

## Remembering CARES Board Members, **Betty Burrill** and **Robyn Steele**

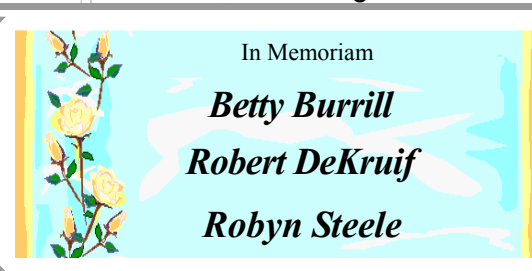
**Betty Norris Burrill**, raised in Whittier, CA, brought her experience from working as an executive secretary for the Los Angeles Examiner and later for California Federal Savings & Loan to the CARES Board of Directors. She was married for 28 years to the late **Frederick T. Burrill**, who served on CARES Advisory Committee until his passing in 2006. She was an elegant and lovely presence supporting all CARES events, often on the arm of her husband Fred. Always gracious and welcoming, she and Fred greeted community leaders who attended CARES/Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce Mixer.



**Robyn (Mrs. Bruce) Steele**, served on the CARES Board of Directors in many capacities, including 5th Vice President overseeing the CARES Child & Family Program. Even in her later years when she could not attend meetings in the Medical Center, she always kept the children of the hospital in mind. In lieu of gifts, she asked her sons to give her baby items for the newborn program. She also asked her DAR friends to collect clothing for infants. Even when she moved and needed to downsize, she thought of CARES and donated many



of her precious keepsakes. She smiled, "Instead of things, I'm collecting memories of time spent with my precious family."



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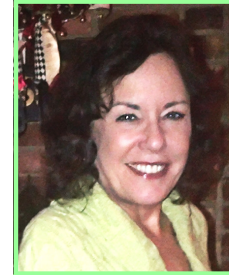
# Newsletter

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## President's Message

Dear Friends of CARES,



President Mindy Halls

On behalf of CARES Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to extend our gratitude to all our fellow volunteers who contributed their time and to donors who contributed funds and gifts during the holiday season to benefit patients and their families at the LAC+USC Medical Center. Volunteer Services and the National Charity League of San Marino managed a Holiday Giving Program for over 500 patients. A host of caring entertainers shared joy and cheer through their special talents. The Police Department arrived in their varied vehicles with hundreds of plush toys to give out while visiting with patients. The Starlight foundation facilitated a donation of over 400 Ninja Turtle and Disney's Frozen dolls, many of which remain on grounds to be provided to Pediatric patients throughout the year. All this reminds us that when communities join together for the welfare of others, what a wonderful world of joy we create! Thanks again to all of you, and for all you do, not only during the holidays, but throughout the year. 2016 will be an exciting year for CARES as projects are planned to enhance the environment for our patients and their families, and we have something wonderful planned for the CARES Annual Meeting on May 4th. We hope you can join us!

*Mindy Halls*

## Holiday Happenings at the LAC+USC Medical Center



**Toby Horn**, CARES Board Liaison to the Arts Council, arranged for beautiful music to be presented in December by **Christina To, M.D.** (violin) and **Shelley Bian, M.D.** (piano). Infusion patients, who spend many hours receiving treatment, were especially grateful to the two lovely instrumentalists as they filled their area with inspiring holiday music.



Toby Horn



**Allen Mathies, M.D.** and **Amanda Dolinski, D.V.M.** (vocals), and **Richard Brock, R.N.** (piano) thrilled patients and visitors with festive notes of the season. Many gathered to listen to the both lively and sacred song selection (such as "Baby It's Cold Outside" and "O Holy Night") in both CT and IPT Lobbies. All who heard them were totally enchanted! Richard also plays piano twice a week for very appreciative patients.

### Music has been incorporated into the LAC+USC Arts Program

Representing the Arts Council, Toby arranged for the donation of two pianos for the Clinic and Inpatient Tower lobbies. She has been scheduling musicians, including guitar, harp and flute

players, to serenade and comfort both patients and staff. Musicians who would like to volunteer for this project may contact Toby by calling the CARES Office (323) 226-6941.

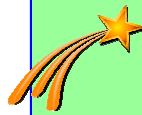


Every child in the hospital received a plush toy from the Police Department on December 22nd. It was a day filled with smiles and hugs!



