

# LA PROV NEWS

Keeping Children Healthy

Katherine Richards, Editor

## Upcoming Events

You don't want to miss our Spring Social "Denim and Diamonds" event on Saturday, April 22nd at the Calamigos Equestrian Center in Burbank. Contact Patricia Taylor, Chairperson.

## New Members Needed for the Guild

Sue Meckley, 1st Vice President and Membership Chairman is looking for new members to join our Guild during our membership drive! Nominations for membership will begin in September so bring your friends and family members, who would like to join us to our events so we can meet them! For more information about our Guild Membership contact Sue Meckley.

## Editor's Gossip

Gossip has it that a jewelry party to benefit the thrift shop is being planned. Stay tuned!



Sue Meckley, Glenda Jones, Joan Chandler, Nancy Wiggins, Ann O'Donnell-Gardner, Lorelei Kelley

## President's Message

Welcome to our New Guild Year! We have a lot of exciting plans for our Guild starting with the renovation of our thrift shop! Thanks to Lorelei Kelley, Dee Dee Rolands and our Guild volunteers. We also received a new Mac computer for the shop donated by UCLA and a new router that will allow our computer wifi to run faster!! Get ready to pony up at the Spring Social "Denim & Diamonds", April 22 at the Calamigos Equestrian Center, chaired by Patricia Taylor. Our Summer Meeting in August, chaired by Jill Kessler and of course the Christmas in July, scheduled for July 7 is always a big hit. Plus, we have a few surprises that you'll hear about soon and you won't want to miss them! Let's remember we're not just a club...we're the Guild. We have many things in common but we are all here for one goal...the Children's Hospital Los Angeles. This year all of our proceeds will go to support our current project: The Associates Endowed Chair for the Chief of the Children's Orthopaedic Center and the Associates Endowment for Liver and Intestinal Research. Let's all work hard for another successful year!

Glenda Jones, President  
 La Providencia Guild of Children's Hospital Los Angeles



## Thrift Shop News

### WE DID IT!

It took many hands and many hours, but the Thrift Shop remodeling is completed. Lots of sorting, shoving, pushing, tossing has gone on at our Shop, but the results have been spectacular. We are reopening Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

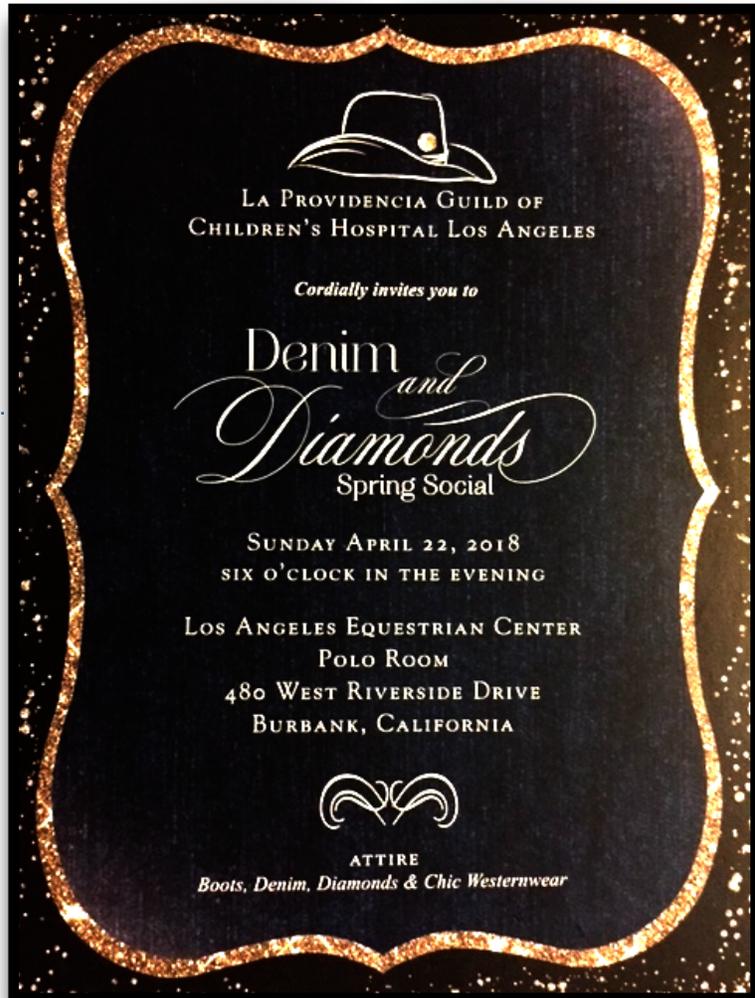
We have a new look and invite all members to come by and “have a peek”, maybe even purchase something. We have some beautiful merchandise displayed.

