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Spring is always the busiest season for our Branches. Acorn, Bud, Lilac, Lombardy and Rowan held events within a few weeks of one another. I was fortunate to attend all of these fun and profitable fundraisers. In addition to the uniqueness of each Branch event and the hard work of the members, what impressed me most was the support of our Branches Board and

other Branch members at each of these events. "Branching Out" is thriving.

It was thrilling betting on horses and meeting a winning jockey at Acorn's Day at the Races. The smart and talented young women of Bud shone at their Evening of the Stars and raised thousands of dollars from ticket sales and raffles. I oohed and aahed at the gorgeous helen Iyall fashions at Lilac's Pretty Woman themed fashion show and marveled at

saw a great deal of the 89,000 square foot facility housing exam rooms, treatment space, labs and offices and marveled at the attention to detail. Everything is so well thought out with young patients in mind. The Bertram H. Lubin, MD Atrium is the focal point of the building and has a very cool interactive digital donor wall. Please stop by and check it out. On the touch screen wall, you can click on the Children's Hospital Branches to see a description of what we do and a couple of photos of our members as well. Such a well deserved honor to have this amazing space named for Dr. Lubin.

Speaking of our beloved Dr. Bert Lubin, he had neurosurgery at UCSF in June to treat a malignant brain tumor known as Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM). I had lunch with Bert and his lovely wife Vivian in mid July. He is the most inspiring and positive person I know and is determined to beat this. He is already planning on getting back to his tennis game and continuing with his new ventures collaborating with UC Berkeley and the City of Oakland.

New atrium name for Dr. Lubin

their successful first ever Fund-a-Need. Lombardy hosted a lovely and well attended backyard luncheon with Trina Turk fashions and jewelry for purchase. Over 200 ladies enjoyed the shopping and fashion show at the Rowan Shopping Spree now in its 18th year and their most profitable to date. Recaps, highlights and photos from each event grace the pages to come.

Our Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was also a big success as over a hundred of us heard from some interesting hospital speakers and celebrated our outstanding members. Next year we will be at a new venue for this event. After much research and site visits, the Branches Board and staff have chosen the historic Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland for our 2019 luncheon. We are excited about this change as the space is designed well for our gathering and it is nicely located for our far flung membership demographic.

In addition to these events, we also celebrated the long awaited opening of the new \$180 million Outpatient Center. The Branches were treated to a private tour of the six-story building which now is home to 26 specialties. We

Bert makes an impact on everyone he meets and he radiates love. I am happy to pass along your individual messages of support to him. Continue reading this publication for a message from Bert to our membership.

I hope to see you at our October General Meeting/ Luncheon at CHORI and at upcoming Fall events.

2018 Board of Directors

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Celebration of service and teamwork at annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

It is always a joy to celebrate each other! Our members are extraordinary; giving of their time and many talents throughout the year. Acknowledging and celebrating those achievements is what the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is all about. Over 100 Branches members gathered at Orinda Country Club on April 11 to do just that. It is the most important part of this annual event. Board Vice President Lucy Talbot and Board member Freddie Darmstadt presented the Outstanding Branch Members with a pin and a certificate of appreciation. This is a meaningful honor voted upon by individual Branches for the member who has contributed the most to the Branch success. Each honoree was cheered as she stepped to the podium to be recognized. A rousing cheer went out to Joyce Spinelli for achieving 10,000 service hours!

We also delighted in presenting the Alice Bullard Lifetime Achievement Award to Sharon Levaggi. Carol Maes gave a touching speech explaining Sharon's many and vast contributions to the Branches and the Bambino Thrift Shop.

Staying current on hospital happenings is also an important part of this luncheon. To that end we heard from Meghan McMurray, Director of Volunteer Programs about new research being conducted at CHORI. Pediatric oncologist/hematologist Dr. Jennifer Michlitsch explained her lifesaving work on the frontlines of cancer treatment. Kelly Tremmel-Howell, the Audiology Management Coordinator thanked the Branches for the equipment and testing room we have funded.



