



Director's Message

Dear Circle of Auxiliary Friends,

As we reflect on the achievements of 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the success we've shared and the faithful support you have shown to the LLU Medical Auxiliary. With hopeful and thankful hearts, we look forward to embracing the challenges and triumphs of 2025 together.

Homecoming Weekend is just around the corner, and we really hope you will join us for the special events we have planned. A highlight of the weekend will be the inspiring *Mission Vespers*, featuring beautiful music and uplifting reports on our Alumni's mission work around the globe. We encourage you to attend and be moved by the stories of dedication and service.

On Sunday our *Homecoming Luncheon* promises to be a wonderful time of fellowship and renewal. We are excited to welcome Melody Davis as our speaker, sharing thoughts from her inspiring book, *Wear the Crown*. The luncheon is also an opportunity to connect with old and new friends while browsing offerings from our thoughtfully selected local vendors.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this meaningful weekend. We can't wait to see you there!

Warm regards,

Merle



*Merle Hildebrand with new
Decorations Chair Beverly Collins*

2025 Auxiliary APC Homecoming Events

Mission Vespers

Saturday, March 1 • 4:30 pm

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

No registration required

Luncheon

Sunday, March 2 • 11:00 am

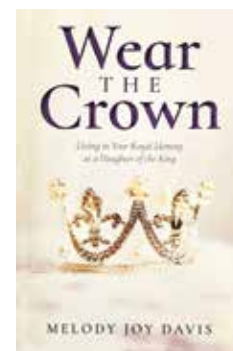
Redlands Country Club
1749 Garden St., Redlands
Doors open at 10:30 am

Deadline to register and pay: February 21, 2025

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



Melody Davis
Featured Speaker



Melody Davis is the author of *Wear the Crown*. Her recently published book was written with a desire to inspire all women of faith to understand the treasure of their identity in Christ and to embrace their royal role and purpose as a beloved daughter of the King. Melody and her husband Tim Davis, a producer and singer, have lived in the Southern California area for over 25 years and have 2 adult children. During those years she has sung with the Heritage Singers and been a vital part of that world-wide ministry.



Cookbooks

From the Editors

This is my wish for you

Comfort on difficult days,
 smiles when sadness intrudes,
 rainbows to follow the clouds,
 laughter to kiss your lips,
 sunsets to warm your heart,
 hugs when spirits sag,
 beauty for your eyes to see,
 friendships to brighten your being,
 faith so that you can believe,
 confidence for when you doubt,
 courage to know yourself,
 patience to accept the truth,
 love to complete your life.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Blessings for the New Year,

Lynda Chan and Karen Wat Nielsen



New Life Members

*We welcome our newest Life Members for
 2023-2024 and apologize for omitting them
 from our list in the previous issue.*

Dana M. H. Brockmann, SM'19

Brendon Brockmann, SM'13

Paul B. Hoxie

Philip S. Hoxie

Russell Hoxie, SM'88

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New Prices for Cookbooks Shipped

Due to numerous postage increases, it is necessary to increase our shipping prices effective January 1, 2025. Purchase price remains the same.

Cookbook	Price	Shipping	Total
1 Apple A Day	\$16	\$14	\$30
Set of 2 Apple A Day	\$28	\$16	\$44
Set of 3 Apple A Day	\$36	\$18	\$54
Open Table	\$34	\$16	\$50



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Drusilla Heidar

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In Loving Memory

Sharlene Hayton, wife of Ryan Hayton SM'05



2024-25 Auxiliary Board Members

Front row: Anna Salisbury, Tina Robinson, Merle Hildebrand, Danielle Hoxie

Back row: Alice Yeo, Jolene Hilliard, Karen Nielsen, Sharon Stewart,
Lynda Chan, Janette Allen

Not pictured: Patti Batin, Beverly Collins, Annie Miles, Elle Martin,
Emily Mitchell, Julia Buell, Jennifer Travoulsi

The Auxiliary Board of Directors voted and approved to recognize Merle Hildebrand as the Director of the LLU Medical Auxiliary, effective July 1, 2024.

