



February 2022 Newsletter



Message from the President, Pat Robitaille

2022 has been kicked off in a really big way for FOCUS to celebrate our 40th anniversary. We have already had one event and we have seven (7) more planned before the end of June. Many of these are very special and you will surely not want to miss out. The best way to stay on top of the FOCUS event calendar is from our website under the Calendar tab. As more details become available, they are added to the website. So check often for the latest information. As soon as ticket sales are open, they are made available on the website. If you are looking at an event and you see the “BUY TICKETS” tab, you will want to secure your reservations. We already have a resounding number of folks joining us on March 23rd (see Denise’s report) and you won’t want to miss out. When we are sold out, the “Buy Tickets” option will be removed on the website. Here is a link that you will surely want to save as a FAVORITE! www.focus-sdkids.org/calendar

Also, as I mentioned under Fundraising, we have our Gala Chairperson in Lisa Alves. We are so grateful for her leadership for this extravagant 40th anniversary celebration. The auction committees are headed up by Sharon Shelton (silent) and Carla Bacon (live). They could use your help with donations primarily focused on Entertainment - Dining, Theater, Hotel, Golf, Travel. If you have a condo or timeshare that you would be willing to donate, please contact sshelton@focus-sdkids.org. Lisa will have more to share in the next couple of weeks.



Executive VP, Denise Donato-McConnell

***Only a few days remain to take advantage
of a unique opportunity on March 23rd!***

For just **\$30** be a part of our **TOP GUN HAPPY HOUR** at the **FAMOUS I BAR!**

- * Enjoy this iconic venue *open to our event only!*
- * Order a drink at the **historic iBar** surrounded by amazing naval aviation memorabilia! No wonder the iBar was the inspiration for the bar in the sequel to Top Gun!
- * Sit at tables in the lovely courtyard or in the adjacent event space with **a complimentary beer, chips and salsa.**
- * Visit the **complimentary Taco Bar** for delicious Happy Hour snacks.
- * **Honor military veterans** whose friends and families have helped make this event possible.
- * Learn about the **Military Agencies that FOCUS members support** in their work to aid families in emotional or financial crisis. We will hear from the **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, The Armed Services YMCA, STEP (Support the Enlisted Project), MOM (Military Outreach Ministries) and the Foundation for Woman Warriors.**

The base on North Island requires that the names of the participants be submitted by March 7th. Make sure to sign up prior to that deadline so that you don't miss out!

www.FOCUS-SDKIDS.ORG/EVENT/TOPGUN

There are also other upcoming events you will want to get on your calendar!

- Our membership meeting on April 12th to prepare our booth for Coronado's 100th Anniversary Flower Show. Hope you can join us to make small pots of succulents to share with those who visit our booth.
- A **Craft Cocktail Party** on Friday, April 22nd, to sample and vote on FOCUS' 40th anniversary signature cocktail to be served at our gala in May.
- Our **40th Anniversary Gala on May 15th!** Our most important fundraiser of the year promises to be a very special Gala! Details will follow on how to sign up to be a part of this wonderful evening to include a plated dinner, a beautiful venue and an opportunity to dance the night away!



Financial Report from Treasurers, Sharon

Shelton & Kathy Tyner

FOCUS Financial Report for Feb 2022

Balance as of 1 Feb 2022

Available for Projects	\$	78,956.83
Reserve (Savings Account)	\$	50,016.39
Total	\$	128,973.22

Income

Donations	\$	100.00
Membership	\$	1,325.00
Holiday Boutique	\$	60.00
Meeting Income (Feb 2022)	\$	1,767.00
Total	\$	4,252.00

Expenses

Projects	\$	3,742.23
Meeting costs	\$	153.71
Software, office supplies, fees	\$	2,145.00
Total	\$	6,040.94

Balance as of 27 Feb 2022

Available for Projects	\$	77,167.89
Reserve (Savings Account)	\$	50,016.39
Total	\$	127,184.28

Our sincere thanks to Suzanne Manuel, Fred Eckert, Leslie and Paul Granger, Lesley and Henry Angelino, and Sharon Shelton for underwriting the cost of our March 23, 2022 event – “Top Gun” Happy Hour. Also, our sincere appreciation to all the members who are honoring veterans, both alive and deceased at this event.



