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## 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.”

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
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the del cerro unit of the rady children’s hospital auxiliary presents

*A Fall Fantasy*

proceeds to benefit the heart transplant-pediatric cardiac division  
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Although our Diamond Anniversary commemorating 60 years of caring and dedication to Rady Children's Hospital is winding down, we need to carry on with the celebration!

Springtime is always filled with fabulous fundraisers! This Spring was no exception. It was a pleasure to attend so many fun events. Fundraising is but one way the Hospital benefits from everyone’s generosity and dedication. Throughout the year, Auxiliaries have given in so many ways. Supporting the children at the Bernardy Center with clothing, visits and birthday parties; decorating the Hospital for the holidays; providing brown bags; and advocating for pool safety are but a few of the gifts we give. Many unit members participated in handing out cookies and promoting Jersey Mike’s partnership with the Auxiliary. Thanks to the continued support of lifetime member Cathy Brown, we received over $76,000 from Jersey Mike’s to go to Greatest Needs.

In celebration of our 60th Anniversary, many of our members committed to the Diamond Anniversary Fund with legacy giving. Others gave cash contributions. Thanks to their commitment, Child Life Services will continue to provide much needed services to Rady Children’s patients.

One of the highlights of being President was visiting all of the units with Unit Council VP Cheryl Steinholt. We always received a warm welcome from the units and we were impressed with how the meetings are wonderfully run. Our success as an Auxiliary is because of the strong leadership and member involvement of a diverse group with a common goal -- to provide the best medical care in a unique healing environment for all of the children in our community.

I am also appreciative of the wonderful Board of Directors who gave so much time and commitment to keep the Auxiliary running so smoothly. Edith Smith went “above and beyond” to make both the Semi-Annual and Annual meetings a tribute to our Diamond Anniversary Fund. I will miss the outgoing members who ALL did an outstanding job. I look forward to the new members who are joining us. Thanks also to our staff -- Sara, Frances, Vivienne and Gladys. Our jobs would be so much more difficult without their continuous support.

Several units will be spending at least part of their summer planning their Fall events. The new Board will also be hard at work preparing for the 2013-2014 year. Yet, I hope that all of you take some time to refresh yourselves and enjoy our “vacation” months.

I look forward to another year working with all of you and celebrating our 61st year!

Happy Summer!

Harriet Bossenbroek
Rady Children’s Hospital
Auxiliary President

Watch for the next Issue of Chaux Talk - September, 2013
The 60th Anniversary Celebration and the Annual Meeting will be featured!

Our PALs –

Good Friends and Chums

Being a PAL of the Auxiliary not only means being friends and chums, it means being a Past Auxiliary Leader (PAL) of the Auxiliary. This is a distinguished group of members who have served on the Auxiliary Board of Directors at some period over the past 60 years.

Each year, Kathleen Sellick, President and CEO of Rady Children’s Hospital, hosts a special luncheon just for PALs. This year the luncheon took place in April. This luncheon is a time where the Hospital leadership thank past Auxiliary leaders for their time, talents and efforts on behalf of Rady Children’s; share with them news of what is currently happening at the Hospital; and provide an opportunity for attendees to reminisce and get reacquainted.

It is always so much fun when the microphone goes around the room giving the ladies an opportunity to share stories of their time on the Board. A recurring sentiment seems to be that those who served on the Board enjoyed the opportunity to meet and work with wonderful and talented women from other units and started lifelong friendships.

Sixty years of memories from the dedicated and gracious ladies who helped lay the foundation for an amazing organization are inspiring and fun to hear! The legacy they created will be cherished and will continue to help the kids in our community for years and years to come.

Frances Meda
Board Relations
Auxiliary Membership Officer
Note from the Editor

Mary, Mary ...
How does your garden grow?
All the flowers, all the colors
All in a perfect row.

First the seeds
And then the water
Keeping a little space
Daisies here, roses there
Each one has their place.

I am happy to report that the name “Mary,” although not as popular as it once was, is still alive and well. On this year’s Dana Diamond Tour at the 12th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk, with 18 enthusiastic garden lovers on board, I counted at least four Mary’s. And not one was “contrary” so I left those words out of the rhyme. First and foremost, was Mary Rogondino of the Dana Unit who was our very delightful and knowledgeable guide for the day. Thank you, Mary, for making sure we had such a special day!

Home and Garden Tours are a great way to celebrate the beauty of Spring and the Dana Unit’s Point Loma Garden Walk is one of the best around. Homeowners open their doors and gates to appreciative visitors. It is a unique opportunity to peak into someone else’s private paradise. Strolling along garden paths, surrounded by gorgeous flowers and amazing colors, every sense is on high alert. You are instantly rewarded with dazzling beauty, inspiration and ideas for your own garden. Mary Haller (Our second Mary!) was prepared with a lovely wide brimmed hat and many of us had sunscreen and lip balm at the ready.

I especially enjoy garden tours with my dear friend Mary Williams (the third Mary!) who knows the name of every flower and plant. The Point Loma Garden Walk offers many treasures -- the gardens abound with 100’s of fragrant rosebushes, fascinating succulents, a display of edible veggies, charming garden art, inviting pools and waterfalls, and lovely outdoor rooms and fireplaces. But the most beautiful display at the Point Loma Garden Walk is not to be missed --- it is HOPE. This is a garden tour for a great cause that benefits Rady Children’s Hospital – Craniofacial Services. Hope grows here! What a great way to celebrate Spring – spending an enchanting day at the Point Loma Garden Walk, strolling through beautiful gardens and seeing Hope grow!

Mary Rea (yes, it’s me, the fourth Mary!) – Chaux Talk Editor

Jersey Mike’s Support Continues to Grow and Grow!

San Diego Mayor Bob Filner proclaimed March 27, 2013 -- Jersey Mike’s Day of Giving -- in the City of San Diego in recognition of Jersey Mike’s commitment to the community and Rady Children’s Hospital. The Day of Giving is the final event in Jersey Mike’s Month of Giving to benefit Rady Children’s. In April, Cathy Brown, franchise owner and Area Director, presented a check for more than $76,000 to our Auxiliary President Harriet Bossenbroek and Board Member Etta Osborn. Funds will be earmarked for Greatest Needs at the Hospital.

