



# AUXILIARY NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends!

Reflecting on the past year, we can see God's hand in challenging and joyful times. We have made mistakes, hopefully learning from those experiences, and many of us have also seen significant growth in our walk with the Lord. For 2023, let us leave the past behind and move forward confidently, seeking and acting on God's will. As you aim to please God, He will lead you to new opportunities and help you to prosper and achieve success according to His will.



We are looking forward to our APC Homecoming events during the weekend of March 4-5. You will be blessed by our mission vespers on Sabbath afternoon in the LLU Church Sanctuary. You will be inspired by reports from those currently serving overseas as well as those now training to go out to serve. Also, don't miss the APC Homecoming Luncheon at the beautiful Victoria Club on Sunday, featuring musician Tad Worku and speaker Cheri Fletcher, host of the podcast "Your Spiritual Game Plan."

*For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you." (Isaiah 41:13)*

May we faithfully believe that our God will guide us every single step of the way in this New Year!

*Merle*

## 2023 AUXILIARY APC HOMECOMING EVENTS

### MISSION VESPERS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4 • 4:30 PM**

**Loma Linda University Church • 11125 Campus St., Loma Linda**

*No registration required*



Cheri Fletcher  
*Featured Speaker*



### LUNCHEON

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5 • 11:00 AM**

**Victoria Club • 2521 Arroyo Drive, Riverside, 92506**

*Doors open at 10:30 am*

*Deadline to register and pay ~ February 28, 2022*  
*Seats are limited; No guarantees after deadline • Form on page 7*



Tad Worku  
*Musician*

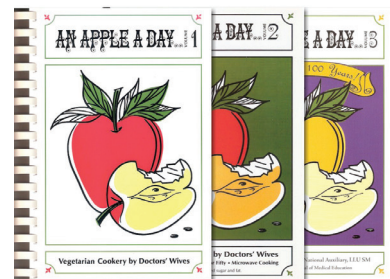


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## FROM THE EDITORS

As we gaze at the majestic beauty of the snow-capped San Bernardino mountains, let it remind us to relax, take a deep breath, and treat our minds and souls to a fresh new beginning.

David was also inspired by mountains, “I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1,2)

*May we seek Him more deeply this New Year!*

Blessings,

*Lynda Chan and Karen Wat Nielsen*

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## IN LOVING MEMORY

Patricia Foster  
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Wife of Wilford Tetz SM’52

Cynthia Watts  
Wife of Gary Watts SM’76A

Marlene Weaver  
Widow of Robert Weaver SM’62

**Newsletter Correction:** Marguerite Smith was incorrectly identified as Margaret Smith in the *An Apple A Day* cookbook article in the Fall 2022 issue.



# FALL LUNCHEON 2022

By Karen Wat Nielsen

On Tuesday morning, October 11, 2022, dozens of Auxiliary members made their way through the misty rows of orange trees to Drs. Brad and Carla Baum's lovely Victorian home, Raeburn Place. After much socializing with friends seldom seen during the worst of COVID times, it was a joy to meet for inspiring presentations, beautiful music and delicious food.

Guests were welcomed by Danielle Hoxie, Programs Chair. President Merle Hildebrand took care of housekeeping duties for the business portion of the meeting. Dimyana Pelev Dysart, a classically trained singer and dramatist responsible for the Stars of Tomorrow children's drama camp, sang a medley of "Thy Word" and "Fairest Lord Jesus" to open hearts. She also sang "Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" to conclude the event. A beautiful orchid plant was presented to Marguerite Marsh by Past-President Marina Raines to commemorate Marguerite's many years of attendance and support of the Auxiliary. Anita Roberts, Clergy-Spouse Care Ministries Director for Southeastern California Conference and a Senior Ministries pastor at Loma Linda University Church, presented a devotional based on Hymn 103, "O God, Our Help" and Psalm 90.

The featured speaker, Sharlene Hayton, wife of surgeon Ryan Hayton SM '05, was introduced by her good friend Donna Hadley. Sharlene is no stranger to the Auxiliary as she and her family were recipients of Auxiliary generosity during their nine years of service as medical missionaries at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi. Sharlene gave her own backstory before telling about "Mondays with Chip," her friendship with tea planter Chip Cathcart Kay during her time in Malawi. Their talks became the basis for her newly published biography *Kangaroo Kay*, available on Amazon. Chip was born in Nyasaland (now Malawi) in 1931, was educated in South Africa and England, then returned to Africa to run Satemwa tea estate, fly bush planes, raise a family, survive bush wars, and make the transition from colonial life to "modern times." Sharlene's book reflects Chip's enterprising nature but also her own indomitable spirit as she fights cancer. She was an inspiration and blessing to all who attended.

