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Newsletter

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to unite tennis ladies to promote and organize charitable activities benefitting needy individuals, groups or organizations in our community and throughout the world.

Our Motto

LOVE ALL

We open all Board and General Membership meetings with "Love All" as a way to center us and unite us in our common passions of tennis and in serving others in our world.

Dear Members,

TSO continues to grow, expand and branch out to help those in need in our communities. This year has certainly brought some challenges, yet we persevered and became creative in how we could help. I would like to CONGRATULATE our amazing WIMBLEDON Chairs and Members for a spectacular job in raising \$17,500 to help victims of human trafficking. TSO is kicking in an extra \$2,500 and, on September 30th, we presented a check of \$20,000 to International Sanctuary, the recipient you selected to receive our grant. Congratulations and thank you for your continuous support.

Earlier this year, I decided to pass the reigns of acting CEO and Head Chair of Wimbledon to Kelley McBride. Please join me in welcoming and supporting this amazing lady who has so many talents and ideas to share. Kelley has been an active member of TSO for several years, she has served on the Chapter Board and this last year she served on the Corporate Board. Kelley is an experienced leader, active philanthropist and a dynamic, beautiful, kind human. She will be an AMAZING TSO CEO. Please join me in welcoming Kelley into this new role.

Although I am leaving the CEO role, I am not leaving TSO. In starting a non-profit, you truly put your heart and soul into the mission, the tasks and the people. I remain committed to the members and to the mission of TSO. TSO brings ladies together from all clubs at different levels using our passion for tennis to help those in need. I'm blessed to have met some talented ladies that I would not have met otherwise.

I look forward to serving you, our Board of Directors and TSO in my new role as Chairperson.

Love All,
Carol Walsh
Founder & Chairperson



TSO Members:

Tennis became a part of my recreational life 5 years ago and I fell in love playing a game I watched as a spectator most of my life. I have been captaining a Pac Sun team for 3 seasons and I have gained beautiful teammates, friendships, and opportunities that I treasure. A few years ago, I was invited to participate in a TSO event by a dear friend and I have been all in ever since.

It is my honor and privilege to work with our passionate board and our lively members to fulfill our mission statement. Together we will continue to play the sport we love for the benefit of those in need in our local and larger communities. We will serve others in various ways and we will find ways to love all. I challenge you to bring a friend along with you on this journey, share your ideas with us and participate in events and activities we offer. We will be flexible during this current climate, still we endeavor to be bold in our efforts to provide fulfilling gatherings. I'm excited to welcome Mary Colarik, Lisa Dow, Heather Keller, Yelena Shemyakina, Julie Skordas and Roya Khairzada to the board and appreciate these ladies taking on leadership roles. We are still looking for a few good women to fill some vacancies in technology, marketing and advisory roles. Please consider joining us and making a difference. Together we shine.

Love all,
Kelley McBride

"A new journey to be started. A new promise to be fulfilled. A new page to be written"
W.W.

**Pac Sun &
Pac Sun Lite
Seasons Open!**

We are playing!
It's very exciting to
have our season
begin on time.

We wish all of our
members a safe and
successful season.



International Sanctuary receives a \$20,000 check from TSO!

"Thank You for Saving My Life" Most of us hear this and think "figure of speech, exaggeration." But for one 14-year old girl recently rescued from sex trafficking in Orange County, "this is literal, this is real," shared Wendy Dailey, president and co-founder of International Sanctuary. To support this young girl's rehabilitation (and hundreds like her), TSO members last December voted on this nonprofit as their Wimbledon favorite. That endorsement was fully realized on September 30th during our Member Social at Monarch Bay when Wendy and team received a TSO check for \$20,000.

While the annual April Wimbledon tournament was cancelled, TSO Board members brainstormed to find an alternative. Results: Our first-ever online auction. And you, the members, responded. You bid and hauled away goodies. You donated your defunct tournament fees. Sponsors responded and stayed the course. Friends of TSO donated. Truly a team effort. A remarkable off-court rally.

Why? To put young girls' lives back together. To know that even the unspoken thank you's are real. As Wendy said that evening, when she witnessed first-hand the horrors of human trafficking in Cambodia in 2007, she never imagined that 13 years later, her efforts to tackle this \$150 billion industry would span to nonresidential 'sanctuaries' in India, Uganda, Mexico, and Orange County. All provide some level of healthcare, education, community workforce support, skills and job training. Extremely popular is their "Purpose Jewelry" program where girls (ages 16 to 24) learn to produce, package and market a special line of jewelry. (PurposeJewelry.org)

Today, the human trafficking crisis is both global and local. In Orange County alone, more than 400 survivors receive support each year. 94% are female. 83% are American. And 58% are between the ages of 16-24. (InternationalSanctuary.org)

So thanks TSO members for caring. Thanks for partnering with International Sanctuary. As our new CEO Kelley McBride says: "Together We Shine!"



**If you suspect Human Trafficking,
please report it to the USA HOTLINE
(888) 373-7888.**

**The information is confidential and
will be followed up by the appropriate
professionals.**



TSO Members in Action during Pandemic

Our members found ways to serve during these times where social distancing guidelines have been suggested. TSO members created a baby basket for a drive by baby shower for military moms to be at Camp Pendleton; made meals for Waymakers in Laguna Beach; picked butternut squash at the Giving Farm to provide produce to Orange County foodbanks. We encourage you to share ideas. **Many of our best ideas come from our members.**



TSO Donates to Crossover Academy

When it is possible, TSO uses funds throughout the year to meet the needs of organizations that reach out to us. TSO made a \$1,000 donation to a school in Ghana for food, staples and supplies. We received a thank you to all of our members.