In 2010, Jersey Mike’s launched their initial fundraising effort to support Rady Children’s. Their first campaign resulted in raising $6,000 for the Hospital. Last year, they partnered with Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary for a month-long fundraising initiative that raised $45,000.

This year, Jersey Mike’s decided to expand their fundraising efforts by forming a community partnership with our Auxiliary. During the March Month of Giving, they donated 20% of all store proceeds from Wednesday night sales. And on March 27 -- Jersey Mike’s Day of Giving -- all 16 San Diego locations of Jersey Mike’s donated 100 % of proceeds from the entire day sales, raising more than $76,000! Similar to last year’s Day of Giving, Auxiliary members from all over the city rallied to provide support by handing out delicious cookies to patrons at the various Jersey Mike’s locations.

Thank you, Cathy Brown and Jersey Mike’s for your generous contribution and commitment to reach out and help kids at Rady Children’s!
To celebrate our 60th Anniversary, the Auxiliary made a commitment to help Child Life Services through the Diamond Anniversary Fund. Your incredible support through cash gifts and estate intentions will help patients and families at Rady Children’s for generations to come. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the future of our kids.

If you are interested in supporting the Diamond Anniversary Fund, please contact Elise Webster at 858-966-7537 or ewebster@rchsd.org.

Thank you for supporting the Diamond Anniversary Fund!

GO TEAM!

On March 21, 22 and 23, Rady Children’s team members from across the county gathered at the Town & Country Convention Center for the first ever Team Rady 2013 event. It was a chance for physicians, employees, volunteers and Auxilians to hear from the Hospital’s Leadership Team as they shared their aspirations for the future during fun, interactive and inspiring presentations.

Team members then had a chance to see some of those future plans come to life in “Innovation Hall” which highlighted the works and accomplishments of many Hospital departments. Innovation Hall also featured the exciting and innovative technology the Hospital will use in the near future.

Many Auxilians attended the event and waved flashing wands, enjoyed their “goodie” bags, saw inspiring patient story videos, and learned about the future of Rady Children’s. The group was introduced to “Rady D-2,” a “Y-1000 robot” that gives providers the ability to see and talk to patients and their families remotely. No more travel time to visit a consulting physician; they can come right to you thanks to Rady D-2!

It is safe to say that all expectations of this team event were met, and attendees left with a renewed sense of pride and fulfillment for the work they do on behalf of Rady Children’s.
Long-term members of the Dana Unit, one of the original Auxiliary units from 1953, can recount their early days of sewing circles and creating craft projects for the Fair and the Thrift Shop. Pat Wise, who has been with the Dana Unit for over 20 years, remembers the sewing circles and making 100’s of craft projects for the Hospital. She also recalls the Dana Unit’s small fundraisers with family and friends and informal wine tasting events. By contrast, today, Pat is the “Head Gardener” who coordinated this year’s spectacular *12th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk* on April 27 which had nearly 1,000 attendees.

How did members of the Dana Unit “grow” a major fundraiser that has become their signature event? Twelve years ago, members Debbi Greaves, Becky Hinchman and Maxine Garrigues proposed the idea of a garden tour. Over the years, as the Dana Unit has grown from about 20 members in 2002 to 50 members today, new members brought fresh, new ideas to the Garden Walk. As a result, every year, this event grows and becomes bigger and better!

According to Pam Caldwell, Dana Unit Chair, the Garden Walk started on a very small scale with members bringing in their own garden plants to sell at the Plant Boutique. One of their signature items became planted chairs and planted wagons. In 2002, they decided to expand with outside vendors and the popular *Garden Walk Boutique* was established. Dana Unit member Cordelia Mendoza contributed her business acumen and skills to running the Boutique. Today, the Garden Walk Boutique is featured in magazines and has been dubbed one of the top flea markets in the western U.S. Food vendors have also been added, such as Baron’s and Cardamom Cafe.

*Beauty Blooms and Hope Grows at the 12th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk*
It seems every year there is a new and different idea. At one point, the Garden Walk was expanded to include a tour of the interior of some homes when one resident opened her doors and said the most efficient route to her garden was through the house! Last year, Point Loma resident Suzy Spafford, the creator of Suzy’s Zoo, became involved and gave the Dana Unit rights to an original piece of artwork. Also last year, a new member came up with the idea of a Dana Diamond Tour, which includes a shuttle tour, guide and a gourmet lunch at a beautiful Point Loma residence. This year, the Diamond Tour was a huge hit with a lovely luncheon in the breathtakingly beautiful and welcoming home of Debbi Greaves, surrounded by her porcelain collections and original art.

Today, there are so many facets to coordinating the Garden Walk that it is like running a business. There is publicity, advertising, insurance, a website, a brochure, sponsorships and, of course, locating homes and gardens for the walking tour. As Pat Wise shares, the most gratifying aspect of the Garden Walk is handing over the funds that were raised to the benefiting department at Rady Children’s Hospital – Craniofacial Services. Every year, their contribution to Craniofacial Services has grown as has the Dana Unit’s dedication to this department. After 12 years of dedicated fundraising, a terrific relationship has “blossomed” with Dr. Jones and her department. Last year, Dana Unit member Gail Parker came up with the slogan – “The Point Loma Garden Walk — San Diego’s Most Beautiful Way to Support Rady Children’s.” Next year, the 13th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk is certain to be blooming with hope, joy and love, all planted with care by members of the Dana Unit.

Mary Rea - Chaux Talk Editor

10 Fundraising Tips for Successful Events from the Garden Walk

1. Choose the right project for your unit — the Garden Walk is the “right” project for the Dana Unit because it keeps members excited and involved.

2. Motivate your members. Have a goal of 100% participation. A team effort is essential where everyone contributes according to ability. For example, even those who are not in town during the Walk, perform the preliminary work.

3. Know your members and know their strengths. Everyone can contribute! Some members are great at asking for money and support; others prefer to work behind the scenes.