*We look forward to an equally blessed time at the APC Homecoming Luncheon on Sunday March 5, 2023. Mark your calendars!*



Raeburn Place was a lovely venue.



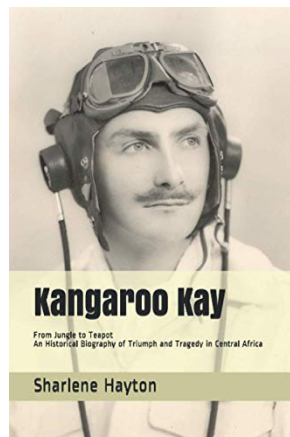
Anita Roberts



Dimyana Pelev Dysart



Marguerite Marsh and Marina Raines



Sharlene Hayton



# LITTLE WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS

By Jolene Hilliard

***“It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas”*** was the headline sent to all LLU students for the Little White House Christmas Boutique on November 14.

The announcement continued: “Even though we cannot give you a ***White Christmas*** we have been singing ***Deck the Halls*** and every inch of our little house is decked out with HUNDREDS of shiny red balls and others in every color of the rainbow! The lights of many ***O Christmas Tree*** can be seen inside and out and each one is waiting for a new home!”

Loma Linda was experiencing lower temperatures; we added: “Cooler clothing available along with an extensive coat collection and the shelves are stocked with cozy bedding.

“With Christmas scenes wherever you look including many small tabletop Christmas trees, wreaths hanging, 300’ of garlands swagging, holiday bags and wrapping ready to hide surprises, LWH even has white elephant gifts for the casual party! What a display of lamps awaits you, even better than Lamps Plus, and every option of appliances you can imagine for your shopping pleasure. You may find your ***All I Want for Christmas*** early!”

Students chose a time slot on SignUpGenius, most as soon as the email announcement arrived. It didn’t take long for 200 slots to fill, and then we added more. On opening night, the Christmas Boutique had an infectious energy; the holidays had started and all, including the volunteers, would not have missed this yearly event.

So did the announcement work? Students left with necessary items and festive decor, truthfully stripping shelves clean, which we wanted! Seventy small trees brightened new tables, forty 4’ to 7’ trees found a new window or corner to light and thirty wreaths adorned front doors to welcome friends to students’ homes. Our racks of coats and tables of gloves and hats were stripped. With one lonely coat left, a volunteer “sold” a guy’s coat to a girl and the student loved it!

The final words of the invite: “Come for an early ***We Wish You a Merry Christmas*** greeting, extend the warmth to your classmates and enjoy Roasted Tomato Soup, Berry Soup with Ice Cream and Homemade Cinnamon Rolls!” Our Little White House opened its door; students came. All felt the vitality of youth and the warmth of the season and hearts were filled with shared hospitality.

***“Joy to the World, a theme song for all!”***





# TREE OF ANGELS

By Janette Allen

Every year the Medical Auxiliary has the honor of decorating a tree in the Lobby of the Faculty Medical Clinics. Patients, visitors and staff are waiting in anticipation and encouragement as I place the baubles, lights, ribbons and angels on the tree. The festive tree is a fitting commencement to the joyful Christmas Season.

For the last few years the funds from the Tree of Angels have gone to help support the Little White House. Many of our students were able to bring cheer, decorations and a tree to their room, apartment or home this Christmas. They are so grateful, often commenting how much they look forward to our open house.

We are very blessed by each one of you who donates goods to distribute and funds to support us. *A huge thank you to each one of you as we anticipate encouraging and blessing our students in 2023.*



Auxiliary Board Christmas Party

*Welcome to Our Newest  
Life Member*

**Betty Mushik**

Your support and commitment to the LLU Medical Auxiliary is vital to our mission of demonstrating God's love through benevolence and shared service.

# MISSIONS UPDATE

By Patti Batin

2023 is starting with booming interest in Mission projects! We have seen an outpouring of support after our annual letter was delivered in November 2022.

Kendu Bay Hospital's request for help to open the area's first ICU is off to a good start. We have funds for remodeling, but still need donations for ventilators and cardiac monitors to make this ICU dream come true.

Cooper Adventist Hospital under the leadership of Dr. James Appel SM'00 is striving to turn an unused hospital clinic into a trauma bay which better suits the need of the community. Remodeling costs have been raised and funds are still needed for equipment to stabilize and operate on victims of trauma.

La Loma Luz Hospital in Belize has to overcome great challenges since falling into disrepair in recent years. Work must be started to create new patient exam rooms, but a new portable digital xray machine is also still lacking.

