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Books, elbow fractures and good times

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Members and guests of La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild celebrated not only the guild's 54 years of support of Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital, but also the 100th year of this world-renowned hospital.

The occasion was the guild's Book and Author Luncheon, which has proven to be a most successful fund-raising event over these many years.

The event took place at the Angeles National Golf Club. Even though the day

was gray and cloudy, the vistas over the golf course with the beautiful mountains in the background were stunning.

More than 200 women and men came to meet authors **Frans Vischer, Jennie Nash and Diana Johnson**. Vischer, who was born in Holland, told guests about his journey from Holland to America when he was just a boy and did not speak English. Drawing was his passion and it was a beginning of communication in this new land. His love of drawing led him to a career with Disney and a delightful children's book about the antics of his overweight cat. The book is humorously illustrated and is called "Fuddles."

Nash introduced her book, "The Threadbare

Heart," a story that was inspired by her mother finding love at the age of 70. Nash is a writing coach, instructor at UCLA Extension Writer's Program and a prolific writer. She also is a breast cancer survivor whose book, "The Victoria's Secret Catalog Never Stops Coming and Other Lessons I learned from Breast Cancer," tells her story and victory over this disease.

Johnson, an avid genealogist and fourth-generation Californian, has written an adventure-filled book, "Wagons to Hangtown." This is the story of her family's travel by covered wagon from the Midwest to California's gold fields in the 1850s.

Before the authors were introduced, **Dr. Mauricio Silva**, associate medical director of Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital and medical director of urgent care, spoke about elbow fractures in children and how the hospital treats them.

The event raised about \$15,000 that will go to the hospital for the children's needs for wheelchairs, braces and wheelchair-accessible playground equipment.



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Authors Frans Vischer, from left, Diana Johnson and Jennie Nash greet Dr. Mauricio Silva of Orthopaedic Hospital, Los Angeles at the La Cañada Flintridge Orthopaedic Guild's Book and Author Luncheon.



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Guild members at the Book and Author Luncheon included from left, Joanne Ploszaj, Margot Siess and Joan Clevin.