Cathy Brown (far left) and Kristina Koltai (far right) present a check from Jersey Mike’s to Auxiliary President Harriet Bossenbroek (middle left) and Fund Development Vice President Karen Shusterman (middle right).
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.”

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Kid-Friendly Recipe

This has been my family’s favorite cake recipe for many years. Not only is it easy enough for the kids to make all by themselves, but now that my kids are grown up, this is still the cake they want on their birthdays!

**Poppy Seed Cake**

Grease and flour an angel-food type tube pan, and set the oven at 350 degrees.

To one package of yellow cake mix add:
- ¾ cup apricot nectar
- ¾ cup cooking oil
- 3 or 4 eggs (depending on how cheap you feel)
- 2-ounce package poppy seeds
- and NO WATER

Mix it all up as directed on the cake mix box, spread evenly in the tube pan and bake for 45 minutes. Let cool very slightly and remove from pan. While the cake is still hot, poke holes in it with a skewer, then drizzle the top with a mixture of 1/3 cup granulated sugar and a couple tablespoons of lemon juice.

Ann Desmond, Chaux Talk Editor
In looking back at my first President’s message this year, I saw that I reflected on the many changes that had taken place over the summer. It appears that change was the mantra for the remainder of the year. Sadly, we said good-bye to Kathleen Sellick, the well-respected President and CEO of the hospital, when she had to take an early medical retirement. On a happy note, Kathleen continued her strong support of the Auxiliary and immediately joined the La Playa Unit. In addition to her “dues paying” membership, the Board voted to make Kathleen an honorary life member and presented her with a RCHA necklace at her farewell party.

We also said good-bye to long time staff member, Frances Meda. The Board had the opportunity to thank her for her many years of working for the Foundation and supporting the Auxiliary in so many ways. We wish her the best in all that she does. Her position will be filled in the near future.

On a positive note, Rebecca Robinson became a permanent employee assigned part-time to the Auxiliary. Those of us who have worked closely with her have appreciated her professionalism and enthusiasm.

Perhaps the biggest change for me personally is the ending of my two-year presidency. I really can’t adequately express what a fulfilling experience this has been for me. Having the opportunity to visit the units, attend their fundraisers and meet with them at various functions, I always left with a sense of awe with how warm and caring our members are. I can’t believe that there is another organization that remains so engaged and accomplishes so much.

It was so much fun to start my presidency with the 60th Anniversary Celebration and ending it with our Annual Meeting held at the San Diego Zoo! I was so excited to announce at the meeting that we met our $600,000 goal for the Diamond Anniversary Fund! My thanks to all who gave so generously to ensure that Child Life Services continues their important work.

Our final change is the Auxiliary office moving to the second floor of the Plaza Building. It is fitting that this fresh new office will be ready in time for our new President, Cheryl Steinholt, and her new Board.

I can’t leave office without thanking my outstanding fellow Board members who supported me in our goals, the office staff who are always there to lend a hand, and to you my fellow Auxilians.

Enjoy your summer,

Harriet Bossenbroek, President
Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary
A Time I Felt Great Pain — by Abby Smith

[Editor's Note: Abby Smith wrote this article in 2012 when she was 12-years old, four and half years after she met Max at the Celebration of Champions. Abby is the daughter of Carmel Valley Unit member and Auxiliary Historian Edith Smith.]

It began on one beautiful summer day in 2008, over my old Monopoly board. The phone rings and my Mom holds up a finger to show that she must not be disturbed, so I busy myself with sorting out my brightly colored Monopoly money. When I look up, I’m startled to see my Mom’s face shining with silent tears. As I look inquisitively into my mother’s eyes, waiting for an explanation, I see an expression on her face that I can’t read. I’ve seen many expressions framed by that shining brown curtain of hair before, but none I can pair up with this. She opens her mouth, closes it, then opens it again, and this time sound comes out. “Max just died,” she says in a tremulous voice.

