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President's Message

By Kelly Burns



"Gratitude is one of the most powerful human emotions. Once expressed, it changes attitude, brightens outlook, and broadens our perspective." Germany Kent

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reflective of all that there is to be grateful for. I am thankful for the Thrift Box community who gives selflessly each day to make a difference in the lives of the families and children at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.

I give thanks to you all, whether you work upstairs, or on the floor, as a Department Head, or a Committee chair, a Manager, BoB chair, or Annual Campaign Chair.

I am eternally grateful for our managers who not only lead on a daily basis, but take on so many extra tasks with the positive attitude of "getting it done."

I am thankful for our amazing Board who makes my job a joy, and always thoughtfully works to make the San Jose Auxiliary a success.

I am mindful that we would not be where we are today without the forward thinking women who came before us.

I am always grateful for our wonderful sustainers who continue to support us with the goal of helping the children at LPCH Stanford.

We are blessed each year to be able to welcome Provisionals who bring new energy and ideas to The Box.

With a full and grateful heart I want each of you to know how much you are appreciated!

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY – YOUR PLANNED HOURS - Just a reminder to fill out and return your Survey by November 4th.

2020 Membership Handbook

If you need to change your personal information in the 2019 Handbook please **email** [Patt Brust](mailto:pattbrust@gmail.com), pattbrust@gmail.com - do not call with changes - it is best to see them in writing to ensure correctness.

Thrift Box Seeking Co-Treasurer

Do you have a business or finance background? Are you looking for another interesting way to help support our Thrift Box team? We are looking for a co-treasurer to partner with Barbara Saka. If you would like to learn more about some of the requirements and duties please contact [Kelly Burns](#) or [Barbara Saka](#) directly.

Next Board Meeting - Wednesday November 6th, 9:30
Home of Barbara Saka, 1883 Kirkmont Drive, San Jose RSVP Regrets only to [Kelly Burns](#)



1445 Foxworthy Ave
San Jose, CA 95118
408-264-5781

November 13, 2019
11:30 am

- Entrée:** *Caesar's Fantasy Chicken Salad*
Traditional Caesar salad with grilled breast of chicken, Gorgonzola cheese, roasted red peppers and walnuts. Served with a cup of soup.
- Vegetarian Entrée:** *Eggplant Parmigiana*
*Eggplant lightly breaded and baked with marinara and mozzarella. Served with spaghetti marinara and spinach olio. **Note: you must contact Toni Burton to reserve Vegetarian Entrée.***
- Dessert:** *Bundtini*
- Beverage:** *Coffee and Iced Tea included*
- Cost:** *\$24.00 (all inclusive)*
- DEADLINE TO RSVP:** *Wednesday, November 6th, by 5:00PM to thriftboxlunch@gmail.com. Please note: Vegetarian entree requests must be made at thriftboxlunch@gmail.com*

Please note: If you do not have access to email and need to phone your RSVP, please call Toni Burton, 408.410.6296. If you leave a message, please spell your last name and leave your phone number. All emails and phone calls are acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please consider your email or phone call as not received and try again later.

Also, members on medical leave are automatic NO's and must contact me if they are planning to attend the luncheon.

REMINDER:

Active and Provisional Members are on our automatic YES list unless they cancel their reservation by the deadline. Professional Active Members, Professional Provisional Members, Associates, Sustainers and Guests must email or call to make a reservation. If you make a reservation and cannot attend and do not cancel by the deadline, you are responsible for the cost of the lunch and will be billed. Venues demand a count several days prior to the luncheon, and we are committed to pay for the number of meals ordered.