Auxiliary Mission Projects 2024-25

Malamulo Adventist Hospital, Malawi

Deborah SM'14 and Stephen Roquiz-DeSouza
Brent SM'15 and Laura SD'15 Sherwin
Tyler SM'17 and Melissa SM'17 Pender

Equipment for 6 new operating rooms\$50,000

Waterloo Adventist Hospital, Sierra Leone

James SM'16 and Rachel Fernandez

Endoscopy unit and solar lighting system.....\$20,000

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, Belize

Jeff SM'14 and Michelle Cho

Upgrade operating theaters and emergency services\$30,000

Béré Adventist Hospital, Republic of Chad

Staci Davenport SM'14
Steven SM'04 and Katie Waterbrook
Laurel Guthrie SM'16

Equipment for new surgical building\$20,000

Christian Medical College, Vellore, India

Herb SM'88 and Gail Giebel

Rural medical ministry training and health kits.....\$10,000

Total Projects\$130,000

Mission Focus

Dr. Laurel Guthrie, Béré, Chad

Over many years and in spite of treatment at many hospitals, Honorine's first five pregnancies ended in miscarriages. She eventually was told she needed a cerclage in order to stay pregnant. She talked to her fellow villagers and they said, "Go to Béré Adventist Hospital," because there they had received help.

As soon as she became pregnant again, Honorine traveled to Béré. She stayed until it was just the right time to have the cerclage placed and then waited in Béré until it was time to deliver her baby. During labor her water broke and the umbilical cord fell out, which if not immediately treated could easily have caused the death of her baby. She was rushed to the

operating room and the baby was delivered by Cesarean section, healthy and crying. Honorine named her baby Exaucée, which means granted, or answered. Truly God answered her prayers.



Dr. Laurel Guthrie is a surgeon at Béré Adventist Hospital in Chad. She obtained her MD at Loma Linda University in 2016 and then completed a general surgery residency and surgical oncology fellowship before going to Africa.





Auxiliary Fall Luncheon

By Karen Wat Nielsen

The 2024 Fall Luncheon was held in the Conference Center of the LLU Centennial Complex on October 15. “The Spirit of Global Missions” was emphasized by the lovely table arrangements featuring baskets of roses and mini hot air balloons in pink, silver and black, designed by Beverly Collins. Beautiful music was provided by Thorger Baker, a home-schooled high school student, on the keyboard and Marissa Wright, an LLU Entry Level Masters (ELM) nursing student, singing “The Mission” by Steve Green, “Here I Am Lord” by Dan Schutte and “Go Light Your World” by Chris Rice.

After a welcome by Auxiliary Director Merle Hildebrand, Missions Chair Patti Batin Hall introduced the Auxiliary mission projects for the coming year. She also described this year’s mission boxes and their contents which were available for sponsorship through the LLU Global Health Institute (LLU GHI). These boxes were a big hit at the 2023 Missions luncheon. Missions Associate Tina Robinson, who served in Guam for 21 years, gave the blessing before

attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch which included crispy “chicken,” asparagus crepes, roasted potatoes, brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, salad, berry pie and chocolate truffle cake.

Angeli Yutuc, the manager of LLU GHI, introduced speaker Danae Netteburg, SM’06, an obstetrician/gynecologist who served in Beré, Chad for 12½ years with her emergency medicine physician husband Olen Netteburg SM’07 and family. Danae spoke of her gratitude for the Auxiliary’s support of their mission and hospital throughout those years. She described several patients she had helped, including women suffering from vesico-vaginal fistulas caused by prolonged labor. Danae was featured in “The Outcasts,” an episode of *Life on the Line* which can be found by googling ‘PBS Fistula Chad.’ Her most meaningful story for this audience was that of a pregnant “dragon lady” suffering from malaria and the hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) it had caused. The available D5W (dextrose) IV solution was not working to combat the hypoglycemia, so Danae “sacrificed” a container of frosting mix which had come in one of their mission boxes. After the medical student fed the patient a fingerful of frosting every 15 minutes to keep her blood sugar level up, the patient delivered a little boy safely the next day.

Following Marissa’s last musical selection, the audience was dismissed with a benediction by Merle. Attendees were able to contribute to the mission boxes and over \$6,000 was raised. And next year, frosting mix will be included with the birthday celebration box!



Drs. Danae and Olen Netteburg and their five children on their most recent through-hike of the Pacific Crest Trail



Dr. Danae Netteburg and Angeli Yutuc

Fall Mission Luncheon (cont.)



