

# LA M G

LOS ANGELES MARYVALE GUILD



GRATITUDE

*Rocks!*

MARYVALE OPENS  
SETON HOUSE FOR  
MOTHERS AND THEIR  
CHILDREN

The new Maryvale, featuring Seton House, welcomes girls and their children. LAMG members attend grand opening ceremony.



**2022-2023 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**CO-PRESIDENTS**

JACKIE BROOKS & MAUREEN SCHULTZ

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS (GALA)**

CINDY FAIRBANK & PATTI SUMMERS

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS (BFBF LUNCHEON)**

JACKIE BROOKS, MARY CURRY,  
SUSAN ARMENDARIZ AND LESLIE REBACK

**FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT**

NANCY ELLIOTT

**TREASURER**

PATTY CRUIKSHANK

**ASSISTANT TREASURER (GREATER GIVING & TAXES)**

NANCY LEWIS

**ASSISTANT TREASURER (DUES)**

HOLLY LUNTZEL

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

ANGELA SIUTA-PECHIN

**ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY**

FRANCESCA PERAZZELLI

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

MARY KAY LALLI

**ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

JOHANNA DAWSON

**FALL 2023**

Presidents' Message	04
Meetings	06
Highlights	07
The Gala & Tribute to Indy Carey	08
On the Red Carpet	10
Dinner at Wilma's	11
Be a Friend, Bring a Friend Luncheon	12
Maryvale	14
Calendar	16

**OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Los Angeles Maryvale Guild (formerly The Los Angeles Orphanage Guild) is to provide the children and families placed in Maryvale's care a safe, supportive, therapeutic, and compassionate environment in which to grow and heal. The purpose of the guild is to raise funds to provide financial and other support to Maryvale in Los Angeles.



Executive Board: From left, Angela Siuta-Pechin, Mary Kay Lalli, Johanna Dawson, Cindy Fairbank, Jackie Brooks, Patti Summers, Patti Cruikshank, Francesca Perazzelli. *Not pictured: Maureen Schultz, Mary Curry, Susan Armendariz, Leslie Reback, Nancy Elliott,*

Maryvale girls transformed stones into jewels of appreciation during their first Mother's Day at Maryvale.





CO-PRESIDENTS



jackie brooks +  
maureen schultz

Dear Guild Members,

I think that we can all say that we have had a busy year at the Guild. As our year as President's ends, we would like to thank every one of our guild members, who have walked with us, in this new mission, supporting Maryvale's Seton House.

After a tumultuous pandemic, LAMC rebounded by making our nonprofit stronger and more popular with members and their families.

What a year it has been, from our name change to Los Angeles Maryvale Guild, to all the wonderful events that we had this year; 'Be a friend, Bring a friend luncheon' was back after two year; thank you Jackie and Lisa Reback for chairing the event. And our Gala, which was chaired by Cindy Fairbank and Patti Summers, honoring our fellow member Indy Carey who has work so hard on behalf of the Guild for over 20-year. We are so blessed to have had everyone's support throughout the year for all our events and helping to make this year such a big success.

And we would like to thank Nancy Elliott, who was instrumental in making the co-presidential transition so seamless.

One of Jackie's goals this year was to increase our membership and she did a great job with Stephanie Silvers; we now have seven new members. Please make sure to welcome all of these new women to our Guild.

Today, our new mission continues, we are implementing enrichment programs for the families, and supporting the early ed programs and Seton House as Maryvale continues to grow this new program. The first year has been a learning experience for both Maryvale and the Guild and the women that we were able to help this year are all on their way to new lives thanks to everyone's support. All nine women were able to find jobs and apartments during their stay at Maryvale. What a great success for the first year of the new program.

Everyone with us today, is walking along side these young women. It is amazing what a group of dedicated women can do when we set our minds to it. Our support is helping to lift young women and their children out of poverty and homelessness. You are giving them hope. So, on behalf of the Los Angeles Maryvale Guild Presidents, we would like to thank you for supporting the young moms and their children of Seton House.

We are so blessed to be a part of this guild, whose women always band together to make this world a better place. We are so fortunate to be a part of this loving and giving community.

Thank you again for supporting our Guild.

*jackie + maureen*

Jackie Brooks and Maureen Schultz

Just remember. "Helping a mother in need .... can change a generation." Simple words that mean so much.

