



Children's Burn Foundation

Giving New Hope

Summer 2011

The Council Newsletter

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Giving New Hope Benefit

*Council President
Kathy Toppino, Honoree
William R. Barrett, Jr. and
Foundation Chairman
Doug Mancino*



Benefit Co-Chairs Nicole Sokolow and Sarina Klemes with Kathy Toppino



Silent Auction Co-Chairs Robin Swartz and Adriana Balaban



Carol & Doug Mancino

The Children's Burn Foundation celebrated its 16th annual Giving New Hope Benefit at the Beverly Hilton on March 2nd. The event was attended by over 600 guests and raised \$475,000 to provide young burn victims worldwide with innovative, state-of-the-art medical treatment and support for their severe burn injuries, as well as fire safety and burn prevention programs for children and families living in high risk neighborhoods in Los Angeles County.

William R. Barrett, Jr. was this year's distinguished recipient of the Giving New Hope award. He is President and Chief Executive Officer of Fiduciary Trust International of California. He earned a B.A. in political science from Brown University and an M.B.A. in finance and accounting from University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Furthermore, he is no stranger to the world of charity. He is Chairman of the Board of Executive Service Corps of Southern California and a board member of the St. Vincent Medical Center, California Science Center Foundation and Past President of the Los Angeles Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Barrett is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Daughters of Charity, Meals on Wheels Foundation, a member of the American Legion, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Rotary Club of Los Angeles, Fraternity of Friends of the Music Center, and the American Cancer Society CEOs Against Cancer. We were thrilled to present this year's award to Mr. Barrett.

The evening began with cocktails and socializing, bidding on items in the silent auction and purchasing our signature mystery boxes. Once in the ballroom, attendees were entertained by the electric energy and amazing talent of the Hollywood High School Glee Club and the magnificent voice of 18 year old Teira Church, the first place winner of the 2007 Los Angeles Spotlight awards. Fritz Coleman, entertainment personality and notable television weatherman for KNBC-TV, was once again our emcee for the evening.



Jill & David Stein



Judy & Tom Beckmen



Joel Moody & Beth Lane



Patty & John Nickoll



Barbara & Chuck Pratt



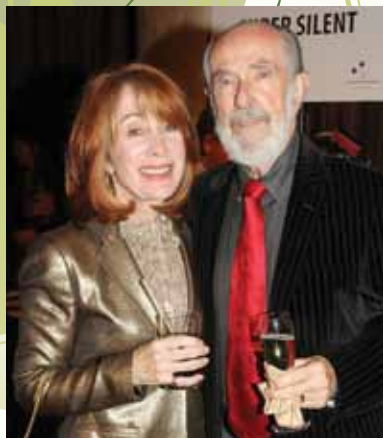
Sherri & John Fogelman

Benefit Co-Chairs Sarina Klemes and Nicole Sokolow were at the helm of the committee of talented women who organized this successful event. This event was possible because of the combined efforts of Council President Kathy Toppino, Founding President Carol Mancino, Live Auction Chair Ruth Gilliam, Silent Auction Co-Chairs Adriana Balaban and Robin Swartz, Mystery Box Co-Chairs Cindy Ker, Laurie Sischo, Annette Rassmussen and Barbara Deming, Wheel of Opportunity Co-Chairs Iris Bovee and Jean Trebek, and generous donors Barbara Fodor and Lynda Fadel for the magnificent Wheel of Opportunity bracelet.

Thank you goes to this year's dinner Co-Chairs Joel Cassel, Christina Hurn, David Meshulam and Robert Scoular for their generous support of the Foundation.

The Council would also like to give a big "thank you" to our exceptional staff in the Foundation office. Our Executive Director Carol Horvitz, Program Director Tanya Sorkin and Office Manager Brenda Biggers were an integral part in planning this event.

Thank you to everyone for your support and participation in making the 2011 Giving New Hope Benefit such a success.



