

H.I.S. HOUSE NEWS



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Board Initiates New Procedures in 2007

Life's more comfortable, the second time around—or so we hope. Jeannine Ford has agreed to be the chairperson for the H.I.S. House board again in 2007. Last year she had "on-the-job training" when she stepped into the chairmanship early. Instead of serving as past-president this year, Jeannine chose to initiate a new 2-year term of president and take advantage of her experience.

Carolyn Holmes will repeat her role as vice-chair, having assumed that position when Jeannine was promoted. Carolyn served on the Community Resources Committee and was highly instrumental in increasing the profits of the fall auction and wine tasting events.

Bringing new energy to the board is Joe "Cap" Capitrillo, parishioner from St. Joseph who is newly retired. He will take on the task of recording secretary and help document the growth of programs at the Shelter. Mary Beth Grigg, formerly the recording secretary, will serve as the corresponding secretary.

Two members-at-large attend the meetings and contribute their expertise and advise on matters such as, minor fires or floods, inoperative utilities, technological outreach, appropriate childcare, and adequate funding. Rich Shumway is returning for his second year while Alan Sypherd comes on board for the first time.

Marion Hetherington, Jane Seymour, Roy Buck, Monica Banas, Kathy Frazee, Ken Kleckner, Ted Mar, Frank Campbell, John Marshall, Cynthia Marshall, Barbara Goff, Gae Wood, and Eric Shreiner will serve in various committee roles. ☆

Charity's Closet is a Treasure Chest

We are extremely pleased with how successful Charity's Closet has been and look forward to an exciting 2007. In the first ten months of operation, this mission has been able to repay the start-up money given by H.I.S. House and donate an additional \$25,000 from its profits.

There are at least sixty-five volunteers from several churches and the greater community who work with the shop in many capacities each month. We are so grateful to each one for the time and effort they so responsibly give. "It is an enjoyable and fun place to be," say the volunteers. There is always a need for more volunteers, not only in the shop, but to do support tasks. Furniture has been a top seller for us and we need able-bodied men to move pieces from storage to the shop from time to time. We also really need volunteers to help in the shop on Saturdays, either all day or half day. This is a good way for high school students to get community service hours. Please call the shop (993-4687) if you can help in any way.

Gift Certificates can be purchased for friends, for a family in need, or for residents at the shelter—a great way to support the shelter while helping others.

Charity's Closet is open 10-4 on Tuesday-Thursdays, 10-6 on Fridays, 10-4 Saturdays, and 12-4 Sundays. We are closed on Mondays, but donations are accepted Monday-Saturday at the back door. Donation receipts are given. Things we are looking for: Gently used linens, vintage jewelry, men to help move furniture, Saturday volunteers for the shop.

We are blessed with generous donors, loyal volunteers, and enthusiastic customers. ☆

Special points of interest:

- BOARD MEMBERS BEGIN A NEW YEAR
- CHARITY'S CLOSET IS POPULAR THRIFT SHOP IN TOWN
- HOLIDAY ABUNDANCE BRIGHTENED LIFE AT THE SHELTER
- FAMILY-TO-FAMILY PROGRAM BENEFITS FROM A HUGE RESPONSE

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Costumed Fun and Laughter



Members of Girls Scout troop 2103 helped residents celebrate at Halloween

October brought Halloween costumes and goodies from the **PAL class** at Kraemer middle school, goodie bags from **Girl Scout Troop 644**, and a fabulous Halloween party hosted by **Girl Scout Troop 2103**. The Party was so much fun, dunking for apples, playing musical chairs, and of course, dining on all sorts of treats. In addition, the **Roundtable**

hosted an outing to the Haunted House in which twenty-one adults and children participated. Thanks to all of these groups the kids and adults enjoyed dressing up and trick or treating.

"From ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties, and things that go BUMP in the night, O Lord deliver us!" ☆

Homework Club

The Homework Club is a group of volunteers who meet Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 and help the resident children with their homework. Thanks to Nadia and Jim Roberts for their leadership in this important program which is now in its second successful year. ☆

The Love That's Christmas

"These exceptional young women and men set such a good example by sharing their time and talents."

