

Trojan League Newsletter

Trojan League Associates of San Diego County

Winter Newsletter
February 2010

President's Message

So far, 2010 has been anything but uneventful. We entered the New Year to the news of Coach Carroll leaving for the NFL, Lane Kiffin returning to USC as Head Coach, our basketball team self-imposing sanctions, crazy wind and torrential rain. And that's only in the first month! We will no doubt see more changes as the year unfolds with President Sample retiring and other administrative retirements that coincide. Our University is strong and will weather these transitions that are inevitable.

Our Trojan League Associates of San Diego County continues to be 40 and fabulous! We had a wonderful Holiday Scholarship Luncheon in early December and sincere thanks to those of you that jumped in to make it such a great event. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and generously supported the silent auction and raffle. A special thanks to Gwen Cooksey for generously donating her Cabos San Lucas condominium as one of our raffle prizes. All the details of the luncheon can be found in this Newsletter, so enjoy reading about it if you weren't able to join us.

Our Winter General Meeting promises to be both educational and fun. We are pleased to have Dean Marilyn S. Flynn from the School of Social Work as our speaker. She will introduce us to the newly established military social work program here in San Diego. Following the Dean, Chef Rima Barkett (Lisa's sister-in-law) will demonstrate several of her famous recipes, which we will then enjoy for our lunch. The meeting will be held at Lisa Barkett's lovely home in La Jolla. Please remember that this is the last chance to bring a guest to be eligible for membership this year. The new membership class will be announced at the Spring General Meeting in April. Please plan on joining us for this important meeting and lunch, and a prompt RSVP is appreciated.

Kudos to Kathy Stumm and Jenn Buckner for planning a terrific day at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Be sure to find the article about our adventure further in this Newsletter. There are many other exciting opportunities for Trojans this spring: the Women's Conference, Alumni Awards Banquet, Art Bartner's 40th Anniversary Gala, Spring Lunch Bunch, the ATL Annual Gathering and much, much more. Look for the announcements of these fun Trojan gatherings. We hope you will join us!

Nancy Hillgren, President



*The USC School of
Social Work's New
Military Outreach
Program in San Diego*



Marilyn S. Flynn
Dean
USC School of
Social Work

MARILYN S. FLYNN was appointed Dean of the USC School of Social Work in 1997, and since that time has achieved an \$18 million increase in the school's research funding. The school has also constructed a new building and expanded the faculty to an historic high.

Flynn was formerly Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, and Director of the School of Social Work at Michigan State University. She has held several positions of national leadership in the Council on Social Work Education and is founding President of the St. Louis Group, which represents

all North American Schools of social work in research extensive universities. She is also recent past president of the California Association of Deans and Directors of Social Work Programs.

Flynn's research interests include application of computer and communications technology, cross-cultural perspectives on service delivery, social program design, and strategic planning. In 1999, she established the James E. Flynn Prize for Research, an internationally competitive award that recognizes a scholar whose interdisciplinary studies have significantly shaped modern social policy. The prize carries a \$10,000 honorarium and is the first of its kind in the social work profession. She also introduced the USC School of Social Work's International Social Welfare Prize for outstanding work in human rights. The first prize was given to Madame Kim Dae Jung, First Lady of Korea.

Flynn received her MSW and PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana, with specializations in social policy and economics.

Winter General Meeting

February 18, 2010

At the home of Lisa Barkett

7724 Prospect Place, La Jolla, CA 92037

9:30 Coffee * 10:00 Business * 11:00 Program * 12:00 Luncheon

RSVP to Sandy Matranga sanmat@cox.net or (619) 440-6731

THE PRINCIPALS AND LEAD COUNSELORS LUNCHEON

Our Trojan League hosted principals and lead counselors from San Diego County high schools for lunch in November at the La Jolla Country Club. We were honored to have Timothy Brunold, Associate Dean and Director of Undergraduate Admissions, as our featured guest, as well as Bruce Grier, Associate Director of Admissions for San Diego County. Mr. Brunold gave an informative speech on the admissions process, expanding the search process to more *schools*, the current statistics for incoming freshmen and transfer students, and the use of technology in admissions. Mr. Grier spoke on the importance of counselors in advocating for their students. Representatives from our Trojan League were Lisa Barkett, Chair of the luncheon, Karen Bowman, Angie Gange, Fran Grider, Patti Jelley, Darlene Larson, Sabrina Patterson, Pat Price, Susan Richmond and Kathleen Roche-Tansey.



LUSCIOUS COOKBOOK IS A GREAT SUCCESS

Did you miss ordering a copy of this beautiful keepsake cookbook and ACC fundraising project? Did you give yours away to a friend over the holidays? Do you want to order more? Please email Cristen at cristenlebsack@gmail.com and let her know how many cookbooks you would like to reserve ASAP. A reprint will be happening soon! They are \$30 each, with a \$10 donation staying with our League.

