Mabel Jessop Spirit Award Recipients
at the Annual Meeting
Chaux Talk

Advocating for the Health and Well-Being of Children

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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.

Note from the EDITOR

Getting Pinned!

Reflecting in the past as a new member, I remember being pinned for the first time, conjuring up memories similar to opening a Tiffany’s Box for the first time. The shiny token inspired me and my commitment to the Auxiliary. In college, getting pinned by a fraternity guy marked the beginning of a serious commitment in a relationship. Receiving the 10 year pin, the Lifetime Member Pin, and the Mabel Jessop Spirit Award has renewed that commitment. The Membership pin and the three tails of the kite have come to symbolize: past, present and future, and now “Pinned for Life”! Be proud and wear your pin well, it is a symbol of your dedication to the auxiliary.

Fondest regards, Annette Fargo, pinned as Historian, next year!

Dear Annette,

On behalf of every member of RCHA, thank you for the many hours and the love you poured into every Chaux Talk edition! You are amazing!

Vellet

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Mary Rea, at mrea123@aol.com
Hello amazing Auxilians,

It is hard to believe that this is my final Chaux Talk article as your president. As one of my last official actions, I had the pleasure of overseeing the vote of election, as well as installing the new officers. People ask me if it is bittersweet, but as the kids say, it is all good. I am so proud of my wonderful board. We have had a great year, and we are all grateful for their hard work. I am now excited to welcome a new and enthusiastic board with a dynamic new president and am anxious to see where they lead us.

A big thank you to everyone who played a role in our Auxiliary Annual Meeting on June 6th. It was a beautiful evening; there was positive energy and joy in the room as we reminisced about the year. We extended our gratitude to the retiring 2011-2012 Auxiliary Board of Directors, and welcomed and pledged our support to the incoming 2012-2013 Board. We celebrated another successful Auxiliary year with our traditional Year-in-Review video (thank you to Cheryl Steinholt), which set the festive tone of the evening. We applauded the designation of over $7,254,307 in funds, raised by the hard work of Auxilians, which will directly go to support the hospital’s mission of improving the health of our community and saving lives. We celebrated several “high five” moments from the past year: early retirement of the garden pledge, proud that our garden is still serving exactly the purpose we envisioned; cutting the ribbon on the brand new Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Skilled Nursing Suite at the Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children; recognizing and reconnecting with our Life Members; Visioning Day and the completion of the new Vision Implementation Plan. The theme for the evening was “Catch the Spirit….”, and that is exactly what happens whenever Auxilians gather. There is such a positive spirit; of philanthropy, of joy, of hope, of compassion, of making a difference. We inspire each other and we are better together.

In addition to successful fundraising, we ramped up our advocacy efforts promoting health and safety to the community in new ways. Our website expanded with new resources like our members-only library which has grown dramatically. We have newly revised governance documents, including a new brochure. Plus “Healthy Habits”, our auxiliary wellness plan. We have new members and new units. Thank you, Auxilians, for everything you did over the past year. And thank you to our wonderful staff for all they do daily to support us. We have accomplished so much…together.

Just before we went to press, a remarkable thing happened. As the old and new Boards gathered for recognition and installation, I was surprised with the amazing quilt. What a gloriously thoughtful gift! I absolutely adore everything about it, but most of all I love that each unit played a part in creating it. Thank you, thank you, Auxilians! Thank you to the ladies who conceived the idea, to each unit for taking the time to make the squares, and to the ladies whose hands sewed it. It is gorgeous, and I am humbled by the graciousness of this gift.

By now, everyone has received word that one of our dearest friends, David Gillig, will be leaving Rady Children’s to pursue other endeavors. To say that we will miss David is such an understatement; it is hard to even imagine the office without him. He has advocated for us, inspired us, advised us and celebrated with us for almost 19 years. And, of course, he has reminded us that we are an integral part of Rady Children’s and that our work is appreciated. We are grateful for his friendship and wish him the best that life has to offer always. We hope that he will keep in touch.

As we sit poised on the brink of our 60th anniversary, I want to personally thank you for being exceptional, amazing people with extraordinary hearts. Thank you for giving me the best unpaid job in the world. Thank you for choosing to embrace hope and healing, and for making a difference. Collectively, you are the essential piece that makes us successful in our work. You are the helping part of healing.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer! □
Every Step of the Way

This year has been filled with exciting opportunities for Rady Children’s and Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary has been with us, every step of the way. Thanks to you, our Hospital has been able to excel in so many ways.

We opened the new Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children in its special new home in the Nelson Pavilion. The Auxiliary has been an essential part of the Bernardy Center from the start, providing compassion and friendships for every child who lives there. We are proud to name the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Skilled Nursing Suite in honor of your generous support.

We are also approaching the completion of The Campaign for Rady Children’s as we come very close to reaching our goal to raise $220 million. This important campaign has been a true community effort and will help us provide world-class patient care, lifesaving technology and research.

Please know that your membership helps us touch every community in San Diego and your fundraising efforts help us care for more children every day. Together, we are making a difference for children and families here and across the country.

Your commitment helps Rady Children’s and our patients flourish and grow. Thank you for all that you do.

