Sixty Years of Memories to Cherish…
and a Future to Embrace
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### Our Active Auxiliary Units: From the Beginning

#### ~A Sixty Year History~

**1950’s**
- 1953 **Bonita Unit**, started as Las Ayudas
- 1953 **Dana Unit**, started as Las Tiacitas
- 1956 **La Playa Unit**
- 1956 **Presidio Unit**, started as La Junta
- 1956 **Silvergate (Emeritus) Unit**, started as La Cuesta
- 1958 **Del Mar Unit**
- 1958 **North County Unit** (formerly Escondido)

**1960’s**
- 1961 **Rancho Santa Fe Unit**, started as San Dieguito

**1970’s**
- 1971 **Rancho Bernardo Unit**
- 1972 **Scripps Ranch Unit**
- 1976 **Tierrasanta Unit**

**1980’s**
- 1982 **North Coast Unit**
- 1986 **Fuerte Hills Unit**

**1990’s**
- 1990 **Poway Unit**
- 1994 **Carmel Valley Unit**
- 1997 **Southeast Cluster Unit**
- 1999 **Mountain View Unit**

**2000’s**
- 2006 **Temecula Unit**

**2010’s**
- 2010 **Young Professionals Unit**
- 2011 **Alpine Unit**

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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.”

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- **Event Ads and Save-the-Dates:** Due October 25th
- **Unit News Articles:** Due November 1st

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President’s Message

Harriet Bossenbroek
Rady Children’s Hospital
Auxiliary President

Lazy, hazy days of summer? Not for the members of the Auxiliary! The new Board of Directors has been busy all season gearing up for a great new year. One of our most exciting preparations is for the Diamond Anniversary. The 2012-2013 year marks the 60th Anniversary that Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary has been a viable, committed contributor to the Hospital and to the children of San Diego. We are making plans to embrace this celebration throughout the year. A major component is our commitment to the Diamond Anniversary Fund that will continue to support Child Life Services for many years to come. Look for a special invitation to a “Chocolate and Champagne Soirée.”

The Shamu & You Family Walk on Oct. 6 is a not only an opportunity to keep fit, but a fun beginning to the 60th celebration. All Auxiliary donations will go directly to Child Life Services. If you would prefer to keep fit and sit, you can be a virtual walker!! Please go to ShamuAndYouWalk.org and sign up.

Board Members have also been busy with planning for the Semi-Annual Meeting, New Member Orientations, Kids’ NewsDay and Fantasy on Ice. Look for more information in this issue of Chaux Talk and from Unit Representatives.

The Board is not alone in working over the summer. Many units have plans for events in the fall. These are highlighted throughout this issue.

I am pleased to start my presidency with this enthusiastic new board. It is a wonderful blend of new leaders and seasoned, returning members. Working with this year’s units is a special honor for me. I look forward to attending unit meetings and especially, one of my favorite activities, unit events.

Thank you in advance for your dedication. We are rewarded not only by the funds that we raise and the advocacy we promote, but by the friendships we share.

Share Your Cherished Memories as Part of Our Diamond Anniversary Celebration

We would like to invite all Auxilians to share your special memories of being a member of the Auxiliary. As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we would very much like to continue to capture some moments from the past, including fun, friendship and philanthropy!

Share fond memories, stories, photos, and historical facts. Your experiences will help us tell the rewarding story of participating in Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary.

Please email Chaux Talk Editor Mary Rea at mreal23@aol.com and share a memory!

As your new Editor of Chaux Talk, I was seeking a theme for this year that could be used to interweave issues and articles. The perfect theme emerged once I realized that our Auxiliary would be celebrating a 60th Anniversary this year! How fun it will be to incorporate reflections of the past 60 years, as well as plans for the future, into Chaux Talk.

My appreciation for Chaux Talk increased when I discovered that it was started in 1954 and has been the primary document that has captured the history of our Auxiliary since its founding. In researching old issues of Chaux Talk and the history of the Auxiliary, I found some interesting tidbits from the past. Did you know that the Auxiliary…

— Opened a library in the Hospital in 1958 with over 2,500 children’s books?
— Started (and operated) the Hospital Gift Shop in 1959?
— Had its own Sewing Room in the Hospital in 1960?
— In the early 1960’s, started the Hospital’s Speakers Bureau and Candy Strippers Program?
— Hosted an elegant “Thoroughbred Ball” with the Del Mar Turf Club in 1968?
— Hosted the “Grand Opening” of the Fashion Valley Shopping Center in 1969?