Some of the LWH volunteers enjoying the luncheon



Marissa Wright, soloist



Vintage decorations



Thorger Baker, keyboard artist



The Waterbrook children in Chad after receiving dominoes in their Auxiliary mission box



Patti Batin Hall and Tina Robinson with their mission box display

Little White House Christmas Boutique

By Karen Wat Nielsen

The highly anticipated annual LWH Christmas Boutique took place on November 11th, drawing nearly 200 students to browse the Auxiliary's festive "Christmas Market." Attendees were able to "shop" for a wide array of holiday decorations as well as the usual housewares, home goods, and clothing.

Four fortunate students walked away with lighted full-size Christmas trees. The event featured warming soup and beverages, alongside a delicious spread of salad, cheese, crackers, and a delightful Christmas-themed ice cream sundae bar.



Meet Our LWH Furniture Makeover Specialist

By Lynda Chan

LWH volunteer Jolene Zackrison moved here two years ago after teaching English for many years in Adventist academies. Her ties to LLU's School of Medicine include her father Arthur Martinson SM'42, grandfather Carl Martinson SM'25, daughter Jill Genobaga SM'96, son-in-law Chris Genobaga SM'96 and grandson Satchel Genobaga SM'23.

Jolene's first furniture project was modernizing a 1960s Duncan Phyfe mahogany coffee table and end tables. She cut the legs down on the tables and antiqued them an olive green. Her family used them for many years until they could afford new furniture. She also rehabbed an old La Sierra University library table which her daughter still uses for dining.

How does Jolene decide what LWH furniture to rehab?

She says that Sharon Stewart has an eye for solid furniture with "good bones." She also confers with Sharon about what types of finishes the students prefer.

What steps does she take to refinish a piece?

Cleaning takes one day, using Simple Green to scrub it, then rinsing it and letting it dry. She then strips the wood and does a tan wash to take dark stains out. She then applies several coats of Wipe-on Poly, a clear polyurethane finish, waiting between each coat for it to dry. Each piece undergoes hours of TLC over the course of several days.

Why does she do it?

Jolene has a true passion for furniture rehabilitation and loves creating beautiful pieces for students. On LWH boutique nights, her items are always among the first to go, a testament to their quality and charm. We are so grateful for Jolene's generosity in volunteering her time and talents to support our students. Her efforts truly make a difference!



JMA Report

By Ayla Nelson

The beginning of this school year brought a lot of growth for JMA! Our monthly vespers and weekly get-togethers have provided a close-knit yet ever-growing group of medical students and spouses. We have already had tons of fun this year including craft nights, pickleball hangs, movie theater meet-ups, and hot cocoa evenings. We are gearing up for our annual Friendsgiving potluck and really looking forward to the memories that come with that!

The JMA also has two dates set to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House where we will be a part of their Bakers of Love. This opportunity allows us to go in person and make baked goods for the occupants. We are so thankful for our JMA community and look forward to the rest of the year together!



RMA Report

By Anna Salisbury

We have had a great fall with RMA events and are excited as we are planning our winter activities. We have been enjoying bi-monthly park days where we have been meeting at a local park, providing drinks for the moms who attend, and letting our kids run wild together. We just celebrated our Harvest Festival where we had a costume contest, apple bobbing, donut-eating contest, and piñata.

We are in the middle of our RMA service project where we are collecting needed receiving blankets and newborn onesies for the Loma Linda NICU to supply their Christmas Stocking distribution. We're looking forward to providing a "date night" at a local restaurant this winter and for the fellowship that will accompany it.



2025 APC Homecoming Registration Form

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or to pay by credit card*, please visit our website: www.llumedaux.org or use this QR code



Auxiliary Luncheon _____ x \$75/seat (cash or check) \$ _____

_____ x \$77/seat (credit card)* \$ _____

Auxiliary Life Member Name _____ Complimentary

(Registration required by deadline; Non-transferable)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

CC Number _____ Exp. _____ CSC _____

Guest(s) I would like to sit with: _____

Registration required for the Luncheon but not for Vespers. The deadline to register is February 21, 2025; seats are limited.

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



SAVE THE DATE

- **AUXILIARY MISSION VESPERS**
at LLUC
Sabbath, March 1, 2025
- **HOMECOMING LUNCHEON &
BUSINESS MEETING**
Sunday, March 2, 2025

See page 7 to register



Tree of Angels



The 2024 Tree of Angels graced the lobby of the Faculty Medical Offices building during the holiday season. Donations to this fund support the mission of the Little White House.



Students line up for the Christmas tree drawing and opening of the Little White House Christmas Boutique. (See page 6 for more photos.)

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.