With warmest regards,

Kathleen Sellick

Vellet’s Quilt

Two years ago, Vellet Wyatt Finley began her term as President of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, the first President to serve a two year term.

The Board of Directors wanted to commemorate this special first with a lasting momento, created from all of us, the entire organization, to thank Vellet by showing her how we feel about her.

We decided to make a quilt and the Auxiliary Board of Directors contributed to making that quilt a reality. The quilt could not have been made without the special help of Natalie Emerson, Joyce Seyffert, and Jan McMurray. Every auxiliary unit created a unique quilt square. Quilts are such a perfect example of different patterns coming together to make one beautiful creation. It is much like all our different personalities coming together for one common goal, the children in our hospital community. Each part is important and necessary and the finished product is more beautiful than its individual parts. Thank you to the ladies I have worked with on the Board and a special thank you to Natalie, Joyce, and Jan. A big thank you to everyone who made their unit’s square.

It is with great pleasure that we present this Auxiliary Quilt to Vellet. We hope it brings warmth and joy to her and her wonderful family. Whenever Vellet looks at her quilt, we hope she will fondly remember her two years as President and all of us who enjoyed our time with her. It has been a great two years.

Sincerely,

Karen Haak and the 2010-2012 Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Board
The Mabel Jessop Spirit Award goes to…

The Mabel Jessop Spirit Award was established to acknowledge a group, team or committee of Auxiliary members who encourage team spirit within the Auxiliary. This award represents reaching out above and beyond the unit level and affecting the community.

This year we presented the award to two groups:

The Vision Implementation Team and The Membership Task Force

The Membership Task Force
Imagine the early days when Mabel Jessop, founder of our Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, gathered in her living room with friends for morning coffee and to learn more about the Auxiliary and the Hospital. Another group of volunteers with the same spirit began very much the same way. They gathered in a member’s living room and later moved their meetings to the Auxiliary Offices. What started as a couple of meetings a month, blossomed into a two-year project that evolved into the “Membership Task Force”.

The Membership Task Force, ably chaired by Frances Meda, introduced innovative approaches to membership, with a “Culture of Appreciation” which is the cornerstone of membership. In addition, they introduced creative ways to mentor, educate and train members. The culmination of their efforts resulted in a comprehensive membership program; the collected membership resources are available in the Auxiliary office and are available for all members to use.

This group of women is reaching far beyond the unit level to include the future of the auxiliary; new units and new members for generations to come. Not only will their efforts reach the geographic community, but the ‘virtual’ community taking advantage of free marketing tools, such as Facebook and Twitter, etc.

The members of the Membership Task Force include: Sherry Beckhart, Heidi DeBerry, Patty Dorgan, Annette Fargo, Vellet Wyatt Finley, Karen Haak, Cordelia Mendoza, and Elise Molin and Michele Prescott.

2012 Vision Implementation Team
The critical part of the visioning process was to form a group that would be tasked with the responsibility of taking all of the ideas from Visioning Day, draw on the beliefs, mission, and culture of the organization, and create a strategic action plan for the next five years. The group analyzed and synthesized all of the positive creative energy in the room on Visioning Day, combined it with the best hindsight and foresight, and painstakingly wrote a clear and a workable action plan for the Auxiliary’s future.

It is an inspiring document capturing the spirit and purpose of our Auxiliary, which will promote interest and commitment within and outside of our organization. The focus on community collaboration, outreach and advocacy, reflects our potent and robust mission statement as we work together for a healthier San Diego and beyond.

The members of the Vision Implementation Team include: Harriet Bossenbroek, Karen Cheesman, Sharla Coyle, Ann Desmond, Vellet Wyatt Finley, Linda Gillette, Elizabeth Goodman, Lynne Lurie, Mary Reynolds, Sandy Wetzel-Smith, Gail Parker and Karin Whiteley. Photo on cover by Arnel Garcia www.thepictureteam.com

Calendar

**JULY 19**
Young Professionals Pat & Oscars Fundraiser
12:00pm-8:00pm
P&O Restaurant, 8590 Rio San Diego Dr. SD, CA 92108

**AUG 3**
Young Professionals Pei Wei Fundraiser
Details TBA
Pei Wei Mission Valley

**SEPT 29**
Del Cerro “A Fall Fantasy”
Details TBA

**OCT 6**
Shamu & You Family Walk
8:00am
SeaWorld

**OCT 20**
SECU “Jazz & Jeans”
4:00pm-7:00pm
Berkeley Ferry at the Maritime Museum

**OCT 25**
Kids’ NewsDay
All Day

**NOV 4**
Presidio ”Bus Trip”
TBA
Carlsbad Street Faire

**NOV 10**
Bonita “Holiday Luncheon & Auction by the Bay”
10:00-2:00
Marriott Marquis-San Diego Marina
Ribbon Cutting of the New Helen Bernardy Center

For the fourth year in a row (2009-2012), U.S. News & World Report ranks the Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children as one of the best nursing homes in the nation out of more than 15,500 facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Fargo, Editor

We opened the new Helen Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children in its special new home in the Nelson Pavilion. The Helen Bernardy Center is a skilled nursing and subacute facility for children and adolescents with multiple medical, physical and developmental delays. The Auxiliary has been an essential part of the Bernardy Center from the start, providing compassion and friendships for every child who lives there. The Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Skilled Nursing Suite is named in celebration of the Auxiliary’s $1 million gift made in 1999 for the construction and remodeling of the new center. Thanks to all for the support of the Helen Bernardy Center and the continued designated funding through Auxiliary events that helped build the patients a new facility that they can call home.