On behalf of 405 marginalised kids (most of them traumatised by the shock of the extreme dehumanising form of child trafficking/slavery and the worse form of child labour) I expressed my most sincere gratitude to you and TSO for that timely intervention. In fact you couldn't have done it at a more crucial time than this. We appreciate your gesture so much.

In rural enclaves like our little community on the bank of the Volta Lake (the unmarked graveyard of many vulnerable kids) we shop by picking items displayed along the lakeshore market, mostly by illiterates who knows nothing about receipts. That was why I normally send photos of items we purchased instead of receipts, as in the case of the cows.

Once again, we thank you for saving lives during this terrible Covid-19 pandemic.

We seize the opportunity to appeal to you to keep us in your plans. We must survive. We must save these kids from suffering and certain death or save them from falling into the ready hands of Jihadists who are gradually infiltrating our West African sub region; in such eventuality they will become a global canker affecting us all. United we can keep our world safe in our little way.

Thank you.

Yayravi David, Head
Crossover International Academy

Renewals and New Members

We are in the process of converting to one universal membership renewal date. Those who have not renewed yet in 2020 should pay dues now. Once all members are paid up, the next and only renewal for everyone will be August 2021.

Welcome to new TSO members:

Monica Avila
Delia Campbell
MaryChris Fees
Trish Hannegan
Kelly Houser
Stacy Johnson
Joan Levis
Janaée Maun
Staci Saunders
Barbara Spotts
Courtney Zani
Jenny Thurrell

We are excited to have these new faces among us. We look forward to playing, serving and socializing with you.

TSO donated \$500 to Help God's Children, a non profit in Uganda. School supplies were purchased for orphans in a Christian residential care facility who are abused, neglected and underprivileged.



Club Corner

Laguna Niguel Racquet Club has been a friend to TSO since the beginning. We are grateful to Mark Spearman of the Spearman Sports Clubs for showing us endless support over the years. Mark has provided a venue for many of our events including round robins, live balls and our signature event, Wimbledon.

The Spearman family purchased LNRC in 1985. Mark is most proud of the tenure his family has had and the fact that they create an atmosphere of family, tennis, fun and friends. Their goal is to promote friendships on and off the court.

Mark aspires to ensure that every member is given the support to attain all of the personal goals they set when joining the club. Mark's advice to recreational tennis players is to find a group you can bond with, take group lessons and find ways to get involved.

Mark's pride and joy is seeing his family love tennis as much as he does and his greatest success is watching them grow as players and adults.

When you see Mark at LNRC, say hello and thank you for his continued support of TSO.



Tennis Soles For Others

Your old shoes are like new to someone in need. Please drop your used tennis shoes in the shoe bins at your club. If your club doesn't have a bin, let us know.

Contact: Yelena Shemyakina at znanie2004@yahoo.com



Book Discussion

“Open” by Andre Agassi

Please join us to discuss this powerful, raw, shocking memoir by beloved tennis superstar and former #1 Andre Agassi.

“A treat for ardent fans, it will also captivate listeners who know nothing about tennis. Like Agassi’s game, it sets a new standard for grace, style, speed and power”. Choose a date and location that works for you. We will practice safe distancing in small groups.

October 29th 6:00pm at Amy Berk’s home in Laguna Beach

RSVP via email: tennisservesothers@gmail.com

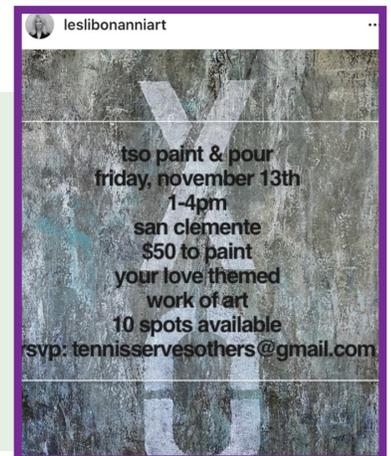


Would you like to paint and create with us? Join us and local artist, Lesli Bonanni, who will open up her San Clemente courtyard to guide us as we paint this “XO” painting.

Lesli has participated in the Festival of Arts Pageant of the Masters Art Show. Her work has been featured on several network tv shows and is displayed in many hotels. She has a passion for life and for teaching art.

Space is limited to 10 painters. The fee is \$50 per person. Appetizers and beverages will be served.

RSVP by emailing tennisservesothers@gmail.com



Doheny Feed:

Several times a year, TSO Members feed the homeless at Doheny Beach. Rikki Daniels spearheads this outreach and personally commits to monthly feedings. Members like Roya Khairzada have committed to Friday feeds once a month with her own family. Kelly Altuzarra and Julie Bacino’s LNRC B1 Pac Sun #1 team used money traditionally used to buy charms to buy food to feed the homeless. Thank you, ladies.



COMING SOON!

TSO’s 5 year anniversary in January!
Details on how we will celebrate will come soon

The Giving Farm – *hands on harvest in the fields at Westminster High School*

Pack a Box – *pack food boxes for Orange County families that experience food insufficiency*

Jingle & Mingle Round Robin and Tennis Supplies Others **December 4th at LNRC**

We welcome ideas and feedback. Please email us at: tennisservesothers@gmail.com