Nominating Committee Update

Submitted by Linda Herschbach

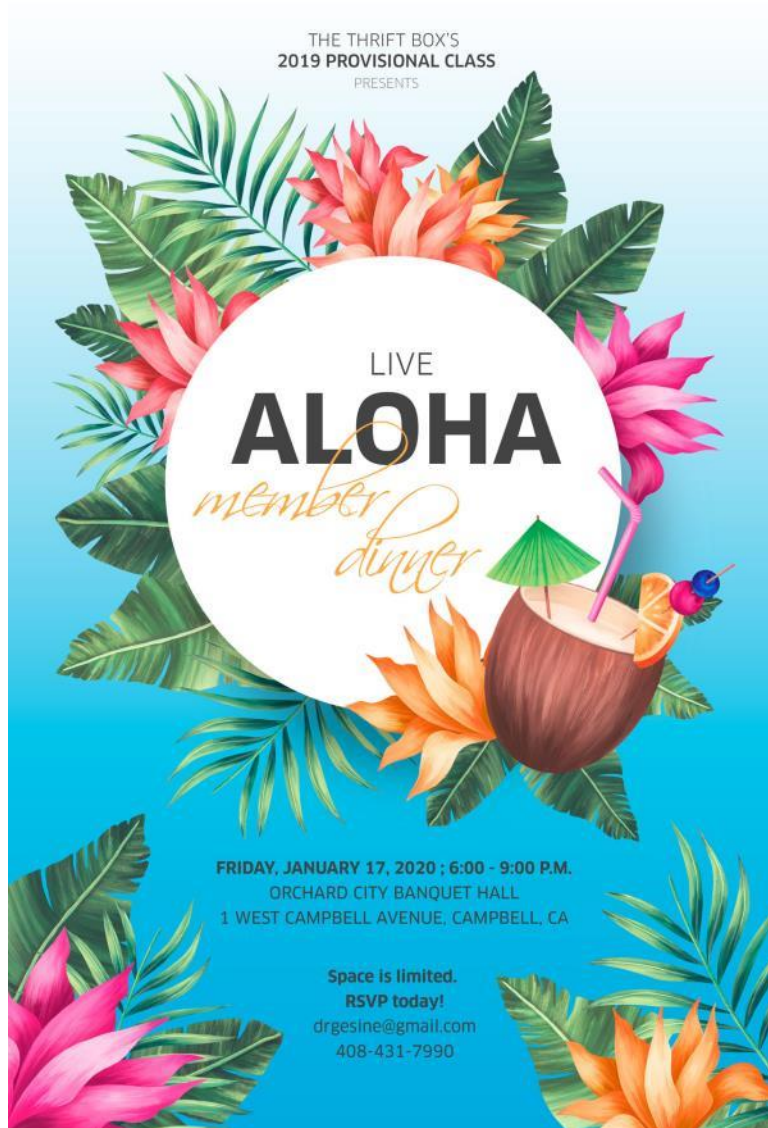
The Nominating Committee has been working diligently to prepare a slate of officers for 2020. The slate will be presented to the Board at its November 6 meeting, and to the membership at the November 13 luncheon. The slate will be voted on at the December luncheon. A big thank you to Toni Burton, Carmen McHugh, Sue McCrary and Nancy Zillman for their service on the Nominating Committee.

Vice President's News & Notes

Submitted by Barbara Garcia

I would like to acknowledge all of my wonderful Provisionals as they continue to work so very hard preparing the annual Members' Party in January. I hope you have all made your reservations (space is filling up) and I know you are looking forward to this event as much as I am.

A special thanks to all of our members who continue to make our newest members feel welcome and appreciated. I am so grateful to all of you.





Shop Talk

Submitted by Chrisanne Beebe & Lynn Johnson, 4th Quarter Managers

We are still looking for store managers for 2020. There has been some interest and we are excited about that, but we still welcome interested members to come forward. All of the managers are happy to have anyone interested shadow them for a day to see what is entailed. The job can be shared with another member on a split day or a shared day through the month, or a random day that fits their calendar. Please contact a current manager if you are interested.

Please be sure to complete the Members Survey and turn it in by November 4th so we can get an accurate view of everyone's commitment for 2020. Thank you!

Reminders: Please arrive by 9:30AM for the morning shift and by 12:45PM for the afternoon. Also, the rotation schedule ensures that we have coverage throughout the store. It only works if it is followed by all workers.

We have had a bit of a sneak peek at Christmas for our customers and it has been very successful, but we are saving an array of special inventory for our members. The Members' Christmas Sale will take place on Sunday, November 3, 1:00 - 2:30PM. Checks and credit cards only, please.



Membership Report

Submitted by Nancy Zillman

MEMBER SURVEYS - To date we have only received responses from 20% of our members! **Please** complete your Member Survey by November 4th and return it to the Membership Box in the managers' office. You can pick up blank surveys there also.

We now have 20 potential Provisionals that the membership committee is contacting and encouraging to join. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be sponsors. We still need just a few more volunteers. On November 19th our committee will be hosting an informational meeting at the Box. The purpose is to go over the requirements, answer any questions, tour the Box, and hopefully have all of the attendees agree to join. Please continue your efforts to recruit new members. There is still time for them to become part of the January class. We really appreciate your help in this. Thank you.

Status Changes

	Sandy Phillips	Active to Non-resident
	Sandy Flood	Associate to Sustainer
	Jo Pugsley	Active to Sustainer
	Cookie Hansen	Deceased
10/1/2019	Gwen Kale	PL through 12/31/2019
10/3/2019	Sita Kern	PL indefinite
10/3/2019	Brenda Woodman	PL through 1/1/2020
10/5/2019	Kate Burton	ML through 11/14/2019
10/29/2019	Sharon Grover	PL through 11/15/2019
10/17/2019	Barbara Boucher	ML through 1/1/2020
We currently have 15 members on leave		

Handbook Corrections: Following are corrections since the last newsletter. Please update your 2019 Membership Handbook.

Saka, Barbara, pg. 39 - remove home phone number

Lindsay, Carol, pg. 33 - new email: CarolLindsay408@comcast.net

Adding to Your Busy Holiday List

Submitted by Sue McCrary, Member at Large

As we enter the holiday season, I want to give you a heads up that in December I will be asking for your “EXTRA HOURS” total for 2019. Extra hours include any hours you put in AFTER YOU MEET YOUR REQUIRED HOURS. Examples: committee and/or luncheon meetings; BoB hours; travel time to and from the Thrift Box luncheon meetings and/or shift work, and any time spent at home on Thrift Box business.