Auxiliars tour the facility

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Unit Council

Extraordinary Group of Unit Chairs

Auxiliary members selected an extra-ordinarily talented group of leaders as their Unit Chairs for 2011-2012.

Your Unit Council Chairs have truly worked together in a spirit of collaboration and deep caring. Each success was collectively celebrated and each question or concern was thoughtfully considered and addressed.

Business was conducted with team spirit, camaraderie and fun as standard operating procedures.

The overall theme of “Tips, Tricks and Practical Ideas” led to lively and pleasant meetings and produced a list of best practices now published in the members’ library on our website.

Your Unit Chairs have generously shared their time and resources and it has been my pleasure to be a part of their efforts this year.

Pam Caldwell, Unit Council VP

Membership Socials

Our Membership Social was held at Yanni’s Bistro, Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012, and was a huge success, with 22 attendees from 7 different units as well as one prospective new member. Yanni was a gracious and generous host, and a wonderful supporter of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. Many of us stayed for dinner because the company and food were excellent.

Most of us purchased Bundt cakes,
when we discovered Nothing Bundt Cakes next door. Did you know they make Bundtinis? It’s even smaller than the Bundtlet. I digress.

Our last social of the year was held
It's time for tea & renewals!

As 2011-2012 draws to a close, I want to thank all of you for renewing your membership for next year. Your membership and commitment to Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary helps make a difference in the life of a sick or injured child in San Diego every day!

Your membership team hoped you enjoyed our third social. Thank you to all who have attended one or more of our socials held throughout the year. In hosting these socials I am always reminded as we gather to meet and greet members a verse from the Girl Scouts, “Make new friends, but keep the old.”

On May 21st, Life Members of Rady Children's Auxiliary were honored and celebrated with an old fashioned tea in the Friendship Garden adjacent to the Helen Bernardy Center. Life Members witnessed the ribbon cutting ceremony and toured the newly dedicated Skilled Nursing Suite in the Helen Bernardy Center at Rady Children's Hospital. Each of our special guests was presented with a “Life Member Pin” to thank them for their years of dedicated service to the Auxiliary, and a tea cup and saucer as a parting gift. It was the most beautiful day in the Friendship Garden for all that attended.

The year has drawn to a close for this membership team. In closing, I need to award a huge THANK YOU to New Unit Coordinator, Karen Haak. It is my great pleasure to introduce your new membership team for 2012-2013; Ann Desmond will be your Membership Vice President, ably assisted by Sherry Beckhart, New Unit Coordinator, and Jeannie Scott, Membership Committee. I know all of you will continue to support them and help our Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary continue to blossom and grow!

Thank you,

Natalie Emerson, Membership VP
Kids’ NewsDay

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2011 U-T San Diego Kids’ NewsDay! There are exciting things happening for Kids’ NewsDay 2012 and we wish your new Chairs, Marilyn Williams and Rosalie Quadri-Mellish the best of luck for another awesome year!

Cheryl Steinhold & Dana Walters
Kids’ NewsDay Chairs 2011

Rady Children’s Hospital Shamu & You Family Walk at SeaWorld

Saturday, October 6, 8:00a.m.

Let’s 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 while supporting Rady Children’s. All of the Auxiliary’s team donations and registrations will benefit the Auxiliary’s Diamond Anniversary Fund that supports Child Life Services at Rady Children’s.

Even if you can’t walk with us on October 6th, 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!

After the Walk, celebrate at the Auxiliary tent with fun activities and cool prizes. For more information call the Auxiliary office at 858-966-5887 or ask our Team Captain, Harriet Bossenbroek.

Fund Development

JUNIOR MIRACLE MAKER SPOTLIGHT

Never too young to make a difference!

Russell and Adelaide Sorbo committed in October to become Junior Miracle Makers for Rady Children’s Hospital. Russell is 10 and Adelaide is 8, and both attend Horizon Christian Academy. They decided to take part in this unique program introduced to them by their mother, Lori Sorbo, co-chair of the Mesa Unit.

By December, both Russell and Adelaide achieved their individual goals of raising $500 each for Rady Children’s Hospital. Adelaide asked for loose change in lieu of birthday gifts. In addition, both Russell and Adelaide hosted a Santa’s Shop for Christmas. More than 50 friends shopped at their store. As a result, Russell and Adelaide achieved their goal. Since then, they have raised another $500 each, for a total of $2,000! Russell also asked for change in lieu of gifts for his birthday, and both children organized another fundraising event this past May. Bound and determined to help others, Russell and Adelaide are great role models for their peers.

