

Josephs

DREAMS...DREAMS...DREAMS...

NEWSLETTER
of JOSEPHS ... Programs for Seniors

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...REFURBISHMENT

September was a busy month for the Knights of Columbus. They worked on a project at Hoffman Hall getting the building ready to be of service to the Senior Citizens of Ventura.

Their efforts and dedication to this project goes beyond description. They have been busy painting, rebuilding, salvaging, cabinet making, repairing locks, doing plumbing, electrical work, roofing and much more--too much to list here. All was done to complete the office by October 1st.

There was more work than the men anticipated, but that didn't seem to stop them from getting in with both feet. They dove in and got the job done. We can't discount the women. They have been down at Hoffman Hall every Saturday giving the men lunches, cold drinks and working on windows, drapes, venetian blinds. The blinds--that was a wet job done in a wading pool with everyone getting wet to their knees, without even getting into the pool. At best we might say we kept cool on a very hot day.

JOSEPHS can be proud of the men and women who have given of their free time and labors to this project and equally as proud of their new home for the next few years.

Bev Phelps

In Memory of ...
Douglas Church, Jr.

Special Mention

Dolores Herrig
Clarice Higginbotham
Lucille Olsen
Lorena Chapman
Anonymous
Dorothy Quinlan
Anne Sellen
Hazel Anderson
Anonymous
Lillian Holzer
Alice Gordon
Anonymous

Special Thank You to...

Sisters of the Holy Cross
Kathleen Maloney
The Knights of Columbus

OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited
to an Open House on
Saturday, November 17, 1984
2:00 to 5:00 PM

at
JOSEPHS
261 North Catalina Street
Ventura, CA 93001

Please join us for the afternoon and
see the new office, seminar room,
and lounge. At 3:00 PM we will have
a very brief welcome and blessing.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Emma Bonbright spearheaded our first Case Manager endeavor. Katie Jenkins is now working with the staff in that capacity. Joining Sister Veronica, Katie interviews the possible person to be served, introduces the volunteer to him/her, supervises the services and assists the staff in record-keeping. This responsible position allows the program to expand more quickly as it supplements the staff's role. We really need more Case Managers and we encourage you to seriously consider becoming one.

Again, the great need for Volunteers is more evident every week. Would you please contact some generous person in your Congregation and tell him or her about the unusual opportunity that is provided by **VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS?**

VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS has received thirteen different donations from persons we have served. We appreciate this particular source of revenue and hope its volume will increase. With a gradually expanding program, donations from persons served will provide our **VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS** Program with a stable support base.

Did you know that among our very first supporters were Jeanne Reiver, Bee Ellisman, and Shirley Radding from the **Ombudsman** Program?

Please continue to pray with me that the **Father** will bless our ministry each day.

Sister Veronica Maloney C. S. J.



Dear Mary,

I have just read the brochure from ELDERHOSTEL for the Winter/Spring 1985 at Mt. St. Mary's College in San Diego, and I am excited. 'The opportunity to enjoy new challenges' is mentioned as one of the goals of the program, and what could be more enjoyable and challenging than class in marine life, poetry, calligraphy, scripture, or the study of Indian and Spanish influence in San Diego and Western America?

I hope to be 'on the move' with ELDERHOSTEL this season, such an inexpensive and worthwhile adventure for us.

Fondly,
Margaret Murray

P.S. Enclosed a brochure for you!

WARM WELCOME

On our first day in our new office, Sister Patricia Mulvaney, C.S.C. (Administrator) and Sister Kathleen Anne, C.S.C. (Superior) came to welcome us! This warm welcome typifies the hospitality that the Holy Cross Sisters have given us since our first Ventura venture. We deeply appreciate their on-going encouragement and support.

THEY LENT A HELPING HAND!

All organizations need an extra hand at the peak business times, and we appreciate the many hands of these friends that helped us with the first NEWSLETTER as well as other office detail.