And thank goodness we did not lose this historical account of Auxiliary activities from 1955: “Miss Florence Hinton and her trained performing squirrels will be a special all-day attraction at the Children’s Hospital Fair June 4 at the Town and Country Club.” I am not sure if it is possible to upstage the “performing squirrels,” but our 60th Anniversary is sure to be another featured event!

Please use Chaux Talk to communicate the wonderful work and contributions of your units this special year.

Mary Rea
Chaux Talk Editor
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**Notes:**
- ACP = Acute Care Pavilion, Hospital Campus
- MOB = Medical Office Building, Hospital Campus
- WCR = West Conference Room, 5th Floor, Plaza Building
Most of us recognize Leonard Bernstein’s famous lyrics from the classic 1950’s musical *West Side Story.* (Wasn’t it just performed again at San Diego’s Civic Theater last year?) Good productions have a way of lasting, thrilling, and continuing to draw crowds. One such lasting “production” from the 1950’s is our Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, which began in 1953! Doing the math, this means that the 2012-2013 Auxiliary year is our 60th “Diamond” Anniversary! Happy Birthday, Auxilians!

Our new Auxiliary President Harriet Bossenbroek is working with Foundation staff to plan the fundraising and festivities for this special occasion and all will be revealed at the *Semi-Annual Meeting* on Nov. 7. What a great year to be a part of the Auxiliary. We’re having a party and we’re 60 years young!

Sixty years is truly a milestone. A brief glimpse into the past reveals the proud history of our Auxiliary organization and provides a framework for the future. So, let’s go for a short walk together down memory lane.

*~ The first meeting of the Women’s Auxiliary to Children’s Hospital was called to order on June 10, 1953 by Mrs. Joseph (Mabel) Jessop.*

*~ All of the original Auxiliary Units had Spanish names, such as La Cuesta, La Junta, Bonita, La Playa, Las Chiquitas and Las Tiacitas (this is now the Dana Unit).*

*~ In our first year, membership grew from five to 500! Members were always recruiting, much like today, by contacting friends, sharing morning coffee, learning about Rady Children’s, and forming neighborhood-based working units.*

*~ Members from the ’50’s took pride in “the outstanding leadership and planning that went into the founding of Children’s Hospital Auxiliary” and marveled at the emergence of this “new collaborative effort to jointly serve our children.”*

*~ Very early in the life of the Auxiliary, the theme “Fund Raising is Fun Raising” was coined, a saying which remains as true today as it was yesterday.*

*~ Did you know that the early Auxiliary fundraisers that began in the 1950’s lasted for decades and were highly successful? Here is a list of some of our major fundraisers over the years:*  
  - Auxiliary “Fair” (1953-1990)  
  - Thrift House (1955-1994)  
  - Gift Shop (1959-1993)  
  - Fashion Show (1983-1993)  
  - Fantasy of Trees (1987-1999)  
  - Kids’ NewsDay (1990-today)  
  - Fantasy on Ice (2000-today)  
  - Shamu & You Family Walk (2007-today)

Although times change and fundraisers change with the times, our commitment to the health and well-being of children remains strong and steadfast. Thank you to all the Auxilians from the past who carried and passed the torch of dedication and service. We stand taller today because of you, and we will continue your tradition of giving as we commemorate with pride the 60th Anniversary of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary.

*The air is humming,*

*And something great is coming!*

*Who knows?*

*It’s only just out of reach,*

*Down the block, on a beach,*

*Maybe tonight…*

*or ~ On Nov. 7 at our *Semi-Annual Meeting! Something’s coming, something good!**

Mary Rea, Chaux Talk Editor

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**The Diamond Anniversary Fund: A Legacy of Caring**

In celebration of 60 years of caring, the Diamond Anniversary Fund will support Child Life Services. Child Life Specialists are essential because they help patients and their families understand and cope with hospital experiences through play therapy, activity room programming and psychosocial care. Our support is vital for this program as it is 100 percent dependent on philanthropy. By designating this Fund in your estate plan or giving a cash gift, you can make a profound difference in the life of a child.