4. Know your members available time commitment. Most Dana Unit members work outside the home so the many small Garden Walk jobs work for them.

5. Maintain a chart of volunteers. Pam Caldwell, the Dana Unit Chair, maintains a chart of nearly 100 volunteers and members. Throughout event planning and on the day of the Walk, the chart is updated to show assignments and contributions of everyone involved.

6. Cultivate relationships with businesses. The Dana Unit has created strong ties to local businesses, nurseries and service organizations. According to Pat Wise, they have a “symbiotic relationship.” The businesses support them and in turn, they give business to their sponsors and participate in their fundraisers.

7. Always be on the lookout for new sponsors. Dana Unit members had business cards made up with contact information about the Garden Walk and when they are out in the community, they give out their cards.

8. “Grow” relationships with local newspapers. Articles and publicity will help to spread the word about your event to the community.

9. Look for ways to improve. At the conclusion of your event, have a debriefing session. Pam Caldwell starts the debriefing by requesting that each participant say something positive first and then they can offer a constructive criticism.

10. After your event, have a party or celebration. The Dana Unit sponsors a “Thank You” Party for homeowners, sponsors/donors and supporters at end of the event as well as Dr. Jones and her staff.
**Susan Basinger (Poway Unit)**

**Selected by San Diego Magazine in March as one of the “Top Lawyers of 2013”**

The Auxiliary is proud to recognize Susan Basinger of the Poway Unit who was recently selected by San Diego Magazine (March) as one of the Top Lawyers of 2013. Susan is an experienced trial lawyer, practicing law for over 25 years. Susan is a partner at the law firm of Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, where she has a general business and litigation practice with emphasis on healthcare (she often represents physicians and hospitals.)

Susan has been a member of the Auxiliary for four years, including positions as an Education Representative and co-chair elect for 2013-2014. Her dedication to Rady Children’s and the Auxiliary stems from growing up in a “culture of giving and volunteerism.” Her dad was a Minister. Additionally, she is intrigued by medicine and science and once considered becoming a physician. Today, her oldest son is Pre-Med at UCLA. According to Susan, volunteerism and being connected to the community is very important to her and with the Auxiliary -- “when your heart is in it -- you feel truly fulfilled.” She appreciates the cohesiveness of her Poway Unit and the wonderful women in the Unit she finds “very inspiring and talented.”

And with two sons who love sports, she is no stranger to Rady Children’s and the emergency room. In April, during an Auxiliary Education seminar, she toured the NICU with Dr. Honold and she was in awe of the medical care provided to the smallest patients and in particular, the heart/lung machine that the Auxiliary purchased. According to Susan, it is very gratifying to see the immediate, tangible results of the work we do.

In addition to “Top Lawyer” status, Susan has been assigned the highest possible “A-V Rating” by the Attorney ranking group (Martindale-Hubbell) in the areas of legal ethics and abilities and reputation. In her “spare” time, Susan enjoys traveling with her family. She is also an avid skier, runner, and loves to read. During this interview, Susan asked her younger son about her hobbies and he added that her favorite was “floating in the pool.”

**Mary Rea (Chaux Talk Editor)**

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**Vicki Warren (Bonita Unit)**

**Dedicated Bonita Unit Supporter and Miracle Maker**

The Bonita Unit would like to give a LOUD shout out and a HUGE acknowledgment to one of our members -- Vicki Warren -- who raised over $3,000 for Rady Children’s last year and has been a Miracle Maker for the last seven years. Vicki became a member of the Bonita Unit in 2006. From the time she joined our Unit, Vicki held several offices and was Chairman of many committees, including Co-Chairman of our annual Auction and Luncheon. Today, Vicki is a “Friend” of the Auxiliary due to her busy travel schedule.

Vicki and her husband Roy decided to spread their enthusiasm for life by joining and traveling with The Beaver Ambassador Motor Coach Club. There are over 900 members in their Club who travel to different destinations in the United States to participate in events. Last year, they traveled to Las Vegas for a large rally and Vicki coordinated an effort to raise funds at the rally for Rady Children’s Hospital.

Vicki is an inspiration to us all! We would like to thank her for all her hard work and fundraising efforts on behalf of our Unit and the Auxiliary. Vicki, we wish you, your husband and your generous Club -- safe journeys and adventures.

**Millie Boucree (Bonita Unit)**
In addition to celebrating our 60th Diamond Anniversary, the 2013 Annual Meeting was also a general membership meeting where Auxiliary business was conducted. One of the most important agenda items was the election of the 2013-2014 Auxiliary Board of Directors. These dedicated ladies, representing 14 units, have publicly committed to guiding our organization for the next year. We welcome them and applaud their gift of leadership!

Thanks also go to the 2013 Auxiliary Nominating Committee which was tasked with the responsibility of preparing a proposed slate of officers. The Committee did work hard, but enjoyed every minute of this assignment. Thanks, ladies!

Cheers to our Incoming Board of Directors!

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*Kids’ NewsDay Co-Chair*  

*Fantasy on Ice Co-Chair*  

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2013-2014 Auxiliary Board of Directors

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**Treasurer’s Corner**

Wow, what a year! Our units had a great year raising funds for the Hospital. The Designation of Funds Meeting which takes place this month (in June) is where our hard-earned funds will be allocated to various Hospital programs and departments, including “Greatest Needs.” This meeting is one of the most rewarding tasks of a Board member because we are able to see the culmination of our Auxiliary’s work as funds are designated to the benefiting programs.

With a new year on the horizon, it is time for the year-end audits of each unit’s financial records. In order to finish these audits in a timely manner, it is necessary for your Unit Treasurer to respond to their assigned Auxiliary Finance Committee member as soon as the request is received. The audits need to be completed before units start having events in the Fall. Please assist my wonderful volunteers in getting this final task completed.

I would like to personally thank Pat Wise for her service to the Finance Committee for the past two years and I would like to welcome Tina McDonald as the newest member of our Finance Committee. Tina joins Karry McDannald and Linda Aguilera as part of the team.