Rowena S. Treitler
Fund Development VP
Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

Our final Education Seminar concluded with a tour of the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. We were met by our wonderful guide Josephina, a Rady Children’s Hospital employee, who interacts with the patient families. After touring this peaceful and soothing environment, we know why the Center is ranked in U.S News & World Report as being among the nation’s best pediatric cancer programs.

June is Home Safety Month, and with this in mind, please take a few moments to visit Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego Healthier Communities www.rchsd.org for all the latest safety guides and upcoming events.

Auxiliians are advocates.

Units volunteered for Safe Route to School activities, hosted booths at Market Day, school fairs and open houses, distributed Community Bulletins/Injury Prevention information to scout groups/schools, joined local Chambers of Commerce, and hosted Bike Rodeos. The list goes on and on.

Thank you, Education Representatives and Unit Members for promoting the Education and Advocacy of Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego. Have a safe and happy summer.

Nada Markley
Education and Advocacy VP

What a great year! We started off with Rancho Santa Fe Unit’s “Tee Up Fore Rady Children’s Hospital” golf tournament and rounded out the year with the La Playa Unit’s “Celebration of Champions”! Throughout the year our Auxiliary Unit’s have produced fabulous, fun and creative events that will provide Rady Children’s Hospital with needed funds to give our children the best available healthcare. Events this year included:

- Scripps Ranch - “Raising the Bar”
- Del Cerro - “A Fall Fantasy”
- Presidio - “A Special Day at a Special Place” bus trip to Old Town Temecula
- Bonita - “Holiday Luncheon & Auction by the Bay”
- Rancho Bernardo - Poinsettia’s
- Alpine - “Continental Breakfast & Cornucopia Class”
- North County - “Holiday Boutique & Luncheon”
- Tierrasanta - “Breakfast with Santa”
- North Coast Unit - “Guest Bar- tending Series”
- Rancho Santa Fe - “Stand Up For Rady Children’s Hospital”
- Fuerte Hills - “Sweet Charity”
- Carmel Valley - “Sounds of Hope for Children”
- Dana - “Point Loma Garden Walk”
- Mountain View - “Boot-Scootin’ Bunco”
- Poway - “Tabletops & Tea”
- Del Mar - “Heard It Through the Grapevine”

Our New Units: Alpine, Mesa and Young Professionals jumped right in and had successful In-Unit FunRaiser events to get their group up and running.

My hat goes off to all the Ways & Means Chairmen from every unit. Each and every event was INCREDIBLE. Thank you.

Karin Whiteley, Ways & Means VP

“When we recognize that a better word for Fundraising is ‘friend raising’, we open limitless doors to creativity in support of our causes.” Sue Vineyard

Guidelines and Reminders for Ways & Means Events

Quick Reference/Check List

- Date - Contact Current Ways & Means Vice President, Karin Whiteley at karinwhiteley@gmail.com for date approval PRIOR to making commitments.
- Forms - Fill out the Ways & Means Fundraising Event Information Sheet and send to Auxiliary Ways & Means VP, at karinwhiteley@gmail.com. (All required forms can be located in the Forms section of the Ways & Means Workbook as well as online under Members Library.)
- Invitations & Event Flyers - All invitations and publicity flyers must follow ALL guidelines outlined and must be reviewed and approved by Auxiliary Ways & Means VP, Karin Whiteley, prior to mailing / distributing, NO EXCEPTIONS. Invitations and/or flyers MUST include the RCHA logo. Out-Unit events must list the Hospital designation, i.e. Highest and Most Urgent Needs, NICU etc. In-Unit events should read: Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary presents (name of event) proceeds to benefit projects of the (your Unit).
Former Auxilian and Jersey Mike’s franchise owner, Cathy Brown, knows the importance of community relations and continues to advocate for Rady Children’s. As franchise owner for several of Jersey Mike’s, she encourages other franchise owners all over San Diego to designate Rady Children’s as the beneficiary for “Make a Difference Day”, the chain’s nation-wide, annual philanthropic event. Every Wednesday for the entire month of March, Jersey Mike’s throughout San Diego County made free subs in exchange for a minimum $2 donation to the Hospital. Over 50 Auxilians volunteered in this effort to help raise $45,000! The Mira Mesa location was the highest grossing store and raised $4,500 in ONE day, where Scripps Ranch and Tierrasanta Units volunteered.

Our thanks go out to all the volunteers, and Cathy Brown most of all for selecting Rady Children’s to benefit from this wonderful fundraiser. Cathy was an active member in the Auxiliary for 15 years, served on the Board for 5 years, and helped to establish the former La Jolla Unit.

Chaux One Up For... Cathy Brown for all you do and we all look forward to supporting the event in the future.

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Alpine

The Alpine Unit got together in April for a “Pot Painting Party” at Brenda’s house. We painted 400 flower pots for the Celebration of Champions event. We enjoyed good food and good conversation as we painted.

Next November 17th, we will again offer our Cornucopia fundraiser. Last year the ladies that attended created beautiful cornucopias for their Thanksgiving tables. This year we will be offering a morning and afternoon session with a boutique and lunch between the sessions.

First-come, first-registered, so, please add this event to your calendar!

