President’s Message

If you weren’t at the January Luncheon, you missed a treat. Former flight attendant and author, Wendy Sue Knecht, was the speaker. Rhona Gewelber, our Decorations Chair, used the combination travel purse/tote bag that Wendy designed, along with a copy of her book, to create a very different centerpiece for the tables.

Not everyone who wanted a tote bag was able to get one. You can order one by going to Amazon.com and searching for “Beyond a Bag. Expand a Pack.”

This brings me to a statement about Town and Gown of USC’s policy about centerpieces. As you all know, each month the centerpieces are available for purchase. There is an envelope on each table so members can put there check or cash in to pay for the centerpiece. These centerpieces are for sale on a first come—first serve basis. If the centerpiece at your table has already been purchased, simply go to another table and place your money in the envelope on that table. When the meeting is over you can pick up your centerpiece. Please do not take the money or check out of the envelope on your table in order to put your money into the envelope. Remember, purchase of centerpieces is first come—first serve. Also, Rhona usually has a few extra centerpieces on the table close to the stairs in the Town and Gown dining room that are for sale.
Celebrate

Make your Reservations Early for the February 6th Luncheon!
Join us and help honor our Town and Gown Scholars, their parents, and our Scholarship Donors. The speaker for this event is Bobby Kronfl, co-owner of Bacaro LA, a wine bar and restaurant near USC, Nature’s Brew café, and newly opened Bacari PDR, a producer of sauces that are currently being sold in 190 retail stores. Since his sophomore year at USC, he has become the definition of ‘entrepreneur extraordinaire.’

Thanks to our Great Hospitality Volunteers
Rainy day luncheon meetings, such as the one on January 9th, bring their own special challenges—namely the need to conduct check-in for members and guests in the Town and Gown Foyer. Town and Gown of USC’s Hospitality Committee members always rise to the occasion, no matter how frustrating or problematic. Thanks to all of the committee members for their support and work to make Town and Gown a very special organization.

Wine Donations for Spring Benefit Auction
Don’t forget to bring your wine donation to the February Luncheon Meeting. The wine should cost $25.00 or more per bottle. The wines will be sold at the Benefit for $20.00 a bottle, thus assuring that everyone will get a bargain. Bring your bottle, along with a receipt for it, and a Hospitality Volunteer at the wine collection table will give you a tax-deductible receipt for the cost of the wine. If you have any questions, please call Sara Pfirrmann (949) 855-0676. Please no spirits this year—wine only!

Pat and the Board of Directors wish everyone a Happy New Year with lots of luck and good health through the months ahead!