

SBCHC 75th Anniversary Series **“The Power of Women in Philanthropy”**

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From our first years as an organization starting in 1947, SBCHC has been supported by numerous community women’s organizations. Sandpipers and the Neptunian Woman’s Club are groups that share a similar mission dedicated to fundraising and volunteerism for charitable and other civic services. While the type of support is varied, depending on the time and resources, we remain at the forefront of the members’ hearts and minds almost 75 years later.



Six women from the original Neptunian Woman’s Club of Manhattan Beach, formed in 1909

Over the years, Sandpipers have worked to enhance all of our buildings. They painted the downstairs of the Administrative building and also created a warm and inviting space on the patio behind it. This organization remains a true community partner.

The Neptunian Woman’s Club began in 1909 in Manhattan Beach. Over the years the Neptunian’s often have provided grants to SBCHC, primarily supporting our dental program. This past year, while they couldn’t give dollars, they wanted to support in some way. We suggested help with gifts for the holidays creating an Amazon Wish List with ideas about toys for children and gifts for teens including books, art supplies and journals. The Neptunians set a goal of 60 gifts, but they more than doubled that amount. These generous women, particularly this year during COVID, made sure that many children and teens were given a happy holiday.

SBCHC feels nothing but gratitude for the generosity of these two organizations. Both have done so much to make life better for children and their families in the South Bay.



SMILING with pride, Billie Jones, Rosemary Lindsey and Maddy Dickie hang the plaque at the completed Dental Clinic.

Laurie Wisniewski, 89th co-president of Sandpipers, spoke about her helping with our dental screenings and expecting triplets at the same time. She said, “Our legacy is being a partner to other community organizations.” One program is their Holiday Basket Program. This program began in 1931, where over 100 families receive baskets each year. SBCHC provides a few names of families that would benefit from this. Additionally, we provide names of kids to receive donations for their Back to School program. Children receive new shoes, clothes, and other items for a great school year.