Debbie Sakarias

Unit News

Bonita

The Bonita Unit went “GREEN” in the month of March. Our Bunco social at Barbara McCluskey’s was a “green” success. The requirements to attend were: wear green, eat green, drink green and hopefully, take home the “green”! What a great time we all had! Thank you Barbara and Wendy for bringing out the “green” in all of us!

On May 5th, our annual “Theresa’s Marketplace” fundraiser was held again at the home of Theresa Capanis. Theresa Capanis and Jackie Guerra have created, held and hosted “Theresa’s Marketplace” for the past few years and this year they worked their genius and magic again! A beautiful marketplace was created, with many interesting vendors to buy from. Inside, a buffet of delicious food, including wine and drinks for all the hungry shoppers and hard working volunteers was provided. Then, after all the hard work, the food eaten, drinks drunk and the marketplace gone, Theresa’s Marketplace will gather up their “GREEN” and happily donate all the proceeds to Rady Children’s Hospital! We cannot say THANK YOU enough to Theresa and Jackie and all the volunteers for such a Terrific Event!

May also brought us the end of our working year and our installation dinner. We gathered together for a fabulous meal at the Villa Capri Restaurant to say thank you to our old board, and say hello to the new. And now, we all look forward to our Summer Break. We will start back in August all energized and full of great ideas and enthusiasm! As always we continue to send our love to Lori and Regan Moore!

Have a safe and fun summer,

Millie Boucree
Unit News

Carmel Valley

The ladies of the Carmel Valley Unit had a very successful Sounds of Hope for Children event at the LOFT at UCSD at the end of April, raising much needed funds for The Discovery Program for Pediatric Research at the hospital. Thank you again to our event chairs, Melanie Casey and Michele Devine, in their first year with our unit, they put together a great event. After an evening of delicious food and drink, a spirited live auction and a performance by U2 tribute band, Joshua Tree. All the members and friends who attended raved about what a great time they had. Now, we are looking forward to ending the year with our meeting and social at Davanti Enoteca in Del Mar. And, we always have loved participating in Celebration of Champions with our bean bag toss booth. This year we had an advocacy booth dedicated to bike and skateboard helmet safety, put together by Jenn Comeaux and her daughter’s Girl Scout troop. We look forward to exciting things ahead when we all get back together in September.

Julie Luther

Dana

The 11th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk turned out to be a sunny and beautiful day. Thanks to the hard work of Head Gardeners, Gaye Macy and Karen Wheeler, and members and volunteers, this was the most successful Garden Walk ever! The turnout was fantastic and the patrons enjoyed the spectacular houses, gardens and views. You can see a virtual Garden Walk tour at http://pointlomagardenwalk.com

Of course such an event does not happen overnight. Members spent months creating clever plantings in every type of container, posting flyers, making unique craft items, soliciting donations and sponsorships, finding the beautiful homes for the tour, selling tickets, searching for interesting vendors, organizing the numerous volunteers needed to pull off such a big event and, of course, selling MORE tickets! There were meetings, work parties and even more meetings, but the results were certainly worth it.

The final task is a Thank You party for the members, volunteers, homeowners and sponsors who help make the Garden Walk a success. This year’s event was held at the Commanding Officer’s historic home at Naval Base Point Loma. The unit was able to present Dr. Marilyn Jones, Medical Director of Craniofacial Services at the hospital, with a generous contribution from the Garden Walk proceeds.

Thank You Party (l-r) Barbara Tourtellot, Dr. Marilyn Jones, Pat Wise

Thank You Party; Garden Walk Head Gardeners (l-r) Gaye Macy and Karen Wheeler

Garden Walk patrons enjoy the view

Boutique items at the Garden Walk

The Dana Unit members hope to enjoy the summer and start thinking of ways to have an even better Garden Walk next year.

Sue De Leon
Del Cerro

The Del Cerro unit held our meeting at the lovely home of Belinda Benson. Her horse in the corral watched the entire group of women going into the house and I wondered, “What he was thinking?” This year we are getting an early start on the planning for our event in the fall. The date has been changed to September 29th. This is the first time it will be held on a Saturday, but the name “A Fall Fantasy” remains the same. Lots of great ideas were shared from a wonderful bunch of ladies.

Our Del Cerro members are always going somewhere and having fun. Three of our ladies spent a fantastic time in Africa on a Safari. Diane Bailey, Helen Pittman, and Jan Hartwig said they loved every minute of it. Fran Lupo and husband Matt spent 10 days in Hawaii, and Karen and Bodo Haak went off to the Grand Cayman Islands scuba diving.

Lastly, a big welcome to our newest member, Donni Mills.

Arlene Ippolito

Del Mar

What a fabulous year the Del Mar Unit has had, culminating in our 51st Anniversary of the Wine Taste. ‘Heard It Through the Grapevine’, as it was named half a century ago, was a huge success. The members decided to return to the original venue, the Del Mar Plaza, and it turned out to be a good plan and beautiful evening overlooking the views of the Pacific Ocean. Many of the local crowd and past attendees joined us in a night of fabulous food, wonderful wine, marvelous music and an awesome auction emceed by Clint Bell. The 200 plus guests were dressed in their finery and celebrated at the Plaza long after the event was over, as the community came together to support our cause, the Autism Discovery Institute at Rady Children’s.