Have a wonderful and carefree summer,

Sharla Coyle - Auxiliary Treasurer
Unit Council Corner

This year, I discovered that there are several important tools needed by the Unit Council VP — a good map, a good navigation system, and a good sense of direction come in handy when you travel to meetings all over San Diego. I always laughed at the stories shared by past Auxiliary Presidents and Unit Council VPs who got lost trying to find meeting locations. I wondered how that could happen. Harriet and I had a great track record until . . . one evening, we tried to find Debbie Sakarias’ home in Alpine in what seemed the middle of the night (it was 6 PM.) Another time, we were totally turned around trying to find the Lakeside School District Office where the Mountain View Unit meets. Despite the modern convenience of our navigation systems with specific instructions to turn right in 300 feet, we still managed to get lost. We regrouped, we recalculated our route, we got back on track and we made it there — this time, laughing at ourselves.

Yes, Unit Council VP can sometimes be challenging but it is the BEST job on the Board! Despite getting lost once or twice, visiting units and meeting Auxiliary members was a favorite time followed closely by our Unit Council Meetings and attending unit events. We are so fortunate to have such creative and innovative members willing to give their time to advocate and fundraise for Rady Children’s Hospital!

It has been a great year, and I was honored to serve as Unit Council VP. Challenge yourself, step outside your comfort zone and take a position on your Unit Board or the Auxiliary Board. Everyone has something to offer! You’ll make lifelong friends, and deepen your connection with Rady Children’s.

“Don’t be afraid to expand yourself, to step out of your comfort zone. That’s where the joy and the adventure lie.” Herbie Hancock

Have a great summer! Cheryl Steinholt - Unit Council VP

Education & Advocacy Corner

It has been a wonderful year for Education and Advocacy! We were fortunate to have informative and interesting speakers address a variety of health-related topics and we enjoyed exceptional tours of the Hospital. I would encourage all of our members to attend the Education Seminars whenever they can.

Our speaker for February was David Pyatt, who is the Director of Operations, Orthopedic & Rehab Medicine. Mr. Pyatt gave us a great presentation on what is happening in the Orthopedic Department.

Construction on the new Orthopedic Center is underway on the 3rd floor of the Medical Office Building. They recently opened a new facility near the main campus that helped launch a program called 360 Sports Medicine, which is San Diego’s only comprehensive program for young athletes.

In 2012, they treated 60,000 patients and performed 4,301 surgeries. Something new is the EOS x-ray, which takes 2D/3D, head-to-toe images, using up to 10 times less radiation. The EOS orthopedic imaging machine provides remarkable detail and can produce three-dimensional images of the spine, enabling physicians to provide a more accurate diagnosis and plan an effective course of treatment. Rady Children’s is the first Pediatric Hospital in the US to have the EOS machine. As usual, Rady Children’s is always on the cutting edge!

In April, the Center for Healthier Communities offered a free program on water awareness at nine pools in the area, called April Pools Day, to provide information on how to keep children safe around water. A special thanks to some of our Auxiliary units (including Coronado, Del Cerro, Del Mar and Mesa) that volunteered their services at the pools to support this program.

Jackie Schloeder - Education and Advocacy VP
Ways & Means Corner

What another great year! Throughout the year, our Auxiliary units produced Fabulous, Fun & Creative events that will provide Rady Children’s Hospital with needed funds to give our children the best available healthcare.

We started off with the Del Cerro Unit’s A Fall Fantasy and rounded out the year with Young Professionals, Krawling for Kids! (Coming in August). Other events this year included:

- Rancho Santa Fe, Tee Up For Rady Children’s Hospital Golf Tournament & Stand Up For Rady Children’s Hospital featuring Jay Leno;
- North Coast, Spa La La & Date Nite for a Cause Take 2; Southeast Cluster, Jazz & Jeans; Scripps Ranch, Oktoberfest; Presidio, We’re on the Road Again, a bus trip to the Carlsbad Street Faire; Bonita, Annual Holiday Luncheon & Auction by the Bay; Rancho Bernardo, Poinsettia Sale; Alpine, Continental Breakfast & Cornucopia Class; North County, 31st Annual Holiday Boutique & Luncheon; Tierrasanta, Breakfast with Santa; Temecula, Poker for a Purpose Poker Tournament; Charitable Business, Charity Poker Tournament & Casino Night; Fuerte Hills, Sweet Charity; Dana, 12th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk; Mountain View, Boot Scootin’ Bunco; Poway, Tabletops & Tea; Del Mar, Heard It Through the Grapevine; La Playa, Celebration of Champions.

Several units held In-Unit events to fund and support their unit’s events and projects. These include: Alpine’s Birdhouses; Mesa’s yummy Butter Braids; North County - Oktoberfest; Scripps Ranch - Denim & Diamonds & 2nd Time Around Prom; Tierrasanta’s Rancho Bernardo Winery Home Tour and of course, their always popular Play Series. All of our units had many fun events throughout the year, all in the spirit of supporting Rady Children’s Hospital! My hat goes off to the Ways & Means Chairs from every unit -- Each and every event was INCREDIBLE. Thank you!

Finally, we held a fun and informative Ways & Means Workshop on May 22 designed for the 2013-2014 Ways & Means Chairpersons. We reviewed all the required procedures and forms needed for events as well as shared many great ideas to make every event successful.

Looking forward to gearing up for another FUN and SUCCESSFUL year.

Karin Whiteley - Ways & Means VP

Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego

Shamu & You Family Walk

Saturday, October 5, 2013 — 7:30 a.m.
Help Kids-One Step at a Time. Join the CHAUX WALKers!

You are invited to join the Auxiliary’s walk team for a fun morning at SeaWorld with your friends, family and co-workers. All of the Auxiliary’s team donations and registrations will benefit the Diamond Anniversary Fund that supports Child Life Services at Rady Children’s.

Even if you can’t walk with us on October 5th, you can still register as a virtual walker!

