The Lantern

From Our President

“TG 4 TG”

Do you text your kids or grandkids, or maybe friends? I know How to do it, and now I’m learning the ‘language’: basically all words are shortened, spelled phonetically (if at all), and challenging to figure out. I sent God a text last Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) and said thanks for all the usual stuff: good health, family, enough food, pets, etc.. Then I also added “TYG 4 TG”. I think He probably figured it out, but just in case .....(thank you God for The Guild).

How long have you been in The Guild? No matter how long, I bet your time in this organization is special to you. You share not only a commitment to Holy Cross, but you share a common, spectacular “genetic perfection”; an attitude of giving back. You give your time! You give your talents! You give your money! You give. I bet you already know that not everybody has that genetic compunction. I have been a Guild member for several years (not saying how many) and I think I have been so blessed by the experience. I have made life-long friends who I admire and cherish. But this past Thanksgiving I realized that I get back so much more than I give. So here’s another text for all of you: TG 4 U n URS n all dun 4 PHCMC.

Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year from me and all the dedicated members of the Board: Rose Antenucci, Kathy Bilotta, Rose Cone, Linda Delaney, Gigi Sabourin, Mary Ann Steward, Lorrie Vavrek, Judi Vitacco, and Mary Yates.

P.S. Please join us at our annual Christmas Luncheon at Marie Callenders on Wednesday, December 5. Good times, good food, wonderful friends and the presentation of this year’s contribution to the Foundation. Contact Linda Delaney for reservation information. (see pg. 2)

Kay Radford

OMG, WE’VE BN BZEEE!

Kay Radford, Prez.

Do you know all that The Guild has been doing this year? You see, aside from being a great organization of dedicated volunteers (one that EVERYBODY should join), we are also committed to meeting our financial pledge to PHCMC. Here’s what we’ve done in 2012:

- **January**
  - Used book sale
- **February**
  - Valentine’s flower sale
- **April**
  - Orchid sale
- **May**
  - Masquerade Jewelry sale
- **June**
  - Gold Refinery
- **August**
  - New Book sale
- **September**
  - Scrub sale
- **October**
  - Leather sale
- **November**
  - Pumpkin Bread sale
- **December**
  - Masquerade jewelry sale

(Monday & Tuesday, Dec 3 & 4 in the Main Lobby....tons of neat stuff, all $5.00)

Merry Christmas
FUNDRAISING NEWS from Judi Vitacco

We have been a busy group since the last Newsletter. We hosted a Book Fair in August which was not only educational for some but pure fun for others. September found us helping with another Vendor sale... a Scrub Sale. The nurses and other hospital personnel were delighted to be able to buy different varieties of scrubs without having to leave the hospital compound. October found us bringing in Bag City for a leather sale. There were a large variety of hand bags, wallets and other leather items. We always have a Guild presence at these events so I thank all of you who helped. A big event for all of us is the annual Pumpkin Bread Sale. A huge Thank you to all who baked (Guild members and other volunteers) and to all those who preferred not to bake but donated very generously to this fundraiser. It is a team effort and one that has become tradition. Everyone looks forward to this and our bread sells out quickly This year we made a total of $1,834, making this our most profitable Pumpkin Bread Sale EVER! The profits from these sales will go toward our Pledge. Our next event will be a repeat of a very successful sale we had last spring. It is the Masquerade Jewelry Sale which will be held in the Main Lobby on Monday and Tuesday, December 3 and 4. Monday’s sale is from 7 AM to 6 PM and Tuesday’s is 7 AM to 4 PM. The variety is huge and price is cheap. A really great selection and just in time for Christmas. Hope to see all of you there.

Holiday Give-away

Through your generosity, and that of many employees, and community supporters, the Emergency Department has been able to give thousands of Beanie Babies and plush toys to children patients. Although the ED has a pretty good supply at the moment, we try to make sure that all pediatric patients receive a toy over the holiday season. If you have any new or gently used toys, please drop them off in the Waiting Room area of the Emergency Department. Call Kay Radford (818-360-5380) if you have any questions.

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Marie Callender’s
19310 Business Center Drive, Northridge 818.993.0704

11:00 a.m. Registration & Social
11:30 a.m. General Meeting – Kay Radford, presiding
12:00 noon Lunch

Alcoholic beverages may be purchased separately.

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Cost: Lunch - $20 per person
Opportunity Drawing - $1.00 each, 6 for $5.00

Need More Information?
Linda Delaney 818.360.5632
Membership News from Rose Cone

Thank you, Guild members, for contributing approximately 9,000 hours for the months of January through November. We had an average of 29 active members volunteering their time for patients and staff. You are all greatly appreciated.

I’m sorry to say that Roni Fox, a member since 1977, recently passed away. Our condolences and prayers go out to her family.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Gail Davis started working at Holy Cross in 2010 as Coordinator of Volunteer Services. She is mainly responsible for the initial interview and screening of each volunteer applicant and managing and training the volunteers on the information desk.

Gail was born in Sarasota, Florida and lived there until the age of 6, learning to swim very early and was water-skiing by age 5. The family moved to California and Gail grew up in Van Nuys from the age of 8, attending Madison Jr. High and Grant High School. After marriage and her two children were born, she was lucky enough to be able to stay home with them for about 10 years. Gail returned to work as an instructional assistant for Sulphur Springs School District and then started working as a substitute teacher for the district for several years before starting her career with the Girl Scout council.

Gail was Director of Membership and Marketing for Girl Scouts-Joshua Tree Council for ten years before coming to Holy Cross. Gail has also been a life-long volunteer. Before becoming a staff person for Girl Scouts, Gail was the volunteer product sales coordinator for her daughter’s troop for seven years while also volunteering as an AYSO soccer coach and Red Cross Swim Instructor. For ten years she was a Radkids instructor, a 12 hour self-defense program for children ages 5-12. Gail delivered the Radkids program to 300+ girls.

Gail’s husband Bill is a lighting designer, her daughter Valerie is a third year medical resident at UCLA and her son Brandon works in the studio lighting industry as a gaffer. Her favorite thing these days is spending time and playing with her three year old grandson, Landon. Gail’s hobbies are boating, traveling, reading, swimming, skiing, and walking.

Gail has had such an interesting background and, needless to say, we are fortunate to have this wonderful and caring person as our Volunteer Coordinator.

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Worth pondering . . .

There are four things that you cannot recover in life:

The Stone after it’s thrown,
The Word after it’s said,
The Occasion after it’s missed and
The Time after it’s gone.

So live life to the fullest and regret nothing.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May you always have LOVE to share,
HEALTH to spare and FRIENDS that care...