We want to thank all of our alumni community who support medical missions. Please pray for our dedicated staff and medical alumni all over the world!

**Missions Letter Correction:** Waterloo Adventist Hospital, Sierra Leone - Rachel Fernando was incorrectly listed as Sarah Fernando. Rachel is a licensed physician assistant, not a nurse.



# 2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

## ABIGAIL RODRIGUEZ

Receiving this scholarship was an answered prayer, and I am very blessed to be surrounded by such a supportive community. Because of your kind contribution, my financial burden has been lightened, which will allow me to focus on the most important aspect of school: learning. My goal upon graduating medical school is to pursue OB/GYN. Words cannot fully express my appreciation, but I hope to one day pay your generosity forward.

Best regards,

*Abigail Rodriguez*



## JONATHAN XAVIER

I want to extend my gratitude to the LLU Medical Auxiliary with this scholarship which helps to provide a reduction in the financial burden as I make preparations for my medical career. I am currently a class officer and involved in leadership in other organizations, which has deepened my desire to participate in service to my community. I would like to thank the donors who have provided this scholarship for their kindness.

Thank you,

*Jonathan Xavier*

## IZUCHI UKEGBU

I just want to say thank you for your generous scholarship. I have previously had anxiety about not having money to spend on resources to help with my studies.

This year, I have felt almost completely without burden due to this scholarship, knowing that there are others who are confident in my abilities to succeed and have lightened the financial load. I hope to do the same to help others when I have reached more financial stability after medical school. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

*Izuchi Ukegbu*



## JMA UPDATE

By Martha Riggs

JMA had a great first semester that concluded with a Christmas party hosted by the Hildebrands. It was so fun! This semester we focused on community and completed a book study by Jennie Allen titled, *Find Your People*. We added two new beautiful babies to the JMA group this fall and were able to love on the new families by providing a meal train. I am attaching a picture of a few of us from a women's Christmas event we attended at a local church.





# REMEMBERING THE PAST

Taken from a letter to Auxiliary officers by President Irma (Mrs. Robert SM'47) Torrey, written sixty years ago in 1963:

*As I think of the Auxiliary, I remember a familiar phrase, "The harp with a thousand strings" -- for the harp is incomplete without the strings to make it become an instrument of perfect blending.*

*We might compare our Auxiliary with such an instrument. Each one of our ... members are [sic] one of the strings that, working together, will produce a melody and harmony that will be as beautiful as the instrument itself.*

*Our Auxiliary depends upon you and each member to make our purpose worthwhile. And in giving of ourselves, we will make this life more important to each other. Shall we make our Auxiliary an organization that will produce a melody that will give help, peace and love to our fellow men.*

Some things never change. We continue to depend on each one of you for support. We are a volunteer organization but your dues are necessary to pay for office and mailing expenses, as well as this newsletter. Your donations impact our mission families in foreign countries, students through the Little White House and scholarships, and the lives of our members who have needs or suffer the loss of loved ones. We invite you to become an ACTIVE, DUES-PAID MEMBER and to participate in the melody that "the harp with a thousand strings" can make.



## Pay Your Dues Early!

Dues Reminder - July 1 through June 30

Regular Dues \$55

Retired, Widowed, or Divorced \$35

Life Membership \$1,500 or 4 payment of \$375

## 2023 APC HOMECOMING REGISTRATION FORM

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Guest(s) I would like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration required for the Luncheon but not for Vespers. The deadline to register is February 28, 2022; seats are limited.

No reservations taken without payment. Seats not guaranteed after deadline. \*Seats paid for with credit card include a processing fee.





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## SAVE THE DATE

- **Auxiliary Mission Vespers - LLUC**  
Sabbath, March 4, 2023
- **Homecoming Luncheon & Business Meeting**  
Sunday, March 5, 2023  
*See page 7 to register*

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## APC HOMECOMING LUNCHEON

*Featuring Cheri Fletcher*

Cheri is a writer, speaker and host of “Your Spiritual Game Plan” podcast. She graduated from LLU Dental Hygiene Class of '91. Cheri is a spiritual strategist who believes God has a plan for your life. She believes we are called to make strangers neighbors and neighbors family!

*So, save the date...  
the table is set, and  
we've saved you a seat!*

The mission of the Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary is to demonstrate God’s love through benevolence and shared service. **The Auxiliary promotes the mission work of its Alumni; the education and welfare of medical students, residents and their spouses; and the intellectual and spiritual growth of its diverse membership.**

The Auxiliary is committed to continuing a heritage of unselfish dedication to service, beneficence and healthful living, as well as to responding to humanitarian needs in today’s changing world.