Joining the CHAUX WALKers is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Register online at www.shamuandyouwalk.kintera.org/CHAUXWALKers Make sure that you join CHAUX WALKers!
2. Invite your friends, family and co-workers to join the team!
3. Fundraise to help kids even more! Fundraisers receive prizes and Kite Club members receive extra special perks.
Membership Corner

Auxiliary membership renewal began on April 15. However, if you have not yet renewed your membership for 2013-2014, it’s not too late. And here are ten reasons why it is so important to renew your Auxiliary membership NOW:

10. All your best friends belong to the Auxiliary.
9. You want to earn your service pin for continuous membership.
7. You want to keep receiving your copy of Chaux Talk in order to keep up with all the Auxiliary activities and fundraisers.
6. You want to share your Unit’s activities with other units.
5. You want to learn about how other units are raising funds for Rady Children’s Hospital.
4. You want to walk with Shamu in October and celebrate at the Celebration of Champions® in May.
3. You want to sell newspapers on Kids’ NewsDay and ice skate at Fantasy on Ice.
2. You want to learn about how the caring staff at Rady Children’s Hospital takes excellent care of sick and injured children.
1. And, most important, because you will join together with 1,200 Auxiliary members who work in partnership with Rady Children’s Hospital to advocate for the health and well-being of children throughout San Diego County.

You can renew your membership by giving a check to your Unit Membership Representative, or even easier, you can renew your Auxiliary membership online. Renewing your Auxiliary membership is as simple as turning on your computer.

Finally, the Auxiliary and the Membership Committee welcome the newest members of our Auxiliary family, the fifty members of the new Coronado Unit. The Coronado Unit is off to a great start, and we wish them all the best as they join our efforts on behalf of Rady Children’s Hospital.

Your Membership Committee:

Ann Desmond – Membership VP
Sherry Beckhart – New Unit Coordinator
Jeanie Scott – Membership Committee Member
Save the Date!

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Unit News

Alpine Unit

The Alpine Unit was busy getting ready for our booth at the Celebration of Champions® event. We painted more than 400 mini pots for the kids to fill with beautiful flowers.

Have you seen the flowers provided at Auxiliary events created by our Unit Chair Brenda Landini? The “Soda” confections at the Semi-Annual Meeting and the arrangements at the Fuerte Hill’s Sweet Charity Mexican Fiesta event were put together by Brenda and her floral arts class at Chaparral High School. While studying abroad in Italy, Brenda went into a flower shop to get flowers for an instructor. That’s when she met her husband Paolo. She returned to the USA and finished her degree then went back to Italy. Brenda helped out in Paolo’s family flower shop after his father died. After moving to Alpine, she assisted in the floral department at El Capitan High School, which provided training for her current position of Floral Arts Instructor.

Many of you are familiar with Brenda’s expertise in floral arrangement and instruction, as you’ve taken classes from her in the past. Our Unit will again offer the Cornucopia Fundraiser on November 23. Like last Fall, there will be two sessions with lunch and a boutique between sessions.

Our Christmas Birdhouse Fundraiser will be on Saturday, December 14. We are doing it differently this year. You will have the opportunity to follow Brenda’s directions to create your own centerpiece. In the morning session, you’ll create a Christmas Birdhouse arrangement, and in the afternoon class a complementary table centerpiece. You can take one or both classes. Make sure to add these dates to your calendar! — Debbie Sakarias

Bonita Unit

Our newly elected Board members and Committee chairs are energized and moving forward with many grand ideas and plans for our future Holiday Auction/Luncheon in November. Please mark your calendars and Save the Date: November 10. This Auction is very special to us, as we will be celebrating our Bonita Unit’s 25th Anniversary. We are pulling out all the stops to make it our most fun, exciting and successful Auction to support Rady Children’s Hospital. In the September edition of Chaux Talk, all pertinent information will be available. Don’t forget to mark your calendars!

We have chosen Rady Children’s Trauma Center to be our Unit’s designated beneficiary for the November Auction/Luncheon. Our April meeting was held at Rady Children’s to better understand and appreciate the work that is done there. It was informative and inspiring to have Sue Cox, Director of the Trauma Center and Volunteer Services, explain the history and functions of the Rady Trauma Center, which is the oldest pediatric trauma center in the world! We sincerely thank Sue for sharing her time and knowledge with us, and we wish her good luck in her pending retirement! Also at our meeting, three new members were introduced -- Kim Vitha, Irene Ainza and Maria O’Donnell. Their willing spirits and enthusiasm will surely be an asset to our Bonita unit!

On April 21, Theresa Capanis and Jackie Guerra held their annual Theresa’s Marketplace. Theresa and Jackie have hosted this venue for several years now and the Marketplace just gets better and better. There was such an array of vendors with many choices for those special gifts and must haves. The smorgasbord of food was fabulous and the wine never ran out. Thank you, Theresa and Jackie, for all your hard work, expertise and time that you put into this event!

We give a huge Thank You to Andi Redcrow, Marilyn Williams and Kim Gorman for hosting our large group these past few meetings.

Wishing you a Fun and Safe summer, Millie Boucree
Charitable Business Unit

In rounding out our first year, the Charitable Business Unit (CBU) has made many new friends in the business community! In April, 6 Degrees San Diego and Alexander Salazar Fine Art donated a check to Rady Children’s Hospital from the 2nd Annual Charity Poker Tournament (which was the CBU’s first In-Unit fundraiser). In addition, 6 Degrees San Diego hosted the CBU as their featured charity of the evening at a Networking Mixer at Bailiwick in the Gaslamp Quarter on April 24. The CBU members mingled with business men and women from the community to raise awareness for the Hospital, and to meet like-minded individuals who would like to be a part of the Auxiliary.

The CBU is very proud of all our members and the many wonderful accomplishments that were made this past year. We especially want to thank the Auxiliary Board and staff, the Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation, Unit mentors, and 6 Degrees San Diego.

We look forward to many more wonderful experiences and new friends. — Julie Davis

Coronado Unit

Hello -- We’re the new kids on the block! The Coronado Unit was officially chartered on February 26 with 31 members; by April, the Unit had grown to 46 members!