Look for more information about the Diamond Anniversary Fund at your unit meetings and Semi-Annual Meeting.
Your Rady Children’s

New Heart Transplant Program at Rady Children’s: “It’s a Game-Changer”

Dr. John Lamberti, the featured speaker at the monthly Education and Advocacy Seminar last February, 2012, announced that the first pediatric heart transplant could take place at Rady Children’s Hospital before the end of 2012! As Director of Cardiovascular Surgery at Rady Children’s Health Center, Dr. Lamberti has been working with many others over the last six years to put into place the partnerships, infrastructure and support system necessary to achieve a successful heart transplant program. In general, pediatric cardiac surgery requires a huge infrastructure that includes diagnostics, therapy, critical care, specialized nursing, social services, radiology, anesthesiology and surgery. Once the infrastructure was finally in place, the next step was to find a skilled heart transplant surgeon: a rare commodity!

With the recruitment of Dr. Eric J. Devaney from the University of Michigan, Rady Children’s will become the fifth California hospital and one of about 40 hospitals nationwide that performs pediatric heart transplants. Dr. Lamberti explained, “Hiring a surgeon of Dr. Devaney’s caliber is a game-changer for the Cardiology Program at Rady Children’s. Providing heart transplants here in San Diego will relieve the tremendous burden that is placed on families who, until now, had no choice but to travel long distances for care.”

In addition to heart transplantation, Dr. Devaney specializes in congenital heart surgery and circulatory support. “I’m very excited to make pediatric heart transplantation a reality for the Heart Center at Rady Children’s,” said Dr. Devaney. “In addition to the services already available, the ability to perform heart transplants will allow us to provide comprehensive care for all children with any form of heart disease.”

Chief Executive Kathleen Sellick added this jubilant message: “We call this our journey to being world-class. Heart transplantation was one of the few remaining services we needed to provide.”

With the arrival of pediatric heart transplants to Rady Children’s, we are excited about a bright future of healing! Welcome Dr. Devaney!

Unit Council

As we start our new year, I would like to thank all of the Unit Chairs, new and returning, for stepping up and taking on a leadership role. Serving as a Unit Chair is so rewarding. Not only do they get to mentor and be a cheerleader for their individual units, but they are also a part of the big picture of the Auxiliary. On top of all that, there are the wonderful friendships that are made!

Harriet and I made our first unit visit in July to the Young Professionals Unit. Being a relatively new Unit, they are growing, changing and finding what works for them. They have had a series of successful fundraising events around San Diego in places including Pizza Port in Solana Beach, Pinkberry Yogurt in Hillcrest and O’s American Kitchen in Mission Valley. They are also excited about participating in the Shamu & You Family Walk, Fantasy on Ice and other Auxiliary-wide events. Unit Chairs Lacey DeGeus and Meghan Umphres challenged every member to bring a friend to the next meeting.

We are excited to visit all the units, to explore their individual personalities and learn about what makes them tick! Cheers!

Cheryl Steinholt, Unit Council VP

Membership Corner

Membership is the heart of our Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary! It is our members’ commitment of time and talent that allows the Auxiliary to participate in the work of Rady Children’s Hospital in making San Diego a healthy community for all our children. Your 2012-2013 Membership Committee is committed to strengthening the Auxiliary by supporting the efforts of each Auxiliary unit and every Auxiliary member.

First, if you have not yet renewed your Auxiliary membership, now is a good time. Memberships can be renewed through your individual unit membership representative, or online at Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, helpsdkids.org/auxiliary. Find the Auxiliary page, select “Membership,” select “Membership Renewals,” then follow the directions. Note that you will be asked to establish an account, if you do not already have one, with user name and password. Please store user name and password in a place you will remember.

Next, new Auxiliary members, or long-time members who would like a “refresher course” should sign up to attend one of two New Member Orientation meetings. Dates and times for these orientations are:

Monday, October 15
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Both orientation meetings will be held on the Rady Children’s Hospital campus in Room 113 of the Medical Office Building (MOB), and will include the following:

- An overview of Auxiliary history
- Information about Auxiliary-wide events
- A presentation on the Hospital’s Foundation
- Details regarding fund development
- A tour of the Hospital

Welcome back!
Designation of Funds

Rady Children's Hospital Auxiliary
2011-2012 Designation of Funds Raised

Thank you all for your hard work and effort, which will help provide needed care and services to the kids in our community!

