



## *President's Message:*

Happy Fall, Town and Gown Members! I hope this newsletter finds you all happy, healthy, and ready to move into the festive, but busy, Holiday Season. Summer seems like it went by in a blink!

Your board at Town and Gown continued to work through the summer putting together our speakers, upgrading the website and portal, and making progressive changes to carry us into 2020 and beyond.

Thank you all for being part of this wonderful organization!

## PAST & FUTURE HAPPENINGS

We started off our 2019-2020 luncheon season with President Dr. Folt on October 1<sup>st</sup>. WOW! She was engaging, entertaining, and insightful and she filled us in on her vision and plan to rebuild, repair, and restore our beloved University. President Dr. Folt also took the time to let our members have a Q&A session after her speech, where she answered every question candidly and sincerely. It was such an honor to have her kick-off our luncheon season. Thank you, President Dr. Folt!



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Once again, our wonderful Town and Gown members shine. Heartfelt congratulations to the Town and Gown members listed below who received awards on September 5<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 USC Volunteer Recognition Dinner. You make us all proud to be part of Town and Gown!

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| Marilou Hamill:     | President's Award            |
| Nina Hoffman:       | Widney Award                 |
| Mina Martinez:      | Widney Award                 |
| Guillermina Molina: | Volunteer Friend of the Year |

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On November 5<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the USC Libraries, we will be welcoming Suzi Weiss-Fischmann as our featured speaker. Suzi is the OPI Co-Founder and Brand Ambassador. She will tell us her true "rags to riches" story. Each guest at the luncheon will receive a copy of her book, compliments of the USC Library. Our November luncheon is also when we feature a Holiday Boutique in the courtyard. Town and Gown will be showcasing exclusive TIMREE items for purchase. All proceeds from Town and Gown sales will fund student Scholarships, so please come early and shop 'til you drop!

Please RSVP to Kari May at 661-622-7011 or [click here](#).

Seating is limited and we expect a full house so be sure to reserve a seat early.



## MARCH 5, 2020 ANNUAL BENEFIT

It's that time again! Our Benefit Co-Chairs, Patti Johnson and Helaine Lopes, are busy planning details for **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Intercontinental Los Angeles Downtown**. You spoke and we listened! There was much discussion about how difficult it was to get to Beverly Hills with traffic last year, so this year, we are going back to DTLA. Our honoree is USC Alumnus, Community Activist, and ABC7 News Anchor, Marc Brown.



The Annual Benefit is our primary fundraiser for student scholarships. We are requesting help with donations, wine, and volunteers for the day. Our Dollars for Scholars fundraising last year was very successful, with the majority contributions being made at the Christmas Luncheon.

The Surprise Wine Draw is back by popular demand and you can help by contributing premium wine. With your wine contribution, this booth at the Annual Benefit can easily raise \$2,000!

Please donate **premium wines only** – minimum value per bottle must retail \$25. Consider asking for donations from your “wine circle.” Do you or your friends have a wine cellar with an extra half case to spare? Are you a member of a wine club? Do you frequent high-end liquor stores or restaurants where you could ask for a donation of a few bottles in exchange for an ad in our program? You will receive a donation receipt for your contribution. We will be receiving wine donations at the General Lunch Meetings scheduled in November, December, January, and February.

Every dollar counts... big or small. Together we are making a difference that really does change the life of a student. Thank you for your continued generosity. I will email more information on the different ways you can participate.

Annual Benefit contacts are Patti Johnson, [ppjpve@aol.com](mailto:ppjpve@aol.com) and Helaine Lopes, [lopes@usc.edu](mailto:lopes@usc.edu). Surprise Wine Draw contact is Sara Pfirrmann, [sara.pfirrmann@gmail.com](mailto:sara.pfirrmann@gmail.com).

## MEET OUR NEW TOWN AND GOWN MEMBERS



Our VPs of Membership with the New Town & Gown members

Thank You to our Membership VPs, Kathie Johnson (who was introduced in our April Newsletter) and Sandy Johnston.

Town and Gown is an organization formed to meet our Mission Statement of supporting USC through student scholarships, building enhancements, and cultural programs, but so much more happens through your membership in this stellar group. Relationships are formed, connections are made, and lifelong friendships evolve.

I am so thankful for all of my Town and Gown family!

Do you have any news to share with Town and Gown? Please email Kari May, [karidmay@gmail.com](mailto:karidmay@gmail.com).