Board members are Rev. Dr. Marilyn Menges, Chairperson; Nancy Iverson, Hospital Liaison; Cathy Brown, Treasurer; Jenny Driessen, Secretary; Kris Grant and Hilary Peters, Co-chairs Membership; Carrie Mickel and Jessica DiGrazia, Co-chairs Education; LyAnne Barnes and Katie Hart, Co-chairs Social; Ann Goodfellow and Amy Wray, Co-chairs In-Unit Ways and Means; and Angela Stanley, Out-Unit Ways & Means.

Our new Unit voted to sponsor a child at the Bernardy Center. The Education Committee made a presentation on a tour they attended at Rady Children’s phenomenal neonatal unit and encouraged all Unit members to attend future educational programs.

Mother/daughter Board members Goodfellow and Wray have been busy initiating “In Unit” fundraisers, including grab bag raffles with donations from local merchants and soliciting member donations to share “Brags, Blessings and Prayers.” A “No-Bake Bake Sale” has already generated funds, plus no muss or fuss in the kitchen!

In May, our new Unit will host a jewelry and clothing vendor sale at the Wray’s home with a portion of proceeds going to the Unit. In June, a wine auction, this time at the Goodfellow’s bayside home, will serve as another In-Unit fundraiser and allow members, spouses and significant others to become better acquainted. Here’s how the wine auction works: each member brings two bottles of wine, one for “tasting,” the other, to be auctioned. The price the member paid for the bottle is the opening auction price. Members will each bring an hors d’oeuvre; the result: a sure-fire way to raise money with absolutely no overhead. With the seed money in hand from this year’s In-Unit programs, the Out-Unit Ways and Means Committee is planning its first program for March 2014. Stay tuned!

Kris Grant
Dana Unit

The 12th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk was once again well-received by all who attended and is surely San Diego’s “Most Beautiful Way to Support Rady Children’s Hospital.” This year’s tour was in the Ocean Beach area, which is a relaxed, friendly area of San Diego. The seven homes toured on this year’s Walk were each unique in their own way. Each one had its own surprises: a monk statue and other sculptures in the garden, bountiful vegetable beds and fruit trees, a decorative chicken coop, a hidden Zen garden and an antique truck named Buford. Thanks to the gracious homeowners who opened their homes and gardens to the tour, including Dana Unit’s own Ann Desmond.

The second annual Diamond Tour included a shuttle to the homes on the tour, goodie bags and a delicious luncheon prepared and hosted by Unit member Debbi Greaves and helpers at her Point Loma home. We were excited to have several officers of the Auxiliary on the tour: President Harriet Bossenbroek, Secretary Natalie Emerson and Chaux Talk Editor Mary Rea. I’m sure all will agree that they enjoyed their day.

This year, the participating homeowners were honored with a ceremony held at the home of Debbi Greaves where they were presented with commemorative plaques from the Dana Unit that can be placed in their gardens. Other volunteers and donors were also recognized at the event. The evening ended with the presentation of a generous contribution from Garden Walk proceeds to Dr. Marilyn Jones, Medical Director of Craniofacial Services at Rady Children’s. — Sue De Leon

Del Cerro Unit

Karen Haak graciously opened her beautiful home to our Unit for our March meeting. Spring seemed to invade our overall sense of “invigoration” as we continued to plan for our upcoming event — A Fall Fantasy, now scheduled for October 12 at The DoubleTree by Hilton in Mission Valley. The Del Cerro ladies were exuberant while discussing some of the exciting ideas for our vendor booth: pine cone fire starters, baby sweaters, burlap Christmas trees, holiday wreaths, etc. Thank goodness we have a few months to complete our hefty “To Do” list of projects!

Louise Freisleben, a retired Special Education teacher, was announced as our 34th member. We welcome her input and expertise in the many areas that can help us, as a group, increase the recognition and financial contribution to those at Rady Children’s Hospital. As with all of our members, Louise has already established herself as a valuable asset to achieving our end goal. Welcome Louise!

On a personal note, I continue to be inspired by the enormous generosity of our women; not only in supporting our particular efforts within our Unit, but by the way they all “cross-over” to strengthen and subsidize other unit’s fundraising activities, some of which include Jersey Mike’s, Date Night for a Cause 2, as well as many, many more. Their tireless commitment inspires me on a daily basis. Once again, let us remember that our opportunities remain abundant as we embrace our committed efforts to help the kids.

Happy Summer everyone! — Kim Emerson
**Del Mar Unit**

The Del Mar members teamed up with **En Fuego Cantina** in March to bring awareness to the miracles happening at the Emergency Department and our event **Heard It Through the Grapevine**. DJ Madison, from Madison in the Morning on 102.1 KPRi, was the guest bartender and 10 percent of proceeds were donated from the evening. Thanks to all who attended, donated and ordered Miracle Tacos in the month of March, and a big thanks to En Fuego for their donations and making this a successful and fun annual In-Unit event.

In March, Farryl Moore, Membership Chair, and Past Auxiliary President, introduced our honorary guest and returning member Norma Yates. Norma is also a Past President, and we are all thrilled to have her back. Another successful **Jersey Mike’s** event as members gathered to give out cookies all over San Diego. We are also thankful for Dr. Stacy Ulrich, our dynamic Advocacy Representative; she coordinated the volunteers for **April Pool’s Month** at the Boys and Girls Club in Solana Beach and encouraged others to come out to volunteer in other cities and to spread the word about pool safety.

In May, we hosted **Heard It Through the Grapevine** at Santaluz; celebrated all of the good taking place in our Unit and the Auxiliary; recognized members who have given of themselves to help others all year; and we motivated others to join by becoming a member at our **New Member Tea** that was held at the end of May.

Have a safe and happy summer, **Annette Fargo**

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**Fuerte Hills Unit**

The Fuerte Hills’ members once again demonstrated how special they are. The Unit’s annual spring fundraiser **Sweet Charity** was a huge success! The “Mexican Fiesta” theme featured bright and bold colors along with beautiful centerpieces and fun-filled Bunco and bridge. Many thanks to Co-chairs Judy Scharer and Sandy McMillan, and their committee for a job well-done. Auction Co-chairs Bev Little, Shara Stadler and Jackie Williams did an extraordinary job on the auction and opportunity items. And, as usual, the entire membership worked tirelessly for the success of the event. The proceeds of the event will benefit the Orthopedics/360 Sports Medicine Department at Rady Children’s.