Autism Discovery Institute $31,500
Bernardy Center for Medically Fragile Children $120,200
Chadwick Center for Children and Families $44,500
Rady Children's Heart Institute $23,600
Craniofacial Program $50,000
Critical Care Unit $32,000
Discovery (Research) $86,000
Healing Arts Program $51,250
Infectious Disease Department $96,000
Kawasaki Research $9,000
Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders $759,600
Auxiliary Garden Pledge $27,518
Greatest Needs $119,526
Total $1,450,694

*We are pleased to announce that the Auxiliary’s pledge of $500,000 over a four-year period, to fund the new garden in front of the Acute Care Pavilion, has been filled this year.

Note: The figures above represent cash contributions from Auxiliary Units and other gifts. This amount does not include restricted gifts deposited with the Foundation and attributed to the Auxiliary.

Treasurer

Summer is over and units are back in full planning mode. We closed out the last fiscal year with the Designation of Funds meeting, where we put our hard-earned fundraising dollars to good use by shopping from the Hospital departments’ requests.

Your Finance Committee (Pat Wise, Linda Aguilera and Karry McDannald) and I are ready to assist the Unit Treasurers in any way we can.

I will be holding a Treasurer’s Workshop soon, but in the meantime, here are a few tips:

— Make sure to get your bank account signers updated.
— Send me your updated Justification Report with the new signers’ names.
— Send in your new budget for the year.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

Sharla Coyle, Auxiliary Treasurer
Walking with the CHAUX WALKers is really special! Not only will you and your family have a great time walking through SeaWorld and around Mission Bay, but you’ll help save the lives of children at Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego!

This family-friendly event started five years ago with just 700 walkers. Last year, we more than quintupled enrollment, with more than 4,000 walkers! We at Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary have shown our support by walking every step together, every year. You can choose a one-mile or four-mile course (so it’s perfect for all ages), and make a real splash for the kids in our community, along the way. Even if you can’t attend, you can still help support us by being a “Virtual Walker.”

All Auxiliary’s donations and entry fees will support the Diamond Anniversary Fund benefiting Child Life Services. Help us celebrate 60 years of caring by walking with us and having a whale of a good time!

Every registered participant will receive a free t-shirt and 50 percent discount coupon to SeaWorld, valid Oct. 6 to 12. There are also fabulous prizes for walkers who raise or donate more than $100. Visit www.shamuandyouwalk.org and sign up today.
Foundation

**Foundation Interim Executive Director**

Dear Auxilians,

I know you join me in thanking David Gillig for his 19 years of service. Children are healthier and safer because of his commitment and dedication. As the Interim Executive Director of Rady Children’s Hospital Foundation, I am proud and honored to be able to continue his good work with dedicated philanthropic partners such as Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. I have served the Foundation for the past 16 years, most recently as the Vice President of Development, where I helped foster relationships and good will with our corporate and community partners.

Community partners like the Auxiliary are essential in making sure we have what every child needs when they walk through our doors. Many of the funds raised by the Auxiliary help pay for care and technology that is not covered by insurance, including psychosocial programs and shortfalls in chemotherapy treatments. The Auxiliary has helped us create a unique and nurturing healing environment, as well as purchase state-of-the-art equipment that will give children the best chance for a healthy outcome.

I would like to thank each of you for your commitment and dedication to the kids in our community! I hope you take great pride in knowing that your good work is helping patients and families every day.

Warm Regards,

Carol D. Damon-Scherer

Auxiliary-Wide News/Events

**Fantasy on Ice**

For anyone craving a cool, refreshing outing on ice skates, rejoice: Winter weather is upon us! Get ready for Horton Square to be transformed into a winter wonderland.

There’s nothing like gliding on ice on a winter day. Imagine looking up at the towering buildings in downtown San Diego, then past them to the moon and stars above, perfectly poised in the magical sky. Imagine hearing the sound of metal blades skimming over smooth ice.

For many, it has become a tradition—and a lovely way to herald the holiday season. Ice skating may be the perfect activity to put you in the holiday mood, so dress warmly and get outside for some fresh air and exercise as we celebrate Fantasy on Ice, a benefit for the Peckham Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Rady Children’s.

Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary, the Irvine Company, SENTRE Partners and NBC 7/39 are again teaming up to present another truly magical holiday season.

