

Big Hearts for Little Hearts Desert Guild eNEWSLETTER

IN SUPPORT OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

JUNE 2015

A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:



Wow, how fast the season went! In May, your DESERT GUILD elected its new board for the upcoming 2015-2016 season. It is

an honor and privilege to accept the gavel from D. Joyce Engel. For the past three years, Joyce has led our guild with devotion, commitment, and a true staunchness of purpose. Those are big shoes to fill!

Truly, I am somewhat awestruck by the history of this Guild. Founded by the always elegant E. Jane Woolley, MD and the Honorable Shirley Pettis Thompson, this Guild has raised over \$1.7 million over thirteen years all benefiting LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. I recently toured the hospital and witnessed first-hand the difference your generous donations have made. From pediatric pharmacies, to life-saving transport equipment, this Guild has played a significant role in saving the lives of our local children. I am proud to be part of this impressive group of women.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Mardell Brandt, Mary Ann Xavier, E. Jane Woolley, MD, Loni Bader, Katherine J. Andrews (deceased), Kathleen Venturi, Jeanne Mace, Rosella Weissman, Sheila Freeman, Bobbi Reiman



I am also delighted to announce the following members have been elected to the Board for the 2015-2016 season:

Bonnie Timarac, Vice President
Nancy Volk, Recording and Corresponding Secretary
Heidi York, Treasurer and Reservations Chair
Debbie Casden, Major Fundraiser Chair
Dee Brown, Major Fundraiser Co-Chair
Fidge Brown, Boutique Chair
Anisse Reynolds, Boutique Co-Chair
Carolyn Nelson, Opportunity Drawing and Silent Auction Chair
Rhona Bader, Cooking Demonstration Chair
Joan Woehrmann, Membership Chair
Lynn Nash, Teddy Bear Workshop Chair
Lizette Vela, Family Membership Chair
Dale Rotner and **Jeanne Mace**, Hospital Tour Co-Chairs
D. Joyce Engel, Endowment Chair

We are already working diligently to bring you a season of fun and interesting events. Hugs Help Healing Workshops, Cooking Demonstrations, our newly minted evening boutique "GLAMOUR AND GIVING," and our first event of the season TIP-A-FIREFIGHTER for LLUCH to be held SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY IN RANCHO MIRAGE. Look for our Save-the-Date card in your mail soon.

As always, your continued membership is important to us. Help us keep our kids healthy and happy.

What could be better than that?



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HOW YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!

Here we are at the close of another wonderful season in the Desert and how quickly the time flew by!

I can't think of a more elegant and gracious way to have begun a season in November than to have lunch on the patio at Le Vallauris in Palm Springs. Under a canopy of trees and lights, Chef Jean Paul Lair prepared a sumptuous three-course meal. We were fortunate to have such an eloquent and motivating speaker in Adrian Lavery, MD, MPH. To listen to Dr. Lavery is to genuinely understand how different Loma Linda University Children's Hospital is and how our DESERT GUILD has contributed to the care and treatment of our kids. In January, we were treated to lunch at the highly acclaimed Mastro's Steakhouse. Our speaker, Rachelle Bussell, Senior Vice President for Advancement shared the importance of Vision 2020 and how the new children's hospital tower will impact our community. February brought us lunch at the newly reopened Ritz Carlton Rancho Mirage. From its dramatic hillside location overlooking our Coachella Valley, the stylish and sophisticated Edge Steakhouse was the perfect setting for our final cooking demonstration of the season. The always eloquent Shamel Abd-Allah, MD gave our audience an update on the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and highlighted how the DESERT GUILD PHARMACY has significantly affected the PICU physicians. Thank you to Sherry Cherlin for her hard work in chairing these fabulous cooking demonstrations.

March brought us our Annual Luncheon and Shopping Boutique held at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort and it was another resounding success. Vendors from across the Southland gathered to offer their stylish merchandise to our loyal members and guests, resulting in a

generous donation of 20% of their sales. Mark your calendars now for our fun new event March 15, 2016 called "An Evening of Girlfriends, Glamour and Giving." Our thanks again to Fidge Brown and Anisse Reynolds for assembling this great group of vendors as well as the many other volunteers who contributed their time and treasure to this event.



BIG HEARTS FOR LITTLE HEARTS DESERT GUILD ENJOYS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Last season, our DESERT GUILD voted to undertake a significant challenge in funding The Woolley-Pettis Endowed Chair for Pediatric Research. As part of a prestigious academic health system, LLUCH is grounded in world class research and your DESERT GUILD is proud to embark on this new endeavor. Our first Endowment Dinner fundraiser was held at Toscana Country Club, with over – 90 people in attendance. Your gifts toward the Endowment Fund help ensure the effectiveness of our care so all children can have a better tomorrow. Congratulations

Bonnie Timarac and Joyce Engel on a memorable evening.

Two Hugs Help Healing Workshops were held this season in October and April. Because of your continued generosity, approximately 500 bears from Build-A-Bear Workshop™ have been provided over the years to critically ill children at LLUCH. Each child has been able to select their very own bear and outfit, creating the perfect companion for their hospital stay. Bear hugs really do help healing! Give chair Nancy Volk a big bear hug next time you see her.

The first Carousel of Hope Family Event drew over 200 children and adults for a day of clowns, celebrity look-alikes, games, and fascinating demonstrations. Sports legends Johnny Bench and Fred "the Hammer" Williamson autographed baseballs and footballs. Dale Rotner – you hit a home run! A special thanks to all those volunteers who stepped up to help Dale make this event so exceptional.

Last, but by no means, least – a great big BHLH thank you to Jenifer Daniels who graciously acts as our emcee for each and every event. Jenifer, you rock!

Terry Seigel
President

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