Ruth & Howard Gilliam



Lisa LaPorta & Ben Bass



John & Laurie Sischo



Lynda Fadel and Barbara Fodor



Alex & Jean Trebek



Sandra Rosenbaum and Howard & Jackie Banchik



Charlie & Kathy Toppino



Judy Petrosino and Russell & Nadine Gerns



Ryan & Susan Lynch



*Dr. Norman & Barbara Namerow,
Henry & Arlene Gluck and Sandy &
Larry Post*

**The Council of the
Children's Burn Foundation
Giving New Hope 2011
Benefit Committee**

Benefit Co-Chairs

Sarina Klemes
Nicole Sokolow

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Robin Swartz
Ginny Sydorick
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Misty Widelitz

Spring Luncheon

The ladies of The Council and their guests were treated to a beautiful Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, May 25th. The Bel Air Country Club was the spectacular venue where 125 women gathered to shop interesting boutiques, eat a delicious lunch and see an enchanting fashion show presented by the extraordinary Randolph Duke and his gorgeous models.

The room was filled with white orchids and gardenias on ivory satin tablecloths. Black napkins and "black stiletto" favors accented the elegant setting which overlooked the lush golf course.

The boutiques were the most successful ever, resulting in a wonderful donation to The Council. Everyone had a grand time with many saying it was the best Spring Luncheon yet! Hats off to Carol Mancino, Sandi Rosenbaum, Nadine Gerns and Ginny Sydorick who worked hard along side Carol Horvitz and her staff to create the wonderful afternoon.



Co-Chairs Sandi Rosenbaum, Carol Mancino and Nadine Gerns with Speaker Randolph Duke and Foundation Chairman Doug Mancino



Co-Chairs Sandi Rosenbaum, Carol Mancino and Nadine Gerns



Ellen Gussman, Kathy Toppino and friend Wendy Chambers



Model wearing Randolph Duke



Patty Nickoll and friend



Cindy Ker in shopping mode



January General Meeting

Carol Mancino dressed for success

Council members learned the rules of "Saving, Spending and Splurging" at Hillcrest Country Club on January 25, 2011. We were treated to a fashion show and presentation of 2011 Spring trends by Martin Pack and Caran Sealey of Neiman Marcus and then given a lesson in Investment 101 by UBS advisors Joseph Lally, Sr. and Sanah Chung.

Co-Chairs Nina O'Hern and Barbara Fodor planned a day of fun showcasing our Council. We were updated on the activities of the Foundation and learned more details of our upcoming Giving New Hope Benefit. Special thanks go to Sandy Post for sponsoring us at Hillcrest and providing the beautiful flowers.

Our General Meetings are held twice a year and not only give our members an opportunity to learn more about the Children's Burn Foundation, but an opportunity to learn more about each other.



Membership Co-Chairs Ellen Gussman, Adriana Balaban and Sandi Rosenbaum



Meeting Co-Chair Nina O'Hern with Betty Hollingsworth and Sandy Post



Nicole Sokolow and Thelma Houston



Meeting Co-Chair Barbara Fodor with Adriana Balaban



Marjie Bender and Misty WidELITZ

October General Meeting

On October 14, 2010, Council Members gathered at the Peninsula Hotel to "kick off" the year. Co-Chairs Iris Bovee and Fay Bass organized a fun and informative meeting with a timely Halloween theme. Kathy Toppino welcomed everyone and introduced the new Council members. Carol Horvitz recounted



Event Co-Chairs Fay Bass and Iris Bovee

the previous years' events in an interesting slide presentation and updated the members on the upcoming programs. Founding President Carol Mancino shared her words of wisdom with the Council members. While feasting on a delicious lunch, members competed in a movie search game where lucky table winners received lottery tickets as prizes.



