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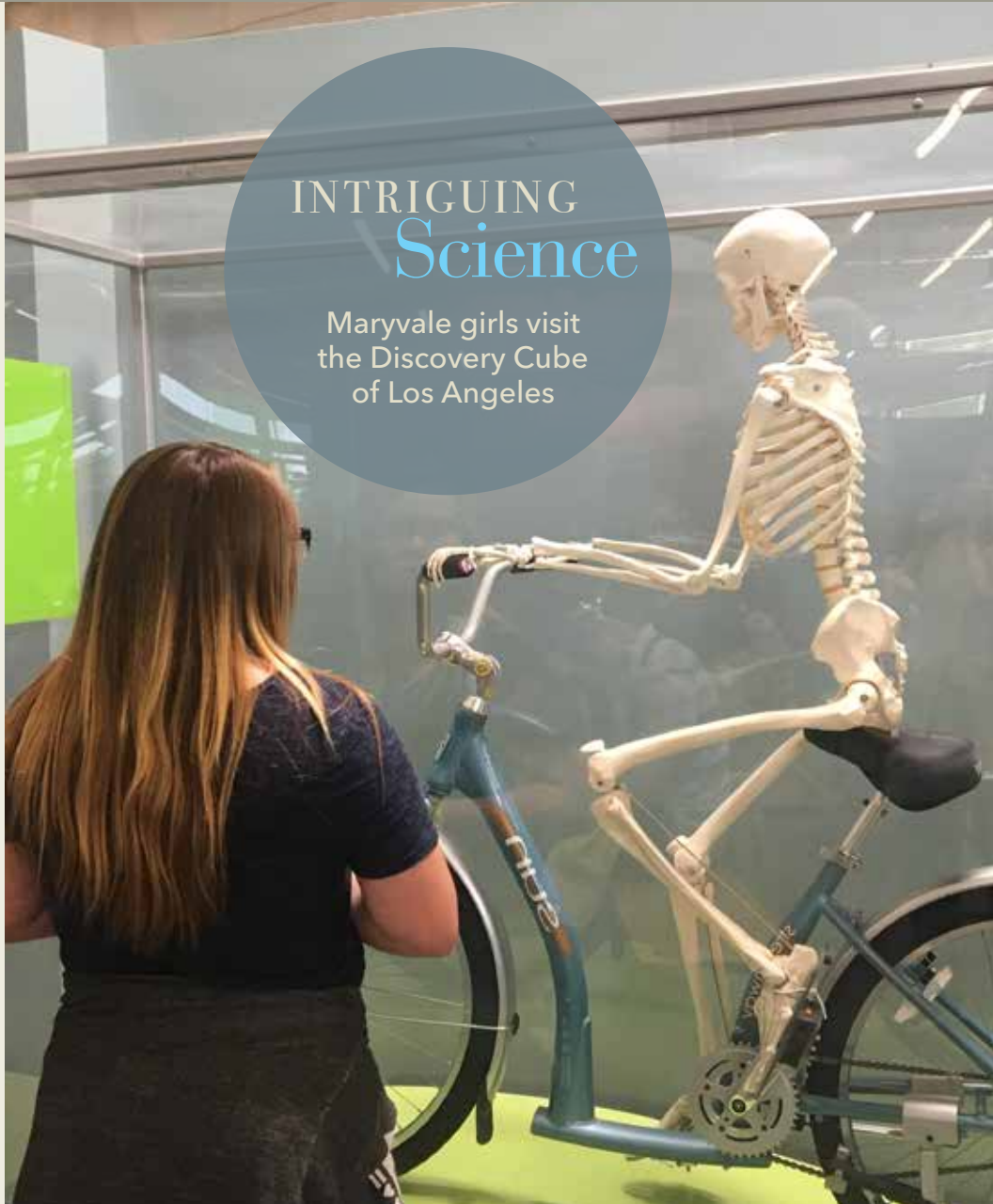
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MISSION Statement

The Los Angeles Orphanage Guild is a charitable organization of women whose members are dedicated to act as ambassadors in the community, raising funds and awareness to ensure that Maryvale can continue the wonderful work that they do on behalf of the children in their care.

the presidents' message



Mary Anne Atkisson
Guild Co-President



Phyllis Conkle
Guild Co-President

2017/2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the new Executive Committee formally presented at the May General Meeting:

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MARY ANNE ATKISSON
PHYLLIS CONKLE

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DIANA DOYLE

A Season of Gratitude and Giving

We all hope that the life we lead is relevant, important to some, and useful to many. We come together in the Los Angeles Orphanage Guild for a variety of reasons: to give back, to make new friends, to serve our community, to feel part of something larger than ourselves, and to help the abused and neglected girls of Maryvale – in other words, to be useful in the most relevant way possible.