**Fantasy on Ice at Horton Square**

**225 Broadway**
Adjacent to Horton Plaza

**Opening Night:**
November 15, 2012
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
7 days a week

**Tree Lighting:**
November 28, 2012
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
(Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas)

For more information about Fantasy on Ice, including rink schedule and prices, please call Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary at 858-966-6700.

Kathleen Caffo and Heather Wolff
Fantasy on Ice Co-Chairs
Unit News

Alpine

The Alpine Unit joined with 13 Starbucks locations in East County to collect donated items for our “Brown Bags.” We’d like to thank each location for helping. It was fun getting together to decorate and fill our bags for delivery to the Hospital in August. We all had a great time at our August social. It was a time to chat and visit without doing business!

We will again offer our Cornucopia Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov 17. Under Brenda Landini’s instruction, last year’s ladies created beautiful cornucopias for their Thanksgiving tables. This year we will be offering both a morning and afternoon session with a boutique and lunch between sessions. This is a “first-come, first-registered” event. Look for our registration flier via email or at the November Semi-Annual Meeting.

Our Christmas Birdhouse Fundraiser was such a great success last year that we will be creating arrangements again on Dec. 15. The 50 arrangements will be inspired by, but slightly different from, the ones we offered last year. Look for sign-up sheets at the Semi-Annual Meeting. As seen in the photo, your birdhouse arrangement can be repurposed using fall colors.

Debbie Sakarias

Bonita

The beginning of a new Auxiliary year is the perfect time to recognize three of the busiest and most unselfish ladies in our Bonita Unit. They are not only extremely active in our Unit, but they also manage important positions on Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Board of Directors. Last year, Natalie Emerson was the Board’s Membership VP and this year, she has accepted the position of Board Secretary. Marilyn Williams is co-chairing Kids’ NewsDay this year, and Sherry Beckhart is the New Unit Coordinator. Last year, Sherry held the Board position of Public Relations and Marketing Director. Congratulations to Natalie, Marilyn and Sherry for your work with the Auxiliary Board of Directors and for your commitment to Rady Children’s!

As summer ends, we are once again working on our Auction and Luncheon by the Bay. This year, our Co-Chairs for the event are: Pam Carlson, Teri Bristow and Dana Hartman. During the summer break, our Co-Chairs stayed on top of business! They kept all of us well-informed of any changes and on track to be ready for work in the fall!

The theme for our luncheon and auction this year is “Understanding Life’s Puzzle.” All proceeds from this event will be donated to Rady Children’s Hospital Autism Discovery Institute. Our luncheon and auction will be held at our favorite place: the Marriott Marquis-San Diego Marina. If you have not had an opportunity to come to one of our auctions, it is a fun and festive day to enjoy each other’s company, shop till you drop, have a delicious lunch and listen to an inspiring speaker. We hope you join the fun this year on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Millie Boucree
Dana

Point Loma resident Suzy Spafford was the featured artist at the Dana Unit’s 11th Annual Point Loma Garden Walk. Suzy created and donated an 11” x 15” watercolor to the Dana Unit. The artwork features Witzy and other whimsical animal characters from her line of Suzy’s Zoo greeting cards and books. The characters are in a garden setting with a very familiar looking kite flying in the background. The painting was displayed during the Garden Walk at the Suzy’s Zoo Corner at one of the featured homes.

This generous gift will enable the Dana Unit to benefit from an online auction of the original work and the sale of limited edition, high-quality prints that will be signed and numbered by Suzy Spafford. We currently have greeting cards with the artwork available for sale, and we are looking forward to all the exciting possibilities this opportunity affords us. We deeply appreciate Suzy’s thoughtful donation.

Details about the online auction are on the Dana Unit’s Auxiliary Facebook page and at pointlomagardenwalk.com.

Sue De Leon

Suzy Spafford (right), Witzy and Suzy’s granddaughter Kayleigh Grace enjoy the Point Loma Garden Walk

Del Cerro

The Del Cerro Unit celebrated the end of the year with a scrumptious Summer Social, hosted by Connie Conard at her beautiful home on Mt. Helix. Being quite a lively group, we’ve discovered that getting together informally provides us with the opportunity to deepen our friendships and secure our commitments as part of the Rady Children’s family.