Look for CARES Valentine Mail Appeal to come to you by February 14th!





## Special Recognition Awarded to Medical Center Dignitaries Who are Friends of CARES

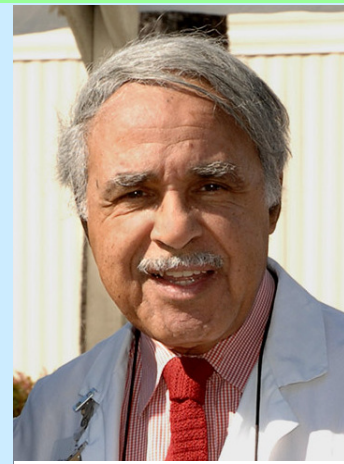
**Dr. Mitchell H. Katz**, Director of the Dept. of Health Services, has announced that DHS will honor two researchers who helped shape their areas of expertise.



**Dr. Thomas H. Rea**

The Hansen's Disease Clinic will be renamed the **Dr. Thomas H. Rea** Hansen's Disease Clinic "in honor of the exceptional research and treatment protocols established under his leadership. Hansen's Disease is more commonly known as leprosy. Dr. Rea has earned the respect and admiration of scientists and healthcare providers as an outstanding leprologist, teacher and researcher. Dr. Rea acted as the Project Director and later Chief of the Hansen's Disease Program at LAC+USC. Though formally retired in 2012 after 40 years of service, Dr. Rea continues to volunteer his time and expertise towards caring for these patients."

**Save the Date:  
CARES Annual  
Awards Meeting &  
Luncheon  
May 4, 2016**

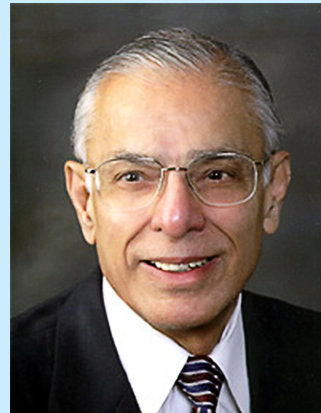


**Dr. L. Julian Haywood**

The Coronary Care Unit will be renamed the "**Dr. L. Julian Haywood** Coronary Care Unit in honor of his 60 years of dedicated service to patients, medical students, interns, residents and cardiology fellows." His leadership positions include: Directorships of the ECG (Electrocardiography) Department, the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center, the Cardiology Clinics and the Coronary Care Unit for 18 years (from 1966-1984). He "is also highly regarded for his medical research which has focused on racial disparities in cardiovascular disease and medicine."

Dr. Katz also announced that "The Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Waiting Room will be renamed the **Aida Duarte Villela** Waiting Room in honor of her many years of volunteerism. In 1951, she brought her daughter to LAC+USC to join many other children in Los Angeles County's post-polio rehabilitation program. Although the polio epidemic was worldwide, L. A. was one of only a few cities that established treatment programs dedicated to that disease." Years later, her daughter, **Dr. Maria Appleman**, was able to return to LAC+USC, not as a patient, but as a respected member of the staff

(CARES 1993 Woman in Medicine). Dr. Appleman set up a donation fund in her mother's memory to make much needed improvements to the Pediatric Unit.



**Dr. Shahbudin H. Rahimtoola**

Dr. Rahimtoola is being recognized as one of the longest seated chairs at USC by Trojan Family Magazine. Since 1984, he has been the **G. C. Griffith Chair in Cardiology**. He is a "Distinguished Professor of Medicine" and expert on coronary artery disease, bypass surgery, and cardiac catheterization. The Winter 2015 issue explains:

"**OUTSTANDING USC PROFESSORS** are installed in their chairs through a formal ceremony typically involving the presentation of a physical chair. Chairs are appointed by the provost at the recommendation of the dean and a faculty committee. Chairs exist in perpetuity, but are subject to renewal every few years. Retaining one is itself an achievement."

"It turns out the chair—that humble, inanimate object—might just be the most human expression of a philanthropic love of learning."

CARES is celebrating these recognitions of exemplary accomplishments, and as importantly, the friends who have so generously supported CARES over the years. Their caring has gone straight to benefiting our patients in need. Bravo!

*CARES Board of Directors*

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