Lou Adler of the Monterey International Pop Festival Foundation has donated a brand new ebony Pearl River console piano for the Clinic Tower Lobby at the LAC+USC Medical Center. At any one time, there can be 100 or more patients and visitors in this lobby, so the lovely notes of the music will filter into the space, and will help to make their visit more pleasant.

Richard B. Brock, a retired Nursing Director and CARES Board member, premiered the piano for patients and visitors on March 17th. The impromptu concert delighted everyone in the lobby...some sang and even danced along to favorite songs, including a tune composed by Mr. Adler, “Wonderful World.”

Mr. Adler has roots in Boyle Heights, so many many thanks to him for so generously giving back in this thoughtful way.

In Memoriam
L. Patrick Brennan
Jacklyn Burchill
Joan Carpenter
Dr. Donald Petit

Remembering Joan Carpenter
Recruited in February 1969 by Betty Ann Hibbard to be the treasurer of CARES, she was in charge of all CARES’ financial transactions in the early years. Joan certainly was a beloved member of CARES and a financial wizard in those pre-computer days. Her handwriting is all over these meticulously kept Auxiliary journals, and she made every penny count. Even after she moved up north to the state of Washington, she continued to support CARES. Joan was the CARES Volunteer of the year in 1978. She will be missed.

President’s Message
Greetings to CARES Friends,
Dr. Inderbir Gill & Daniel Park, P.A.
It will also be our pleasure to honor the CARES Woman of the Year in Medicine, Dr. Tamsa N. Brown, Chief, Department of Otolaryngology, as well as the Nurse of the Year (to be announced on April 27th). Watch your mail for the invitation.

Richard Miller from the California Dept. of Education visited the CARES Child & Family Program to complete its Contract Monitor Review. Congratulations to Maritza Morales, Director, CARES Child & Family Program, and to the Childcare Staff for their hard work. Mr. Miller gave them very high marks that resulted in the successful outcome of the review.

Mindy Halls

CARES Annual Awards Meeting & Luncheon
Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 10:00 a.m., The Valley Hunt Club

Inderbir Gill, M.D., M.Ch.
Chairman & Professor of the Department of Urology
Director of Clinical Operations, USC Institute of Urology - Keck Medical Center of USC
Associate Dean (Clinical Innovation), Keck School of Medicine, USC

Dr. Gill will be the keynote speaker for the CARES Annual Meeting. With the assistance of Daniel Park, P.A., Dr. Gill will highlight some of the latest innovations in Robotic and Laparoscopic Surgery.

Daniel Park, P.A.
Director of Clinical Operations, USC Institute of Urology

"The Future is Now: Robotic and Clinical Urology"

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Dr. Tara M. N. Brown was nominated for the distinguished CARES Woman of the Year in Medicine award by Brad Spellberg, M.D., FIDSA FACP, Chief Medical Officer, LAC+USC Medical Center, and to quote Dr. Spellberg: “I cannot think of anyone more deserving. Her commitment to our patients, campus, and colleagues is tremendous. The Keck School of Medicine of USC Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Chair, Dr. John Niparko, wholeheartedly agrees.”

This award is presented annually to the female physician who not only is knowledgeable and has excellent medical practicing skills, but is one who treats her patients with kindness, patience and respect. Dr. Brown’s fluency in Spanish and experience in signage assist her in treating her patients with understanding and compassion.

As the Chief of the Head and Neck Service since July of 2013, and Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology since August of 2012, Dr. Brown handles administrative affairs for the department as well as staff hospitals cases, both operative and non-operative at the LAC+USC Medical Center.

Because of her specialty in “Ear, Nose and Throat,” she has treated many patients with facial fractures, sinusitis, oral cancer, and osteosarcoma.

Perhaps her belief that good patient/physician communication is essential to quality patient care led her to become the Chair of EConsult for the Subspecialty of Otolaryngology. She navigated the group while the Department of Health and Human Services created a much needed centralized referral system. Efficiently processed patient information is vital in the delivery of healthcare, so as the subject matter expert, she assisted in the creation of an electronic medical record system named ORCHID for the Medical Center (see description of ORCHID below). Also, she has served on the surgical committee responsible for governing actions of surgical specialties at LAC-USC.

A look at her educational background reveals: In 2001, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology (area of concentration: Biopsychosocial Child Development) at Stanford; served as the student representative to the Core Advisory Committee (University of Pittsburgh) to collaborate with the academic dean and eight faculty members to design the mandatory World Geography Course for all 4 semester at Sea participants; in 2002 completed the University of California at San Francisco Medical Post Baccalaureate Program; in 2006 received her medical degree at Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program; and in 2009 completed Internship and Residency in Otolaryngology at USC.

Board certified in Otolaryngology, Dr. Brown is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and received a 2012 USC Teaching Award as the first to be nominated by the CARES Woman in Medicine award. Dr. Brown replied, “Wow! I’m thrilled! I’m funny to think that I’m now on this side of the street after going to Bravo Medical Magnet for high school!!” Congratulations, Dr. Brown, on all your achievements!