I close my eyes and watch scenes flash before me. I can recall them as if they were yesterday: meeting Max at Children’s Hospital’s Celebration of Champions, a celebration for those who have survived cancer, making scores of paper airplanes and watching them glide over the rolling hills and smooth sidewalks as we waited for his victory relay to start, then keeping perfect pace with him as we ran, and, finally, Max’s laugh as we played on the grassy areas between the gently sloping sidewalks. He couldn’t be dead, he just couldn’t! He couldn’t because... because... because he would never leave us, because... I look into my Mom’s eyes again, and suddenly I know what that feeling is. It’s hopelessness. It’s certainly what I’m feeling. We embrace, and it’s a long time before either of us stops crying. After I heard of my friend’s untimely death, I drew pictures, wrote letters, and made all the money I could, and managed to raise $3,060 in his memory, giving me the status of Rady Children’s Hospital’s youngest “Miracle Maker”. Looking back, I realized that Max had not only taught me what it feels like to lose someone who you care about, but how it feels to work to benefit a charity that you really believe is important. And if I close my eyes, I can still remember his laugh as we let our airplanes soar.

Unit Council Corner

Dear Unit Chairs,

As this year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your leadership and commitment to Rady Children’s Hospital. It has been a wonderful year, full of fun and enthusiasm, and I feel blessed with all the new friends I have made.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding work you consistently perform and your patience and flexibility to meet any challenge. Thank you for all the meetings you attended and the many fundraising events. Because of your efforts, we are able to change the lives of many children.

Lastly, I thank you for letting me serve as Unit Council VP. It has truly been a joy!

Sincerely,

Jackie Schloeder, Unit Council Vice President

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”. Margaret Mead
Education Corner

Thank you to all the dedicated Education Representatives, several of whom attended every meeting in 2013-14. It was a great year, and we learned so much about a wide variety of programs at Rady Children’s Hospital. The topics covered included Kawasaki Disease, the Chadwick Center, Palliative Care, and the Orthopedics and Scoliosis Center (including a tour) in the fall. Beginning in January, we learned about the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Services program (CAPS), the Medical Behavioral Unit, the Laboratory (another excellent tour), and the Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Program. If some of you missed the chance to attend or get information about any of these seminars, please contact me, or your unit representative, for a copy of the notes.

Hopefully each of you will try to attend at least one Education Meeting next year if you can, even if you are not your unit representative. The knowledge that you will gain and be able to share with others is invaluable. When you realize that the topics covered were only a small fraction of the programs and services available, it reinforces why we in the Auxiliary are so passionate about and committed to educating the community and advocating for Rady Children’s Hospital.

Lynne Lurie, Education/Advocacy Vice President

Membership Corner

Chaux One UP For...

Auxiliary Member Becky Hinchman

In early April Lynne Lurie, Auxiliary Board Education/Advocacy Vice President, arranged for the unit education reps and guests to take a rare behind-the-scenes tour of the Rady Children’s Hospital Laboratory Services. The staff of the many different lab departments took the time to answer our questions and explain their responsibilities.

As we walked through the Microbiology Lab, Clinical Laboratory Scientist Becky Hinchman, stopped her work to personally thank the group for all the work we do on behalf of the hospital. Becky mentioned briefly that she is also a proud member of the Auxiliary’s Dana Unit.

Becky joined the Dana Unit 31 years ago as a young mother of three who wanted to spend quality time with her Point Loma friends. A simple meeting icebreaker revealed that three members of this unit, Pam Caldwell, Maxine Garrigues and Becky, had been born and raised within 100 miles of each other in a small Midwest farming community. They went on to discover that they had many family and friend childhood connections and have been friends since that meeting over 20 years ago.

As the Dana Unit searched for the perfect fundraising opportunity, Becky and another friend, Debbi Greaves, proposed a Point Loma front and backyard walking tour of their own neighborhood after attending the Mission Hills Garden Walk. They secured 23 homes that first year and the walking tour was an instant success as the community welcomed the opportunity to help the children of San Diego.