Karen Haak invited Dr. Andrew Krakowski, M.D., a Clinical Fellow in Pediatric Dermatology at Rady Children’s, to speak to our group. This year, the Del Cerro Unit’s funds will be designated for the Laser Scar Revision Program. Dr. Krakowski is a vital part of this program. Also present was Lisa Reddy, a Foundation Director, who offered her support and answered additional questions. Dr. Krakowski’s presentation exhibited not only detailed information associated with the program, but an empathetic viewpoint through a child’s eyes.

Helen Pittman graciously hosted our first gathering of the season in July. Most of the meeting was devoted to discussing plans for our upcoming A Fall Fantasy fundraising event for Rady Children’s Hospital, which will be held at the Town and Country Resort in Mission Valley on Saturday, Sept. 29, beginning at 9 a.m. Tickets are $50. This year we have selected an earlier date to host our event, as well as a much larger venue, in hopes of accommodating the increase in attendance.

We wish to welcome everyone back from a summer filled with rest and relaxation as we all begin our new season with thoughts of helping the children at Rady Children’s Hospital.

Kim Emerson
Unit News

Del Mar

The Carmel Valley and Del Mar Units’ social, Heard It Through the Grapevine, was held at Davanti, a restaurant that also donated to our event. The theme was “Eat, drink and be merry.”

Our members continued to give back to donors by hosting a Thank You Party at Pacifica Del Mar, which sponsored the event. The event couldn’t have happened without the restaurant’s support. At the end of the dinner, all the Unit members and restaurant staff received potted flowers as a thank you for their dedication to the event.

We are proud to report that two of our members received Mabel Jessop Spirit Awards, and a number of us attended the Annual Meeting to show our support.

We tearfully attended David Gillig’s retirement, and we will truly miss him. He led many a tour with our members and provided great leadership to us all. We also bid farewell to Linda Smith, a beloved supporting member who returned to the Unit recently. Both Don and Linda Smith are dedicated volunteers, donating food as a last commitment to the Auxiliary. We wish them well as they relocate to Boston.

The Del Mar Unit is flourishing, and with “more hands, less work.” We heard through the grapevine that the Del Mar Unit gathered in August to plan for the new year with their growing Unit. Speaking of growing, we want to thank our generous donors, Del Mar Floral and Gifts and the Ecke Family. Please consider them for all your floral needs.

Annette Fargo

La Playa

On June 2 we held the 17th Annual Celebration of Champions. It was a day that will live in all of our hearts for years to come. The event went off without a hitch thanks to all of you who donated your time, sponsorship and bright smiles in order to make this an unforgettable day for our Champions and their families. The La Playa Unit would like to express our deepest gratitude for your contributions.

The day was filled with high emotions. First, we honored those Champions who have passed with the “Circle of Life” ceremony, then we cheered along our current Champions as they ran their race and demonstrated what it truly means to be a Champion. Months and months of preparation were immensely rewarded by the beautiful, shining faces of the Champions as they crossed the finish line.

It was a magical event that enabled the Champions, along with their families, health care professionals and local celebrities, to enjoy an exciting day removed from the Hospital and their daily routine of treatments.

The La Playa Unit concluded the year by thanking the past board members with an annual luncheon at the Southwestern Yacht Club. The upcoming board will once again be headed by Linda Hervey as our Chairman. We look forward to another wonderful, exciting year ahead!

Nicole Wickstrand
Mountain View

Summertime for our members was a time to relax and enjoy friends and family. They traveled across the United States, camped at the beach, and spent days just relaxing. At our last meeting, we voted on the slate of Officers for 2012-2013.

Our Boot Scootin’ Bunco was a great success. We were grateful for all of the support from members, friends and fellow Auxilians. In August, our Unit had an informal get-together with prospective new members. We enjoyed that time talking about our summer activities. It was nice to catch up with one another, to share the joy of our dedication to Rady Children’s and to prepare for another year.

September rolls around and we are off and running. Each year, our members support the Shamu & You Family Walk, Kids’ NewsDay, and Shop Under the Stars fundraising event on Monday, Nov. 5 at the Carlsbad Outlet Center. Look for the flier in this issue of Chaux Talk for all the details.

We look forward to meeting in September and focusing on these upcoming activities.