We wish you all a relaxing and fun summer with your family and friends. **Kasey Sweat**
Unit News

La Playa Unit

The La Playa Unit was privileged and honored to host two pediatric patient families during our March and April meetings. These amazing individuals shared with us their very personal journeys along with their intense emotional and physical struggles. The depth of strength shown by these children and their loved ones was incredibly inspiring. Listening to our guests, we gained invaluable insight into how much our support and hard work help families facing pediatric cancer. The psychosocial programs that we help support at the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children’s make all the difference in the world to patients and their families during the most challenging time in their lives.

With our hearts full and focused, we continued to work feverishly to make sure that the 18th Annual Celebration of Champions® was a triumphant success. We have so many people to thank for their help in creating such an incredible day! We have many wonderful stories and memories to share and look forward to doing so in the near future.

In March, we were excited to announce our La Playa 2013-2014 Board Members. We are very grateful to our past Board who worked so hard for our Unit throughout the year. A special thanks to our past Chairman Linda Hervey who always lead us with her strong dedication and uplifting spirit.

— Nicole Wickstrand

Mountain View Unit

Our Boot Scootin’ Bunco night was full of laughter, shouts of “Bunco” and FUN! The silent auction baskets were filled with gardening ideas, children’s craft fun, baking items galore and baseball and football fun, too. The Opportunity Drawings were exciting with lots to choose from along with great door prizes and, of course, the Bunco Cash winners that let out their “hoots and hollers” as they were announced. The money raised will be used to support Rady Children’s Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders.

The Boot Scootin’ Bunco night began with a delicious barbeque dinner which included beef or ham, macaroni salad, beans, coleslaw and rolls. The fabulous desserts were provided by our Mountain View members. The dessert tables were lined with a variety of delightful sweets from freshly baked brownies to chocolate-covered strawberries. We would like to send out a big thank you to our chairman Heather Bush, our Auxiliary members, and our wonderful sponsors and donors.

At our April meeting, we met at Terry Callen’s home and had a wonderful pizza dinner and a short business meeting where we approved our slate of officers for 2013-2014. The next project for the evening was to tackle putting together the many wonderful baskets for Boot Scootin’ Bunco Night.

The summer will have our members traveling to far and wide vacation spots. We will have a social gathering in August to welcome everyone back and invite new members. We look forward to another year full of activities and events to support Rady Children’s Hospital.

— Brenda Clark
North Coast Unit

The North Coast Unit would like to thank everyone who came out to The Belly Up and helped make Date Night for a Cause, Take 2, a huge success. Our Event Chairs Teresa Leitstein and Lacey Morgan did an amazing job, keeping the best elements from last year and adding a few improvements as well. Their efforts, along with tremendous support from our sponsors, donors, Unit members and Board, allowed us to raise funds for The Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children, including a considerable donation toward its exceptional summer camp program -- Camp Able.

As the year comes to a close, we would like to thank our Unit Co-chairs LeAnn Rytz and Jen Busick for all their hard work. We would also like to welcome next year’s Co-chairs Teresa Leitstein and Irene Defesche -- we are very fortunate to have their leadership going into the summer. We also hope to have an Event Chair very soon to help us decide whether to host Spa La La or another fun fall event -- check your next Chaux Talk for all the details.

Meanwhile, have a wonderful, relaxing summer. – Coleen Young

North County Unit

Greetings from the North County Unit -- In April, we enjoyed our annual Membership Tea, presented by our energetic and capable Membership Chair Margie Cartwright and hosted by members of our group. The hosting ladies created lovely tea tables using treasured china and beautiful centerpieces, and the membership made luscious treats for all to enjoy. An inspiring speaker shared his family’s personal experiences with Rady Children’s, and at the end of the Tea, we were delighted to welcome four new members to our Unit!

In keeping with the celebration of the Auxiliary’s history, we would like to honor three women who were Charter Members of our Unit, and who are still very active members. These women -- Jane Reed, Penny Andersen and Phyllis Stephenson -- have given so much of themselves in time, talent, and support of every Unit project since its beginning, and they are an inspiration to us all.

In May, we had our annual Installation Luncheon, held at the Shadowridge Country Club. It was as always a wonderful afternoon. We bid farewell to the old Board and Committee Chairpersons and welcomed the new, many of whom returned to their positions. Our “Secret Pals” names were revealed and the new ones assigned; always surprising and fun.

Now the time has come to relax, and recharge our batteries over the summer so that we’re ready to gear up in September, when we will continue to prepare for our Oktoberfest and of course, our 32nd Annual Holiday Luncheon, December 7. Hope to see you there!

Best wishes from North County for a wonderful, relaxing summer. -- Nancy Baldry
Unit Events

Poway Unit

On Sunday, May 5, we held our annual Tabletops and Tea fundraising event at the Rancho Bernardo Inn. It was a fabulous afternoon of boutique shopping, silent and live auctions along with a luncheon with tea service. The theme was “A Tea for All Seasons” and we raffled off ten beautifully decorated seasonal table tops.

Funds raised this year will benefit the Diabetes/Endocrinology Department. Our guest speakers were Kendall Brooks and Dr. Susan Philips. Kendall is a high school sophomore who was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at 16 months of age. Kendall spoke about how she has led a healthy, productive and very active childhood in spite of the disease. Dr. Philips is Kendall’s doctor in the pediatric Endocrinology Department at Rady Children’s.

A huge thank you to event chair Bridgett Brown and her hardworking Tea Committee, as well as all of the table decorators, members and volunteers that worked so hard to make the day a great success. Thanks also to those of you who came out from other units to support our event. It is the highlight of our year as a Unit and we love seeing you there!

Looking ahead it is hard to believe summer is just around the corner and we are already planning for the coming year. Membership renewals are underway and a summer-time social is in the works.