As a short time after helping to establish the Point Loma Garden Walk, Becky was offered a position in the Microbiology Lab at Rady Children’s Hospital. She was thrilled to be joining the staff of an organization that already held a special place in her heart. A few years later the lab was temporarily relocated to another location and shared office space with the Craniofacial Department, which had earlier been named the sole beneficiary of the funds raised by the Dana Unit’s Garden Walk. Becky had a new understanding and appreciation for this department, which continues to benefit from the funds raised by the Point Loma Garden Walk, now in its 13th year.

Becky is a beloved member of the Dana Unit, a proud member of the Rady Children’s Hospital Microbiology Lab, where she has the opportunity to work with the top infectious disease specialists of both Rady Children’s Hospital and UCSD, and an even prouder grandmother of two young boys.

Jeanie Scott, Membership Vice President
**2014 Jersey Mike’s Month of Giving A Huge Success!!**

Jersey Mike’s local franchisees exceeded their goal of raising $100,000 for Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. Thank you to all Auxiliary members for helping to make this fundraiser a huge success by encouraging your friends, family and colleagues to eat at Jersey Mike’s during the month of March and especially on the Day of Giving, March 26th. On the Day of Giving, 100% of the sales proceeds from all San Diego County Jersey Mike’s locations were donated to the hospital. We are proud to report Auxiliary members were assigned to every Jersey Mike’s location for lunch and dinner to hand out free cookies to customers who bought their meals at Jersey Mike’s on the Day of Giving.

This is the third year we have partnered with Jersey Mike’s for this fantastic fundraising and advocacy opportunity. Jersey Mike’s Area Director and Franchisee, Cathy Brown, who is also a lifetime Auxiliary member, is a driving force behind making this event so successful year after year. Jersey Mike’s continues to expand the number of stores they have in San Diego County. We are grateful for this fantastic partnership, and we encourage you to support your local Jersey Mike’s throughout the year!

Karen Shusterman, Fund Development Vice President

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**Kids’ NewsDay**

Kids’ News Day is scheduled for October 21, 2014, but Susan and Mary, KND co-chairs have been working hard to revitalize the 25-year-old event, the longest standing Auxiliary-wide project. Not just a fundraiser, Kids’ News Day is an amazing opportunity to promote and advocate for Rady Children’s Hospital. The special edition paper should be read and used. The co-chairs have been meeting with seven different school superintendents from Fallbrook to Alpine, asking them not only to purchase the paper, but to use it in the classroom. The 9th District PTA has also heard how PTA members can get more involved this year. How can your unit help? Go into your community and get the service groups involved. Contact local fire and police to see how they can help. The more people we have involved, the more who hear about the ground-breaking work at Rady Children’s Hospital. If you have questions or ideas, contact Mary at mreynolds52@san.rr.com.

Mary Reynolds and Susan Atkins, Kids’ NewsDay Co-Chairs

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**Calendar... Looking Ahead**

**June**
- 17 – Auxiliary Designation of Funds Meeting
  12:00 – 2:00 pm/Plaza Suite 200

**October**
- 4 – Southeast Cluster “Jazz & Jeans”
  4:00pm – 7:00pm/Berkeley Ferryboat
- 18 – Del Cerro Unit “A Fall Fantasy”
  9:30am/Doubletree Hazard Center
- 21 – Kids’ NewsDay
  All Day

**November**
- 15 – Bonita Unit “Wrapped in Love”
  10:00am – 2:00pm/Lowes Coronado Bay Resort
- 27 – Coronado Unit Thanksgiving Day
  5K Family Fun Run
  8:00am/Glorietta Bay Park

**December**
- 6 – North County Unit
  “33rd Annual Holiday Luncheon”
  TBD/TBD
UNIT NEWS

Bonita

We would like to congratulate unit member Vikki Warren and her husband Roy, who celebrated their 50th anniversary in March. They continue to travel in their RV as they visit the sights of our beautiful USA. Congratulations to you both!

Also, congratulations to Sherry Beckhart’s son, Major Michael Beckhart, who has been selected for the Marine Corps Congressional Fellowship Program. He will receive training at the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University, followed by a one-year tour of duty on Capitol Hill in the personal office of a Senator or Member of Congress. Congratulations Michael!