Cacao: Sandra Carpenter



Lombardy: Clare McDonald



Hill: Elizabeth Shaw and Gretchen Gibson



Rowan: Angela Crowne



Lilac: Sharon Dvoskin



Teak: Carol Miller

Awardees pictured with CHB, Inc. Vice President Lucy Talbot and CHB Board member Freddie Darmstadt. Betty Wilson is the 2017 Outstanding Branch Member of Chinquapin Branch. She was not present for photos.



Rowan Branch



Lombardy Branch



Cacao Branch



Fir (Emeritus) Branch



Chinquapin member and Alice Bullard Award recipient Sharon Levaggi, flanked by Chinquapin member Carol Maes, Branches V.P. Lucy Talbot and Branches President, Kristina Smith



Lilac Branch



Chinquapin Branch



Acorn Branch



Hill Branch

Lombardy Breeze Into Summer Shopping and Luncheon

On April 26, 80 cheerful ladies gathered in the home of Clare McDonald in Orinda, clad in festive summer brights and ready to fill their shopping totes with items from Trina Turk's fun spring/summer line.

Ladies shopped a wide selection of fashions by Trina Turk, as well as gorgeous jewelry by San Francisco designer, Natasha Grasso. Happy shoppers took a break in the garden to enjoy a scrumptious lunch salad catered by Metro Lafayette's owner and chef Erika Moore.

The Lombardy ladies successfully raised about **\$10,000** to benefit Children's Oakland--and had lots of fun in the process!



Lori Huhn and Nancy Marvin



Lombardy guests



Lombardy guests



Kristina Smith with Lombardy Treasurer, Lauren French



Ann Healy and guest



Patrick Macchi and Melissa Accornero

And they're off! The gorgeous thoroughbreds and their diminutive riders provided much entertainment and excitement for the more than 100 Acorn guests at Golden Gate Fields. The annual Acorn Branch Day at the Races did not disappoint. The Turf Club provided a buffet lunch and plenty of libations to enjoy the heart pumping action. Some of us even came away with some winnings. The Branches and Children's Oakland won too because the day brought in nearly \$1,600 in proceeds!



Bonnie Paulson, Denette Accornero, Jamie Baxter, Toni Arruda, Kristina Smith, Eileen Caponio, Mia Navellier and Nina Fadelli



Kristina Smith, Dr. Bert Lubin and his wife, Vivian Scharlach.



Dear Friends and members of the Branches,

First I want to thank all of you for making the mission we have to improve the health of all children, especially those in the Bay Area.

As I suspect you know, I have a brain tumor called Glioblastoma Multiforme. I had brain surgery at UCSF on 7/20/18. I know that as much of the tumor was removed as possible without causing neurologic damage. In fact I am presently completely asymptomatic and have a completely normal neurologic exam. The plan is to use radiation and chemotherapy to hibernate the remaining tumor and hope that new therapies will become available that will benefit me. I am back to work and will do my best to further our mission.

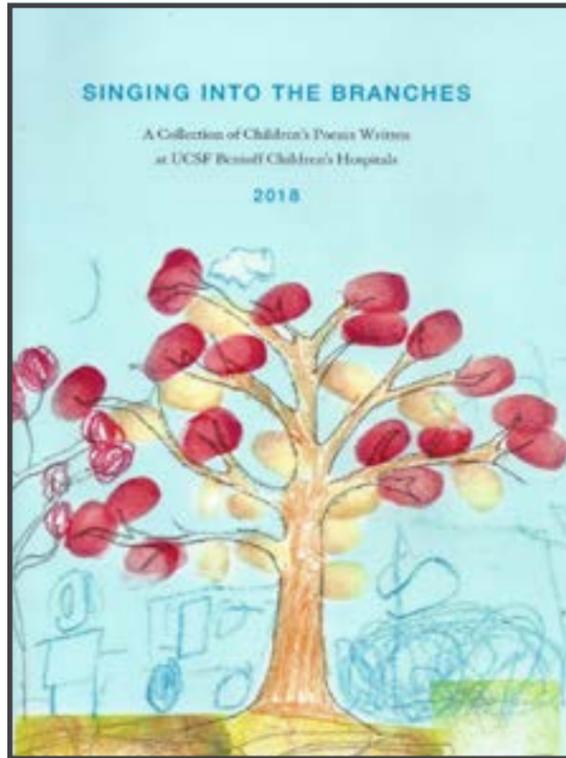
My friends and colleagues, such as you, give me the courage to win this battle and I intend on winning

