



## **Orchard Valley Chapter**

# **Prospective Member Packet**

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Dear Prospective Member,

We appreciate your interest in becoming a Provisional Patroness of the **Orchard Valley Chapter** of the **National Charity League, Inc.** This packet has been prepared to answer questions you may have about our organization.

National Charity League, Inc. (NCL) is a national organization of mothers and daughters. The mothers are called Patronesses and the daughters are called Ticktockers. The mission of NCL is to foster mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. Your membership in the organization and our program, The NCL Experience – Six Year Core Program, will offer opportunities to participate in each of these three program areas:

- **Community Service:** To learn what philanthropic needs exist in our community and to help meet those needs whenever possible.
- **Leadership Development:** To enhance potential leadership skills through team building, problem solving, mentoring, and group dynamics.
- **Cultural Experiences:** To cultivate values and traditions that shape the NCL role and contribution in our communities.

The following pages will explain more fully the benefits of being a member of NCL, the activities in which our Chapter engages and the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of membership. Financial, time and attendance obligations are also outlined. It is important that you recognize and acknowledge what is involved in belonging to this national organization and that membership means a commitment to all three pillars of NCL: Community Service, Leadership Development and Cultural Experiences.

You will see that we are a committed organization that fosters the bond between mother and daughter. Please read the enclosed information and carefully consider the requirements for you and your daughter. Your Sponsor and Co-sponsor will be glad to answer any questions you may have about NCL.

Sincerely,

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NCL, Inc., Orchard Valley Chapter



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## **The History of National Charity League, Inc.**

The history of National Charity League, Inc. can be traced back to 1925 when a small group of women in Los Angeles, interested in philanthropic work, met together and called themselves The Charity League. They worked quietly, doing Red Cross work, making layettes and assembling and delivering food baskets to the needy at holiday time. A few daughters met with their mothers to help; one of these daughters was the future Mrs. Paul William Lawrence, considered the founder of National Charity League.

By 1938, daughters of The Charity League decided to form their own group. Organized under the guidance of Mrs. Bruce Anderson and Mrs. Lawrence, this was the first youth group of The Charity League. At the first meeting, the name Ticktockers was chosen by the girls.

In 1947, The Charity League was incorporated and renamed National Charity League. It was at this time that the mothers chose to take the name Patroness. The reorganized nonprofit corporation became the original mother-daughter charity organized solely for philanthropic, educational and cultural purposes.

On June 6, 1958, the Los Angeles Chapter amended its bylaws to change its name from National Charity League to National Charity League – Los Angeles Chapter. This paved the way for a new corporation of national significance, National Charity League, Inc. This new corporation was dedicated to expanding its vision and giving more mothers and daughters the opportunity to experience NCL. New NCL, Inc. Chapters continue to form, embracing the purpose of NCL and established Chapters.

National Charity League, Inc. now has over 200 Chapters in 23 states with more than 56,000 total members. All Chapters embrace the philosophy of strengthening the mother-daughter relationship and serving the communities through philanthropy and developing future community leaders. We may all be proud of our legacy and grateful to that small group of women in 1925.

## **About Orchard Valley Chapter**

Creating the Orchard Valley Chapter: Back in March of 2009, six mothers met in downtown Los Altos to discuss establishing a chapter in the area. Five of the six decided to proceed to seek approval from National Charity League, Inc. for a second chapter in the area, which was approved in May. A formation meeting was held in June to gauge interest in starting a new chapter. Orchard Valley Chapter was started that year with 26 mothers and 26 daughters in 4 classes. We became a chartered chapter in April 2011.

The Orchard Valley Chapter is made up of approximately 140 mothers/Patronesses and 150 daughters/Ticktockers who have provisional, active or sustainer status, representing roughly 15 schools locally.

The Orchard Valley Chapter Membership resides or attends school in Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and Cupertino and we serve local communities, through over 20 Philanthropies around the Bay Area.



## Characteristics of a Good NCL Member

- She will **make NCL a priority** for herself and her daughter(s) and **take her commitments to NCL seriously**.
- She will be a **positive role model** for her daughter(s) and other Ticktockers by exhibiting respect and consideration, both during NCL events and in other public settings when representing NCL.
- She will **fulfill all required philanthropy, league, committee, meeting, financial, leadership and other Chapter obligations** by the required due dates.
- She understands **the importance of all three pillars** of NCL, Inc.: Community Service, Leadership Development and Cultural Experiences.
- She understands that by virtue of being a member of a local Chapter, she is **affiliated with a federated system, which mandates the belief in the core values of NCL, Inc.**
- She will **abide by all governing documents** of the Chapter and NCL, Inc., including Bylaws, Policies and Procedures.
- She will protect the NCL brand by **honoring its core values with integrity and excellence**.

## NCL, Inc. Core Values

- Honoring the **mother-daughter bond** by together learning, growing and modeling responsibility and graciousness
- **Empowering women** with the skills and confidence to lead
- **Nurturing through mentorship**
- Inspiring a legacy of **social awareness and compassion**
- Providing depth of **support in local communities**
- **Integrity and excellence** in everything we do



## Critical Dates and Required Events for Prospective Members

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Prospective Member Open House:	10/14/18	2-4pm
Applications for Membership:	1/18/19	10pm
Invitations and Letters of Regret sent by NCL:	2/11/19	10pm
Prospective Member acceptance, forms, and payment received by:	2/15/19	10pm
Provisional Member Welcome and Orientation Meeting:	3/17/19	3-5pm



## **Membership Obligations**

Both Patronesses (mothers) and Ticktockers (daughters) are required to complete a certain number of hours in service to the community and engaging in NCL activities and attend meetings and events together and with their age groups.

