

## President's Message

Hello Auxiliary Members and Friends!

Here at the Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary we are recognized for the things that we do. And so many great things are done here, including our support of Loma Linda students through scholarships, emergency assistance, and "The Little White House" where they can "shop" at no cost for clothing and household items. We raise money to support the work of our missionary alumni, we plan events for our members and the community. The list of our **doing** could, and does, go on and on.



Merle Hildebrand and daughter Merrie

But at this moment I hope the Christmas season has allowed us to take some time away from **doing** and allowed us just a little time for **being**. I think of just being together with family and friends. I think of enjoying the music and special services of the season. I think of time for joy, reflection, gratitude and prayer.

My New Year's wish for all of us is that we find a way to move beyond the **doing** of our lives and find a way to simply enjoy **being** who we were designed to be.

May God bless you with a safe, healthy and joyous New Year,

*Merle*

## 2024 Auxiliary APC Homecoming Events

### Mission Vespers

Saturday, March 2 • 4:30 pm

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

*No registration required*



Mark Witas  
*Featured Speaker*



Cindy Waring  
*Musician*

### Luncheon

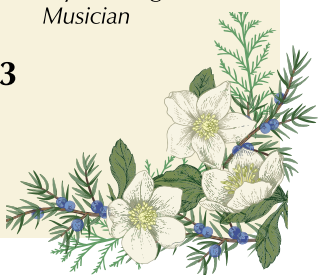
Sunday, March 3 • 11:00 am

Redlands Country Club • 1749 Garden Street • Redlands 92373

*Doors open at 10:30 am*

*Deadline to register and pay: February 22, 2024*

*Seats are limited; No guarantees after deadline • Form on page 7*



# From the Editors

## Just One Request

Dear Master for this coming year  
 Just one request I bring:  
 I do not pray for happiness,  
 Or any earthly thing —  
 I do not ask to understand  
 The way Thou leadest me,  
 But this I ask: Teach me to do  
 The thing that pleaseth Thee.  
 I want to know Thy guiding voice,  
 To walk with Thee each day.  
 Dear Master make me swift to hear  
 And ready to obey.  
 And thus the year I now begin  
 A happy year will be —  
 If I am seeking just to do  
 The thing that pleaseth Thee.

–Unknown Author

Joy and blessings for a peaceful New Year,  
*Lynda Chan and Karen Wat Nielsen*



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# Scholarships

The Loma Linda University Medical Auxiliary gave two \$10,000 scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year to Adam Butler and Tiffany-Amber Obika. Our scholarship funds come primarily from your donations. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Dear Medical Auxiliary Scholarship Donor,

I prayed for a scholarship, and miraculously, God intervened. You were the conduit through which God's blessings reached me, and your decision to support me has made a significant impact. The timing of this scholarship couldn't be better. I am about to start my second year of medical school, which means preparing for and taking Step 1, a costly process. This journey of reaching medical school and receiving this scholarship has taught me two crucial lessons. First, God provides. Second, there are genuinely good-hearted individuals in the world who are willing to assist a stranger in achieving their dreams. From the deepest part of my heart, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely,

Tiffany-Amber Obika – Class of 2026



Greetings Medical Auxiliary Scholarship team,

I would like to say thank you to the Medical Auxiliary team for your willingness to help students obtain such a substantial financial scholarship. I appreciate you all putting your time and hard-earned money to benefit students like me who are in debt and have great need. I pray that once I graduate that I might also give to those who cannot return the favor with my time and resources as well. My current plan after graduating from Loma Linda is to pursue a residency either in pediatric neurology or internal medicine. Overall, I am very blessed to have received this scholarship and I pray that God continues to bless you all exceedingly, abundantly above all that you can ask or think in Christ Jesus.

Wish you all the best,

Adam Butler – Class of 2025



*A festive palette of fruit, veggies, cheese and sweet treats was the centerpiece for a room full of Christmas shopping delights.*



*Hosts Donna & Roger Hadley beside "The Artist" by Robert Olson.*

## *"Christmas at the Atelier"*

A home tour featuring original artwork by Robert A. Olson, brother of Donna Hadley, was enjoyed by attendees at the Christmas Boutique on December 7, 2023.



*Members of the 2023-2024 Auxiliary Board*

# Fall Mission Luncheon

By Lynda Chan



The Fall Luncheon was held at the historic Grigsby Building in Redlands on October 17. Each table was uniquely and beautifully decorated with a variety of tablescapes by Auxiliary board members. The buffet luncheon featured a scrumptious spread, including butternut quinoa salad, vegetarian turkey croquettes, asparagus, satay skewers, empanadas and a decadent dessert buffet. Following a warm welcome by Auxiliary President Merle Hildebrand, LLU President Dr. Richard Hart SM'70 shared his global perspectives and emphasized how much the Medical Auxiliary's support means to mission endeavors worldwide. Vocalist Joaquin Ferretti blessed us with beautiful musical selections.

The featured speaker, Dr. Denny Hong SM'14, provided a compelling glimpse into his experience as a missionary internal medicine physician at Kendu Adventist Hospital in Kenya. Founded in 1925, the hospital is a Level 4 tertiary 170-bed hospital with a wide range of surgical, medical, maternity, and pediatric services. The hospital campus includes a laboratory, X-ray and ultrasound facilities for diagnostic services, as well as outpatient services. The Adventist School

of Medical Sciences on campus trains nursing students, as well as Medical and Clinical Officer interns. Additionally, there is an outpatient clinic that educates about health and lifestyle.