We can’t forget to salute our very own unit member Kim Gorman, who has joined the Auxiliary Board as Membership Committee member. We know she will do us proud!

The month of May brought us the end of our working year and our installation dinner. We gathered together for a fabulous meal at the Via Lago Trattoria to say thank you to our old board, and say hello to the new. We would also like to thank all the ladies who opened their homes and graciously hosted unit meetings. There was lots of fun, energy, laughter, yummy snacks and camaraderie as we gathered to hear about KND, FOI, preparations for our Holiday Auction/Luncheon by the Bay, education meetings, and many other unit and Auxiliary events. We will now take a few months off to relax, rejuvenate and re-energize ourselves with vacations and stay-cations so that we come back refreshed to continue the wonderful work we do for the patients at Rady Children’s Hospital.

Bobbie Minton

Carmel Valley

The Carmel Valley Unit ended the year with several fun events. Prospective new members were invited to an informational brunch at the beautiful home of long-time member Lynne Carlson. The pouring rain did nothing to dampen the warm welcome those in attendance received from unit members as well as Board President Harriet Bossenbroek, and Auxiliary Director Sara Moten, who were on hand to meet new members.

The unit also hosted a social evening and mini fundraiser, “Bubbles and Baubles.” Held at Dyana Brown’s lovely home, the evening featured Dee Berkley’s exclusive line of jewelry and offered a great chance to sip champagne and chat with friends old and new. Dee generously donated 20 percent of all proceeds to Rady Children’s Hospital.

Carmel Valley again participated in Celebration of Champions, a tradition the entire unit supports. The ladies also filled their slate for 2014-2015.

The final event of the year was the ever-popular luncheon and “buy it for a buck” auction held at a member’s beachfront home in Del Mar. Lots of lucky winners brought home fun gifts and memories of another wonderful year spent supporting Rady Children’s Hospital.

We wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer!

Jeanne Neylon Decker
Dana Unit would like to thank our many friends from other units for their attendance at our 13th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk. Since it is an actual walk and covers a small geographical area, we were able to see and visit with fellow Auxiliaries as they made their way around the route. Our slogan, “The Point Loma Garden Walk, San Diego’s most beautiful way to support Rady Children’s Hospital,” rang true again this year. The threat of rain subsided and the sun came out. Garden walkers enjoyed eight home gardens with five interior tours or ‘peek ins’. The Dana Diamond Tour sold out. This private shuttle to the gardens also featured lunch in an historic home and garden that was not on the regular tour.

The Garden Boutique has become a destination in itself; plus one home featured an opportunity drawing for a beach-themed table-top. There were 86 names on the docent/volunteer chart and we continue to be grateful to our family and friends who year after year volunteer to help. We invited all the helpful people to our Thank You Party and Presentation on May 9th. Dr. Marilyn Jones, Director of the Cleft and Craniofacial Treatment Teams accepted our check on behalf of the Craniofacial Department.

Pam Caldwell
Del Cerro

It’s hard to believe how quickly time passes, but here we are celebrating May Day! I must admit however, the Del Cerro Unit members always enjoy each other’s company no matter WHAT month it is! Mary Reynolds and Susan Atkins, Kids’ NewsDay Chairs, attended our April meeting and described their new vision in soliciting funds to benefit the children, including an effort to utilize community outreach in a more efficient way. They shared that KND is the only Auxiliary-wide event left and stressed how important it is to continue to enhance the fund-raising endeavors.

The excitement in planning for our “Fall Fantasy,” to be held at the Town and Country Hotel October 18th, is in full swing. This year our event will benefit the Palliative Care Program. Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego continues its commitment to work closely with young patients and their families to provide a comprehensive approach to care, focusing on their physical, psychological, social, emotional and spiritual needs.