Required hours and meeting/event attendance for Patronesses and Ticktockers are listed below and must be completed between 5/1/2019 and 4/30/2020. Patronesses and Ticktockers are required to record hours via the Chapter website by 4/30/20.

**PATRONESSES:** 20 Total Required Hours: 10 Philanthropy and 10 League

**TICKTOCKERS:**

7th Grade	20 Total Required Hours: 10 Philanthropy and 10 League
8th Grade	20 Total Required Hours: 10 Philanthropy and 10 League
9th Grade	30 Total Required Hours: 15 Philanthropy and 15 League
10th Grade	30 Total Required Hours: 15 Philanthropy and 15 League
11th Grade	30 Total Required Hours: 15 Philanthropy and 15 League
12th Grade	20 Total Required Hours: 10 Philanthropy and 10 League

**PHILANTHROPY HOURS:** Hour-for-hour credit is given for philanthropic service hours worked at a philanthropy activity conducted with an approved philanthropy partner.

**LEAGUE HOURS:** Patronesses and Ticktockers earn League Hours when their work is directly related to the functioning of the Orchard Valley Chapter. Examples of hours include: Chapter, Patroness, Regular or Board Meetings; Grade Level Board Meetings; Grade Level Meetings; Committee Meetings or job activities; Training Meetings; Chapter Events.

**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:** A Patroness is required to attend a minimum of 5 Regular Meetings. Ticktockers are required to attend a minimum of 6 Grade Level Meetings. Each member is also responsible for attending the Annual Tea and a Chapter Cultural Event.

**LEADERSHIP SERVICE OBLIGATIONS:** Each Chapter Member shall complete annual leadership obligations. For our Chapter, this includes holding a leadership position.



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## **Membership Dues**

Below are the NCL Orchard Valley Chapter Dues and Assessment Fees for 2018-2019\* NCL year

### **Prospective Patroness Fees**

*Entrance Fee (non-refundable) \$50*

*Annual Dues \$125*

*Annual Food & Beverage/Hospitality Assessment Fee: \$60*

***Total: \$235\****

### **Prospective Ticktocker Fees**

*Entrance Fee (non-refundable) \$50*

*Annual Dues \$125*

*Annual Food & Beverage/Hospitality Assessment Fee: \$60*

***Total: \$235\****

**Total Prospective Patroness & Ticktocker = \$470\***

**Total Dues and Fees are due 2/15/19 to secure spot**

### **Active Ticktocker & Patroness Fees**

*Annual Dues \$125*

*Annual Food & Beverage/Hospitality Assessment Fee: \$60*

***Total: \$185\* each***

*Late Fee of \$25 assessed after 2/15*

**Total Active Patroness & Ticktocker = \$370\***

\*Exact dues and fees for the 2019-2020 NCL year will be finalized in January 2019.





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## **THE THREE PILLARS**

### **I. COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The Orchard Valley Chapter of NCL excels in providing a wide variety of philanthropic opportunities to our members. Our philanthropy partners include opportunities in the following categories: service for the homeless, the hungry, children with disabilities, the elderly, women and family services, and healthcare.

### **PHILANTHROPY PARTNERS**

Alexandra Chiles Foundation  
Animal Assisted Happiness  
ADCC (Autism Diagnostic Consulting Center)  
BAWSI (Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative)  
Child Advocates of Silicon Valley  
City of Mountain View-Mountain View Library  
Fit Kids  
Grassroots Ecology  
Habitat for Humanity  
Health Trust/Meals on Wheels  
Hope's Corner  
LifeMoves: Maple Street, Breaking Bread,  
Commercial Center and Meals, Opportunity Shelter  
Los Altos Community Foundation  
Lytton Gardens  
New Creation Home  
Princess Project  
Reading Partners  
Rebuilding Together  
Ronald McDonald House  
Salvation Army  
Silicon Valley Down Syndrome Network  
Stretch to Kindergarten  
Sunday Friends

The Vice President Philanthropy and the Philanthropy Committee continue to research and contact community philanthropies to determine where the Chapter can be of service.



## II. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The NCL experience embraces leadership for both mothers and daughters. For Patronesses, each member is asked to step up and model leadership by taking a significant position in the chapter at least for 2 years of their tenure.

### **The Ticktocker Program embraces the following —**

- 1) Leadership is within everyone's reach.
- 2) Leadership skills can be defined and taught through fun activities.
- 3) Leadership is garnered through active participation, taking responsibility for one's jobs, investing and taking ownership of their own Ticktocker experience.

### **I am a Confident Leader —**

- > Because I am a great communicator.
- > Because I have identified my passions and talents.
- > Because I have a positive and strong team helping me.
- > Because I advocate for others and myself.
- > Because I am responsible and can be counted on to complete my job with quality work.

## III. CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

**Ticktockers** will experience culture in many ways through NCL, from learning etiquette at our ChapterTea, to exposure to our diverse philanthropy partners to bonding with **Ticktockers** that are different from them. The **Six-Year Plan** was developed to guide your **Ticktocker** through the next six years. The Six-Year Plan chart shows for each grade the hours and event requirements, themes for the three pillars, and leadership topics for class discussions and speakers.