The Orphanage Guild is composed of members who have a variety of reasons for belonging, the most important of these, the help and support that they give to Maryvale. During the months of November and December, the season of gratitude and giving, we would like to extend our gratitude to the members of the Guild for making this an

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incredible season of giving, both from a supportive perspective and a financial one. We are so lucky to be able to do this work, work that is worth our best efforts.

Also, as the Guild grows, we have an important need for effective communication. To accomplish this goal we've started a monthly email to Guild members called the "President's Pipeline." We want to be able to keep all members informed of what is happening without waiting for the Newsletter, which is distributed only twice a year. In the "Presidents Pipeline" we can share monthly activities and inform members of future events, events such as the General Meetings, address corrections, Greater Giving possibilities, Annual Campaign contributions, to name just a few; all can be brought to you in a timely manner. This type of current communication will benefit us all.

We feel honored to be Co-Presidents of this amazing Guild and part of the process of contributing and exploring what is relevant, important, and useful to us all.

Respectfully,
Mary Anne Atkisson and Phyllis Conkle
Co-Presidents



Clockwise from left: Junior Guild members, Lisa Sheedy & Susan Frazier, holding the giant Xmas stocking that is filled to the top for each Maryvale child; Chairs of the Luau Party held at JoAnn Bourne's house. L/R JoAnne Bourne, Diana Doyle, Betsy Emanuel, Margo Gleitman, Patti Summers; Beau Bourne, roasting a whole pig for the Luau; Artwork by a Maryvale child.



highlights

of 2017

- | The Annual Campaign, beginning in September, has already collected over \$14,000. The campaign will continue through December.
- | Eleven new Provisionals, three in the Juniors, have joined the Guild. They are: Barbara Frear, Mary Hernandez, Mary Kamalski, Valerie Kiley, Nancy Lamb, Mary O'Neill, Francesca Perazzelli, Annie Pressman, Lorena Sanchez, Vilayvanh Shah, Camillie Torres.
- | The November Luncheon, "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend," was a spectacular success raising almost \$100,000 in revenue with a net profit in the \$60,000 range. And we're still counting!



2017-2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Left to right: Shelly Scott, Diana Doyle, Melinda Woodruff, Nancy Elliott, Mary Anne Atkisson, Phyllis Conkle, Patricia Summers, Patti DiTullio. (Missing: Indy Carey, JoAnn Bourne, Joan Layden, Margo Gleitman).



on the cover:

Intriguing Science
Maryvale girls visit the Discovery Cube.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President Bette Baer

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LOS ANGELES ORPHANAGE GUILD JUNIORS

Our summer activities kicked off in June with a joyful graduation dinner celebrating Monserrat. She enthusiastically shared her hopes and dreams and was very appreciative for the gifts presented to her along with a \$500 certificate towards her education. She is now enrolled at Pasadena City College.

July was a trip to The Discovery Cube, a unique Environmental Stewardship Museum. We were educated about recycling, earthquake proofing and energy efficiency in the home. The girls were very competitive in the hands-on interactive adventures!

In August we were enthralled by The Nature of Wildworks presentation of majestic California birds. With this up-close raptors experience we learned the habits and personal stories of hawks, falcons and owls. Hooty, the Barn Owl, with her heart shaped face, was the most entertaining.

No summer is complete without a trip to Bowlmor and the 6-12 year old girls from Emergency Placement Center joined the fun with bumper lane rails! They will now participate in our activities and of course the Halloween "Boo at the LA Zoo" was a trick-or-treat extravaganza for all. The Birthday Committee works diligently to acknowledge each girl on their special day.

Christmas is fast upon us and we're awaiting the 12th annual arrival of our favorite Santa (aka John Gibson, brother of OGJ members Patty Carlson and Gail Kelly) to present wonderful gifts to each child. This year's event will include ALL THE CHILDREN OF MARYVALE including the 6-12 year old boys from the Emergency Placement Center. Directed by Sister Trang, the Children's Choir will perform; plus many more surprises! Please join this festive event on December 2, 2017.

Congratulations to Susan Frazier, along with two friends, who were recently honored by the Calabasas City Council for their heroic efforts in performing CPR and saving the life of a woman in distress. We're thankful that Susan completed CPR Training at Maryvale!