To whet your appetite, here are some recipes personally tried and recommended by our Trojan League members:

Grape Surprise, page 1

Parmesan Balls, page 18

Artichoke Dip, page 24

Beef Sliders with Horseradish Sauce, page 24

Spicy Pumpkin and Butternut Squash Soup, page 57

Low-fat asparagus Leek Soup, page 65

Crock Pot Short Ribs, page 132

Healthy Chicken Ole, page 152

Potatoes Gruyere, page 211

Layered Potatoes with Jalapenos, page 213

Corn Casserole, page 222

Butterscotch Chinese Noodle Candies, page 264

Chocolate Mousse Pie Othello, page 299

White Chicken Chili, page 379

Join Us for Lunch Bunch!

Tuesday, March 2, at Noon
Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa
RSVP to Kathy Stumm at
kathystumm@hotmail.com

LONGABERGER BASKETS® NOW HAVE A USC LOOK

The Longaberger Baskets® officially licensed USC Trojan™ Collection is now available. These heirloom-quality maple splint baskets, handmade in America, are both beautiful and functional. The USC Trojan basket collection includes nine baskets featuring cardinal and gold accent weaves, officially licensed WoodCrafts lids embossed with the USC logo, plastic protectors, and pewter logo tie-ons.

Lore Meanley, our local San Diego Longaberger consultant, is offering our League 20 percent of the value of the merchandise we order.

For more information, please contact Lore at lmeanley@hotmail.com or at 858-259-1191. Or go to the website at www.longaberger.com/loremeanley.

Important Dates

02/18/10 Winter General Meeting
– Home of Lisa Barkett – 9:30

03/12/09 Women's Leadership
Conference – campus

03/24/10 Spring Board Meeting –
Home of Susan Polizzotto – 9:30

04/28/10 Spring General Meeting –
Home of Delnora Janecek – 9:30

05/1/10 Art Bartner's 40th
Anniversary Gala

05/27/10 ATL Annual Gathering

06/11/10 In/Out Board Meeting



Trojan Spirit was apparent at the 2009 Holiday Luncheon. Seated left to right: Sandy Matranga, Karen Bowman, Nancy Hillgren, Renny Hauswald, Pat Price and Sally Oxley. Standing left to right: Jenn Buckner, Carolyn Jensen, Nancy Hasbrouck, Darlene Larson, Kim Wenrick, Justine Shayman, Cristen Lebsack, Guest, Angie Gange and Sally Appleby



Members honored at Holiday Luncheon
 Top: Nancy Hillgren recognizes Lisa Barkett for her contributions to TLASDC with a named scholarship.
 Bottom: Kathy Stumm receives a named scholarship for her service to our league.

2009 HOLIDAY SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Any way you look at it, our annual Holiday Scholarship Luncheon was a winner! On December 2 at the La Jolla Country Club over 90 members and their guests gathered to celebrate the upcoming holiday season, socialize and bid on wonderful auction and raffle items. Christmas carolers welcomed everyone and set the festive mood. The room looked lovely with beautifully decorated tables displaying Christmas greenery centerpieces and fun party favors (loved the Trojan notepads and pencils and the fabulous floating pearl necklaces from Diamond Boutique). While sipping champagne, we browsed and bought LuScious Cookbooks, scarves, ornaments and other goodies from our Mini-Fundraiser tables, as well as monitored our favorite auction items from the fun and unique selections. With so many fabulous items to bid on, it was difficult to drink, bid and talk all at the same time!

After a delicious lunch, Nancy Hillgren, President, honored three of our members with named scholarships. Sally Oxley, Kathy Stumm and Lisa Barkett were thrilled to receive beautifully framed certificates acknowledging their lasting contribution to our league.

The final event of the day was the drawing of the winning raffle tickets. Karen Cortney was the lucky winner of the week-long trip to Cabo San Lucas. And Jean Thompson was thrilled when her ticket was selected as the winner of the trip to the Big Island of Hawaii. Congratulations to both ladies and hope you enjoy your vacations!

With all the fun going on, we never lost sight that the money raised would go to fund our annual scholarships. Though the receipts are still being sorted out, the luncheon was a financial success. Heartfelt thanks to each and every member who contributed her time, talent and resources to this wonderful event!

More News!

ACC 2009 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The 26th Annual Scholarship Luncheon was held on a rainy, blustery day at Town & Gown. Friday, January 22, was the day when the Alumni Coordinating Council (ACC) honored their Past Presidents and the Senior Scholarship Recipients. Nancy Hillgren, President, Kathy Stumm, immediate Past President, Jenn Buckner, Association of Trojan Leagues, Trojan Tribute Chair for San Diego, and Kelly Purvis, Past President and current President of Association of Trojan Leagues, represented our group, along with proud mom, Lisa Malec.

With eight out of our ten scholarship recipients and their parents in attendance, everyone enjoyed conversing over lunch about their Trojan experiences and future plans. These students are all outstanding young people, with passionate interests, keen minds and a social conscience. Then, each of the 110+ students in attendance announced to the audience his or her name and major, where they are from, what their plans are after graduation, and which organization within ACC they are thanking for scholarship support. Trojan League Associates of San Diego County was proudly represented by Benjamin Brown, Trevor Countryman, Anne Gilman, Mikael Levin, Brett Malec (yea Lisa!), Sara Osias, Lauren Peterson and Justin Seltzer. Brittany Danon and Michael deGroot were unable to attend.