Children's Holiday Party

The 2010 Children's Holiday Party was a big success. Held again at Fire Station 84 in Woodland Hills, the party was attended by over 400 people. 250 children and 160 adults

enjoyed hot dogs generously donated and prepared by the Pasadena Firemen, and drinks, chips and carrots provided by Lynda Fadel. Children received hats made by an airbrush artist underwritten by Minoo Simantob. Faces were painted by an adorable elf, and kids bopped to a DJ who came as a favor to Lisa LaPorta. Decorated cookies given by Barbara Deming and photos taken with our wonderful Firefighter Santa added to the day's fun. Toys were donated by Jakks Pacific and Hasbro, thanks to Carol Horvitz and Cindy Ker. Decorations were provided by our decorating coordinator, Co-Chair Karen Nalle. Invitations and prizes were provided by Dana Kitaj. Fun was had by all. Holiday Party Co-Chairs Karen Nalle and Dana Kitaj along with Holiday Party Assistants Annette Rasmussen and Barbara Deming would like to thank all their wonderful Council members for making cookies, wrapping gifts, helping at the party, and for their generous cash donations totaling \$5,000. A big thanks to Tanya Sorkin who did a wonderful job coordinating with the firefighters and invitees.



Santa's Arrival



Pasadena Firemen



Patty Nickoll



Roni Stein, Jill Stein, Co-Chair Annette Rasmussen, Judy Petrosino and Co-Chair Barbara Deming



Facepainting by adorable Elf



Judy Beckmen, Sheila Weisman, Misty Widelitz, Beth Lane, Dana Kitaj and Joel Moody



Next year's Assistant Heidi Widelitz with Dana Kitaj and Annette Rasmussen



Doug & Carol Mancino and Kathy Toppino



Ian Durra, Emily Trebek, friend, Lexi Fadel and Joe Kitaj

COUNCIL MEMBERS' PARTY

On a perfect Sunday evening last September, members of The Council and the Board of Trustees gathered at the home of Elinor and Rubin Turner for a Mexican fiesta to kick off The Council's year. Guests listened to the mariachi band and enjoyed margaritas on the deck overlooking the gorgeous Benedict Canyon. We were treated to a delicious buffet prepared by El Cholo and enjoyed the company of our friends.



Hosts Rubin & Elinor Turner with Al & Lynda Fadel

Iris Bovee, Marjorie Bender, Fay Bass, Paula Testa and Nicole Sokolow



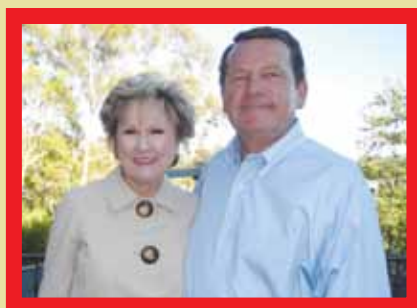
Nicole Sokolow, Sarina & Jeff Klemes and Paula Testa



Dick Walker & Mary Jo Blue with Beth Lane and Ellie Salamat



Kathy & Charlie Toppino with Carol & Doug Mancino



Carol & Doug Mancino



Ruth & Howard Gilliam with Ellie & Sina Salamat

Nurses' Appreciation Day

As an expression of The Council's gratitude for all the marvelous work being done by Burn Unit nursing staffs of the Grossman Burn Center, County USC Hospital, Shriners' Hospital for Children, and the Torrance Memorial Medical Center, a bountiful basket of Mrs. Beasley's delicacies was delivered Tuesday, May 10, to commemorate Nurses' Appreciation Day.

In addition, Council members Jean Trebek and Reiko Pultz visited the Grossman Burn Center and presented gift cards to the staff. They were treated to a tour of the state of the art facilities.



Day Shift, holding large Mrs. Beasley's basket and gift cards, with Co-Chairs Jean Trebek and Reiko Pultz



Evening Shift, each holding gift cards, with Co-Chair Reiko Pultz

In Memoriam

The Council offers condolences and heartfelt sympathy to our members who have lost family members this past year.