So many of our members offer endless hours of selfless contribution and we’d like to name just a few: Joan Larch Miller (she keeps us balanced), Fran Lupo (her direction is invaluable), Laurie Pieratt (the “scribe”), and last but not least, Arlene Ippolito (the comedian of the bunch). Often it seems, we don’t take the time to acknowledge their dedicated service or the enormous role they play in our daily lives on a more personal level. When some of our own fall ill or suffer tragedy we seem to gain a deeper understanding of what is truly important. Let us continue to apply that same appreciation for our health as we embrace our commitment to advocate for the children.

Kim Emerson
Clink, Clink . . . The ladies of the Del Mar Unit tended bar and collected tips at a private party in the upstairs bar at the recently opened Cucina Enoteca in Del Mar. SIP + SUPPORT is an annual advocacy and social event where proceeds benefit our sponsored child and birthday party held at the Bernardy Center, and other in-unit fundraising efforts. Patrons sipped, tipped, supported and shopped with vendors who gave back, while benefiting a great cause. One of our newest and most adorable members, Skye, was crowned ‘Pearl of the Month’ in honor of her enthusiasm for chairing the opportunity drawing, tending bar, and helping with the wine vendors.

The 53rd annual “Heard It Through the Grapevine” was a great success; tickets were purchased online for the first time. Santaluz was the picture-perfect place to host the event while sipping and savoring the many flavors of wine and cuisine. Attendees listened to live music and strolled through an amazing silent auction, and an entertaining live auction emceed by auctioneer Russ T. Nailz. One-of-a-kind experiences were up for grabs in the auction, from vacationing in Antigua to a front row at Lady Gaga.

Proceeds from our event benefited the Chadwick Center for Children and Families. The goal of this year’s event was to provide funding for a fellowship: world-class specialized training to a physician who will then go on to treat many children throughout his/her career.

Cheers to you and your summer!

Annette Fargo
Well, we did it! Another “Sweet Charity” fundraiser can be described as exhilarating, challenging, exciting, lucrative, exhausting and so rewarding. April weather cooperated and we were blessed with a beautiful day. With lots of flowers on the tables and in hanging baskets, the event was a great way to welcome spring. A great job of organizing was done by our Ways and Means Chairs Kathy Rookus, Karie Thurman and Sandy McMillan. This year we supported the Integrative Medicine Program at the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. It was very gratifying to be able to donate to this very worthy program.

We are so proud of our unit member and Past Auxiliary President Angela Wachtmann. In March she accompanied doctors from local hospitals to an area outside of Mexico City. As a nurse, she aided in 130 surgeries on needy children in the area. By sharing her experiences with us, she reminded us of how fortunate the children of San Diego are to have access everyday to Rady Children’s Hospital.

In May we participated in the La Playa Unit’s Celebration of Champions. We put together an ice cream sundae booth. Our committee chairs, Dot Sutton, Sandra Holloway and Paula Svoboda, bought tons of candy sprinkles, M & M’s, marshmallows, and everything gummy for the kids to put on their ice cream. Most of the time you couldn’t see the ice cream for all of the toppings. It is a great opportunity to see the kids and families who are helped by the hospital.

What we learned at the Celebration of Champions: Ice cream cures everything, if only for a day.

Wishing everyone a great summer from the Fuerte Hills Unit.

Carol Brown
Wow, it is hard to believe that our first year as the new Inland Empire Unit has come to an end. Our April Membership Meeting brought us two new members. "Welcome ladies, we can't wait for all we will be able to achieve together."

Our Bernardy Center birthday party on April 16th was a huge success. Having passed the flu around through our unit meant we couldn't stay, but a small mistake on counts of Mylar balloons and art projects resulted in many laughs trying to get 35 Mylar balloons into our car (the laughs continue, as we are now known as the balloon ladies). Most important, this silly miscount made for many smiles, much laughter, and precious memories for the staff, patients, and their parents. What a blessing to have been able to share in it all!

Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego and Rancho Springs Medical Center invited us to participate in their "Celebrating Moms: Mom and Baby Fair" on May 10th. It was so much fun getting to talk to new moms, moms-to-be and families about all the wonderful local health related services and healthy lifestyle resources that are available to them...GREAT way to start off Mommy’s Day weekend.