Thanks for everything you do and have done for the children we all serve.

Sincerely,

Bert

Singing Into the Branches



CRAFT GIRL

Camila, age 7

*I love my paper-bag cat puppet named Pinky.
Pinky loves to eat fish.
I love the ruffled heart on my sweater,
And the zebra hearts on my socks.
Right now I'm making a mouse puppet.
My favorite thing at the hospital is doing crafts.
I love to make things!*

Please note: This sweet poetry book will be available to all Branch members at our Annual Luncheon in October! Plan to pick up your own copy then!

About "Child Life" Services

When a child stays in the hospital for any length of time, it's easy for his or her whole world to be consumed by all things medical. At UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, staff make it their priority to ensure this never happens. At Children's a child's life continues even when health problems get in the way. Child Life Services bridges the gaps between home, hospital, and school with age-appropriate activities designed to help young patients understand and adapt to the hospital experience—and to keep them loving life every step of the way.



Music Therapist Maya Charlton with patient

2018 Winter Ball Debs Tour the Hospital

On the eve of the Fourth of July, a dozen Winter Ball Debs and parents had a spectacularly impactful tour of the NICU at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. The group received a comprehensive overview and tour of the specialized NICU and several departments. A veteran NICU nurse provided touching first-hand accounts of some of the babies they have treated. The group was inspired seeing the staff in action and getting a close look at the "Giraffe" special NICU beds for which the Winter Ball proceeds will benefit.

Hill Branch is pleased to share the names of our 2018 Winter Ball Debs. They are:

Jane Andersen, Julia de Petra, Evan Fuller, Grace Mani, Katherine Peterson, Halle Potterton, Hannah Shelby, Audie Walter and Katherine Wiesbrock.

The Winter Ball will be December 21st at the Westin St. Francis in San Francisco.



From left to right: Audie Walter, Katherine Wiesbrock, Grace Mani, Jane Andersen and Evan Fuller

SAVE THE DATE!!

Hill Branch invites all CHB members and their guests to attend the

61st Annual Winter Ball

Saturday, December 22, 2018

The Westin St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco

Cocktail Reception 7pm
Presentation of Debutantes 8:30pm
Dinner and Dancing to follow
Tickets \$375 Age 16-30 \$225

Funds are dedicated to purchasing a \$150,000 Transport Isolette Crib

For further information, please contact
Laura Giles or Carol Leslie
WBChair@hillbranch.org



Rowan Branch Co-Chairs Christy Campbell & Deirdre Henry



Spree guests Paula Kenny, Jenny Diehl, Elaine Neeley, Stephanie Brandel, Jill Reynolds, Lisa Pelligrini, Vena Skolnick, Kelley Cunningham and Joe Cunningham.

“The quickest way to know a woman is to go shopping with her.”

– Marcelene Cox



The saying ‘The way to a man’s heart is through his stomach’ is something that our mothers’ mothers took great pride in regarding winning the affection of their beloved. For us ladies, shopping is the way to our hearts and our hearts were on display on May 1st at the Rowan Branch’s 18th annual ‘Shopping Spree for Children’s Hospital’. Over 200 ladies came together on a gorgeous May day at Diablo Country to shop and lunch netting over \$80,000 in the process; all in support of the NICU.

