



# CAREGIVERS

The Buenaventura *INTERFAITH* Volunteer Program

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## ADVISORY BOARD TALKS FUND RAISING

"If your cause is important enough, it's okay to go ahead and ask for funds," said Board of Directors Chairperson, Mary Braitman; adding, "Every volunteer organization is in the same boat in the search for money."

During a meeting which zeroed in on a possible need for fund-raising ideas in the future, ten Advisory Board members shared their input during an a.m. session at Caregiver's headquarters, October 13.

As government grants expire and foundation monies are limited, it becomes necessary to look at possible new ways of funding, according to Caregiver's treasurer, Wayne Dugan, who informed the board that present monies are provided as follows: government sources, 49%; private foundations, 22%; United Way, 14%; and donations from individuals and groups, 15%.

Dr. Lloyd Fellows of the Unitarian Church in Ojai asked the group to define the ministerial relationship of the interfaith congregations to

the Caregivers organization. "Every congregation has a representative who keeps in touch with us, assisting us monthly to work with volunteers and people needing service," said Sister Patricia, "We all have a cluster tie-in which provides over 100 volunteers we can call."

Bishop Patrick Ziemann, of the Santa Barbara region of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, affirmed that he "would rather have 35 good parish advocates than to raise money any other way." noting, "most congregations are now asking up to 10% from their members through sacrificial giving, and suggest they contribute 5% to their own churches and reach out to other worthy causes, such as Caregivers, with another 5%."

Dr. Fellows said that the ideal would be a lay ministry, existing without the necessity of governmental involvement. He envisioned, "The freedom of a philanthropic organization who could respond to a heart opening to

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another heart.

Advisory Board Member Vince Ordonez , administrative analyst in Ventura County's administrative office, suggested , "Eventually it might be a good idea to think about using a trained professional fund raiser." In answer to



*Advisory Board: left to right: Dr. Lloyd Fellows, Dr. Lanyard Dial, Bishop Patrick Ziemann.*

Bishop Ziemann's query about recent fund raising activities, the board learned that Sister Jean Meier, development director for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and an expert in fund raising, will give a presentation to the Caregivers board next month.

Dr. Lanyard Dial, M.D., geriatrics expert, explained to the group that "respite" services (relief for the homebound caregiver) are not yet recognized by all government agencies includ-

ing Medicare as a program which needs to be funded. "Most government health agencies are funding meals programs now, and hospice services. One worries in the future if as



*Advisory Board: left to right: Beverly O'Gorman, Wayne Dugan, Gloria Nelson, Vince Ordonez*

government funding ever covers respite services that all the small volunteer organizations may eventually get pushed away."

"Our Caregiver Program is only as good as the volunteers who serve," said Sister Patricia, "and our volunteers are very good and very generous. Older citizens who need care benefit from the flexibility of the program and from the genuine interest and care they receive from the same individual over a long period of time -- in many cases for years."



*Wayne Dugan and Sister Patricia*

*Ann Stockdill*

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the beautiful holiday season of Thanksgiving is still with us and as Christmas approaches, we ask for each of you a time of anticipation and joy as you prepare for celebration and fulfillment of Christ's promises with your families and friends. This is truly a season of joy.

It is with thanksgiving that we wish Joan Neuhaus blessings in her new work. Joan was with us for over a year and was very instrumental in helping many of the homebound. Thank you, Joan.

Did you notice a different style in some of our articles? Ann Stockdill, a freelance writer is donating time to assist us with articles for our newsletter and other areas. We appreciate her sense of ministry and interest in those that are less fortunate.

Without our volunteers who serve--where would some of our people receive those extra kindnesses that speak so eloquently?  
Welcome to our new volunteers:

Ann Stockdill  
Tom Thomas  
Joan Ploss  
Jackie Chaudier  
Carrie Warner  
Sarah Miner  
Peg Green  
Hope Cardona  
Jenny Camarillo  
Eleanor Bobincheck

As we continue to support those matches of those that serve and those that receive, one coordinator comes to mind who has given much -- Maureen Walsh. Maureen will be leaving us as she and her family move to Santa Barbara. Thank you for all that you have done over the years, Maureen.

## ETERNAL LIFE

For those who have departed to begin eternal life, we send our prayers with them and their families:

Jose Castillo  
Mimi Chagnon  
May Davis  
Frank Guzman  
Ventura Lopez  
Jack O'Grady  
Paul Rose  
Marion Sylvester

## DID YOU KNOW...

Memorial cards are available and are sent immediately to the family or person selected by the donor? The donor will also receive an acknowledge for the tax-exempt gift. This is a thoughtful and fitting way to remember a loved one.

