



Pat Robitaille, President

May 2021 Newsletter

Edited by Ethel Kallsen

I am very excited to introduce you to our new FOCUS logo. The design was done by graphic designer Anabel Ruiz with Inflection Point. She presented 4 options to our website committee of **Sharyn Blongiewicz, Vicki Bernitt** and myself. (We are always eager to add more to the team if you would like to volunteer.)

We chose the above, then previewed at the Wine Tasting Event last week where we had over 45 attendees. We had unanimous consent that this was a great logo to adopt.

We continue to make progress on a new website design. We chose a template and Inflection Point is now working to build it out with our framework, logo and colors. Once this is done, we will be ready for “content” and much of the work shifts to us. We will keep you posted.

It was great to see so many members join us at the Wine Tasting event. Nearly everyone was fully vaccinated and ready for more time together. Starting next month, our meetings will be in person. We will be holding them on the 3rd Thursday of the month in both afternoon and evening venues. Watch the “Meeting” announcements from **Lisa Storey**.

And finally, thank you to our incredible membership who once again rallied for an incredible 2nd quarter Food Drive. **Aseltine School** is so very appreciative. **Kaye Sharp** and **Pat Robitaille** made a delivery last Monday that far exceeded expectations. Special thanks to **Kaye Sharp** for volunteering to chair our Food Drives for the remainder of the year.

May Birthdays

Leslie Granger	May 4	Pat Robitaille	May 11
Helen Kupka	May 4	Stephanie Lay	May 24
Harriet Benson	May 7	Kathy Tyner	May 26
Don Swanson	May 7	Kaye Sharp	May 27





May Membership Meeting

May 20th at 1pm

Coronado Cays Yacht Club Patio

Come join us “in person” on the patio at the Coronado Cays Yacht Club for a fun afternoon of
Drinks, Snacks and Bingo!

Lorna Perez-Caster

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2021! We currently have 114 paid members.

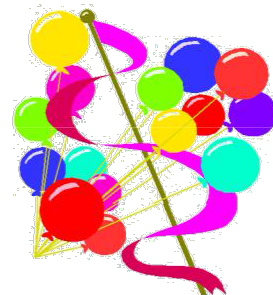
Active Members: 66 Patron Members: 48

Please welcome our newest members!

Gail Bardin (Patron)

Julie Grounds (Patron)

Kris Hanson (Patron)



Corporate Sponsor Membership

This year we have added a new type of membership to FOCUS, which is a Corporate Sponsor Membership. For the cost of \$300 annually we will include the company's ad in our monthly newsletter and on our website. For more information, please contact:

Lorna Perez-Caster at lcaster@focus-sdkids.org

Membership Directory

Our membership directory is currently being printed and will be ready for pick up at this month's General Membership meeting. We will distribute directories to those members who are unable to attend the meeting.

Although our annual membership drive has ended, we still love gaining new members throughout the year.

To renew or join online please use the link below:

<https://focus-sdkids.org/membership-application/>

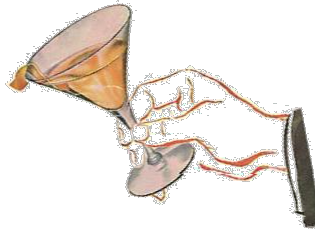
Active Membership - \$75 annually Patron Membership - \$150 annually

You will be instructed to first complete the membership form and then click on the link for payment.

If you prefer to pay by check, please be sure to complete the FOCUS membership form through the above link and then mail your payment to:

FOCUS P.O. Box 180023 Coronado, CA 92178

First VP/Fundraising
Sharyn Blongiewicz



WINE TASTING

Our wine tasting event at the new Vom Fass at the Coronado Landing was a sell-out and huge success. All who attended were so happy to see old friends ... it's been a long time since we were able to meet in person!

Everyone enjoyed the many wonderful wines that were served along with the great food pairings. The store and all of the wines, liqueurs, oils, vinegars and spirits are beautiful. We had a wonderful afternoon and happily raised about \$1500 badly needed dollars for our ongoing FOCUS projects. ***A big thank you to owners, Colleen and Jay Cavalieri!***

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Saturday, June 12

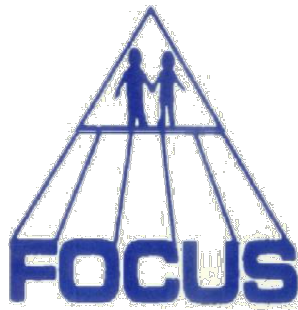
Check out the included Rummage Sale flyer for details. Your gently used donations can be dropped off at the CCHOA parking lot / Grande Caribe Room, 10AM - 4PM on Thursday 6/10 and Friday 6/11.

Please note: We already know we are going to have some great furniture pieces for sale ... in addition to all the other treasures that we always have.

We will be adhering to all applicable Covid-19 protocols ~ whatever they may be by mid-June.

We have ***limited*** storage available prior to the sale date if you absolutely cannot hang on to your donations until June 10th or 11th.

Thank you Jean and Gene Bauer for the use of your garage for storage and thank you to our rummage sale chairperson; Roger Clapp!!!



RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, June 12

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Coronado Cays

HOA Parking Lot

505 Grand Caribe Causeway

Toys, Dishes,
Glassware, Linens,
Sporting Equipment,
Fishing Gear,
Boating Items,
Jewelry, Bikes, Baby
Items, Patio
furniture, etc....!!!

DONATE:

We will gratefully accept your gently used items at the Grand Caribe Room, CCHOA

Thursday June 10 *and* Friday June 11

Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM

Sorry ... No clothes or Old Electronics accepted

SHOP FOR GREAT BARGAINS:

June 12, Saturday 7 AM - 12:00 PM

Please put these dates on your calendar and remember...

ALL Proceeds Help San Diego Disadvantaged Kids.

FOCUS is an all volunteer 501 (c)(3)

Donation receipts will be available upon request.

www.focus-sdkids.org
questions? Roger Clapp
roger.clapp@sbcglobal.net

We reserve the right to decline unusable, broken and / or un-saleable items.

FUNDRAISING, (Con't)



Due to Covid, one cancelation after another resulted in 2020 being an extremely tough year for FOCUS fundraising. There are still a lot of unknowns to be considered and for that reason, our annual - major fundraiser - gala is going to be held later than usual this year...

Saturday, December 18, 2021 ... Put it on your calendar now!

It's going to be an elegant dinner party with lots of new ideas and surprises.

***The first planning meeting will take place May 10th
and we need YOUR help.**

Please consider serving on the committee in one of the following areas:

- Reservations - Pat Robitaille
- Live Auction / Procurement of Auction Items
- Entertainment - Sharyn Blongiewicz
- Catering
- Bar / Procurement
- Advertising, Promotion and Social Media
- Underwriting
- Raffle
- Online Boutique - Pat Robitaille
- Decorations
- Registration / Night of Event

Thank you from Sharyn Blongiewicz

***Planning meeting, May 10, 3PM / 23 PORT OF SPAIN
619-921-2026**

Please call or text your RSVP to this invitation to help!

PROJECTS

Barbara Donahue and Carin Cross

APRIL 2021 PROJECTS

AGENCY: **SECOND CHANCE**

MISSION:

To disrupt the cycles of incarceration and poverty by helping people find their way to self-sufficiency.

Youth programs are focused on helping young people overcome neglect, abuse, criminal backgrounds, addiction and other generational barriers to achieving self-sufficiency. The 8 week Youth Garden Project gives young people hands on community garden work, nutritional classes and workforce training.

REQUEST: \$1200 To purchase compost, fertilizer, digging forks, loppers, various other garden supplies and ear buds for noise reduction. *(See photos in this Newsletter)*

AGENCY: **TIFFANY'S HOUSE**

MISSION:

Provides a safe home for girls, 12-17, who have been trafficked. One of only 4 in California for that age group. Girls are home schooled to make them more comfortable. Offers girls usual childhood experiences which have been lacking in their lives, such as trips to the zoo, bike riding, dinner out. This year they have eliminated girls running away, had a girl graduate from high school, had a participant finish their program and successfully move on into a regular foster home, had the forced face tattoos removed for a client.

REQUEST:

Items from their wish list, to help girls participate in usual day to day family activities. Includes one bike and helmet, art supplies, frying pan and spice rack.

AMOUNT: \$450

AGENCY: **CORONADO SCHOOL GARDEN AND COMPOST RUN**
by Emerald Keepers

MISSION:

Teach Coronado High School teens to garden, especially to make their own compost, become environmentally aware, reducing food waste and diverting food from landfills.

REQUEST: Large redwood planter box

AMOUNT: \$325

EMERGENCY REQUESTS

Barbara Donahue and Carin Cross



Emergency Requests The FOCUS Board approved \$500 to purchase some furniture for a military mother and her two children, working with the **Military Relief Society** and FOCUS member **Sharon Shelton**. The family send their thanks.



Another request was received by the Board this week, through **Voices for Children**. \$500 was approved to purchase beds and mattresses for two children, 4 and 1, so they can be reunited with their mother after a year in 4 foster homes. **Ma Perez-Caster** purchased the items.



Jon Webster has donated two Amazon Fire tablets to FOCUS. They will be given to **Nativity Prep** this week.



We really appreciate the members who volunteer to shop every month. We thank this month's shoppers, **Leslie Granger**, **Ed Robitaille**, and **Mary Davidson**.



F.O.C.U.S. Delivers the Goods!

In April, **Ed Robitaille** delivered nearly \$1200 of gardening tools and compost to support the **Second Chance Youth Garden**. Garden Counselor Caelli Wright gratefully accepted the donation of *pitchforks, cutters, other equipment and organic fertilizer desperately needed to provide low to middle income, school-aged youth hands-on training in urban farming.*

During the six-week program, young people learn about and practice urban farming skills from planting to harvest. They earn a weekly stipend and school credit, receive job placement assistance, and benefit from the mentorship provided by Caelli and her team of urban agriculture specialist. The Youth Garden sells their produce through a [Community Supported Agriculture Program](#) to restaurants and through pop-up farm stands.

