at Rady Children’s Hospital.

Warmly,

Debra Day
Unit News

Poway

It’s 2012 already! Thank you to Evan Bakke for hosting another fun Pajama Party to mark the holidays. The unit collected toys for an in-kind donation to volunteer services at Rady Children's, where they were distributed to children admitted to the hospital! Pam Bundy was busy decorating hospital waiting rooms and successfully hosting a February ‘bubble mania’ party to celebrate birthdays of children residing at the Bernardy Center.

Poway Unit members also recently enjoyed shopping at an in-unit fundraiser featuring Stella & Dot jewelry. They don’t just shop; they were busy assembling brown bags with snacks for families in the Emergency Room or who are waiting for an extended time.

The New Year marked the kick off of planning for the Table Tops and Tea event in May. Deb Oliver and Cori Lambardi are hard at work coordinating this year’s Secret Garden theme, which will include great vendors and fabulous prizes (see ad insert for details)!

Congratulations to friends of Poway, The Daily Method Exercise Studio, who raised over $1500 for the hospital and became a Miracle Maker.

Kris Boehmer

Rancho Bernardo

We are a small but mighty unit focusing on what more we can do in our quest to support the hospital. “Worker bees” populate the unit, starting with our chair, Jackie Schloeder. Jackie has chaired for seven years, and spends many hours at the Bernardy Center. Lynn Cassidy is our “energizer bunny,” who is unstoppable in her quest to recruit new members. Sue Barber has been with the unit since 1996, serving in many leadership capacities. She excelled as our social chair, and is the go-to person regarding our meeting place. Our membership team, consisting of Donna Tyler and Paula Fetcho, has done a stellar job putting together our membership directory. Tina McDonald keeps our books and does a superb job keeping track of monies in and monies out. Bei Dodds provides her garage for Poinsettia pick up and is a force to be reckoned with keeping track of who gets what, and what goes where.

Minutes are provided by Meda Menius who does an exceptional job writing and distributing them in record time. Marcia Clingman is a life member, currently co-chairing and sharing hospitality with Lynn. Tammy Young chairs KND and Poinsettias; we know she works tirelessly and she is greatly appreciated. Nancy Kempf, our Education Rep, enjoys bringing her new-found knowledge back to the unit. New members Irene Bogdanski, Vicki Kelsey and Pamella Thomson are ready willing and able to keep the unit flourishing.

Patricia Hering
Rancho Santa Fe

Our Holiday Luncheon this year was held at the lovely Rancho Valencia Resort and was attended by over 120 women. The festive movie theme and fabulous vendors made this year’s Holiday celebration a great success.

The annual Gala, held at the Grand Del Mar with headliner Dennis Miller, was a night to remember with wonderful auction items and great attendance. Watch for photos to follow in the next edition.

Plans are underway for our upcoming community-based Blood Drive, bringing local vendors, health care professionals and the Rancho Santa Fe Unit together for an afternoon of community spirit and outreach.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cetel Weiss

Scripps Ranch

It is always nice to get together with friends during the holidays, so it was a real treat to close out the year with a Holiday Social at the festive home of Jan McGowan. Her home was beautifully decorated, and we enjoyed lots of delicious treats from our members. We spent the evening decorating cookies and ornaments, and catching up on everyone’s holiday plans.

Moving forward into 2012 we welcomed two new members, Mary Engelhardt and Adrienne Pierre, at our January meeting. Mary was referred to us by another member, and Adrienne learned of our group from longtime supporter Yanni of Yanni’s Bistro and Cellar in Scripps Ranch. In fact, many of you may be familiar with this restaurant because it was where the February Membership Social was held.

We have also begun our in-unit fundraising again, with our successful “Denim and Diamonds” event. This was a casual “denim” event held at Cheryl Steinholt’s home, but we had to wear our sunglasses because of the glare from the sparkly “diamonds” (both faux and real). Thank you to Jan McGowan and Cheryl Steinholt for organizing such entertaining events.

Follow our unit on Facebook at Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, Scripps Ranch Unit.

Sandra Davis

Marilyn Tobin, Karin Whiteley, Doris Peters & Kathy Sayer

Sandra Davis, Yvette Gilman & Dana Walters

Cheryl Steinholt & Jan McGowan
Southeast Cluster

SECU is really excited about all that is happening this year. We are preparing to expand the membership of our unit...stay tuned for a formal introduction of our newest members in the next issue of Chaux Talk.

We’re a group who enjoys special occasions— and that includes birthdays. In January, we launched our Birthday Basket. It is a basket filled with small gifts donated by our members. All members are invited to select a gift in their birthday month. This was a big hit at our meeting. If you’re our guest and it happens to be the month of your birthday, then of course, you will be included in this fun activity.

Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare.

– Japanese Proverb. February 7, 2012 was Visioning Day and our Unit was well represented. The day’s activities proved to be very valuable, especially since we were in the midst of planning the balance of our unit’s activities for the year. It was great to see how the work of all the units is integral to fulfilling the overall Mission, Values and Vision of the Auxiliary.

Carolyn Smith

Temecula

The Temecula Unit wished 2011 farewell with a festive dinner at Gourmet Italia in lieu of our December meeting. As we sat around the table sharing good food, wine, laughter; and while enjoying each other’s company, we remembered that friendship is one of the most valuable payoffs of our volunteer service.

Our unit will be sad to see our good friend and current Unit President, Kiersten Cahill, relocate with her family to Ohio in February. Kiersten has led us with enthusiasm, boundless energy, and considerable grace, and she will be missed. Current Unit Treasurer Ann-Britt Murchison will take over as chairman for the rest of the year.

