President’s Message
March has been a busy month. It began with our monthly luncheon on Tuesday, March 7th. Patrick Gannon, Deputy Executive Director, LAX, was our presenter. His topic was, “Keeping LAX Safe and Secure.” Our 266 Luncheon attendees were very interested in his informative and topical presentation.

Annual Spring Benefit
We are proud to announce that our Annual Spring Benefit is completely sold out! I look forward to seeing many of you there. This is the Town and Gown event of the year. Remember, there will be a silent auction featuring valuable items and vacation packages, a boutique with some of the latest jewelry and fashions, and exciting musical entertainment.

Sasha Strauss Luncheon
There are still a few seats remaining for the luncheon and presentation by Sasha Strauss. This well-known innovative thinker and inspirational business leader will be speaking about how to put your best foot forward on Facebook and other Internet locations. This Town and Gown event will take place on Monday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m. in the Vineyard Room at Davidson Conference Center, 3415 S. Figueroa Street, just across the street from the Galen Center. You can register by going on line to: http://bit.ly/tgapril2017

Past President’s
March is the month when we honor the organization’s past presidents. Ten of our former presidents were able to join us. In the front row, from left to right, are Jane Bensussen, Ruberta Weaver, and Elizabeth Tanner. In the back row, from left to right, are Linda Givvin, Yvonne Bogdanovich, Carol Mollett, Carol Fox, Carol Greenhalgh, Alli Solum, and Jo Ann Conley.
New Board Members
Town and Gown also elected new Board Members at our March meeting. Newly elected Board Members for 2017-2019 who were in attendance at the meeting include from left to right: Kathy Lingle and Alli Solum, nominating committee members, Paula Ciaramitaro, President Elect, Linda Swick, 4th Vice President, Membership, and Kathie Johnson, 6th Vice President, Programs.

Day of Service
On Saturday, March 11th, Members of Town and Gown of USC and Trojan Guild of Los Angeles, along with Town and Gown scholars, celebrated USC’s Day of Service by making approximately 1,000 beaded necklaces which will be distributed to patients at Keck Medicine of USC. A good time was had by all who worked on this valuable and worthwhile project. Pictured above are some of the necklaces made by those in attendance.

Women’s Conference
Another exciting event was the USC Women’s Conference, for which Town and Gown of USC was a sponsor. This occurred on Thursday, March 16th. Town and Gown greeted a steady stream of conference attendees at its exhibit booth. The booth featured information about Town and Gown activities and how to become a member of our organization. Members in attendance included from left to right: Jane Bensussen, Debra Bradley, Pat Whitman, Cheryl Sacco, D’Arcy McLeod, Janeane Dimpel, Carol MacDougall, Nikki Dana, Sandy Johnston, and Sara Pfirrmann.

We’re hoping to see you at the Annual Spring Benefit on Tuesday, April 4th. If you can’t attend, please consider making a donation. This is our major scholarship fundraising event of the year!

Pat and the Board of Directors

Town and Gown’s Hospitality Committee
Town and Gown is blessed to have a dedicated and hard-working hospitality committee. Led by Sandy Johnston and Judy Lieb, these ladies greet you at every Town and Gown event, sign you in, provide you with information about the day’s happenings, and do everything they can to help you feel welcome. Town and Gown President, Pat Whitman, and the Board of Directors, would like to express our grateful appreciation for everything this wonderful committee does to add to the success of our events.