Medical Equipment is available. Walkers, portable toilets, hospital bed, canes and crutches and miscellaneous items are on loan from the office. Call 652-0566 for specific information.

The following have given donations to enable Volunteer

July 1, 1988 - November 8, 1988

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A thank you is extended to families who have mentioned Volunteer Caregivers in the obituary of their loved one or as a memorial for a special occasion. We sincerely appreciate the recognition that these gifts bring in helping us to continue to meet the needs of the elderly.

*Caregivers to continue their ministry to the elderly.*

*July 1, 1988 - November 8, 1988*

*A Special Thank You*

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## THEY MET THEIR MATCH!



*Marian Smith and Irene Luizzi enjoy bringing Jake whatever fruits Marian can manage to round up.*

Irene Luizzi met her match in February, 1986 in the person of Marian Smith. Marian met her match, too. The pair have been good friends since and plan to keep it that way.

What we're talking about here, of course, is a Caregivers "match-up". By definition: a person who has a little time to give, in the name of love, and a person who could benefit from a little "good neighboring", getting together.

Last Tuesday, Irene picked Marian up to take her to the Convalescent Hospital to visit Jake. He and Marian have been a pair for over 50 years, living in Ventura county. (Jake was recently hospitalized due to a flare-up of his arthritis.) Since Marian is almost 91, she no

longer wants to drive all the way to visit Jake, who is 88; but she still wants to visit....and visit him, she does — every week— thanks to a hand reaching out in the person of Irene Luizzi, who also helps the Smiths out with a little bookkeeping and many other things. Marian brings gifts in the form of grapefruit and avocados, grown in her yard and says, "Grapefruit and avocado mix well together in a dip, which Jake enjoys."

Irene Luizzi notes, "The Smiths and I are family now," adding, "the reason Marian stays so young is that she has a great philosophy of life. She accepts any blemish in another person, and sees Christ in everyone.

## CALENDAR

**Dec 15 (Thurs): 7 to 9 p.m. Christmas Party and Awards for Volunteers and Persons Served**

**Dec 23 - 30: Closed for Christmas Holidays**

**Jan 16, 1989: Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday**

**Feb 6 and 7 (Mon & Tues): 1 - 4p.m., Orientation, parts I & II**

**Feb 9 (Thurs): 1 - 3 p.m. Respite Orientation**

**Feb 20 (Mon): Closed for Washington's Birthday**

**Feb 23 (Thurs): 7:30 a.m. Advisory Board Meeting**

**March 7 (Tues): 1 - 3 p.m. Coordinator's Meeting**

**March 17: Closed for St. Joseph's Celebration**

**March 23 - 24: Closed for Holy Thursday and Good Friday**

**May 2 (Tues): 6 - 8:30 p.m. Annual Volunteer Dinner and Awards.**

Marian, who still has a slim girlish figure, says she has made a study of good nutrition and enjoys mostly fruits and vegetables, "with a good toasted cheese sandwich, now and then." Rugged Jake, with his courtly manners says he



*Marian Smith and Irene Luizzi go each week to visit Jake Smith.*

enjoys any kind of food.

Marian grew up in Wyoming, Jake in Oklahoma before heading to California, where Jake was a supervisor in the oil industry, working for Macco. He was also a building supervisor for John Wayne Studios, and gave technical advice during the filming of "Oklahoma Crude".

Irene, reminiscing about the friendship the three share, said, "We went out for dinner at Stuart Anderson's Steak House for Marian's 90th birthday and are planning it again next year".

*Ann Stockdill*

## NOTES FROM THOSE WE SERVE

Yes, Jack has been a wonderful blessing to our life. He is very flexible and eager to help. We really appreciate him. This week he will help me take my husband to the doctor.

Mary has given of her time - care and love -everything went well. We appreciate Mary's help and her cheerie disposition. Having the benefit of your help is the only way in eleven months my husband and I have been able to get away together. Again, thank you and may God bless.

## Buenaventura Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

Executive Director: Sister Patricia  
Callahan CSJ

### Volunteer Caregivers matched.....with.....the homebound

- reach out to the frail and elderly & isolated in their own homes
- respite care-support the family caregiver
- link the needy with community resources
- train & support volunteers in basic caregiving skills
- provide 2-4 hours weekly of neighborly, non-professional tasks of personal care, home management, social contacts, transportation

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