When you meet these accomplished young students and understand how appreciative they are of the financial support they receive, it makes you very proud to be a part of our Trojan League Associates of San Diego County and the effort that is made to continue these scholarships in the future.



2009-2010 ACC Scholarship Luncheon

Trojan League Associates of San Diego Scholarship Recipients

Front row left to right: Lauren Peterson, Nancy Hillgren, and Anne Gillman;
Back row left to right: Brett Malec, Mikael Levin, Justin Seltzer, Sara Osias, Ben Brown and Trevor Countryman. Not pictured: Brittany Danon and Michael deGroot

THE TROJAN LEAGUE VISITS JPL!

On Tuesday, January 12, twenty members of our league and their guests went on a wonderful field trip. We met in North County early in the morning and boarded a luxury bus, complete with coffee, juice, and munchies. Our first stop was Old Town Pasadena, where we had a lovely lunch at Green Street Café.

Following lunch, we took a very informative tour of NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory. We were able to view a video featuring the accomplishments of JPL over the years – they have had a role in virtually every US space launch – then visit the actual labs and control centers where these events occurred. We learned that JPL was established by the California Institute of Technology in the 1930s. America's first satellite, Explorer 1, launched in 1958, was created at JPL. They also sent the first robotic craft to the moon and out across the solar system, reconnoitering with all of the planets. The final leg of the tour allowed us to observe the finishing touches on the new Mars rover which will launch later this year.

JPL also has a strong USC connection. Its director, Dr. Charles Elachi, received his Masters degree at USC, and was featured last spring at the Herb Klein Lecture Series. Our tour guide, as well as many other employees of JPL, are Trojans as well.

All in all, it was an amazing day, fun-filled and educational. We hope to do more day-trips in the future. If you have a suggestion for another outing, please contact Kathy Stumm at kathystumm@hotmail.com



A large group of Trojan League Associates of San Diego made the trip to Pasadena for an interesting tour of NASA/Jet Propulsion Lab.

Sunshine and Shadows

Sunshine

Congratulations to Cristen and Alec Lebsack on the birth of Luke Edward on 12/11/09 at Scripps Memorial Hospital ~ a healthy 8lb. 2oz, 20 inch baby boy. Four-year-old big brother Logan is loving every minute!

Shadows

Since the last newsletter, we have had the death of member Marilou Baxter Radford on November 1. She received a degree in Dental Hygiene from USC in 1961 and was past president of TLASDC 1992-1994 and 1996-1997. Marilou and her husband Frank were active members of the San Diego Yacht Club and she hosted many Trojan League Holiday Luncheons and meetings at the SDYC. She will be remembered as such a gracious lady, always smiling, friendly, very intelligent and a very active member until her health and heart condition made it difficult to attend meetings and activities.

We were also sad to learn of the death of Marty Wells, husband of Trojan Min Wells, on November 20th, of congestive heart failure. Min and Marty had moved to Menlo Park, California, to be closer to family. Min's email for all her Trojan friends is martymin@pacbell.net.

TLASD MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

DUE MARCH 21st

As league members, we all need to do our parts to nominate women as new members who would help us further the best interests of the University of Southern California. Here's what it takes to recruit a new member or change your current membership status in our league.

TO NOMINATE A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

The TLASDC Board of Directors approves nominations for new members once a year at the Spring Board of Directors meeting. The deadline to submit a nomination for new members is March 21, 2010. Candidates must meet the following criteria to become eligible for membership:

- Be an outstanding woman who resides in San Diego County
- Have obtained the age of thirty
- Demonstrate leadership in the community
- Express interest in USC

Candidates must also attend a minimum of one general meeting prior to being considered for membership. In addition to the spring, fall and winter general meetings, potential new members can also attend the Holiday Scholarship Luncheon to fulfill this requirement. If the potential new member has not attended our Fall general meeting, please invite her to the February 18, 2010 meeting.

Active and Professional members may propose and second a new member.

Download nomination forms at <http://www.trojanleaguesandiego.org/membership.htm> and submit them to Vice President of Membership, Susan Polizzotto, at the address on the form.

TO CHANGE MEMBERSHIP STATUS

A request for change in membership status shall be submitted in writing to Susan Polizzotto, Vice President of Membership, before May 1 of each year. Refer to Article III, Section 2 in your Bylaws, located in your membership roster, for the different classes of membership and eligibility requirements.

Just a reminder to Active members that you are required to attend a minimum of two general meetings each year (Professional members must attend at least one general meeting), and support Trojan League activities.

YOUR LEAGUE NEEDS YOU –

TO SERVE ON THE BOARD!

It's that time again – time to start thinking about our new Board for next year.

As Nominating Chairman, I encourage you to consider getting involved at the Board level. You will make new friends, and will enhance your experience in the league.

For specific information regarding Board positions, please check the listings and by-laws in your roster (beginning on pages 5 and 48). The Board meets four times per year, approximately one month prior to the general meetings. The term of office is two years. Any active or professional member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Board.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any interest in serving on the Board. I can be reached at (858) 756-4873 or kathystumm@hotmail.com.

Kathy Stumm
Nominating Chairman