Dr. Hong expressed gratitude for the generous donations from the Auxiliary over the years. Since 2020, they have been able to purchase a refurbished ultrasound machine, develop a commercial pharmacy whose profits fund lifesaving medications for malaria and diabetes, acquire equipment for the ICU, and establish a community health outreach center. Dr. Hong shared that the blessings he has received are infinitely more than what he has given. He is grateful for the opportunity for him and his family to serve, saying, "Thank you for your ministry that enables us to support our ministry!"



*Dr. Denny Hong with wife Jayeon and children David, Abigail & Sophia*



*Tina Robinson, Mission Associate, gives prayer*



*Joaquin Ferretti, vocal soloist*



*Luncheon in the Grigsby Building*

# Fall Mission Luncheon (cont.)



*Malamulo Adventist Hospital physicians, Drs. Steven and Deborah SM'14 DeSouza*



*Elaine Lamberton, Tammy Hilliard, Jolene Hilliard, Jill Lamberton*



## NEW 2023-2024 LLU Medical Auxiliary Mission Project!

We are pleased to announce that due to your generosity in 2022-2023, we have added one more project to the six listed in this year's Mission appeal letter. The Guam SDA Clinic, where Drs. Jonathon Thorp SM'12 and Daniel DeBardleben SM'18 serve with their families, urgently needs equipment to repair their mammography machine. No breast cancer screening is currently available on the island. The women of Guam need our help to resume mammogram screening to diagnose cancer quickly and save lives. You can contribute to this or any of our other projects for 2023-2024 as listed below. (See our website [lumedaux.org](http://lumedaux.org) to donate.) *Thank you for your support!*

|  |                          |                  |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, Belize         | Imaging Center Upgrades  | \$50,000         |
| Cooper Adventist Hospital, Liberia             | X-ray Equipment          | \$30,000         |
| Glei Adventist Hospital, Togo                  | Ophthalmology Instrument | \$20,000         |
| Kendu Adventist Hospital, Kenya                | 6-bed ICU Conversion     | \$20,000         |
| Waterloo Adventist Hospital, Sierra Leone      | Modern Clinical Lab      | \$20,000         |
| Hospital Adventista Valle de Angeles, Honduras | Clinic Upgrade           | \$10,000         |
| Guam SDA Clinic, Guam                          | Mammography equipment    | \$21,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   |                          | <b>\$171,000</b> |



## Christmas Mission Boxes

This year Auxiliary members and guests attending the Fall Luncheon were able to contribute to the Global Health Initiative (GHI) Christmas boxes being sent to LLU missionary families around the world.

Angeli Yutuc, GHI representative, is shown here with pictures of some of our mission families.

*Thanks to your generosity, over \$5,000 was raised to help make Christmas special for these families!*





*JMA bake sale at the Christmas Boutique*



*JMA celebrating Friendsgiving*

## JMA Report

By Ayla Nelson

Over the last few months, JMA has grown in size due to the large number of new couples from this year's 1st year class! We have enjoyed wonderful dinner vespers; highlights have included raffle giveaways, playing games, and singing hymns with pianist Sam Ocampo.

Our Tuesday night spouses' gathering has been amazing for building community and providing a space to laugh, share weekly highs and lows, and enjoy deepening friendships. We started an annual tradition of "Friendsgiving" and are looking forward to events including the Christmas Boutique and commencing a service project together!



*Ice cream social at the home of Ruth Zalsman*



## RMA Report

By Emily Mitchell

RMA started the year with an ice cream social! We had a great turn-out with representation from urology, psychiatry, neurosurgery, family medicine, pediatrics, anesthesia and cardiology.

We are currently planning a holiday dinner for December! RMA book club and park days have also started. We look forward to continue to grow RMA and provide community for residents and fellows at Loma Linda.





## Christmas Comes Early to the Little White House

The doors to the annual Little White House Christmas Boutique opened on October 23 to over 200 eager students and their friends. Hearts were merry as they took their places in line to browse through Christmas decorations as well as the usual clothing, linens, kitchen implements, dishes and home furnishings. Roasted tomato soup, baguettes, crackers and cheese, salad, plus homemade cinnamon rolls, filled eager stomachs.

Drawings for Christmas trees were held every 30 minutes and several lucky students went home with beautifully decorated trees. Songs of the season put all in a festive mood as the LWH volunteers wished everyone a blessed holiday.



## 2024 APC Homecoming Registration Form

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## SAVE THE DATE

- **AUXILIARY MISSION VESPERS**  
at LLUC  
Sabbath, March 2, 2024
- **HOMECOMING LUNCHEON & BUSINESS MEETING**  
Sunday, March 3, 2024

*See page 7 to register*



## Tree of Angels



*Janette Allen decorates our 2023 Tree of Angels in the Faculty Medical Clinic's lobby*

## APC Homecoming Luncheon

*Featuring Mark Witas*

Our 2024 speaker will be Chaplain Mark Witas, whose talk is titled *Lost and Found, a Story of Adoption and Discovery*.

He describes himself as a “storyteller, Jesus follower, community engager, and lover of all things creative.”

You will be inspired by the amazing life story he will share. We look forward to being with many of you there.



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.