



President's Message:



Dear Town and Gown of USC Members,

At our In and Out Board of Directors meeting, we thanked Christina Jabarian, Becky La Forge, and Denise Magro for their service as Directors this year. And, we welcomed nine new Directors to the leadership team: Linda Dankwa, Kate Farlow, Bianca Patterson, Norma Perez, Wilma Pinder, Susie Rhodes, Jill Stuart, Lisa Up de Graff, and Lori Ward Jackson.



We were also able to thank our independent contractors for all of their help. Town and Gown of USC is successful in so many ways thanks to the acumen of Ian Chestnut, Roxy Kimmel Szigat, Tina Kreditor, Kari May, and Michael Marchak.

On behalf of the Past Presidents and Board of Directors, we wish you a very happy, healthy, and FUN summer!

Sincerely,



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations and welcome to our newest Town and Gown of USC members who were approved at our June board meeting! We look forward to getting to know these women in the Fall at our in-person meetings!

Elizabeth Guerin Dickinson (Studio City)

While raising her three children, Elizabeth volunteered for 23 years at numerous institutions, Brentwood Presbyterian Church, Curtis School, Las Madrinas and the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce. She has mentored high school students in South Central through an organization called IMentor Global and is currently on its Board. By profession, Elizabeth is an attorney and has worked in the contract, family law, aviation defense and insurance defense fields.

Susan Heldman (Los Angeles)

A native Californian, Susan is a proud Trojan having graduated with her BS in Business Administration. She has worked many years in advertising as a food stylist, counting Williams- Sonoma and Bon Appetit magazine as long- standing clients. She was also a private investigator. Volunteering is especially important to her, and she's been active in all of her children's schools. Paddle tennis, traveling, Mah Jong are her hobbies, but decorating elaborate gingerbread houses (with swimming pools and tennis courts) is her passion!

Tia Kanovos (Huntington Beach)

Tia is a successful entrepreneur and CFO having started (along with her husband) a pressure washing company that spans several states. She is also a volunteer working with National Charity League for 100 hours per year, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Special Olympics, Operation Valentine, Someone Cares Soup Kitchen, Huntington Beach Public Library, Senior Center in Central Park, Alzheimer's Family Service Center in Orange County and Down Syndrome Association of Orange County.

Natalie Monger (Dallas, Texas)

Natalie is excited to join the Town and Gown membership as a Life member! She received her Bachelor of Science degrees in Computer Science and Business Administration from USC in 2019. She is currently employed by Walt Disney Animation Studios, Skydance Animation. She has volunteer experience with the USC Viterbi Emerging Leaders Board and is the founder of the USC Viterbi Natalie Rose Monger Engineering Plus Scholarship.

Margi Kuhn (San Marino)

Margi is not only a Trojan parent, but a Keck employee as well. She is currently the Assistant Director of Development, Health System Initiatives at Keck Medicine of USC. She helps to raise funds for investments in technology, facility improvements and high priority funding needs. Margi also helps plan and coordinate activities of the USC Council of Keck Hospitals which is a support group dedicated to fundraising, awareness and volunteer efforts of the hospital communities of Keck Medicine of USC. She has volunteered for the San Marino National Charity League, the San Marino Unified School District and the Girl Scouts.

Anna Salsman Xeros (Long Beach)

Anna received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from USC and then went on to receive her Ph.D in the same field. She worked with Victims of Violent Crimes for many years and also taught as an Adjunct Professor at Pasadena City College. Anna worked in the counseling center at PCC and provided psychotherapy to the student population. She loves to volunteer and be involved with event planning.



Michele Patzakis (San Marino)

Michele received her Bachelor of Music degree from USC in 1985, and then went on to earn her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from USC in 2019. She is currently the Arts Administrator/Artistic Director at the Loren L. Zachary Society for the Performing Arts and is also a member of the faculty at Colburn. She has taught voice at Thornton and is a soloist with opera companies and symphony orchestras throughout the USA and Europe. Michele loves to volunteer using her musical talents in her local San Marino schools and enjoys making a difference with her friends and colleagues.

Kathie Johnson and Virginia Naeve
VPs, Membership



Town and Gown of USC will be Back and In-Person at the USC Hotel Ballroom!

October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th

More details to follow in the coming months.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Because of your commitment and membership, is Town and Gown of USC able to advance our philanthropic mission of supporting USC through scholarships for students, building and campus enhancements, and cultural programs.

We are very thankful for your generosity and support!

Renew your membership today at www.townandgownofusc.org!



Marilyn Lutz O'Driscoll
Life Member of Town and Gown of USC



PROGRAMS

June General Meeting and Program Notes

Thank you Thank you for joining us for our Town & Gown of USC virtual General Meetings and Speaker Series this year. While we couldn't be with you in person, our monthly programs were packed with announcements, valuable content, and fascinating speakers.

If you want to relive any of the meetings, or just catch up on those you missed, please click [here](#) to watch the recordings.

OUR AMAZING 2020-2021 SPEAKERS



CHEF DANA SLATKIN
Social and Cooking
Demonstration



DR. MONIQUE ALLARD
How Student Life
is Changing



PRESIDENT CAROL FOLT
USC Update



TRACY SCHANDLER WALDER
Life as a CIA Operative
& Female Empowerment



HOLIDAY EVENT
Live from GEARYS



DR. MARISSA PEI
Don't Worry,
Choose Happy



DEAN GEOFF GARRETT
Future of Business
Education



ERIC J. KEZIRIAN, MD, MPH
Keys to Health
and Wellness



VALTER LONGO, PH. D
Keys to Health
and Wellness



ROBERT SHRUM
The Changing Political
Landscape



MICHAEL MURPHY
The Changing Political
Landscape

We are grateful for your support of Town and Gown of USC, and we can't wait to see you in person on October 5, 2021.

Happy Summer and stay well.

Patti Jamgotchian and Colleen Stroyke

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SAVE THE DATE



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Do you have any news to share with Town and Gown? Please email Kari May, karidmay@gmail.com.

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