The Del Mar Unit spent this year regrouping and renewing to bring back a longtime tradition of the wine taste. Our success in the fundraiser was only second to our success at redefining our purpose and moving forward as a Unit with unity. We have big plans for the summer and will meet again in June to set our agenda for another successful 2012-2013 year.

Mary Reynolds
**Fuerte Hills**

The Fuerte Hills Unit held its annual fundraiser, Sweet Charity, on April 25th. This outstanding group of women once again showed its dedication and commitment to the event. The tireless participation by unit members contributed to another successful fundraiser with proceeds benefiting Rady Children’s Hospital’s Pediatric Infectious Disease Department. Guests enjoyed a “French Country” theme with beautiful floral centerpieces, exciting auction items and fun-filled Bunco or bridge. Everyone’s heartstrings were tugged when member, Sandy McMillan, shared her personal battle with MRSA during the Fund-an-Item portion of the program. Thanks to Chairman, Leslie Dupree, her committee and all the Fuerte Hills members for a memorable and extraordinary event.

We wish you all a relaxing and fun summer with your family and friends.

Kasey Sweat

**La Playa**

As this article went to print, the final touches were being made for the 17th Annual Celebration of Champions®, which took place on June 2nd. We were excited to see our months of calling sponsors, setting up vendors, coordinating carnival booths, setting up entertainment, negotiating contracts, arranging for parking lots, inviting celebrities, ordering logo wear, and getting ready for our big day come fruition. Most of all, we were excited to see the smiling faces of our wonderful champions as they arrive for their day of fun. It was a day of memories made for everyone!

At several of our last few meetings, we had the pleasure of hearing the inspiring words of some families who attend Celebration of Champions. Their stories of courage, heartbreak, and triumph were incredibly inspiring (and tear jerking!), and propel us to continue our efforts. Thank you, Marilyn Cornwall, for setting those up for us.

In January, La Playans (and sisters) Mari Fink and Lisa Vieira were featured in the San Diego Union-Tribune in honor of their volunteerism and work with Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. We are so proud of them and are grateful for their commitment to serving San Diego. Congratulations on your lifetime of service, ladies, we are excited to work alongside you.

Carrie Flowers
Mountain View

BUNCO! Yes, it was a night of fun, food, and winners! Boot Scootin’ Bunco 2012 was a big success for Rady Children’s Hospital area of highest and most urgent needs. The funds generated from the silent auction and raffles will benefit Rady Children’s. Thank you to everyone for all of your support. We couldn’t have done it without our donors, unit members, and the unit chairs, Heather Bush and Gelia Cook.

The April meeting included the approval of the new slate of officers. The up-coming events include the Celebration of Champions where the Mountain View members distribute special stickers, other activities include collecting items to fill the brown bags for the families of Rady Children’s, supplying pajamas for the clothes closet, and giving support to our adopted Bernardy Center patient.

Summer brings vacation plans for our members, and then we are back in August to welcome new members to our unit with an evening get-together.

Brenda Clark

North Coast

The North Coast Unit had a blast this year with our Date Night for a Cause series. Our second event was a chance for some fabulous shopping on a beautiful spring evening at Paradise Grille at Del Mar. And we ended on a real high note at The Belly Up, with great food, friends and music from Stepping Feet. Thanks to the amazing support of our sponsors, donors, unit members and Board we were able to raise significant funds for The Helen Bernardy Center. And our speaker, program manager, Susy Kaplan-Schick, did a fantastic job of explaining the importance of the Center to all our guests. Our Event Chair, Temi Flannery, was in fine form, making it an incredibly smooth event for all. Thanks, Temi!

We will be heading back to Paradise Grille for our year-end luncheon with much to celebrate. Thanks to Teresa Leitstein, for organizing the luncheon and our other social events this year, and for stepping up to be Event Chair next year. And thanks to all our new members who were a big part of our success this year, especially Lacey Turlo for volunteering to help Teresa as Event Co-chair next year. With our Board just about set, we have a lot to look forward to. Have a great summer.

Coleen Young

North County

The North County Unit had a busy springtime. We had a wonderful membership tea and garden sale that was a huge success. The tea was coordinated by our membership Chair Margie Cartwright and the Garden Boutique was coordinated by Hildigard Stute, Penny Rich and Tracy Block. Each table was set with a different English China place setting and floral arrangement done by unit members, the room was stunning. Our year ended with a luncheon at the Shadow Ridge Country Club. Secret Pals were announced and we enjoyed the lunch and the famous Bloody Marys. We want to send out our positive prayers to some of our members experiencing difficult times while continuing to help so many others. Our year ended talking about sisterhood and gratitude spoken so eloquently by Candy Reich.