Our year closed with a fun Italian-themed dinner at the home of unit member Rachel Mason. We celebrated our returning members, thanked our committee members, welcomed our new members, laughed, ate way too much, and could barely contain our excitement as we shared our ideas for the coming year.

We look forward to continuing to grow our membership and all that the 2014-2015-year is sure to bring us!

We hope your summer is filled with laughter and many wonderful fun memories made with family and friends.

Allie Hamlin
La Playa

The La Playa Unit was excited about our 19th Annual Celebration of Champions on May 10, 2014. Last minute details were perfected and it was be a beautiful day of celebration, remembrance, and outdoor festivities at the Embarcadero.

Several of our members were able to attend the Mabel Jessop Symposium in La Jolla and enjoyed the presentations and a lovely luncheon. We also enjoyed handing out free cookies at Jersey Mike’s in March.

In April we had an inspirational speaker, Abigail Paulsen, who told us about her journey with her son who was diagnosed at 3 with cancer in his eye. He was treated, relapsed, and recently had his eye removed in another round of treatment. She expressed much gratitude for the work we do to provide counseling and support services for the entire family.

We put together dozens of snack packs for the hospital and are stocking the Sunset Cupboard at the Peckham Center. One of our member’s mother painted a gorgeous seaside scene on the cupboard, and it is stocked with cozy and comforting things for those families and children who are facing end-of-life moments at the hospital or at home. There was not a dry eye in the room as we heard about the cupboard’s importance to the families who utilize it.

We donated athletic shorts and socks to the Bernardy Center after Jet Heintz noticed that the kids’ socks mysteriously disappear in the wash and the teen children are growing like weeds and need new clothing.

June Olcott
We hope you were able to join us at “Date Night for a Cause” at The Belly Up -- this year’s event was especially fun with the addition of a photo booth, cupcakes and the music of Atomic Groove! Thanks to our wonderful event chairs, Michelle Johnson and Jessica Berg. Due to their hard work and the support of our sponsors, donors, unit members and Board, we were able to raise funds for the needs of The Chadwick Center for Children and Families -- including a new Therapy Van, since the current one has over 135,000 miles!

This year we have benefited from the leadership of our co-chairs, Teresa Leitstein and Irene Defesche -- thanks to them both -- and we are excited that Teresa will be staying on as co-chair for the coming year. We would also like to welcome new members taking on board positions for next year, including Tessa Nazardad (hospital liaison) and Eva Schiess (social). We expect to finalize the board soon so the next Chaux Talk should have more news of upcoming North Coast events.

The year ended on a beautiful note with our luncheon at Bellefleur -- thanks to Lacey Morgan for coordinating that and our other social events throughout the year. We wish you all a wonderful summer!

Coleen Young
UNIT NEWS

North County

North County Unit has enjoyed the Spring-into-Summer season.

In April our Membership Tea was a memorable occasion in many ways. First, the tables were beautifully decorated by members who shared their fine china, and centerpiece bouquets of fresh, spring flowers. There was an intriguing small Boutique featuring garden items and floral arrangements. After a short business meeting, luncheon was enjoyed and members and guests got acquainted.

The highlight of the event was the speaker. North County Unit Member Amber Smith shared the wonderful story of her personal experience as the mother of a newborn baby daughter, who was born with a serious heart problem, and the exceptional care both the baby and Amber received at Rady Children’s Hospital. A truly inspirational story! AND the icing on the cake was meeting this happy, healthy little girl in person!

In May there were two workshops at which members got "crafty" and creative, and the results of which you will see at our Holiday event… stay tuned. Also in May we held our Installation Luncheon, and all our new officers and chairpersons are now official. At the luncheon our "Secret Pals" were revealed - big surprises all around. New 'Secret Pals' for next year were distributed to participating members, and the games continue.

Our past president, Kathy Broach, created a novel way to get to know all the members, which we’ll pass along: Members fill out a short questionnaire about their own personal histories, likes, hobbies, etc., and at each meeting Kathy calls four or five members forward and reads their information to see if the other members can identify who’s who from the clues given. Food for thought while you’re relaxing this summer.