Alongside the Rowan ladies and their guests were doctors and nurses representing the hospital for the popular and very fun fashion show. They took to the runway representing the spring line from vendors J. McLaughlin, Trina Turk, Bedhead Pajamas and J’Amy Tarr Designs. The vendors donated 20% of their sales to benefit the hospital, which makes it a fashion statement for everyone involved.

The Rowan Branch continues to work together to fund much needed new equipment for the premature babies in the neonatal unit of the hospital. Funds raised from the Fund-a-Need as well as proceeds from the shopping added up to a nice contribution towards the Giraffe Isolette and Panda Warming Tables. These

machines help to keep the premature miracles warm and breathing. Doctors and families can stay with the child without moving them to another location for care and bonding.

The Rowan Branch will host their next event on October 13th with the celebration of their 30th Annual Gala des Enfants with a ‘Diamonds and Pearls’ theme. So, please save the date for this glamorous affair.

By Daphne Seymour



Spree guests



Spree shoppers and vendors



Garden Chairman Marilyn Zecher, and Teak member Orvie Pamp



Rowan member Daphne Seymour



Hospital and Rowan models showing J.McLaughlin clothes

Rowan Branch
30th Annual
Gala des Enfants
presents
“Diamonds & Pearls”



October 13th, 2018
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Diablo Country Club
Benefiting
UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland

SAVE THE DATE!

Rowan Branch, c/o Beth Lowe
508 Wild Flower, Alamo, CA 94507

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 13, 2018
6pm - 11pm
Diablo Country Club, Diablo

Wine Tasting & Food Pairings followed by
Dinner & Dancing and Fundraising Fun & Games

Rowan Branch
Gala des Enfants
Benefiting the
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland

For full event details, please visit
www.rowanbranch.org

Tickets on sale August 2018

Bud Branch Night of the Stars

Our youngest Branch, Bud, hosted a beautiful event at the Elks Lodge in Alameda at the end of April. Not only did they provide a gorgeous spread of refreshments in the beautifully decorated space, they also put together a very special fashion show for their 115 guests to enjoy. Several of the girls are graduating seniors and announcements were made about their fall plans.

Members of Lilac, Hill, Chinquapin, Garden, Rowan and Hawthorne were in attendance and supported the Bud

Branch by purchasing tickets and raffle tickets, as well as donating raffle prizes.

Holden Hilal of Alamo spoke to the attendees of being diagnosed with a brain tumor while on a family vacation in Paris, France. Holden was subsequently transferred to and treated by specialists in one of the best Hospitals in the world - UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.

Keeping the young philanthropists busy while juggling school work, sports and other commitments throughout the spring, the event "Night of the Stars", was a huge success. The 15 committed members and many helpers pulled together and raised close to \$6,000 to benefit UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. In the fall, the girls plan to conduct another wreath sale. Stay tuned for details!



Molly Kenny (Chinquapin Branch), Lauren Murphy, Betty Olsson (CHB Board Emerita), Anaelle Oikine, Camille Lent, Romi Moore, Haley Graybeal, Bella Conner, Catherine Wallace, AiLi Pigott, Sofia Klein, Caroline Featherstone, Theresa Killian, Caroline Bridges, Nicole Prislín, Lauren Wallace, Lauren Wallace, Molly Howland, Laure Giles (Hill Branch), Kristi Buck (Hill Branch), Eileen Caponio (Rowan Branch), Kristina Smith (CHB President), Marilyn Zecher (Garden Branch) and Freddie Darmstadt (Chinquapin Branch).



Holden Hilal, 16, of Alamo, speaking on his experience at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.



Bud Branch President Lauren Wallace, Payton Roloff and Bud Branch Members Sofia Klein and Bella Conner.



Bud Branch member Nicole Prislín and her date Anthony.

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Foundation and Children's Hospital Branches, Inc.