Happy summer to all! – Denise Zogby

Presidio Unit

It is hard to believe that summer is here and another eventful year is behind us. Our Succulent Planting Event, at the home of Joyce Knott in May, was a successful In-Unit fundraiser. Stephanie Wilson from the Southeast Cluster Unit was our guest speaker and a great source of knowledge about succulents. A special treat was the delicious tacos by Tacos Locos. The funds from this event will finance our major fundraising event -- a Fashion Show by Chico’s and Luncheon planned for March, 2014.

Presidio Unit is celebrating our Diamond Anniversary this year! Sixty years of supporting Rady Children’s Hospital and having fun together. Linda Rains and Margaret Bartlett worked on our Unit’s scrapbook pages for the Annual Meeting. Looking at old photos brought to mind memories of good times shared from making Raggedy Anne Dolls to our many Bus Trips. We always seem to share fun and laughter! We recently had lunch at the beautiful home of Diana Hilton. We were greeted in her driveway by two beautiful peacocks who claim Diana’s home as their own. That was certainly a unique experience!

Our members love to travel and we look forward to hearing about their travel adventures. Helena Sturgill just returned from Cuba on a Medical Mission. Joyce Knott and Kay Anderson enjoyed a few glorious days in Yosemite. We look forward to hearing more travel stories at our Fall meeting.

– Linda Gillett
Rancho Santa Fe Unit

The Rancho Santa Fe Unit enjoyed a wonderful Springtime. Following the highly successful Stand Up For Rady Children’s Hospital Annual Gala featuring Jay Leno, which raised a record-breaking amount in monetary contributions, the Annual Blood Drive brought in even more contributions of a life-giving kind! Our Unit members themselves as well as many recruits contributed enough blood to touch the lives of 54 people. The blood drive took place at the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center on April 29. Blood donors and volunteers received gift cards for a free “S” shot, thought to boost the health and immune system, from Dr. Brenda Marshall. Donors also enjoyed the delectable desserts from the Thyme in the Ranch restaurant. A masseuse was even on hand to give a little pampering relaxation reward.

Summertime now means new board members are being elected and planning for next year’s events and activities is taking place -- to make next year top even the outstanding results from this year.

– Jan Wehlage

Rancho Bernardo Unit

The April meeting was well attended as the members wanted to personally welcome our guests Harriet Bossenbroek and Cheryl Steinholt. We had a lively meeting starting with a memory game and then discussions on membership and unit positions for the next year. We spent some time getting volunteers to man our fishing booth for the Celebration of Champions®, and a newer member Michele Prescott graciously offered to bring some girls from another charity organization to give us a hand. Many of us were trying to decide what other fun unit fundraiser we could attend.

Nancy Kempf again offered a wonderful review of the Educational meeting. We were particularly happy to see Tina McDonald stroll in on her two new knees to give her Treasurer’s report. Our final meeting and luncheon of the year will be a time for us to honor two of the companies that have continuously supported our Poinsettia fundraiser. Beautiful invitations made by Donna Tyler were sent inviting them to our May 15th luncheon. Jackie Schloeder showed lovely engraved awards that will be presented to these companies at the luncheon as a token of our gratitude.

As the year winds down we wish all the other units much success on their fundraisers, and everyone a happy and relaxing summer.

– Marcia Clingman
Spring is a busy time for our Unit! After fundraising this year in support of Child Life Services, our members thoroughly enjoyed a presentation and tour at the Hospital featuring the goals and successes of Child Life Services. In March, we collected and made donations to the Clothes Closet and handed out cookies at Jersey Mike’s Day of Giving. Recently, we staffed the ever-popular “Tattoo Booth” at the heartwarming Celebration of Champions® event.

After a Mini-Visioning Day, our Unit Board recommended creating a new Advocacy position to enhance community education and awareness. Our members enthusiastically voted in favor of this new position and it has been added to our Slate of Officers for 2013-2014.

With Membership Renewals in full swing and our Membership Slate complete for next year, we celebrated the end-of-a-productive-and-fun year with a classy, yet casual Dinner in White Affair at Kathy Steinhauser’s home. Of course, all of our members dressed in white attire. We divided into teams and held a decorating contest to see which team could create the loveliest white centerpieces and table decor. A prize was given for the most beautiful white centerpiece. With music from the ‘50s featuring female singers playing in the background, we had a sit-down dinner provided by Yanni’s Bistro. It was a memorable end-of-year and beginning-of-summer Social.

Wishing everyone a fun and relaxing summer, Yvette Gilman

Southeast Cluster Unit

At the April meeting of the Southeast Cluster Unit (SECU), Dr. Gail Knight, Division Director of Neonatology at Rady Children’s, provided a briefing about the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit followed by a tour of the facility. This was particularly exciting because in Fall 2012, we hosted the Jazz & Jeans fundraiser benefiting the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The tour was great and it was a wonderful reminder about the importance of the Auxiliary and the work carried out by all of the units.

The huge success of Jazz & Jeans last year prompted us to get ready for the second consecutive year. Led by our event Chairperson Geraldine Williams, the planning has started and committees formed. She has recruited an energetic group to assist her and if you don’t want to miss a great time, you should probably reserve your tickets today. We hope to see you Saturday, October 5, 4-7 PM, on the Steam Ferry Berkeley, Maritime Museum.

Our Unit members stay busy. From collecting new clothes for parents staying with a sick child to handing out cookies at the Jersey Mike’s “Make A Difference” Campaign, call us and we are there.

We hope all of you have a wonderful summer! — Carolyn Smith
Unit Events

Temecula Unit

Wow, another great Auxiliary year has flown by! Our 2012/2013 year closed with a fun family pool party celebrating our wonderful Unit and our supportive families. We are so appreciative of the strong support we receive from both our members and families!

We have been busy with wrapping up Poker For A Purpose; working with our local NICU here at Rancho Springs Murrieta to raise awareness; and participating in various events, including the Temecula Rod Run, Temecula Wine & Jazz Festival, Taste of Temecula and our final mixer of the year sponsored by Lazy Dog Restaurant. We have barely had a moment to look at the 2013/2014 Auxiliary year! We do have our Membership Drive Mixer coming up at the end of September that will unite Temecula and Murrieta Valley as well as our NICU Raffle Fundraiser being held in October.

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— Jessica Vulovic

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— Pam Hanig

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