The Swing for Life Golf Tournament committee is hard at work planning our May 4th event. We will have golf, dinner, an auction, and hopefully beautiful late spring weather at the golf course of the Temecula Creek Inn.

We are embracing technology and social media as we continue to work on our website and Facebook page. We also held a very successful first webinar.

Finally, we continue to brainstorm creative and effective ways to grow our Unit’s membership, as well as spread the word about the positive impact Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego and its doctors and clinics have on the lives of thousands of children in Southwest Riverside County each year.

Juliet Grossman
Tierrasanta

We had a great holiday dinner and gift exchange at Connie Anderson’s creatively decorated home. This year, Marian Johns suggested that we also do a post holiday “exchange” auction for all the things we wanted to get rid of. At our January meeting members brought about 20 items, and most started the bidding at $1 to $3. These items being true treasures, almost all went for the opening bid! The big money maker of the night was an apron that started at $1 and sold for $7. We were pleased to make $64, which will help pay for our storage unit for our Breakfast with Santa decorations.

We are extremely happy to report that Breakfast with Santa was a success again in 2011. Many thanks go to Lynn Robinson and Etta Osborn for spearheading this event. The word is out about our great opportunity drawings, as we offered almost 70 beautiful baskets and other items in the silent auction and opportunity drawings. After everyone had eaten a wonderful pancake breakfast made by the Ascension Parish Knights of Columbus (2011 Honorary Auxiliary Membership Award Winners), Marsha Bouman announced the basket winners.

Our unit now has auxiliary logo items for sale, and we were fortunate to have our local Curves and its owner, Julie Ewing, selling logo photo ornaments hung on the Curves Christmas tree. The ornaments could be picked up and used in their owners’ homes just before Christmas. They did so well that Julie Ewing will now be a Miracle Maker.

Pam Hanig

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In Partnership with Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation Cordially Invites You and a Guest to the

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**Unit Events**

The Dana Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary

**POINT LOMA GARDEN WALK**

**SAVANNAH'S PRIVATE HOME GARDENS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012**

10AM - 4PM

**TICKETS: $25**

Check payable to RCH Auxiliary

Purchased tickets locally at:
- Cottage Antiques - Ocean Beach
- Walter Anderson Nursery - Point Loma & Torrey
- Mission Hills Nursery - Port St. John Drive
- Armstrong Garden Center - W. Morena
- Cedars Garden Nursery - Sola Beach

www.PointLomaGardenWalk.com

The Mountain View Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary

**Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, Carmel Valley**

**SEVENTH ANNUAL SOUNDS OF HOPE FOR CHILDREN**

**“IN THE NAME OF LOVE”**

**GET READY TO ROCK TO BENEFIT THE DISCOVERY CENTER FOR PEDIATRIC RESEARCH**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH**

**“THE LEFT” NIGHT CLUB**

**FACILITY AT UCSD**

8:30 - 12:00

**A Musical Tribute to US by nationally acclaimed Joshua Tree Band**

**Drink ‘n Dinner Live Music**

**TICKETS: $150 per person**

For ticket or more information please contact
CSchra@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’s Highest and Most Urgent Needs**

**MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012**

**LEMON CREST SCHOOL**

12403 Lemon Crest Dr.
Lakeside, CA 92040

**Dinner 6:00pm**

**Bunco 7:00-9:00pm**

**Raffles & Silent Auction!**

Please Mail Reservations by April 15th to:
RCHA Mt. View
c/o Twila Godley
13202 Idyl Drive, Lakeside, CA 92040

**Save the Date**

**SWEET CHARITY HOSTED BY THE FUERTE HILLS UNIT OF RADY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY**

**BRIDGE, BUNCO, LUNCHEON**

**Wednesday April 25, 2012**

**INVITATION TO FOLLOW**

ADD YOUR FRIENDS TO THE MAILING LIST:
sgarland735@gmail.com
The Temecula Unit of the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Presents
Swing for Life Golf Tournament

Temecula Creek Inn Golf Course
www.temeculacreekinn.com
Friday, May 4, 2012 at 1 p.m.
Tournament Participation: $115
Contest Participation: $35
Dinner Only: $30

Contact:
rchatemecula@yahoo.com
Jessica Vulovic: 951 760-9277
Ann-Britt Murchison: 951 514-7101
Registration:
www.temecularcha.org

Proceeds to benefit the Packham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego

SAVE THE DATE

Poway Unit – Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary
Tabletops and Tea
“The Secret Garden”
May 6, 2012 @ 11:00am
At the Beautiful Rancho Bernardo Inn
Pick-a-Petal
Boutique Shopping
Silent Auction
Opportunity drawing for those unique Tabletops Luncheon with Tea Service

FOR INFORMATION & TICKETS CONTACT:
Deborah Oliver @ markndebo@cox.net or Cari Lombardia @ mikeandcari@cox.net

Benefiting the Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children

Glamour Gals Grab Your Guys!
The North Coast Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital presents

DATE Night for a Cause

THURSDAY · MARCH 22 · 2012 From 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Happy Hour Pricing & No Cover
Exclusive Shopping with Glamourama Vendors
Fun & Fabulous Opportunity Drawings

FRIDAY · MAY 18 · 2012 From 5:00 to 8:00 PM
Happy Hour & Live Auction
Live music, featuring local artists
Fabulous food from the Wild Note Cafe
Tickets $50 available online @ www.radynccu.com

Proceeds from these events will benefit the Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children
The Del Mar Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary presents

*Heard It Through the Grapevine ~*

A Food, Beer and Wine Taste

**Wednesday, May 30th**
5:00 - 8:00pm
Del Mar Plaza Oceanview Deck

Proceeds to benefit the **Autism Discovery Institute**
Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego

For tickets or more information
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