



Member Newsletter

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Ball Chair Jeanne Morton with her husband Cal and Friends President Lupita Medina with her husband Armando

PRESIDENT'S PEN by Lupita Medina

The month of December was an exciting and busy month for all of us! Everyone worked extremely hard to help make things happen, starting with the Poinsettia Ball chaired by Jeanne Morton and co-chaired by Derrick Dodge and Jan Fischer. The Poinsettia Ball was not only a huge success, but full of new changes. We had a new venue, the Grand Hyatt, and band, The Nash Orchestra, which provided enjoyable and entertaining music throughout the evening and kept everyone dancing till the end. Caro Canales and her committee transformed the room into a beautiful winter wonderland with colorful poinsettias and lots of snowflakes. In addition a special thanks to Anne Ownby, Mary Overstreet and Ruth Nixon for taking care of the Angel Trees at the Sister Mary Hospice Inpatient Center. Thank you to those who participated in the Holiday Card project and 25th Anniversary Giving Campaign.

The highlight of all the activities during the month of December was the presentation of a check for \$100,000 to CHRISTUS Hospice and Palliative Care for uninsured patients. The monies were the results of the

fundraising projects and membership donations.

On February 11th, we celebrated our annual Valentine Luncheon. Guests enjoyed a beautifully staged silent auction, a fabulous Julian Gold style show with gorgeous fashions and a delicious lunch at the San Antonio Country Club. The event was chaired by Judy Clifton and Jane Crump and silent auction was chaired by Cynthia Duvall, Lois Armor and Patti King. A big thank you goes out to them as well as their hard-working committees, who helped make it all possible. Great job, ladies!

The spring luncheon and lecture is scheduled for April 4th at the San Antonio Country Club. Jodi Sacks, PhD, ANP-C, APRN, ACHPN will be guest speaker for the luncheon, and her topic promises to be very interesting. The luncheon is our educational event that fulfills our mission for this year. You will be receiving an invitation to attend.

On May 4th, we will once again participate in the Big Give. This is a 24-hour online event of giving to the non-profit organizations of your choice. We ask that you please help us by donating this year.

Last, I would like to remind everyone of our Annual Meeting/Spring Party on Thursday, May 11, at the home of Caroline Carrington. We will send more information regarding this event at a later date.

Best regards,

President 2016-2017



POINSETTIA BALL 2016



Nearly 300 guests attended the 28th annual Poinsettia Ball on December 8, 2016. The new venue, Grand Hyatt San Antonio, proved to be a festive location with all the holiday lights and decorations. The red poinsettia plants added that special touch to the cocktail area.

June and Rusty Crowley, honorary chairs, were

supported by their family and friends. They have been long time donors to Friends of Hospice.

Proceeds from the Ball netted over \$102,000 for uninsured hospice patients of CHRISTUS Hospice and Palliative Care San Antonio.

Special thanks to all the donors, committee members and supporters of the 2016 Poinsettia Ball.



Karen Dawson, Molly Webster and Nancy Dugger



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Marlene and Dr. Charles Richter, Dr. Sandra Ragan,
and Joan Stratton**

Mark Your Calendars

**Tuesday, April 4 - Spring Lecture Luncheon
at SA Country Club**

Thursday, May 4—THE BIG GIVE

Thursday, May 11—Annual Meeting/Spring Party



Friends President Lupita Medina and Ginger Cave present a \$100,000 check to Judy Johnson and Donna Ball-Martin for uninsured hospice patients at the December staff meeting.

Spring Lecture Luncheon

Tuesday, April 4, Noon

San Antonio Country Club

SPEAKER: JODIE SACKS, PhD, ANP-C, APRN, ACHPN

“Helping People to Be Ready to Be Brave”

How can trusting relationships affect one’s identity and alleviate suffering?

Dr. Jodi Sacks will discuss these psychological and social dimensions of hospice care, emphasizing the role of hospice nurses and their efforts to nurture trusting relationships in the response to suffering.

In her University of Texas dissertation, in subsequent published articles, and particularly through her unique lens as a nurse practitioner at CHRISTUS Hospice and Palliative Care, Dr. Sacks continues to research and emphasize how to “help patients regain and maintain composure in the face of illness while coping with the vulnerability and uncertainty of life.”

Cost \$30 per person \$320 Table of 8 with preferred seating
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The mission of Friends of Hospice San Antonio, Inc. is to increase community awareness and understanding of hospice and to raise funds in support of patients and their families in end-of-life care.

2017 Valentine Luncheon

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Jane Crump, Lupita Medina and Judy Clifton

Some 320 Friends members and community patrons attended the fourteenth annual Friends of Hospice Valentine Luncheon on Saturday, February 11, at San Antonio Country Club. The event was chaired by Jane Crump and Judy Clifton.

With the hard work of Cynthia Duvall, Lois Armor and Patti King, the over 250 auction items created some competitive bidding. The auction netted \$14,000. Mary Overstreet, Renee Murray and Jo Marie Camero, along with volunteers from Acelity, offered their staging expertise setting up the auction displays.

Underwriter Julian Gold presented the fashion show with its vibrant and lush casual and formal wear attire. Friends' members were asked to model along with the professional models.

The crowd's favorite, chicken crepes, was served along with the gold brick ice cream dessert.

Major individual auction donors were Lois Armor, Margie Bohl, Cynthia Duvall, Patti King, Lupita Medina, LouAnn Noll, Beverly Pace, and Carolyn Tolar. Major company donors were Morris Kaye & Sons, Fairmont Hotel, Langmore Photography, and Julian Gold.

The net proceeds of the luncheon were **over \$32,000 for uninsured patients**, which will be presented to CHRISTUS VNA Hospice and Palliative Care San Antonio at the Spring Party/Annual Meeting on May 11.

The day of the luncheon some 52 volunteers helped greet, register guests, sell raffle tickets, sell flowers, help the models and process and clean up the auction.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who planned and participated in the Valentine Luncheon. It would not have been a success without your help.



A very special thank you to:

Models: Jane Dreyfus, Heather Finkle, Judy Glotfelty, Kelli Grant, Orbilia Hayes, Jackie Korcher, Heather Martin, Sandee Bryan Marion, LouAnn Noll, Carol O'Brien, Mary Overstreet, Bonnie Reed, and Lora Watts

Escorts: Bill Crump and Wayne Noll



(l-r) Kathy Hairston, Barbara Haley and Marlene Neslund



(l-r) Becky Schweers, Cynthia Duvall, Lois Armor and Patti King



(l-r) Sally Ball, Judy Glotfelty, Lilo Strait and Mary Ann Franzke



(l-r) Joanne Cox and Donna Gilger



(l-r) Barbara Tolar, Carolyn Tolar, Jean Parsons and Mary Denny



(l-r) Dee Wilson, Marjorie Davis and Woopsie Willis



Auction items generated \$14,000 for uninsured patients.