Don’t forget, December is the last month in which we will send out announcements in the U.S. Mail for those members who have e-mail addresses. Your January announcement will be attached to an e-mail message, and will arrive in your mail box toward the end of the first week in December. Please watch for it! We will still mail monthly meeting announcements and newsletters to those members who do not have e-mail addresses, or who have expressed an interest in receiving their announcements via U.S. Mail. I hope you were among those present at the November Luncheon when Melanie Eisenhower, granddaughter of former First Lady, Patricia Nixon, was our speaker. Everyone enjoyed the day’s festivities and the opportunity to participate in a program honoring the only First Lady to ever graduate from USC. If you haven’t yet done so, please take time at the upcoming Holiday Luncheon in December to look at the display of memorabilia in the cases in the Town and Gown Foyer. The Pat Nixon exhibit will stay up at least through the end of the year.

Membership Committee Works to Support Town and Gown of USC!

By Sara Pfirrmann and Linda Swick

The objectives of the Vice Presidents, Membership, and the Membership Committee is to promote friendship, offer support in the assimilation process of new members, and encourage leadership succession planning within the membership of Town and Gown of USC.

Applications for membership are available online through our website at www.townandgownofusc.org. We also have printed application forms available at all General Luncheon Meetings at the Membership Table, which is located on the patio during social hour. Sara and Linda, along with Committee Members, will answer your questions, add your name to the carpool inquiry list, offer sponsors and their new members a rose, help with applications, and generally offer assistance. Stop by to see us and introduce yourself!

At the May General Luncheon Meeting we honor our Life Members as well as begin the process of renewing membership dues. We ask ALL members to be aware that dues must be renewed each year on or before June 30. We encourage members to join a Committee and become an important part of Town and Gown of USC. This is how our members become involved in the business of our organization, make friends, and contribute toward the success of Town and Gown of USC.

Sara and Linda hope all members will be on the lookout for the ladies wearing New Member ribbons. Take a moment to introduce yourselves and make our newest members feel welcome. We encourage you to have your friends join Town and Gown of USC!
December Luncheon Meeting
The traditional decorating of luncheon tables by Town and Gown members will take place again this year. Our Annual Holiday Luncheon will feature a concert performed by the Thornton USC Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Jo-Michael Scheibe. Register right away, so you don't miss out on the fun!

CAREs Gift Collection
Town and Gown has for decades been a major sponsor of the Adopt A Family Programs for the patients and children of LAC+USC Medical Center.

This year they anticipate a high need for:
- Infant and Toddler Toys
- Rattles
- Musical Toys
- Infant Blankets and Clothing

At our December Luncheon we also welcome gift cards, cash, or check donations payable to CARES/Volunteer Service Fund. Donated contributions will be used to purchase toys, school supplies and clothing as needed for this year's Gift Giving.

Please bring unwrapped gift items and monetary contributions to the foyer at our December Holiday Luncheon.

Reminder
Many of you have food allergies and food preferences that cause you to select a vegetarian plate for the luncheon. In November, we had many people change their mind at the table and take the regular entrée. This caused the kitchen to run out of the regular entrée before everyone was served. In order to be fair to everyone, please stick with your pre-ordered choice so those who did not select a vegetarian plate will be able to have the regular entrée. Our kitchen staff tries very hard to cater to all of our needs; we need to be supportive of them whenever we can.

From Your Benefit Chairs
We are busy planning our luncheon and auction for April, 2018, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and we need your help! We are so much hoping that our membership can contribute items such as gift cards, vacation homes, restaurant certificates, theater and sporting event tickets, unique experiences, fine wine, and small basket items. Your participation will make our event a success. Please contact Jill Behrle at: jillbehrl@yahoo.com or 714-319-4172 for questions, donations, or pick-up. Fight on!

Pat and the Board of Directors
Wish everyone a
Happy Thanksgiving!