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Junior Guild members displaying the Christmas stockings each child will receive at the Christmas Party on December 2nd. The boys at the Emergency Placement Shelter will get a Blue Stocking!





Junior
GUILD
activities



Clockwise from top right: Entrance to "Boo at the LA Zoo"; zoo staffers let the girls look (but not hold!) a tiny marsupial called a Sugar Glider; Monserrat with her new bike, one of many presents given her by the Juniors; guests at a dinner honoring Monserrat.

Clockwise from above: At the Discovery Cube, girls examine new methods of displaying and purchasing organically grown food; Maryvale girl trying to "catch" a hockey puck in a simulated game; "Hooty," the Barn Owl; entrance to Maryvale. Center: Susan Frazier holding her honorary plaque given to her by the City of Calabasas.



Seasons of Change

By
STEVE GUNTHER
Maryvale President & CEO

Life is a series of transitions, and this is especially true for the children of Maryvale. Though Maryvale provides them with a place of safety where they can learn to cope with their past and build new lives, it also represents a transition that can be shockingly sudden.

In this holiday season, we are especially grateful for our compassionate staff and the work of the Los Angeles Orphanage Guild and Juniors who give so much so that the children we serve don't have to make this complicated journey alone.

Maryvale is a place where transitions are occurring every day. Young victims of trauma learn to cope with the pain they have endured. Art therapists help children heal through collaborative projects, empowering them to give a voice to their emotions and fears through creativity. In honor of Red Ribbon Week, a national campaign to increase drug awareness and prevention and to support sobriety, residents work with our Chemical Dependency Program to pen powerful and profound "I am Poems."

A recent visit by a Maryvale alum from 1959 provided a special moment of inspiration to our residents when she shared some of the transitions in her life. Jacquie was a 14-year-old who was struggling emotionally as a result of difficult family circumstances when she arrived at Maryvale. She spoke with staff and residents, sharing impactful moments:

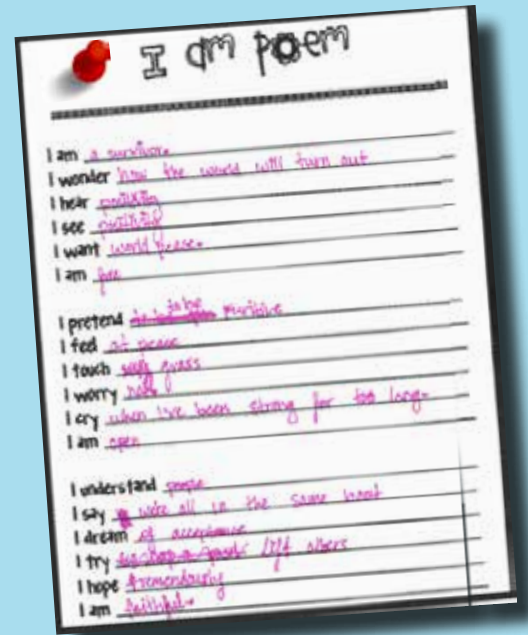
"I'd love to have had my mom emotionally healthy and able to have been a mom," she said, "but that's not what God had in store for me."

Sober for the past 21 years, she shared how Maryvale became her sanctuary. "Maryvale taught me to be accountable, and that was a good and loving thing. Maryvale is home to me. When I get in bad places mentally, I go home.

"Your circumstances don't make you," she stressed. "You can be a victim, or you can choose to survive. There is life on the other side, and you can get there. I did."

Thank you for staying by our side, helping to heal, empower and educate those in need.

To read more stories about Maryvale's children, go to maryvale.org/fostering-hope.



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Be a Friend Bring a Friend

Nov. 15 | Four Seasons Hotel

The LAOG "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend" Luncheon was a fast paced HIT!

The Boutique shopping vendors had wonderful items for every guest. The main event was a Junior and Senior member modeled TRINA TURK FASHION SHOW of gorgeous outfits accompanied by lively music.

The Angel Pledge donations were generous, especially after hearing an inspiring talk from a recent Maryvale alumnae, Monserrat Martinez.

Our returning emcee, Wendy Burch of KTLA TV, got fifteen great raffle items to the anxious and happy winners!

We want to thank everyone who helped make this event such a success.

Don't miss the 2018 Luncheon!

Diana Doyle
Melinda Woodruff
2017 Luncheon Chairs





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Hostess: Karen
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