*Town and Gown of USC... grounded in tradition... changing the world one scholar at a time.*

- Please remember to share your pictures on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. •





**Town & Gown**  
*of the*  
University of Southern California  
*Founded 1904*

# NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

PRESENTED BY:  
TOWN & GOWN OF USC AND  
THE USC LIBRARIES

**“THE AMERICAN DREAM”**

*HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE*

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**NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

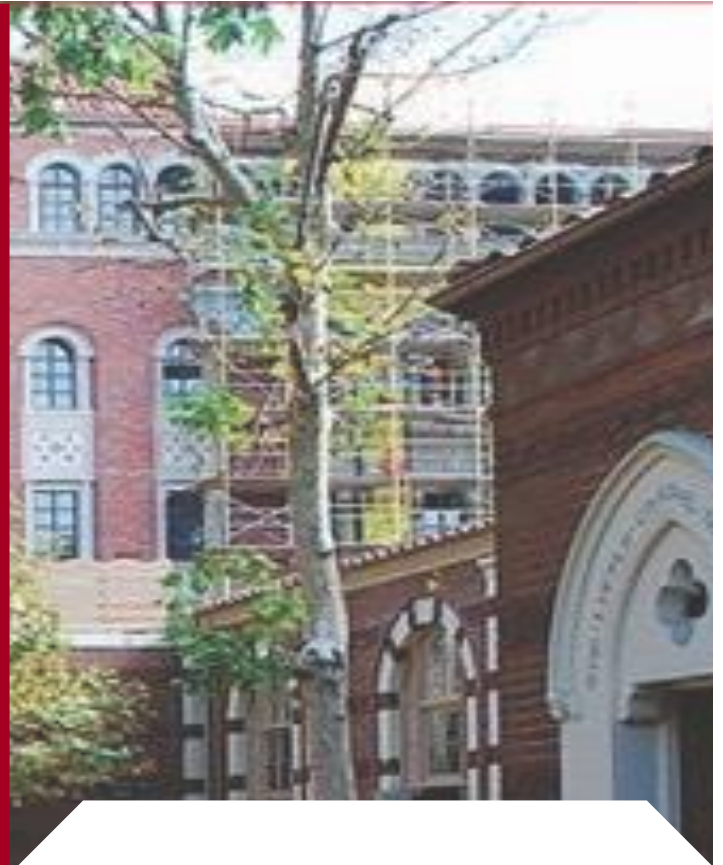
*Holiday Boutique* & Social Hour at  
10 am – T & G Courtyard

Lunch at 12 Noon – T & G Ballroom

Reservations are \$45 and must be  
received by: Monday, Oct. 28th

**RESERVATIONS**

Meet the creative visionary behind OPI, a global beauty brand famous for its trend-setting colors, unforgettable shade names, and celebrity collaborations. Behind the glamour is the little-known tale of OPI's unlikely origins. Hear the events that led her family to flee Communist Hungary in pursuit of the *American Dream*, and how she ultimately became the business leader known worldwide as "Suzi, the First Lady of Nails."



**Featured Speaker:**

**SUZI WEISS-FISCHMANN**  
*OPI Co-Founder & Brand  
Ambassador*



Each guest will receive a  
signed copy of Suzi's  
inspiring new book:  
***“I'M NOT REALLY A WAITRESS:  
How One Woman Took  
Over the Beauty Industry  
One Color at a Time”***

## RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT OPTIONS

Reservations are \$45 and must be received by **October 28th**

**Online Payment:** Town & Gown of USC members may register online using a credit card or PayPal account. Please go to the Town & Gown website [townandgownofusc.org](http://townandgownofusc.org) “Members Only” section or click **HERE**.

**Payment by Check:** Complete the **Registration Form** below and enclose with a check made payable to **Town & Gown of USC**. Please mail to our Town & Gown Executive Associate:

**Kari May**  
15537 Calle Hermosa  
Santa Clarita, CA 91390

**No Host Parking:** Spaces are reserved in the structure on McCarthy Way. Please enter McCarthy Way from Figueroa. The **discounted parking fee is \$12.00** per car. Carpooling is encouraged!

**Handicapped Parking:** There is ample handicapped parking and a tram will transport you to the Town & Gown building.

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### REGISTRATION FORM November 5, 2019 Luncheon

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ # OF RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

My Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions Only: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_