

LOCAL NONPROFIT APPROVES THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

School on Wheels Welcomes New Board Members, Lynn Gardner, Mitchell Leib and Melissa Zukerman

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School on Wheels is happy to announce the appointment of three new Executive Board members. Joining the Board are Lynn Gardner, Mitchell Leib and Melissa Zukerman *"I am delighted that Lynn, Melissa and Mitchell have been elected as a new Board Members," said Catherine Meek, Executive Director. "Their passion, talents, and experience will help School on Wheels reach out to more homeless students and more volunteers than ever before. We are fortunate to have them on our team"*

Lynn Gardner **Retired Electric Power Executive**

Former Managing Attorney for Southern California Edison, Lynn quickly rose through the ranks to become Vice President of Administration with worldwide responsibilities for HR, IT and Corporate Communications.

She became a Management Consultant in 2000 and retired in 2004. Lynn is actively involved in several not-for-profit organizations. She has served on the Board of Directors of the All-American Boys Chorus, and as a member of the St. Mary's College of California Women's Leadership Council. She has been a volunteer tutor for School on Wheels since 2014.

"I am proud to join School on Wheels and its mission to serve the educational needs of homeless children in Southern California. I can think of no finer cause toward which to dedicate my efforts and energy." - Lynn Gardner

Mitchell Leib **President of Music and Soundtracks, The Walt Disney Studios**

As President of Music and Soundtracks for The Walt Disney Studios, Mitchell Leib oversees music creative, production and administration support for Disney Live Action, Marvel, DisneyNature and Lucasfilm. Over a 30-year career in the industry, Leib has paired music and visual imagery, in some way shape or form for over 300 feature films including, *Into the Woods, Maleficent, Guardians of the Galaxy, Pretty Woman and Good Morning Vietnam*, to name but a few. A native of Los Angeles, he is married to his wife of 25 years, Stacy, and they have two daughters, Rachel and Jordan.

"I am excited to be selected as the new Board Member for School on Wheels. My main goal is to involve more local organizations and individuals with School on Wheels, enabling us to reach more of Southern California's at-risk populations, homeless children, and to continue to shrink the educational gaps" – Mitchell Leib

Melissa Zukerman **Managing Partner, Principal Communications Group**

Melissa Zukerman is managing partner of Principal Communications Group (PCG), a firm she co-founded in 2006 to offer executive communication strategy and consultation for businesses operating in the media, content and distribution sectors.

Prior to forming PCG, Zukerman ran a self-titled communications consultancy, and earlier in her career she held senior level communications and marketing roles at Universal, Virgin and E! Entertainment. Zukerman is

the creative Co-Chair of the Los Angeles chapter of the Anti-Defamation League's National Youth Leadership Mission, which empowers high school students to spread anti-hate messaging, and stop future acts of violence, hate and terror—in Southern California, the United States, and abroad.

Zukerman, a long-time supporter and volunteer for School on Wheels had this to say:

"I am extremely honored to serve on the board of School on Wheels and do my part to embolden this organization and the legacy of Agnes Stevens, a woman who inspired me directly to tutor homeless children. Success means reaching and serving more students who need School on Wheels' services, at a time when the services are needed most."

To learn more about School on Wheels, volunteering or donating please visit: www.schoolonwheels.org

ABOUT SCHOOL ON WHEELS

School on Wheels, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1993 by Agnes Stevens, a retired teacher. Today, hundreds of volunteers work one-on-one with children whose homelessness prevents them from receiving the academic stability and help they desperately need. The heart of the School on Wheels' program is the volunteer tutors who come from all backgrounds and professions, with a shared goal - to reach out to a child, to teach, to mentor, and assist in his or her educational life.

The mission of School on Wheels is to enhance educational opportunities for homeless children from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The goal is to shrink the gaps in their education and provide them with the highest level of education possible. Their program serves as a consistent support system to homeless students at a time of great stress and fear. School on Wheels brings the message to homeless students that they are cared about and important. They do this by offering:

- One-on-one weekly tutoring with a volunteer
- Backpacks, school supplies and school uniforms
- Assistance in entering school
- Help in locating lost records
- Guidance for parents in educational matters for their children
- Skid Row Learning Center
- Tutoring in six counties in Southern California, including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.



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