Fundraising Report from 1st VP, TBD

We are very pleased to report that Lisa Alves is chairing our 40th anniversary gala this year. She is already in high gear and has reached out to many of you for assistance. Please let her know if you have some time to assist as lalves@focus-sdkids.org.

1. 40th Anniversary Gala

May 15th at Coronado Nautilus Room

- Lisa Alves, Chairperson

2. Rummage Sale

June 10th & 11th, Cays HOA Offices

- Roger Clapp, Chairperson

3. Holiday Boutique

November 19th at CCYC

4. Holiday Boat Parade

December 10th at CCYC

- Lisa Storey, Chairperson



Projects Report: 2nd VPs, Sharyn Blongiewicz & Carin Cross

- The valentine making party/meeting was a big success and FOCUS members had fun creating about 150 beautiful Valentine's for children in the communities we serve..
- FOCUS member, Jon Webster, very generously donated a significant amount of computer equipment, monitors and miscellaneous computer related items to Aseltine students. Thank you Jon!

The following projects were provided by FOCUS February 2022

HIDDEN TREASURES FOUNDATION; TIFFANY'S PLACE

Dedicated to the healing of teenage girls victimized by sex slavery in the human trafficking industry. Healing is facilitated by the sanctuary provided, the trauma-informed therapeutic services, personal empowerment classes, and a professional staff that delivers inspiration and loving guidance.

Requested: 2 months supply of groceries for Tiffany's place, the residential treatment facility for

adolescent victims of sex trafficking. (Itemized list)

Amount: \$2,200

Shopper: Danni Fredericks

CAMP WAMP

Camp Wamp is a residential, summer camp in northern California for persons living with physical disabilities. We offer one-week sessions each summer for varying age groups. Our mission is to provide life changing experiences to children with physical disabilities. It's about what you CAN do!

Requested: A new group of 24 kids comes to the camp every 6 weeks. They need special life vests and PFD's designed to protect disabled children.

Amount: \$3,300

Shopper: Jeri Barz

ASELTINE

Mission: Since 1968, Aseltine School has welcomed, nurtured and engaged San Diego's K-12 students whose needs are not met in traditional settings. Aseltine's innovative program is transformative. We strongly believe in the intelligence, creativity, capability and resourcefulness of our students. Aseltine students learn to embrace challenges and to view past failures and current difficulties as opportunities for growth and change. The Aseltine community is uncommonly supportive; we ensure all members are treated with respect and that everyone is listened to, valued and heard. At Aseltine, students regain their curiosity, confidence, and competency as active learners and creative problem solvers.

Requested: 3 HP printers - elementary, middle and high school class rooms and 3 Toner 2-packs

Amount: \$1,385

Shopper: Carla Bacon



Thank you shoppers!!!



Barbara Donahue & Therese Pallares

Our Valentine meeting on Feb. 8th was a great success.

We gained 3 new Patron members :

Patricia Fitzgerald, Carla O'Connell and Vicki Palumbo.

Welcome to them and thank you to our members who have renewed . We encourage you all to send in your 2022 renewal by the 3rd week in March. We will be sending our updated membership book to the printer by April 1st.

Current membership is 84.

Active: 43

Corporate: 3

Patron: 38

So for those of you who have yet to renew (or to join), please do so soon. Our website makes it quick and easy. Please use the following link for online renewals.

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

We accept both credit and debit cards, as well as PayPal payments on our website.

If you prefer, renewals may also be made by mailing a check, payable to FOCUS, to:

FOCUS,

P.O. Box 180023,

Coronado, CA 92178.

If you have any friends, neighbors or colleagues who might be interested in FOCUS, please invite them to join us at either our Top Gun Military Salute happy hour on March 23rd or our Craft Cocktail Party on April 22. Both reservations are available on our website calendar at www.focus-sdkids.org/calendar



Wishing a very happy birthday to all of our members
celebrating their birthday this month!

3/3 - Ethel Kallsen

3/7 - Anny Brann

3/9 - Paul Granger

3/12 - Hal Brunson

3/15 - Lucille Freming

3/31 - Donna Sorenson

Many of you have not provided us with your birthday so we are unable to acknowledge you.
When you renew your membership, please provide your birthday so that we can update our
files.



Member Spotlight by Don Swanson

This column will be returning soon!

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We thank you!



"I am very proud to be a part of FOCUS
as it has consistently benefited so many
children and persons in need for decades.

*Wishing much success, health and
happiness for a wonderful 2022."*



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