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# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back from our fun and busy summer! There were many positive TSO happenings including events, the expansion of TSO through new Chapter Boards and lots of planning for 2017-2018.

Congratulations to Jill Behrle who took the reigns as our new OC Chapter President and welcomed TSO OC members with a celebratory membership meeting! Welcome Jill and the inaugural OC Chapter Board:

- Morgan Amirani & Kristine Michaels, Co-chairs, Membership
- Kelly Altuzarra, Beneficiary chair
- Dorene Spearman, Events chair
- Janet Zahl & Laurie Campbell, Co-chairs, Tennis SOLES for Others

Thank you ALL for your TSO participation and leadership.

LA Chapter President, Adeline A. Cook, along with her dynamic team, Tanisha Byrd Mason, Donna Levanthal, Pamela Levine, and Sunny Zions coordinated an impactful and successful TSO Round Robin for LA members benefiting Pete Brown, Jr. Tennis League. Three competitive rounds of tennis were followed by lunch, opportunity drawings and the chance for Orange

County members to mingle with our LA counterparts. It's so gratifying to see a positive team spirit inspiring others as we give back to our communities.

Thank you TSO members for your membership, talent, commitment and dedication to TSO and our many endeavors to serve others.

A big thank you to OC TSO member, Vicki DeJoy, who works behind the scenes on our newsletters and marketing/promotional materials. You are the best! And, another special thank you to OC TSO member Barb Lanni for coordinating our December service project, Serve-A-Family (for both OC & LA Chapters).

Please read on to hear more about our upcoming events and how you can get involved.

Love All!  
The TSO Board  
Carol Walsh, Hana Ishizaki,  
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Stacy Gavin, Rhonda Buckner  
& Cathy Bass

## 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.

## Tennis Supplies Others

Last year, TSO ladies gathered to make "goody" bags for seniors enrolled in the meals on wheels program. This was such a well-received service project that we decided to launch an on-going service project called, "Tennis Supplies Others." These essential supply bags will be assembled by our members and delivered to homeless shelters or individuals in need. In each supply bag (a cute tennis bag) there will be a granola bar, new socks, water bottle, toiletry items, a list of community resources, and a personal "Love All" handwritten note.

**PLEASE SAVE TOILETRIES  
AND DONATE IN A TENNIS SOLES FOR  
OTHERS BIN.**

In Orange County, Michelle Robbins and Stacy Gavin graciously offered to coordinate this service project in February. We invite the LA Chapter to participate in coordinating a Tennis Supplies Others gathering in the New Year as well. If you are a LA member and interested in hosting, please email us at [tennisservesothers@gmail.com](mailto:tennisservesothers@gmail.com).



## Membership

Your membership helps TSO with our mission to connect, inspire and to serve those in our community. Thank you! Please join us in welcoming our New Members:

**LA:** Phoebe Neil, Stephanie Meyer, Kathy Wax, Shayne Dalva, Stacey Arnold, Ellie Kanner, Karen Berliner, Julie Miller and Carrel Hoffman.

**OC:** Mara James, Shannon Depierro, Kelley McBride, Sue English, Kelly Dsihno, Anthea Chade, Rachel Swarts, Pat Hurlbut, Lori Labita, Marci Krasowski and Karen Kushner

## Wimbledon 2018 – Beneficiaries Needed!

Members, who do you want to play for? We need applications! Please send our TSO Beneficiary Application to an individual, group or other non-profit organization that we can help. Applications are on-line at [www.tennisservesothers.org](http://www.tennisservesothers.org), under the two Tabs "What we Do" and "Beneficiaries." Applications will be received until October 31st. Please contact VP of Fundraising, Rhonda Buckner, at [rhondabuckner@me.com](mailto:rhondabuckner@me.com) with any questions

## SAVE THE DATE: December 9th Tennis Serves First Break Academy

TSO is joining forces with the Pros! The LA & OC Chapters are partnering with First Break Academy, to raise scholarship funds to help low income families with tennis lessons, competitive play and other sports opportunities.

This "Love All Tennis Bash" at **StubHub Center**, home of the USTA Training Center, will benefit the Early Excellence Program at First Break Academy providing scholarships for 20 dedicated children who need a break. We know how expensive tennis can be, the money it takes on a family is extensive.

So, come join the fun . . . **Catch a Pro at Practice, Meet Tennis Celebrities – Pam Shriver, Nicole Gibbs and Stevie Johnson and possible Sam Querrey!** Play tennis in a variety of fast-paced clinics and drills, Dare to play in Live Ball with Pros? Come to support a great cause!

If you can't play, please join a committee to help! In the OC, please contact Jill Behrle at [jillbehrle@yahoo.com](mailto:jillbehrle@yahoo.com). In LA, please contact Adeline A. Cook at [ilovemydoublespartner@gmail.com](mailto:ilovemydoublespartner@gmail.com).

**Let's use our passion of tennis to serve these young athletes!** Please make every effort to attend and bring a friend. Ticket price is \$65 for a comprehensive tennis experience you won't want to miss. In the OC, Cathy Bass is arranging for a fun-party bus to ride from LNRC to StubHub for only \$15 more. Stay tuned for more details!



## Upcoming Events for the LA Chapter

**October 15** - The **LA Membership Meeting** is scheduled from 10am to 2pm at the home of Janet Fattal in Encino. An Evite with more details was sent out by LA Chapter President, Adeline A. Cook. Join the fun and meet your other TSO members, learn about our upcoming Dec 9th event, get updates on our Soles program, and much more. A light lunch will be served.