Christmas festivities began late on the afternoon of December 19 with **South Shores Church from Monarch Beach** bringing food, household supplies, and Christmas gifts for the children. Their Children's Ministry Musical Group led a sing-along in the Key Center and told about the real meaning of Christmas. Several graduate families, board members, friends and staff joined the party to dine on pizza and sandwiches. Santa eventually made his appearance to the

delight of all. Thanks to **Dean Cassidy, Bev Moreau, Donna Reina, Marlina Rash, Kim and Steve Roudebush, Kaylynn, Kiley and Karissa Panella** for all their help in and around the kitchen.

On December 21 a group of students from Loma Linda Pharmacy School brought gifts for all the children. Organized months earlier by **Tanida Vidhyarkorn**, the group had wish lists from the children and enjoyed shopping especially for each child.

The **National Honor Society of Esperanza High School**, led by student Jennifer Choi, hosted a Christmas party that featured building gingerbread houses and opening gifts. This group has hosted other holiday parties and been extremely generous with monetary donations. Their latest gift is a \$250 check. These exceptional young women and men set such a good example by sharing their time and talents. Thanks go too to their supervising teacher, **Teri Bailey**. ☆

The Love Goes On



The real spirit of Christmas giving

Messiah Lutheran Preschool, led by **Lisa Little**, adopted all of the children and brought gifts. **Yorba Linda Presbyterian Christian Service in Action Group** led by the **Greenberg and Hedrick families** sent gifts. **Delores Gilbert** and the **North Cities Quilt Guild** made beautiful quilted stockings for our residents. **Patty Anderson**

provided stocking stuffers and other goodies. **Sara Hall** and **Tamar Cuevas**, helped by their parents and neighbor **Sanford Morita**, donated fleece blankets and gift certificates.

Other gifts came from **Tarbell Realtors** via **Lola Quevedo** and **Min Oh**; **Susan** and members at **Curves**; **Gail Snow, Troop 99** led by the **Scott Rubenstein**,

the **Delapena/Seymour families**, **PYLUSD** and **Dennis Smith**, **Valencia's ASB** and **PAL class** and coaches, **Brownie troop 647**, **Corvette Super Sport Club**, **OC Woodworkers Association**, **Doris Gildea** and **Sister Eymard Flood** of **OSC Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians** and the **Santa Ana Zoo**. Many thanks to everyone for their generous kindness. ☆

Donor Ranks Swell to New Limits

The Family-to-Family program has grown considerably!

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Corporate Recognition Benefits H.I.S. House

Karen Mahoney received the 2006 Citizenship Grant Award from Amica Mutual Insurance Company. This employee award was given to Karen in recognition of her countless hours of service and gargantuan effort that she has devoted to H.I.S. House over

the past years. Karen has helped with various fund raisers, and this year she assisted with the fashion show and headed up the sales of the Entertainment Dining books. Along with this honor came a \$1,500 check which Karen presented to the Shelter

director, Teri Niebuhr. Congratulations to Karen and a heartfelt thanks for sharing time and treasure.

We would appreciate it if others whose employers may have a matching gift program would designate H.I.S. House as their charity. ☆



Karen Mahoney presents award money to Teri at H.I.S. House

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An Elegant Evening in Placentia



The East Room at the White House could not have been any more elegant than the East Room at the Nixon Library was the evening of the Wine Tasting and Auction held on October 13, 2006 to raise funds for H.I.S. House. Event co-chairpersons Carolyn Holmes and Marion Hetherington reported that \$17,000 profit was earned from the activities that night.

A new feature this year was the buffet dinner catered by the Anaheim White House following the traditional

tasting that was once again hosted by Vendome Liquors of Fullerton.

During the tasting hour, a silent auction provided guests the opportunity to bid on many dinners, bottles of wine, services, vacation spots, and pieces of art. A professional auctioneer coaxed the crowd to contribute generously for other items, such as a chance to go on an African safari. ☆



Event committee takes a moment from the busy preparations: (l-r) Marlene Stewart, Marion Hetherington, Gae Wood, and Carolyn Holmes



All dolled up and ready to party