You can send me an email with your total to galforcal@gmail.com, text me at 831-423-8394, or put a note in the Member-at-Large box in the hallway near the Book Room. At the end of the year I will total the hours and report them to the Foundation. The Foundation will then use the total of volunteer hours collected from all of the Auxiliaries for grant writing purposes.

We have enjoyed unprecedented sales and donations this year. As the number of shifts increased, so did the demands on our membership. Tirelessly we have given countless hours to meet our common goal of raising funds for the children at LPCH. As we work together in the upcoming months, let us remember to create and maintain an environment of kindness, and inclusivity, and with our words and actions, build one another up. As written by Lao Tzu, “*Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.*”

Some committees could still use more help. Please check the “Help Wanted” board in the hallway near the Book Room to review the postings. Children’s Books could use help with cleaning and pricing the books. Let me know if you are interested.

Enjoy the blessings of the upcoming Thanksgiving season.

Willow Glen Fall Wine Walk

Submitted by Kathleen Erdmann, Publicity Chair

On October 12th from 2 – 5PM, the Thrift Box participated in the Fall Wine Walk sponsored by the Willow Glen Business Association. We were supported by Solis Winery in Gilroy. They poured Fiano, a white wine from Southern Italy.

We set up a nice table for tasting and set out flowers and some wrapped chocolate treats for the Wine Walk participants. The goal of this event was to attract another demographic into our shop. The managers did a great job of stocking the store with merchandise for a day that started with the WG High School Homecoming parade down Lincoln Avenue and lots of foot traffic. The line of wine walkers streamed out the front door! We had record sales that day, but more importantly, we attracted many younger shoppers that travelled along Lincoln with groups of friends. It was a very pleasant and successful event.

A special thank you to all those who worked an extra hour past their regular shift, under the direction of Linda Herschbach, and also to my Wine Walk team - Lynn Johnson, Carmen McHugh and Linda Okenquist! It was so much fun!



Teen Health Van Update

Submitted by Chris Kirkpatrick

We are grateful! Thank you, Thrift Box workers, for all your support of our Teen Health Van. The upstairs workers put backpacks and teenage appropriate items to donate to our Teen Health Van in the bins upstairs. In October we donated:

New purchased underwear	Leggings	Hoodies
New socks from Bombas,	Jeans	Caps
Jackets	Sweatpants	25 backpacks
T-shirts	Sweatshirts	
Polos	Fleece	

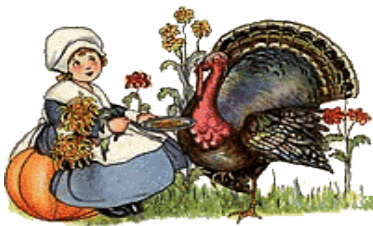
All of this amounted to 250 items.

The Teen Health Van was so happy and said the homeless youth population is increasing, so they are very grateful to receive these items.

As we quickly approach the holiday season, please don't forget to give support to the Teen Health Van, a special project of Lucille Packard Children's Hospital. There are four ways by which you can do this:

1. Write a check made payable to **The San Jose Auxiliary**. Notate on the memo line that it's for the Teen Health Van. Send the check to Joanne Salazar, Auxiliary Treasurer or put it in her box. This money is used to purchase new underwear for Teen Van patients. It is so much appreciated!
2. Another way to support the Teen Health Van is to purchase **Target gift cards** in denominations of \$10 - \$20. You can give these cards to me and I will personally deliver them to Rosa Maldonado, Teen Health Van Clinic Manager. She disperses cards to patients on an "as needed" basis whenever they need to purchase items that we don't provide through our clothing donations.
3. **Purchase scarves** from our wonderful Virginia Komar at our upcoming luncheon. For years Virginia has donated the proceeds of her scarf sales to the Teen Health Van.
4. Please encourage your friends and family who work for corporations to apply for company grants.

Thank you again for your generous support of the Teen Health Van!



November Birthdays

Barbara Garcia	11/4	Margie McEachron	11/19
Carol Tabellion	11/5	Donna Henderson	11/20
Lena Brumbaugh	11/8	Martinha DaSilva	11/20
Judy Nadler	11/8	Nancy Olea	11/21
Missy Ryan	11/8	Kathy Mitchell	11/23
Sally Zietzke	11/9	Kathleen Schroeder	11/26
Connie Geraci	11/11	Jeannette Allen	11/27
Bernadette Carlini	11/12	Holly Marsh	11/27
Patti Barber	11/14	Cari Santibanes	11/27
Julie Keith	11/16	JoAnn Herring	11/28
Claudia Parker	11/17	Nadine Pogue	11/29
Terry Deinert	11/19	Lois McDonald	11/30