While their market has been virtual during the pandemic, Ms. Wright says that they hope to reopen the onsite produce market soon. Of the FOCUS contribution, Ms. Wright says, it “*...not only helps us achieve one of our main goals, to provide work experience, but it also acts to offset the inequalities in our food system by providing fresh produce to the local community.*”

Bravo to **Ed Robitaille**, to Caelli Wright and to Second Chance!

More information about the Second Chance programs can be found here: <https://www.secondchanceprogram.org/>



FOCUS Financial Report
Sharon Shelton

Balance as of 1 Mar 2021

Available Project Fund	\$ 13,885.45
Grant Allocation	\$ 37,500.00
Reserve	\$ 25,000.00

Income

Wine Tasting Fundraiser	+ \$ 779.58
Membership	+ \$ 4,400.00
Donations	+ \$ 11,000.00

Expenses

Projects	- \$ 1,585.40
Software & Licenses	- \$ 396.46

Balance as of 31 Mar 2021

Available Project Fund	\$ 18,083.17
Grant Allocation	\$ 47,500.00
Reserve	\$ 25,000.00

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO DESIGNATE F.O.C.U.S AS YOUR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION
WHEN USING AMAZON.SMILE FOR ALL YOUR ON-LINE PURCHASES.**



*“Make each day your masterpiece.” – John
Wooden*

MEMBER in the SPOTLIGHT

Marjorie Logan



Marjorie and daughter Tricia shown at Celtic Corner.

by Don Swanson

To appreciate the Scottish culture, this story, and to hear the loveliest of tunes, of which, you have probably heard so many times, I invite you to listen to these two versions of "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond." The second version is sung by Ella Roberts, who's voice not only radiates in the air, but both videos depict the scenery of Scotland. Listening to these two versions will help you to understand not only Scotland, but also Marjorie Logan, a FOCUS member since the early 1990's.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feLT7Btugpc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gb8AGuD2uOI>

Loch Lomond is the largest freshwater lake in Great Britain by surface area, with over 27 square miles of surface. On the Eastern side of the loch is the hills of Ben Lomond National Park, which rise to over 3,000 feet in elevation, and are mentioned in the song. The loch is often considered the boundary separating the lowlands, and the highlands of Scotland..

Elderslie is a Scottish village located 11 miles west of Glasgow, which is 14 miles northwest of Loch Lomond. It is situated between the two towns of Paisley and Johnstone. It was here in Elderslie, Scotland that Marjorie Moss was born. Marjorie has a sister Ida, who now resides in Orange County, California. Their father was a chemist.

The small village of Elderslie is also the birthplace of Sir William Wallace, (1274-1305) the Scottish hero depicted in the movie Braveheart. A monument to him resides within the village.

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James Logan lived in the nearby town of Johnstone. Marjorie met James at many of the youth group activities, which included dances, all sponsored by the Church of Scotland. They were married in 1960, and had two children, their girl Tricia, followed by Stan, their son. Both Tricia, and Stan traveled to the United States with their parents in 1967, and they both reside in San Diego County today.

"Jim" Logan worked at a foundry while in Scotland. He brought his knowledge of investment casting with him to the United States, and helped setup steel casting companies in Port Hueneme, Hemet and Rancho Cucamonga. The family moved to, and lived in Upland, California for a few years. Upland is about 55 miles from Hemet, where Jim partnered with a friend, and opened Hemet Steel Casting Company, which sold many of their products to the aerospace industry..

In 1989 the Logan family moved to the Coronado Cays. It was the same year Jim retired from the casting business. Marjorie, along with her husband Jim, opened a new business. Marjorie had a fondness for teddy bears, and dressed them with kilts in Scottish tartans. She labeled them "Loganbearies," and thus was the beginning of Scottish Treasures, which opened its doors at the Coronado Landing in 1998.

In 2012 Scottish Treasures was moved to 916 Orange Avenue in Coronado, its present location, and the name changed to Scottish Treasures, Celtic Corner. Needless to say, the store is filled with Celtic treasures, including jewelry, clothing, art, and gifts, and "Loganbearies."

Celtic Corner is now operated by Tricia Locke, Marjorie's daughter, but Marjorie can frequently be seen behind the counter, still helping run the business. Marjorie has four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She joined FOCUS in the early 1990's.

Marjorie Logan has been seen everywhere FOCUS has an activity. Her business aptitude has best been displayed behind a table with a cash box in front of her. This is where she collects money for either the annual FOCUS Rummage Sale, or the Holiday Boutique. However, she has served as corresponding secretary for FOCUS, as well as chairperson for the membership directory.. For nearly thirty years Marjorie has donated her time to FOCUS, and its many activities.

In 1990, Jim and Marjorie Logan bought a small pine lodge on the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond. A one week stay at this lodge has been donated on several occasions to a FOCUS auction. Every two years or so, Marjorie still visits her beloved birthplace, Scotland.

Marjorie Logan is proud of her Scottish heritage, and is also proud to be affiliated, for all these years, with FOCUS, and its generous support of kids in need.

FOCUS is also proud to acknowledge Marjorie as a "Spotlight" member, and as a person who has contributed so much to FOCUS, and to those needy children in San Diego...