**December 9th** - Tennis Serves First Break "Love All – Tennis Bash" - \$65 - All TSO Members & Friends are welcome. Let's play together and create a fun filled day of tennis and giving back



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## TSO Recent Past Events

At the Orange County Chapter meeting, President Jill Behrle presented the **"No Pucker Challenge"** to raise awareness of the devastating disease of childhood Alzheimer's (Sicker Cell Disease). The OC Members took the challenge by eating a lemon without puckering, and to continue awareness challenged their sister TSO LA Chapter Members to do the same. Visit our Instagram or Facebook site to view the challenge. To learn more about this disease and what you can do to help, visit [www.hopeformarian.org](http://www.hopeformarian.org).

On a sad note, the Orange County chapter recently lost member, Betsy Banker, who quietly suffered from ovarian cancer. In her memory, TSO Board Members coordinated a charity round robin that raised \$1245.00 for **The Ark of San Juan Capistrano**, a local animal rescue dear to Betsy's heart. Thank you to Marcia Patterson, Carol Walsh, Kat Frost, Morgan Amirani, Jeanne Petrik, and head coach Scott at Marbella Tennis Club for coordinating a memorable day in our dear friend's honor. Thank you also to Peter Cousins for his generosity and support.

On September 1st, TSO held another charity round robin benefiting **Laura's House**, an Orange County based non-profit whose mission is to support those who have suffered from domestic violence. Laura's House was one of two runner up's from last year's Wimbledon Grand Slam Beneficiary vote, so it was very rewarding to play tennis and raise funds and awareness in their name. Thank you to Mike Thoeresz, Director of Tennis at Racquet Club of Irvine, for allowing this TSO event to be held at their club. Thank you also to Janet Zahl, Cathy Bass, Kelly Altuzarra, Laurie Cook and Marcia Patterson of our OC Chapter who made this a fun event that connected us to more potential TSO members and ladies who love tennis. And to everyone who played in the crazy heat, we commend you for your "Love All" attitudes!

## New TSO Chapters

Welcome Anne Sobel and San Diego! Anne will be starting a TSO San Diego Chapter and will be coordinating a TSO charity round robin in January 2018 to benefit the SD Blind Center. We are so excited to work with Anne and to have this opportunity to inspire more ladies to use their tennis to serve others.

Welcome Peta Carley! Peta, who has been a TSO member for over a year, approached her general manager at Newport Tennis Center to start a chapter in her club, and received a supportive "YES!"

Thank you Peta for your role as the inaugural Newport Beach Chapter President and for your enthusiasm in spreading the love through Tennis Serves Others.

Peta Carley  
Newport Beach  
Chapter President



Anne Sobel  
San Diego  
Chapter President

If you are interested in starting a small chapter at a local tennis club or you have a benevolent friend in another city, please contact Marcia Patterson, VP of Chapter Expansion, at [marciapatt@bellsouth.net](mailto:marciapatt@bellsouth.net)

TSO gives back to **Public Law Center**, a non-profit that provides justice for low-income residents of OC. PLC attorney, Sarah Efthymiou, worked with us in the beginning stages to establish TSO.

In August, the LA Chapter raised \$1,750.00 at a TSO Charity Round Robin benefiting **Pete Brown Junior Tennis League**. It was a fun day as LA Members rallied to play at Harvard Park with great raffle items and a social lunch. Kudos to the LA Chapter for making such a big difference in the life of young tennis players. A big thanks to Ellie Kanner for her generous donation. And another big thanks to Tanisha Byrd Mason and her husband for sponsoring lunch for 28+ TSO members.!





## Tennis SOLES for Others

**Soles in LA** - For 2017! The Soles program has already delivered 450 pairs of shoes to the Midnight Shelter for the homeless residents. If you know of a park or club that would be willing to have a box, please email Pamela Levine at [pam.levine.runner@gmail.com](mailto:pam.levine.runner@gmail.com).

**Soles in OC** Please continue to donate your shoes. Thank you Ainin Edmond for delivering TSO SOLES to Kenya! Many drops were made to: Friendship Shelter, OC Rescue, Mary's Kitchen and to Isaiah house.



## Serve-A-Family! Holiday Giving

With the holidays approaching we start preparing for this festive time of year by decorating trees, lighting candles, going to parties and, of course, purchasing gifts. But for many, the holidays are not a joyful time. There are a lot of families that are in crisis and the holidays simply amplify their desperate situation. We at TSO have the opportunity to adopt 3 families (perhaps more depending on participation) through the Child Abuse Prevention Center by providing gifts and hopefully lifting their spirits during a tough time. Once we have been given the families, more specific details will be sent via email which we will share with you.

If you are interested in participating or even in getting your team to join in on this service project, please contact Barb Lanni by October 15th via text @ 949-290-8841.



**OC  
LIVEBALL  
NOVEMBER 20**

## GET INVOLVED TSO MEMBERS!

- Play or Volunteer at our Dec 9th Tennis Serves First Break – Love All Tennis Bash
- Ask a few friends to join you on Dec 9th
- Please continue to donate your gently used shoes – tell a friend too.
- Serve A Family Opportunity – Stay Tuned
- Please donate hotel sized toiletry items - you can place in a bag then drop in a Shoe Bin
- Reach out to a group in need to fill out a beneficiary application for our Wimbledon 2018 – applications on-line!
- In Los Angeles Chapter, please consider taking on a leadership role in 2018 – contact [tennisservesothers@gmail.com](mailto:tennisservesothers@gmail.com)