Invite you to the

ALL BRANCHES

General Meeting and Luncheon

Monday, October 8 2018, 10:00am-1:00pm

CHORI ~ 5700 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Oakland, CA 94609

10:00-11:30am Program:

- Revolutionizing Neurosurgery with Virtual Reality: Dr. Auguste
- Branches Business

11:45-1:00pm Luncheon provided by UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Foundation

Questions? Please call office at 510-428-3355

Please RSVP to your Branch Chair by September 14

Family House

Thank you for your continuous support!
Items most needed at the moment are:

- Frozen Brown N Serve breakfast sausages
- Citrus fruit juice
- Creamer and single serving sugar packets
- Single serving yogurt

Gift cards for Trader Joe's, Target, Costco and Safeway are always welcome!

Items can be dropped off at
5222 Dover Street, Oakland CA, 94609

(510) 428-3100

Next issue of Twigs will be in mail-boxes in early December.

The due date for submitting materials is November 1st.

Please consider submitting an event ad or a write-up about a past event.

Event ads measure 3 1/2" x 5 1/2"

Please consider submitting a write-up about a fall event. As a guideline, please keep your write-up to about 100 words or less.

Email photos and text to the office. If you need help with photos or write-up, please get in touch!

Email questions, ideas and submissions to
susanne@childrenshospitalbranches.org

Pretty Woman

On April 18, the Lilac ladies gathered with their 180 closest friends to enjoy a festive fashion show and luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield. "Pretty Woman" was the theme of this year's event, based on the popular Julia Roberts movie from 1990. A bountiful raffle enticed the pretty women to buy raffle tickets with the chance of winning amazing prizes. Some highlights of prizes were a shopping spree, the very popular wine train, as well as the "quintessential Napa experience" consisting of theater tickets and a steakhouse dinner at Charlie Palmer.

Several Branches "stars" were in attendance; previous Presidents Ann Tucker as well as Betty Jo Olson were spotted in the crowd. Many faithful CHB Board members also attended, several of them sporting hats inspired by the polo match scene from the movie. President Kristina Smith, V.P. Lucy Talbot (Hill), as well as Lynne Wilson (Acorn), Eileen Caponio (Rowan), CeCe Werson (Hawthorne), Dee Farkas (Fir) and Marianne Malenk (Chinquapin) were among the guests. Having set out to conduct a Fund-a-Need for the first time ever, the Napa and Solano based group set a modest goal of raising funds for one sleep-chair. Lilac blew that goal out of the water by successfully raising \$9,900, which will purchase as many as three sleep-chairs for weary parents of the hospital's young patients. These chairs make a huge difference in the lives of our families, since they allow a parent to spend the night next to their sick child. With this event, Lilac Branch was able to raise an impressive total of about \$18,000 to benefit Children's Hospital.

After a delicious hot lunch, the fashion show gained many "oohs" and "aahs" from Lilac's guests. Lilac members Jerry Butler and Julie Parodi took to the runway while Julie's husband's Tom's appearance was greeted with cheers and whistles.

Several other glamorous models strutted their stuff and showed off casual daytime outfits as well as dramatic evening wear from Helen Iyall's shop in Napa. Also featured were dashing summer looks for men from Scott Iyall, and Williamson & Company.



Tina Hurley (Planned Giving Officer, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Foundation), Mary Lou Carter (Lilac Chairman & CHB Board Secretary), Lynne Wilson (Acorn Member & CHB Board Member), Marianne Malenk (Chinquapin Member & CHB Board Member), Kristina Smith (Rowan Member & CHB Board President), and CeCe Werson (Hawthorne Emeritus Member and CHB Board Member).



Lucy Talbot (CHB Inc. Vice President, Hill Branch member), Dee Farkas (Fir member) and Betty McMahon, (Lilac member and Pretty Woman event co-chair).