A special congrats goes out to Karry McDannald for accepting to be on the Finance Committee of the Auxiliary Board of Directors. Debra Day was recently honored in the Carlsbad Patch for her community service work. Sherry Wallace has donated hours of homemade crafts to our unit along with many other charities. Lois Powell’s team continues to supply the hospital with much needed caps, snugglies and blankets made with love. Marilyn Herde continues to take care of our sponsored Bernardy Center Child. We have an incredibly talented board coming in next year and we are so excited to have our new chair, Sharon Bedsaul, take the lead with all of her creative ideas. We had an amazing leader this past year with, Diana Chambers, and know that she will be guiding us with all her knowledge this next year as well. We look forward to raising more funds in the fall for the children and their families at Rady Children’s Hospital. Have a healthy and wonderful summer.

Debra Day
Presidio Unit is always busy and this year is no exception. Our members not only support other unit events, but they also volunteered to help at Dana Unit’s Point Loma Garden Tour. Many of our group attended Del Cerro’s Fall Fantasy. Some of us attended Fuerte Hill’s Sweet Charity and enjoyed the luncheon. Mountain View Boot Scootin’ Bunco was a fun event too, especially for Unit Chair, Linda Gillett, who won the $500.00 Gift Card Tree. We always have fun together, especially when participating in Kids’ NewsDay, Fantasy on Ice, Shamu Walk, Jersey Mike’s Fund Raiser, and supporting Rady Children’s Hospital in any way we can.

We have a dynamic new Ways and Means Chair, Linda Rains. Linda has presented us with several fun In House Fund Raisers. We had a great time in June at a cooking demonstration and luncheon. December will find us viewing The Parade of Lights and enjoying a delicious dinner from Island Prime Restaurant.

We will be “On the Road Again” with our annual Bus Trip November 4th. Shoppers will be happy to hear that the Carlsbad Village Street Faire will be our destination. You can shop until you drop and then enjoy a fabulous luncheon at the beautiful Fresco’s Restaurant in Carlsbad. We are a small group, but we have big hearts, so our proceeds will benefit Rady Children’s Heart Institute. We look forward to seeing you on the bus.

Linda Gillett

Kris Boehmer
**Rancho Bernardo**

The Rancho Bernardo Unit enjoyed a meeting and lunch at the hospital on April 17th. We were able to get a great picture of our group out by the fountain on that lovely day. Besides a tour we were also treated to an interesting lecture by a doctor from dermatology about laser scar removal. Jackie Schloeder and I were lucky enough to be invited to the “life member tea” and a tour of the new Bernardy Center was included in that function.

Our final meeting for the year was a lovely luncheon put together by Lynn Cassidy at the Golf Club of Ranch Bernardo. We welcomed our new board for next year and said goodbye to the old board. This was not particularly tearful since the make up of the new board has not changed much. We did have a special thank you for our Chairman, Jackie Schloeder, who has faithfully served us for so many years. I guess we will have to share her with the Auxiliary Board next year.

On June 2nd we again manned a fishing booth at the Celebration of Champions. What an inspiration and such a special event! Have a great Summer!

Marcia Clingman

**Rancho Santa Fe**

The annual Gala held at the Grand Del Mar in March with headliner, Dennis Miller, was a night to remember with wonderful auction items and great attendance. It was very successful and the funds raised will go to support the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children’s Hospital.

Our community based Blood Drive held at the Rancho Santa Fe Community Center brought local vendors, health care professionals and the Rancho Santa Fe Unit together for an afternoon of community spirit and outreach. A very robust showing of donors turned out for this event where we exceeded our goals and saved the equivalent of 81 lives!

Plans are underway for the second annual fall Golf Tournament to raise funds for Rady Children’s Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cetel Weiss
Southeast Cluster

The May meeting of SECU was quite a treat. We were honored to have as our guest, Dr. Gail Knight, Chief of Staff at Rady Children’s Hospital as well as the Medical Director and Division Chief of Neonatology. Dr. Knight is very passionate about the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, its doctors and above all the tiny patients served in the Neonatal Unit. Dr. Knight’s presentation was very informative and we came away with a greater understanding of the tremendous work that goes into giving all children a fighting chance.

SECU is excited to announce the induction of five new members: Cheryl Sykes, Jeleisha Jacobs, Barbara Geiger, Beverly Lofton and Geraldine Williams to our unit. They have joined us ready to work and the timing couldn’t be better. We are in the midst of planning a great fundraiser that will benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The event entitled Jazz & Jeans promises to be one of the fun events for Fall 2012. Put on your jeans and join us for a laid back evening of fun, food and some great Jazz music. The date is Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 4:00 pm– 7:00 pm at the Maritime Museum on the Berkley Ferry Boat. This is an event you won’t want to miss! SECU turned out in force to celebrate the end of Vellet Wyatt Finley’s successful term. We are so happy to have her back full-time in our unit!

The Southeast Cluster Unit wishes you all a very nice summer.

Carolyn Smith

Scripps Ranch

It’s hard to believe that four decades ago, a group of thirty-five women, under the leadership of Lynn Gengler, began the Scripps Ranch Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. We brought together auxiliary women from the past and the present to celebrate this incredible milestone at Yanni’s Bistro. It was a wonderful afternoon full of entertaining stories, shared experiences and a general feeling of knowing you are part of something larger. Congratulations, Scripps Ranch Unit, on a job well done. It’s been an amazing journey so far and we are looking forward to keeping the tradition of advocacy and fundraising going for many years to come!