Brenda Clark

North Coast

Once again, the North Coast Unit had a great time at our Celebration of Champions carnival booth. We love doing tile decorating, as it seems to be fun for all ages. We stayed open an extra half hour, until we ran out of tiles, so next year we’ll be back with even more. (It’s a good thing we have the Boy Scouts to carry them!) Our Unit members also really enjoy this opportunity to involve their children in supporting the Hospital.

Here is a snapshot of our young volunteers in action.

After what seemed like a very quick summer, we are looking forward to starting the year off with our new member tea in September. We have a number of potential new members who should be great additions to the Unit. We also want to respond to last year’s positive feedback, so we are hoping to start this year with a guest bartending or other date night event in the fall. The next Chaux Talk will have more details.

Finally, we would like to congratulate Unit member Laura Stearn on her new position as Hospital Liaison for the Auxiliary Board. She will be a fantastic addition! Best wishes to all for a great year.

Coleen Young

North County

After our relaxing and rejuvenating summer break, the North County Unit enjoyed a wonderful reunion at our September meeting. Under the leadership of Sharon Bedsaul and Ileana Paul, the members began energetic and enthusiastic work on implementing plans for our fall and winter activities. First on the agenda was Oktoberfest, our Unit celebration, where we spend an evening renewing old friendships and welcoming new members. This will be held at the lovely country home of long-time member Penny Anderson.

Next, we began to work on the plans for our 31st Annual Holiday Luncheon. In the capable hands of our Ways and Means team, Traci Block, Penny Rich and Hildegard Stute, the luncheon format is in place. These ladies, plus assorted worker bees, have had summer meetings and workshops, so at the September meeting all members signed up for a variety of areas of participation.

As always, we look forward to a successful and enjoyable fundraiser for Rady Children’s. We hope to see you all at our Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 1 at the Shadowridge Country Club. It will be a wonderful way to jump start the holiday season!

Nancy Baldry
**Unit News**

**Presidio**

The major event this summer and fall for the Presidio Unit has been planning our Unit fundraising event. We are excited about our annual **Bus Trip** to the Carlsbad Village Street Faire. This event’s theme is “On the Road Again.” It will be a wonderful opportunity for all of you shoppers to start your holiday gift gathering early. A delightful champagne buffet lunch at Fresco Trattoria Restaurant in Carlsbad is included in the price of $80 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Heart Institute. Be sure to put Sunday, Nov. 4 on your calendar and plan to join us for this fun trip.

“On the Road Again” should certainly be the theme for our Presidio members. Sue Flynn took two 16-year-olds to Maui for 10 days. Diana Hilton enjoyed Tuscany and Umbria, and Ursula Siesel just returned from Slovenia, Croatia, and Italy. Linda Rains went hiking in the Lake Tahoe area. Verna Zopfi and her husband Jim celebrated their 50th anniversary with their family in Oregon. Lynne Smith took two grandchildren to Washington, D.C., to celebrate their high school graduations. Our adventurous Supporting Member Carolyn Likins spent two weeks in Africa on a humanitarian mission.

The fun continued in San Diego, as well! Joyce Knott enjoyed visiting grandchildren from Boston, while Helena Sturgill entertained visitors from Finland. Our September meeting is always a fun time for us to share what we did during the summer. We look forward to a busy fall as members of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary.

Linda Gillett

**Rancho Bernardo**

Paula Fetcho and Donna Tyler were busy over the summer working on the Rancho Bernardo Unit’s membership directory. They recently reported that we have 19 supporting members, one friend of the Unit, two life members and 12 active members. These active members and some of the life and supporting members will soon be taking poinsettia orders from everyone they know.

Bei Dodds, Tammy Young and several others met this summer to start planning and organizing the Poinsettia sale. They report that everything is moving along smoothly. Be sure to make your holidays brighter with our poinsettias, and do look for our order forms to come out in October. The deadline for poinsettia orders is Nov. 15.

Tammy Young put on another hat and started planning this year’s **Kids’ NewsDay**. She hopes to have 100 percent participation from the active members in our Unit this year.

As summer comes to an end, we hope you all had a fun and relaxing couple of months. We look forward to seeing our old friends and making some new ones this year, as we participate in the Auxiliary and our Unit’s many activities.

Marcia Clingman

**Scripps Ranch**

Our Unit concluded an amazing 2011-2012 year with a party at Jan McGowan’s home. We enjoyed recognizing and celebrating many Unit achievements. We expressed special appreciation to Yvette Gilman for her leadership as Unit Chair and to the outgoing 2011-2012 Unit Board for all of their hard work.