Tom Parodi (Julie Parodi's husband)



Lilac Member Jerry Butler



Lilac member Julie Parodi



Friend of Lilac, Luda Havens



Model Flavia Cesa



Board Member

Eileen Caponio

A 14 year Rowan member, Eileen is also one of the members of the CHB Board. Invited to the Branches by her neighbor and friend in 2004, she has been a committed Rowan member ever since. Eileen was always involved in her kids' schools as her primary calling; from elementary school through high school and even college, she remained very involved in the different parent associations in leadership roles.

"Being raised in a Catholic family, contributing time, treasure and talent was just something I was taught from a very early age," says Eileen. Soliciting friends and community members on behalf of Children's Hospital is easy, she continues. "There is no easier 'ask' than asking people to help sick kids. I feel so privileged, excited and happy to have the opportunity to help."

Eileen's favorite Branches/Hospital memory is when her close friend was desperate to find care for her child who had been diagnosed with a brain tumor, and they were able to find world class care at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. "The doctors and staff just opened up their arms and gave him the best care he could have ever received. Dr. Sun operated on him, and this boy is now a happy, healthy young adult. The hospital was amazing."

Eileen, is the oldest of six, was born in Monterey County. With a father in the military, she moved often and grew up all over the country, and even lived in Spain where she became fluent in Spanish. She and her husband met in Alameda 42 years ago and started their life together there. They soon decided to move to Alamo where they have built a beautiful life for the past 27 years. When Eileen is not busy working on a Rowan event, she spends time with her four children and their families including her seven grandchildren. She also loves to travel, especially on cruiseships. Other hobbies include tennis and baking.

OPC Opening

After 31 months of construction, the dust has finally settled and the fabulous new state-of-the-art Outpatient Center opened its doors. The brand new six-story outpatient facility has added 89,000 square feet of exam rooms, treatment facilities and family support services to the hospital's existing outpatient center. Advanced technologies and clinical space for specialties including orthopedics, physical rehabilitation, ENT/OHNS, pulmonology, dermatology, cardiology, outpatient surgery, neurology and neurosurgery will be housed here. The addition makes UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland the East Bay's largest pediatrics specialty care center built for kids.

During the morning of April 16, Branches members were invited for a special tour of the new facilities. About 30 members from Chinquapin, Hill, Rowan, Teak and Fir gathered in the light-filled new lobby, in front of the interactive donor wall. Children's Hospital Branches are publicly recognized for our support of the Hospital on this wall.

The groups visited the beautiful new 17,000 square-foot rehab center on the second floor. This department offers a spacious physical therapy Terrain Park and Gym.

Nurse Manager Teresa Proctor showed Branches members how the sleep chair operates by simply sliding the base down and converting the chair into a bed in mere seconds. This is an important piece of equipment that really supports the family experience, and the Branches recognize this important need by continuing to fund these sleep chairs. In 2017, our efforts raised funds to purchase 12 new chairs. Our work to fund more of them continues! Teresa also demonstrated the amazing Giraffe Warmer Isolette, which keeps the preemie infant safe and warm during care.

Members then got a peak of the incredible Bay views from the very top floor of the new building, where offices, conference rooms and laboratories are located. On the way down, we stopped by the neurology department, which is one of the 25 pediatrics-focused clinics for which UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland is recognized as a nation-wide leader.

Since opening, the Hospital has received lots of positive feedback from patients and families. In the first full month of operation, the OPC had 3,621 visits. Because of the redesigned facility, the clinic "flow" has improved radically, decreasing average wait times. Now 91% of sessions start on time compared to 26% prior to the new center.

All the clinics in the new OPC have received incredibly positive feedback, but perhaps the most excitement expressed is around the new rehab facilities. The families are so impressed with the size of the gym and the new equipment (like the reformer, new bikes and treadmill). Many of the families remember having their kids treated in the hallways in the former rehab location.

The private treatment rooms have also been invaluable. They allow the kids who have issues with attention to be able to focus on therapy. In the past, the kids could get easily overwhelmed and distracted in the big noisy gym, and were not able to perform as well. This change is improving the Hospital's patient outcomes.