And a happy, relaxing summer to you all from North County!

Nancy Baldry and Mary Ellen Alton

Presidio

Never a boring moment for the women of Presidio Unit! Travel plans to some very interesting destinations will keep them busy this summer. Claire Dale is going on a "trip of a lifetime" to Africa. She and her husband Steve will visit museums and eat exotic foods. Margaret Bartlett and her daughter Lenore will spend two weeks touring Sicily. Sue Flynn will enjoy a cruise to Scotland and Ireland. When she returns, the family will enjoy beach time in Kauai. Mission Beach will be the fun destination for Linda Rains and three "gal pals" who plan a beach camping adventure right here in San Diego. Linda will also spend a week in beautiful St. Johns in the Caribbean. Wine tasting in Santa Ynez will be a fun vacation for Carol and Dick Williams. Linda Gillett will try the food and music in Austin, Texas; then head for a fabulous week in St. Augustine, FL where she will look for that "Fountain of Youth." We look forward to our fall meeting so we can hear details from our traveling women.

Sports and other activities of grandchildren keep our members busy; we all love being involved with our families. Presidio members can also be found supporting other units’ events, which we love to go to as a group.

Our Chico’s Fashion Show Fund Raiser was so much fun and so successful that we have decided to do it again. No firm date yet, but plans are already being made. Be sure to watch for our "Save the Date."

Linda Gillett
Rancho Bernardo

It is hard to believe the year is almost over!

Even though our membership participation has declined because of illness, surgeries and such, a small but busy core group has kept the unit chugging along. In February Lynn Cassidy hosted a unit social at her home. It was well-attended and everyone enjoyed the wine and snacks. It also provided a little variety to our usual monthly meetings.

Sadly we were unable to man our usual fishing booth for the Celebration of Champions over the Mother’s Day weekend. Many of us had other plans that included our families. Hopefully, next year we will be able to participate. We do love that special day! We were able to sponsor a runner, so all was not lost.

We did well with our poinsettia sales and were very happy to donate the proceeds to the Bernardy Center. On that note, we plan to honor another business for its continuous and generous support of our fundraiser: We asked Pam and Bill Fisher, local realtors, to join us for our final yearly meeting and luncheon. We presented them with a lovely glass memento accompanied by a profuse thank you from our unit members for the thousands of poinsettias they have purchased from us over the years. The Fishers give the plants as gifts to their clients, so we all benefit. The luncheon was held May 12th at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo.

Please have a safe and happy summer!

Marcia Clingman

Scripps Ranch

Cheryl Steinholt planned our Spring Unit Social at InCahoots Dance Hall and Saloon in Mission Valley on Thursday, April 24th, for “Steak, Spuds and Suds” night and some Country Western line dancing. Yee Haw…What a FUN night it was!

We approved our slate of Unit Board Officers for 2014-2015 in April. Mary Rea was elected chair and Rebecca Flynn chair-elect with Michele Fisher as her co-chair. Our unit had an overwhelming majority of members volunteering to fill all of the unit board positions!

The Scripps Ranch Unit added an advocacy position to the unit board and Karin Whiteley planned this year’s advocacy event in conjunction with the Scripps Ranch Community Fair on Sunday, May 18th. Our topic was “Drowning Prevention” and our unit volunteers passed out water safety tip brochures and “Water Watcher” tags that are designed to be worn by the person who is 100% responsible for watching children’s water activities.

Julie Ross and Susan Parme volunteered to run with the child we sponsored with the Rancho Bernardo Unit for La Playa Unit’s Celebration of Champions May event, and our unit members once again manned a tattoo booth for the children attending the Carnival after the run.

It’s hard to believe how quickly this year has gone by, and our unit celebrated this year’s achievements under the leadership of Unit Chair Kathy Steinhaus with a “Garden Party” end-of-the-year social on June 9th at Kathy’s home. Unit Social Chair Cheryl Steinholt planned the event’s festivities and Unit Historian Susan Parme presented Kathy with her scrapbook.