Sandra Davis
**Temecula**

**Wow!** Another amazing Auxiliary year has flown by so quickly. We have had so many changes within our unit; Unit Chairman, Kiersten Cahill, relocating with her family to Ohio and our Treasurer, AnnBritt Murchison, making the transition into the Chairman position, welcoming a new member, Rachel Matlock, who graciously took over the Treasurer position. We have been crazy busy!

With our annual golf tournament in May having to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, we were able to shift our direction as a unit over to membership and continue to discover new ways to grow and spread awareness. Despite this small setback, we were still able to send a check to the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders. We are looking forward to receiving a new date for an event to be held in 2013.

We recently were able to provide new Unit Auxiliary shirts to our members and, boy, do they look great! A big thank you to, Anchor-N-Flank, for their generous donation. We will wear them proudly to all our events here in Temecula and while attending other unit events.

Summer will find our group well and full of fun, with so many of our member’s children venturing into High School, Middle School and even Kindergarten. We will be hosting a summer pool party to bring our families together. It is always nice to catch up with one another and share the joy of our dedication to the patients at Rady Children’s, celebrate our families as well as prepare for another successful Auxiliary year.

Jessica Vulovic

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**Tierrasanta**

**We love a parade!** Many of our unit members and their children and grandchildren marched in the 26th Annual Patriot’s Day Parade. We gave out candy, beads, and balloons. Healthy Bear rode in a convertible and waved to all the children lining the parade route. TierraFest is a fun, all-day celebration in the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon area. We marched with 2 banners, one which started our advertising for next December’s fundraiser “Breakfast with Santa.” We want to give all members an opportunity to mark your calendars for December 8, 2012.

Pam Hanig
Young Professionals

The Young Professional Unit (YPU) has been very busy. We have appointed our new board members, had a board retreat to establish new goals and are in the process of nailing down our main event. We also had the opportunity to attend the North Coast Fundraiser at the Belly Up, which was a very fun event. On May 31st, we gathered at Pizza Port - Solana Beach for a meet and greet with the new board for our unit. Proceeds from 20% of sales benefited our future events, and we are thankful to the board members and local units that came out to support us. Our June event was held at Pinkberry Yogurt in Hillcrest on June 14th where 20% of purchases were also donated.

We have a very exciting fundraiser campaign in place for the summer! The YPU July event will take place at Pat & Oscar’s Restaurant located in Mission Valley at 8590 Rio San Diego Drive on July 19th from 12:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The YPU August event will take place at PEI WEI Mission Valley 1025 Camino De La Reina, San Diego, on August 3rd. Presentation of a flyer will give the YPU a 20% donation of the sales from both events. All proceeds will benefit the projects of the Rady Auxiliary Young Professional Unit. We hope to see you all there!

Lauren Terrazas

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had the opportunity.

You have demonstrated the best in volunteerism and philanthropy in so many ways through the years. Caring, thoughtfulness, selflessness, commitment to children and families . . . you exhibit all of these and so much more every day.

Rady Children’s has such a bright future ahead. I know you will – as you always have – be a vitally important part of it.

My hope is you will always experience great joy in your work and great satisfaction for what you make possible for kids and families. I send my very best wishes to each of you. You will be in my heart always.

David Gillig
SAVE THE DATE!!

The Southeast Cluster Unit of Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary presents

JAZZ & JEANS

Food, fun, & fantastic jazz aboard the Steam Ferry Berkeley at the Maritime Museum of San Diego
Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012, 4-7 p.m.

Proceeds to benefit The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit–NICU of Rady Children’s Hospital–San Diego

Tickets: $65

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Please join us for our annual bus trip

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“WE’RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN”---this time to the

Carlsbad Street Faire

Includes champagne buffet lunch at the fabulous

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Tickets $80.00

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The RCHA Heart Institute
Helmet Safety Awareness Campaign

The Carmel Valley Unit is working to increase community awareness for child safety and helmet safety laws. In partnership with Girl Scout Troop #4082 and their Girl Scout Bronze Award Project, this bracelet was created to bring awareness to the community and remind kids and parents to wear their helmets. Every bracelet sold will support helmet safety education and trauma prevention by donating $1 of every sale to Rady Children’s Hospital Center for Healthier Communities. Bracelets are available for $5 online and are 100% waterproof, wax coated and adjustable from 2-5 inches in diameter. The blue strand of the bracelet represents Rady Children’s and the green strand represents the Girl Scouts, together representing our combined efforts to advocate for the health and well-being of children.

To support this worthy cause, purchase bracelets online at: http://puravidabracelets.com/store/charity-bracelets/rady-childrens-hospital-helmet-safety-awareness.html

For more info about the Carmel Valley Unit and helmet safety, go to: https://www.helpsdkids.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=278
To learn about Girl Scouts Bronze Awards, go to: www.girlscouts.org/program/highest_awards/bronze_award.asp

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Have a happy, healthy & safe summer!