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Presidents Day happens in Palos Verdes

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This is the season for changing places on the national and local scene. This article tells about four women who have volunteered — in two instances for a second time — to fill the daunting role as president or chairman of their respective nonprofit groups.

Timmy Kelly

Timmy Kelly is beginning her second year as president of the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor, a position she shared last year with Shirley Lenihan.

Kelly brings to the position ten years of experience working with the Auxiliary on their annual fund-raising event. She became involved when the Auxiliary hosted their inaugural event at the newly opened Aquarium of the Pacific in 1997 and has never looked back.

Kelly is no stranger to service having worked for years on the Music Fair sponsored by the Peninsula Philharmonic group. She also was a member of National Charity League with her daughter Kathryn.

According to Kelly, her niche for most of her volunteer work has been flower arranging, having developed an eye for the art through her work with

Beautiful Weddings and Harriet Ghormley for 20 years.

Kelly and her husband Dick, who is a local accountant, have lived on the Peninsula for 30 years and have raised three children who all attended Bishop Montgomery High School.

Kelly's mother, Loretta Walsh, is now a resident at the Little Sisters of the Poor, having moved from her apartment in Westchester, where she had been for 50 years, to the LSP at age 89.

"The Little Sisters are so loving and respectful of the elderly," said Kelly. "They have opened up my heart to see old age in a whole new way. It's a pleasure to serve them through my work with the Auxiliary." They plan a 10th funder on Saturday, June 23 at the PVCC.