So many members have been involved with this project it is difficult to mention everyone. However, we have to give special thanks to Sue Meckley and Kris Veatch for going beyond “the call of duty”. A heartfelt thanks to all that participated. Our sorter Emily Clark was such a gem during the chaos, we thank her very much.

A big thanks to President Glenda Jones for her support and encouragement and especially for the new computer!

Larry Bisordi Painting Co. did the painting; Vance Kelley the handyman work; and Ron Jankowski and his crew from Butler Maintenance re-waxed the floors, did the windows and cleared out the fixtures we no longer needed.

Lorelei Kelley, Chairman  
DeeDee Rowlands, Assistant Chairman



## Joan Albriton Named Associate of the Year

Hard work, dedication and love for children is what Associate Member Joan Albriton has and the reason she was voted Associate of the Year! Joan is all about been a member of the La Providencia Guild since 2016 and goes over and above and beyond her duty in our thrift shop as

well as answering the call to work on communities and activities in our Guild. Joan has been a great asset to our Guild and we wanted to honor her with this award for her outstanding work and love for the children that we service at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. Thank you, Joan for your service to the Guild!

**2017-18 Annual Business Meeting**  
**Ann O'Donnell-Gardner, Chairperson**  
***“Light the Lives of the Children”***

This year we were once again at the lovely Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. Tradition has it, the décor of the meeting reflects the color and theme of our current President. President Lynn White-Shelby's 2-year theme has been Light the Lives of Children and her color was blue. My challenge was to reflect her theme in a different way than our last Annual Meeting which used a light house theme. I chose to use candles to represent the light and found a sweet child dressed as an angel and holding a candle on a blue background, to use as my inspiration.

Centerpieces were beautifully realized by our magical DeeDee Rowlands and Donna Salant. I gave them my concept of using glass and crystal pieces from the Thrift Shop as unexpected candle holders, there-by holding costs down and highlighting items from the shop at the same time. Then I let them run with it! I'm no dummy! Each centerpiece was unique but unified by the glass and crystal with blue hydrangeas. To finish the tables, we had white table clothes with navy napkins where we tucked the blue programs with our little angel peeking out.

Mary Jo Hjelmstrom once again used her wonderful hand on our name tags. Incorporating sparkle with rhinestones and angels, and using a blue pen for the names to tie into our centerpieces and color scheme. They added sparkle to everyone's ensemble. Thank you, Mary Jo!

Thank you to Deborah Spang for help on programs, and general support. We used the sweet child dressed as an angel, on the invitations and the programs, which reflected our support of all the sweet babies who need our help on their road to getting well.

The business meeting went smoothly and on time, culminating in our amazing final tally. It was followed by the installation of our officers for 2018-19, handled deftly by Rosemarie Witten and Sue Ann Gordon and reflecting our new president Glenda Jones color of burnt orange and her theme "Blooming Gardens Create Miracles".

All was followed by a delicious lunch which began with an artichoke soup "to die for" and ending with a, just right mix of sweet and tart, berry cobbler. All and all a very satisfying day!

*Annual Meeting 2018  
at the Oakmont Country Club, Glendale*



Glenda Jones and Lynn White Shelby



Sandra Kelley, Nancy Wiggins and Ann O'Donnell-Gardner



Glenda Jones installed as 2018-2019 Guild President



Lynn White Shelby and Sue Meckley



Glenda Jones, Joan Albriton and Judy Pierce



Jane Pinkerton and Lorelei Kelley receiving their Emeritus Awards



Bonnie M. McClure, Chairman  
Associates and Affiliates, Children's Hospital Los Angeles

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