All the Branches were a crucial part in funding the new OPC, so let's celebrate this milestone!



Left to right: Lucy Talbot, Eileen Caponio, Dr. Bert Lubin, Betty Jo Olson and Kristina Smith.



Left to right: Linda Foust, Bambino; Sheila Challey, CHB Board; Betty Colquhoun, Chinquapin Chairman; Alison Kettler, Bambino; Sue Enger, Teak Chairman; Melanie Anderson, Chinquapin; Deirdre Henry, Rowan Co-Chair; Eileen Caponio, CHB Board; Christy Campbell, Rowan Co-Chair; Kristina Smith, CHB President; Eileen Caponio, CHB Board, Penny Robb, Hill; Dee Farkas, Fir; Lucy Talbot, CHB Vice President; Laurel Williams, Hill Chairman; Carol Maes, Chinquapin; Laura Giles, Hill; Carol Miller, Teak and Esther Nagao, Bambino.

Bambino Holiday Boutique

homes. Currently, items are stored in three homes and in a donated storage unit. This year we had our first off site marking party in the last week of July, with another off site marking day happening in late September or October.

The Friday and Saturday before Boutique Day we close the shop, cover the windows so folks cannot see what we are doing, and bring all our merchandise down from upstairs and from our off site locations. Chaos reigns for two days and by the end of Saturday an exhausted gathering of Elves has created an extraordinary display of Holiday treasures for gift giving and home decorating.



Please join us on Nov. 11 from 1:30 to 3:30pm for some fun and fund-raising for our hospital. Bring your shopping loving friends with you!

The boutique on Nov. 11 is our opening day for the Holiday Season. To make this event happen, the Bambino Elves start storing boutique worthy items away as early as January every year. Items are cleaned, sorted and stored in a small room at the shop. When this space is filled to overflowing, usually by May, we start storing items in private

40th Annual NICU Reunion

In 1978, a team of nurses and doctors decided to start inviting some of the NICU graduates back to the hospital auditorium for a celebration with cake and punch. The event is always held on site to be sure as many patients and their families as possible can attend. Dottie Walczak, R.N., says:

"Over the years, the reunion event has grown from just a few families enjoying some punch into a huge event with over 600 people. Nurses, doctors, patients and their families get together to celebrate these kids who all started out their lives here at Children's Hospital." Executed by about 56 volunteers, the reunion featured food, jump houses, crafts, carnival games and much more. The 2018 event had 200 NICU graduates in attendance.



Wendy Dunn and Lucy Talbot at the NICU Reunion



Tegan Boggs with parents Stephanie and Logan



Karis Thomas with mom, Shenesha Thomas. Dad, Marc Thomas, is holding baby sister.



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UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

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| October 8, 2018 (Monday) | All Branches Meeting & Luncheon | All Branches |
| CHORI Library 10am-1pm, RSVP to Branch Chair by September 14 | | |
| October 13, 2018 (Saturday) | Gala des Enfants "Diamonds & Pearls" | Rowan |
| Diablo Country Club, Diablo 6pm. Wine tasting with food pairings, dinner and dancing.
Tickets: rowanbranch.org | | |
| October 20, 2018 (Saturday) | 65th Anniversary Gala | Acorn |
| Berkeley Country Club, El Cerrito (Formerly Mira Vista Country Club) 6pm
Tickets \$125 Patti Fadelli (510) 526-2107 pattif13@comcast.net | | |
| November 11, 2018 (Sunday) | Bambino Holiday Boutique | Bambino |
| Bambino Thrift Shop 1:30-3:30pm
Private Shopping for Branch Members & V.I.P. Please bring a can of food for our Food Bank drive! | | |
| December 22, 2018 (Saturday) | Winter Ball | Hill |
| Westin St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco 7pm
No host bar. Complimentary champagne and light hors d'oeuvres, deb presentation, dinner and dancing
Tickets \$375 (Guests age 16-30 \$225) For more information, email WBChair@hillbranch.org | | |