*Sang Nguyen, mother of Mary Nguyen Kayne
Arthur Rosenbaum, husband of Sandra Rosenbaum
Bob Billings, husband of former founding member Jan Billings
Claire Miller, mother of Ruth Gilliam
Karli Stein, mother-in-law of Jill Stein*



We began Camp Gung-Ho 2010 with our first outing on June 28th at Kidspace Children's Museum in Pasadena. This camp allowed us to combine educational and environmental discoveries all while having fun. The day started out with a group presentation of the amazing arthropods with live insects and animals. The kids had free reign to explore all the exhibits including a 40 foot raindrop tower and amazing ant farm. Lunch was served and the only thing left were the carrots. After lunch, kids enjoyed the over two acres and outdoor space, including climbing rocks and walls. The interpretative Arroyo water play gave a refreshing and fun break to everyone. Before the kids rode back to the drop-off site, everyone enjoyed a wonderful ice cream of their choice, an apparently agonizing decision for some of the kids and adults. It was a great day enjoyed by all.

On July 23, 2010, we held Camp Gung-Ho "Going to the Dodger Game"! The kids were transferred to the stadium by bus and upon arrival were given brightly colored yellow Children's Burn Foundation t-shirts, which they wore with style. As many of the kids had never been to a Dodger game, this was a very exciting and fun event for them. They indulged themselves in Dodger dogs and ice cream while rooting for the Dodgers and had an all around good time. We even had "The Children's Burn Foundation" sign up on the big screen for the kids to see and be proud of.

Our final Camp Gung-Ho of 2010 took place in August at the beautiful home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Grossman. It was a beautiful sunny morning at Brookfield Farms and our day started out with "Mad Bob" from Mad Science of Los Angeles. There were bubbling potions, slime, gas clouds, and other cool experiments that the kids got to participate in hands-on! It was an exciting show of chemical reactions, illusions, fun chemistry, and physics magic. The rest of this wonderful day was spent fishing, swimming, and feasting on a delicious buffet picnic!

This summer The Council has another three great Camp Gung-Ho events:

- **Saturday, June 4, 2011** at The Painted Turtle where children participated in rocket launches, boating, a ropes course and more!
- **Wednesday, July 13, 2011** at Brookfield Farms was a day of outdoor adventure and fun at Dr. Richard and Elizabeth Grossman's home.
- **Tuesday, August 2, 2011** at Gentle Barn where the children will learn about and interact with rescued farm animals including horses, cows, chickens, goats, sheep and pigs.



Kidspace Camper exploring Exhibits



Kidspace Campers enjoying Arthropod simulator



Brookfield Farms Campers



Dodger Stadium Slugger Fogelman and Lefty Stein



Marjorie Bender, Mary Jo Blue, Sherri Fogelman and Jill Stein at Dodger Stadium



Council Members with Campers at Kidspace



Children's Burn Foundation Report

Dear Council Friends,

What a wonderful year this has been. For us, July marks the beginning of our fiscal year and a summer that is filled with the joys

of Camp Gung-Ho, the early planning for your 2011-12 activities and the promise of hope to child burn survivors.

Congratulations on a beautiful and successful Giving New Hope Benefit. Each of you has added a special touch to making this year so wonderful for the children and families we serve.

This past year, the Children's Burn Foundation has worked very actively with each of the burn centers in our area. We have always had a special bond with The Grossman Burn Center. You helped us strengthen our commitment and relationship with County USC Hospital Burn Unit, Torrance Memorial Hospital and Shriners Hospital through Nurse Appreciation gifts, holiday gifts for the children and Lisa LaPorta helping County USC design a family room on the burn unit. Thank You!