Our Membership Chairs Mary Rea and Michele Fisher held a **Prospective New Member Social** early in September. Over coffee and dessert treats, prospective new members learned about the Auxiliary and received information about becoming a member of the Scripps Ranch Unit. Many of the incoming Unit Board members were on-hand to share their own experiences, as well as the benefits of being members of our Scripps Ranch Unit and of the Auxiliary overall. We were delighted to welcome new Unit members Janet Mebane and Lydia Weber.

Unit members Yvette Gilman and Rebecca Flynn

Scripps Ranch members at the end-of-the-year party
Our first Unit meeting in September began with a fabulous Welcome Back Dinner to kick off the New Year. The biggest highlight came from our Ways and Means Representatives Cheryl Steinholt and Harriet Hall, who have been working hard throughout the summer planning our fundraising event. This will take place Oct. 20 at the Scripps Ranch Swim & Racquet Club, and they promise it will be a “wacky and quirky” Oktoberfest-themed fundraiser event. So far, we can expect beer and sausage tasting, BBQ, and opportunity drawings. Of course, no Oktoberfest would be complete without—what else—a Polka band!

Nancy Fleischman

Southeast Cluster

The Southeast Cluster (SECU) had our Annual Retreat on Aug. 18, hosted this year by Joan Reavis. We always look forward to our retreat because it is an opportunity for us to catch up with each other about our summer activities, and at the same time, get reenergized. We enjoyed a scrumptious brunch and took advantage of a relaxing atmosphere to complete our planning for the new year.

The hot topic of our meeting was the upcoming Jazz & Jeans fundraising event, planned for Oct. 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. The Steam Ferry Berkeley at Maritime Museum San Diego will provide the backdrop for the energizing jazz of Dave Scott and the New Slide Quartet. Put on your jeans and join us for a fun evening. The proceeds will benefit Rady Children’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

We look forward to seeing you all on Oct. 20!

Carolyn Smith

Tierrasanta

"Aloha" was the greeting at the Tierrasanta Unit’s Hawaiian-themed installation dinner on June 19. Rowena Treitler conferred on the new officers their duties for the 2012-2013 year. Marsha Bouman and Lynne Lurie turned over the co-chairmen notebooks to Connie Anderson and Barb Zinser-Leos. Other incoming members of the executive board are Julie Jackson, secretary, and Linda Aguilera, treasurer. A big “thank you” goes to Maria Polifka for arranging all of the delicious food for the evening.

Although this was our last meeting of the year, we also had a garage sale (two days later) on June 21 in Coronado. We raised money for the Hospital, and as a bonus, we all have cleaner closets!

The Annual Meeting inspired us. We took that energy and began planning for the next Chapter year, with Lorraine Fisken heading up Breakfast with Santa preparations. Marina Dion will be assisting her. Members of the Unit have already signed up for various committees. Mark your calendars for Dec. 8 for this entertaining event. As this goes to press, I can almost hear Lorraine saying, “Summer’s over, let’s get to work!”

Pam Hanig
Yay! With another fundraising event under our belts at O’s American Kitchen (formerly Pat & Oscar’s) the Young Professionals (YPU) have started to gain not only money, but experience as well! We had our monthly meeting at Rady Children’s Hospital, where we were joined by some of the new Auxiliary Board Members. In addition, the YPU was fortunate enough to have an amazing tour of the new Acute Care Pavilion, guided by the wonderful Sara Moten. We loved visiting the gardens and hearing about the people who inspired them.

Our upcoming focus will be on organizing activity bags for the Hospital and gearing up for the Shamu & You Family Walk on Oct 6. YPU looks forward to connecting with our fellow Auxiliaries as we kick start the 2012-2013 year! We look forward to everything this new year has in store.

Happy Auxiliary New Year!

Lauren Terrazas

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Scripps Ranch Unit

Oktoberfest

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6:00pm - 10:00pm
$50 per person

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The Southeast Cluster Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary is looking forward to seeing you on October 20, 2012. Put on your jeans and your dancing shoes and get ready to have a really good time. You’ll eat a little and dance a lot to the music of Dave Scott and the New Slide Quartet.

Proceeds will benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego.

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Again this year we invite all Units to take the opportunity to place an ad to
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