## Meetings of the minds

We were able to get back on track this year after two years of holding our meetings on Zoom. It was a very busy year with our name change, our new Mission Statement, getting back on track with our events and having our meetings in person. It was so nice to get together and discuss our goals for the year with everyone. There is nothing better than being able to discuss what we wanted to achieve with our members in the same room.

This year we are planning to have the Executive and General meetings on the same day in order to help with everyone's schedules. The Executive meeting will begin at 9:30am with the General meeting immediately after at 11am.



## Highlights of 2022

- Be A Friend, Bring A Friend luncheon was back after a two-year hiatus. The event was a fabulous success; we raised \$50,000. Go Ladies!
- Six new Provisionals have joined the Guild. Please help me in welcoming Lauren Brooks, Alice Cardenas, Erin Cipiti, Joni Deakins, Lauren Kilmer, and Fiona Von Siemens.
- Seton House opened their doors to nine mothers and their children. The first class of women have graduated the program, and all have jobs and a place to live. What a great start to this new Mission for Maryvale.
- We held several activities at Seton House for the women, including a Christmas party for the families and a New Year's Eve party for the moms. Holly Culhane worked with Maryvale as our Enrichment Activities Board member to make sure that we helped out with as many of the activities as we could.
- The Guild was able to donate \$500,000 to Maryvale from the generous gift made by Jacqueline Bolton. This money will go toward the retrofitting of the Laboure building at Maryvale, which will house an additional twenty women and their children.
- Our annual Christmas wreath fundraiser, which was handled by Holly Culhane, was a great success. If you have not participated in the past, you should do so this year. The wreaths are always beautiful, and it makes everything smell like Christmas.



Cindy Fairbank and Maureen Schultz present Maryvale President and CEO Steve Gunther with a \$100,000 check to help Seton House families.

## Annual Campaign

We are bringing back our annual campaign this year. We plan to have the letters out to everyone by the end of November. Patti Summers has agreed to take on this task for the Guild.





# A NIGHT IN *Paris*



Our gala 'A Night in Paris' at the Beverly Hilton was a great success. Our members came out to honor Countess Carrie Estelle Doheny recipient, Indy Carey, one of our most loved members. As we all know, Indy is one of a kind, and she brought her energy and love for Maryvale to make the night a great success.

Thank you, Indy, for allowing us to honor you.

Thanks to all our members and their friends, the evening raised \$22,000 for the raise the paddle. The overall money raised was \$75,000.

Cindy Fairbank and Patti Summers chaired the evening and many thanks to both of you for making the evening wonderful.



ON THE RED CARPET



TRI DELTA SORORITY, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA



# Arabian Nights

AT THE TYSONS

Thanks to Wilma and Ian Tyson who hosted our fall dinner party featuring Middle Eastern cuisine. We had a great time with other members at their lovely home. Great food and drinks were served, and it is always great to catch up with other members socially.



# Be a friend <sup>2022</sup>

## Bring a friend



*Susan & Co.*



*Wendy Burch  
Mistress of Ceremonies*



*Patti & Cindy*



*Angela*



*Diana & Co.*



*Andy*



*Mary Anne & Friends*



*Marysela Family*

Our 'Be A Friend, Bring A Friend' luncheon was back after two years.

The vendors were excellent, and our members and their friends were so happy to be back in person at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills shopping to their hearts' content.

Our Chairs for the luncheon Jackie Brooks, Susan Armendariz, Mary Curry, and Leslie Reback did an excellent job bringing the luncheon back after not being able to have it during Covid.

Wendy Burch was back as our MC and did a wonderful job, as usual, with the raffle and making the day a wonderful event for everyone.

We would like to thank everyone that helped make the event such a success.



*Patti & Melinda*

*Francesca & Family*

*Andrea*

*Debbie, Mia & Angela*

*Patti & Family*

*Mary Ann & Kathy*

*Shelly & Phyllis*

SAVE THE DATE  
**BE A FRIEND  
 BRING A FRIEND**  
 NOVEMBER 3, 2023



## LAMG Annual Meeting, Luncheon at Maryvale

On June 1st, Maryvale hosted a luncheon for the Los Angeles Maryvale Guild. This event provided an opportunity for members of the Guild to gather, connect, and learn more about the incredible work being done at Maryvale. As part of the day's activities, the Guild members were given a guided tour of our beautiful campus including a tour of our Early Education Center and Seton House.