Nancy Fleischman
Southeast Cluster

If you haven’t had the opportunity to meet SECU President Deborah Huggins, she has agreed to share a few thoughts about our activities for the year:

“First, let me say I truly enjoy being part of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, Southeast Cluster Unit (SECU). I work with some very dedicated and talented women. We operate in a collegial atmosphere, which makes it that much easier for us to accomplish our goals. Simply put, we like to have fun.

“This year we will continue to support the hospital by organizing fundraising events and supporting our sister units and the parents with their children. In the coming months you will receive information about our signature event, Jazz & Jeans 2014, scheduled for October 4th. Geraldine Williams has agreed to chair the event again this year, and based on our recent planning meeting those who attend are in for a great time.

“I’d like to thank all of the members of SECU for working hard to make a difference in the lives of the children who come seeking help as well as those we assist in communities of need. SECU is ready to help. It could be assisting with the recent bicycle helmet give-away that occurred in May at Gompers Park in southeastern San Diego, or participating in a health fair hosted by a local church. Finally, I would like all of the other units to know that you have a standing invitation to attend our events.”

Carolyn Smith

Tierrasanta

The Tierrasanta Unit continues a successful year of selling play tickets to benefit the greatest and most urgent needs at Rady Children’s Hospital. Thanks to those Auxiliaries who recently purchased tickets from our unit to the Broadway hit The Book of Mormon. We now have tickets available to Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat on June 29 at 6:00 p.m. This special production stars former American Idol contestants Ace Young and Diana DeGarmo. We also have tickets to Kinky Boots on September 28 at 6:00 p.m. The New York Times calls it “the best musical of this century.” Please see the flyers printed in this edition of Chaux Talk for information on how to order tickets. Many thanks go out to Connie Anderson for organizing tickets sales.

In between raising money and awareness for the hospital, the unit managed to fit in a fun game of Bunco. Members and their spouses enjoyed a lovely evening of friendship and refreshments while vying for prizes. Thanks to our social chairs Etta Osborn and Kelle Higgins for planning this wonderful event.

Sadly, our unit mourns the passing of one of our long-time members, Linda Akers. Linda passed away on February 21. Some of you may remember Linda, who, alongside her husband David (Santa), was our Unit’s original Mrs. Claus during our well-attended annual Breakfast with Santa event. Linda was loved by many and a true joy to be around. She will be missed.

Rowena Treitler
Unit Events

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary – Tierrasanta Unit proudly presents

**Sunday, June 29 - 6:00 p.m.**
San Diego Civic Theatre

$59.00 - PL2 / $52.00 - PL3 / $39.00 - PL4

Add a $2.00 service charge for Visa/MasterCard.
All proceeds benefit the greatest needs of Rady Children’s Hospital.

*Questions?* Contact Connie Anderson @ 858-922-9513 or connieande@aol.com
For more information on this play go to www.broadwaysd.com/
Tickets are limited, so order your tickets TODAY!

Complete the order form below with your credit card information or with a check made payable to RCHA and mail to: Connie Anderson P.O. Box 420352, San Diego, CA 92142

**TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU ONE-WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT. SORRY, THERE ARE NO REFUNDS**

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary – Tierrasanta Unit proudly presents

**Sunday, September 28 - 6:00 p.m.**
San Diego Civic Theatre

$122.00 - PL1 / $90.00 - PL2 / $72.00 - PL3

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The Bonita Unit of the Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary

Wrapped in Love

Presents

26th Annual Luncheon /Auction by the Bay
Loews Coronado Bay Resort
Saturday, November 15, 2014
Invitation to follow

Proceeds benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Add your friends to our mailing list:
thristow2@cox.net

Event chairs:
Marilyn Williams, Allyson Williams and Georgine Wynne

save The date
10.18.14

the del cerro unit of the rady children's hospital auxiliary presents
A Fall Fantasy
proceeds to benefit palliative care at rady children's hospital
We are thrilled to announce that together we raised over $100,000 in Jersey Mike's March Month of Giving!

Thank you for your support and congratulations on a wonderful fundraiser benefiting Rady Children’s!!