In March, I attended my first American Burn Association meeting in Chicago. I want to share with you

how well respected and highly thought of the Children's Burn Foundation is around the world. I met doctors and health professionals who thanked us for the work we were doing to provide care for children. We are the ONLY charity providing Full Recovery medical, social and psychosocial care to children along with burn prevention and education. We are the American Burn Association's partner in international medical programs and now international education programs, as well. We just had a group of medical professionals return from Zambia, where for the first time, in addition to just training medical staff, we had a burn safety coloring book translated to Zambian and taught burn safety to 600 local children.

I hope you are proud of the important work you are making possible every day. We are a one of a kind foundation and you are a one of a kind Council. Together, we will continue to help child burn survivors and work to prevent children from avoidable burn injuries.

Thank you all for your kind hearts, generosity and hard work.

Kindest personal regards,

Carol Horvitz
Executive Director

New Members

The Council always encourages outstanding women to join our group. If you would like to propose a friend to our membership, please contact Membership Co-Chairs Ellen Gussman or Linda Cappello



DATES TO REMEMBER 2011-2012

Camp Gung-Ho

Saturday, June 4, 2011
Wednesday, July 13, 2011
Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Council Board Meetings

Thursday, September 15, 2011
Thursday, November 17, 2011
Thursday, January 12, 2012
Thursday, March 15, 2012
Thursday, May 17, 2012

Members' Party

September, 2011

General Meetings

October, 2011
Thursday, January 19, 2012

Children's Holiday Party

December 10, 2011

Giving New Hope Benefit

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Spring Luncheon

May, 2012



Message from the President

I would characterize this Council year as one that exceeded expectations on all levels, including fundraising, fun and friendships. Thanks and congratulations to our members for their contributions to the successes of the year. Your commitment of time and resources to raise funds for the Foundation, your creativity in organizing Council events, and your generosity and love for the children is extraordinary. I am honored to have served as Council President with you this year.

The 2011 Giving New Hope Benefit was an amazing success, raising \$475,000 and providing the Foundation with the funds needed to do its important work. Benefit Co-Chairs Sarina Klemes and Nicole Sokolow assembled a talented team to orchestrate a delicious dinner, lively entertainment and outstanding auctions that contributed close to \$215,000 toward the night's financial success. Thank you to Ruth Gilliam, Adriana Balaban, Robin Swartz, Laurie Sischo, Cindy Ker, Jean Trebek and Iris Bovee for being on this team. Thanks also to our gracious honoree William R. Barrett, Jr. for contributing to the success of the evening.

In addition to our fundraising success, The Council hosted many important events to share information and have fun with our members. Camp Gung-Ho Co-Chairs Sherri Fogelman, Susan Lynch, Laurie Sischo and Jill Stein coordinated three exciting summer camps for the children. In September, Elinor Turner reunited Council members in her home to kick off the new Council year. In December, Co-Chairs Dana Kitaj, Karen Nalle, Barbara Deming and Annette Rasmussen organized a festive holiday party for the children. We were also informed and entertained at our General Meetings by Co-Chairs Fay Bass and Iris Bovee in October and then again in January by Nina O'Hern and Barbara Fodor.

Thank you to our Spring Luncheon Co-Chairs Nadine Gerns, Carol Mancino, Sandi Rosenbaum and Ginny Sydorick, who wrapped up our year in style with a fantastic luncheon, boutique shopping and entertaining lecture. Thank you also to Reiko Pultz and Jean Trebek for organizing appreciation gifts and treats for our local burn center nurses, and to our historian Thelma Houston for capturing all of our accomplishments in photos.

I also want to thank the many other important board members who take the minutes, handle the money, send notes, recruit members and make this newsletter possible. This year ran smoothly because of you.

Of course, none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the support and partnership provided by Carol Horvitz, Tanya Sorkin and Brenda Biggers at the Foundation office. We thank you.

I hope you have a wonderful and restful summer and look forward to working with you again next year. Thank you again for your generosity and dedication to The Council.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kathy Toppino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Toppino
President



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Adriana Balaban

Robin Swartz

General Meeting – January

Paula Testa

Camp Gung-Ho

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