Guild members had the chance to see firsthand how the impact of the Guild's support is providing critical and transformative programs to the children and families we serve. The luncheon included a presentation of Maryvale's remarkable history, an update of where we are today, and a look into the future. The Luncheon concluded with a performance from the children in the Early Education Center and an overview of. We are grateful to the Los Angeles Maryvale Guild for their unwavering commitment to the families we serve.

## Program Updates

### SETON HOUSE

During its first year of operation, Seton House made a substantial impact on 26 families. The Seton House program provides safe, temporary housing for single mothers, empowering them with tools to help change the trajectory of their lives. Maryvale cultivates a compassionate environment where moms can focus on personal development, while learning life skills to sustain positive and productive lifestyles for themselves and their children. Each mother is required to participate in case management, support groups, individual and group therapy, life skills, and parenting training. In addition, they have access to free childcare at our Early Education Center for all age-appropriate children.

#### FY 2022-2023 RESULTS:

- 77% of residents were employed when leaving the program.
- 64% of residents moved into long-term/permanent housing.
- 65% of residents completed or furthered their education.
- 18% have exited to follow-up programs.

To further expand our ability to serve more moms and their families through the Seton House program, Maryvale is converting an existing dorm-style residential building on the main campus into twenty individual family living units, updating kitchens, dining rooms, and creating a less institutional environment. The renovation of the Laboure building is expected to begin early next year with an anticipated opening in September 2024.

# EMBRACING *Change*

In his book "Mere Christianity" C.S. Lewis writes "Transitions are not endings, but gateways to new chapters in our lives. In the face of uncertainty, we find strength in embracing the unknown and trusting in our own resilience." This succinctly captures our experience at Maryvale over the past three years. Following the decision to close the residential program with roots back to the original orphanage established by the Daughters of Charity in 1856, we found ourselves in a time of transition, prayer, and ultimately planning for the next chapter in Maryvale's 167-year history.

Our Gateway – Seton House opened successfully in August 2022 and has provided temporary housing for single mothers and their children. One of many impacts this program has accomplished is the integration of all our program services that surround families with the services they need at a critical time in their lives.

In addition to the housing and wraparound services provided to the mothers in the Seton House program, the preschool age children benefit from our Early Childhood Education Center. The children experience a safe and nurturing early learning environment that sets the foundation for their future success. Through our Community-Based Mental Health Services, these families learn to cope with past trauma and the challenges they are facing as they look to brighter futures.

The Seton House program is made possible, in part, through the generous support of the Los Angeles Maryvale Guild.

St. Vincent de Paul reminds us: "God does not consider the outcome of the good work undertaken but the charity that accompanied it."

On behalf of myself, the Daughters of Charity, the Board of Directors, and the Maryvale staff we thank the Guild for the \$500,000 donation for our Capital Campaign to add 20 additional individual living units, as well as the generous ongoing support of the Seton House program. Without your assistance, we would not be able to continue providing a safe, caring, supportive home for the families in Seton House.

We value our continued partnership with The Los Angeles Maryvale Guild in our mission to lift up one individual, one family, one community at a time!

– STEVE GUNTHER, MSW  
PRESIDENT & CEO



“God does not consider the outcome of the good work undertaken but the charity that accompanied it.”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Girls of  
Maryvale



LOS ANGELES MARYVALE GUILD  
3826 GRAND VIEW BLVD., SUITE 66636  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90066

scan this code  
TO OPEN LINK to  
LAMG website



#### HOW TO USE QR CODE

1. Open the Camera app from the Home Screen, or Lock Screen on your smartphone.
2. Select the rear-facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app (see image on left).
3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.



2023-24

## Calendar of EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 27

EXECUTIVE MEETING 9:30am  
GENERAL MEETING 11am (followed by lunch)

### NOVEMBER 3

BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND LUNCHEON  
Four Seasons Hotel, Beverly Hills 10am to 3pm

### JANUARY 18

EXECUTIVE MEETING 9:30am  
GENERAL MEETING 11am (followed by lunch)

### MARCH 14

EXECUTIVE MEETING 9:30am  
GENERAL MEETING 11am (followed by lunch)

### APRIL 26

GALA AT PETERSON AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

### MAY 9

MARYVALE MEETING  
EXECUTIVE MEETING 9:30am  
GENERAL MEETING 11am (followed by lunch)