- Lupe Contreras
- Clara Aguilar
- Carmen Aguilar
- Monica Stallings
- Margaret Hodgson
- Sister Margaret Reilly
- Sister Cecilia Laporte
- Sharon and Paul Cummings
- Katie Jenkins and her mother
- Diane Hurley
- June McRedmond, her three children and a friend
- Eva Berry
- Joe McKenzie



Lend a helping hand ...

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

	<u>JOSEPHS</u>	<u>CAREGIVERS</u>
Volunteers	47	71
Hours	1732	939

52 people from 16 congregations have been served by VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS



SPECIAL REPORT

Monday, October 1, 1984, Sister Veronica and Sister Jean were the dinner guests at the Family Social Evening held by the Knights of Columbus.

The invitation had special significance as a presentation of a generous check had been planned. George H. Lindsey, Grand Knight, presented the gift to the Sisters. "We are happy to present you with this check which we hope covers your expenses for material in the refurbishment of Hoffman Hall," said George.

In response, Sister Veronica thanked the Knights for this additional support of JOSEPHS and reminded them that through this added encouragement of the Program, many more needy could benefit from the ministry provided by JOSEPHS.

PROFILE IN GENEROSITY

A soft-spoken gentleman with a mischievous twinkle in his eye has accepted the challenge of:

- ... Juggling a marvelous team
- ... expediting time schedules
- ... analyzing the possibilities of existing materials
- ... contacting experts
- ... moving furnishings
- ... planning future developments
- ... appreciating the humanness/divineness of his peers

Time (a most precious gift) -
he spends lavishly.

Humor (a most rare gift) -
he generates without effort.

Goodness (a deep love of God and neighbor)
he radiates in speech and action.

Who? **AL PHELPS, Knight of Columbus**



MEET THE TEAM!

Below are the names of the **Knights of Columbus**, their wives, sons and daughters who have joined the renovating/refurbishing/remodeling team for **JOSEPHS!** Sister Patricia, Sister Veronica, Sister Jean and Louise Hudson congratulate this wonderful team and thank them in our own names and in the names of those to whom we minister.

Herman Bautista	Homer Hill
Rick Bautista	John Hill
Pat Bautista	(J & H Floors)
Rosemary Bautista	George Lindsey
Ruben Bautista**	Dottie Lindsey
Frank Bustamente	Mike Lindley
Jack De Long	Marvin Mayta
John Devine	Albert Montiel
Don Dudley**	Anna Montiel
Fran Dudley**	James Moynagh
Chester Fiecko	Albert Phelps**
Luis Figueroa	Beverly Phelps**
Thomas FitzGerald	Ruben Preciado
Steven Gilbert	Chris Rangel
John Gleeson	Joe Rowe
Gilbert Gonzales	John Stockdill
Steven Goyeneche	Frank Sween
John Harris	Joe Werland**
Jim Harrison	Robert Wilson**
(Harrison & Sons, Inc.)	Jody Wilson**
	Frank Zack

**over fifty hours of service as of September 30.



MARK your calendar ✓

OPEN HOUSE

NOV 17, Sunday 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Blessing Ceremony 3:00 PM

VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

OCT 23, Tuesday 1:00 - 2:00 PM

- . Case Managers' Meeting
at JOSEPHS

OCT 24, Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 PM

- . Quarterly Support/Training Meeting
at San Buenaventura Mission,
Buena Room

OCT 23 & 25, Tu & Th 9:00 - 11:30 AM

- . Orientation Meetings
for Potential Volunteers
at Assumption, Hurley Hall

NOV 14, Wednesday 1:00 PM

- . Case Managers' Meeting
at JOSEPHS

DEC 12, Wednesday 1:00 PM

- . Cluster Meeting followed by
Case Managers' Meeting
at JOSEPHS

ELDERHOSTEL - SAN DIEGO

Week of December 2, 1984

- . Personal Computer Literacy
- . A Piece of El Camino Real
- . The Springs Within Us All:
Creativity in Poetry and Prose

ELDERHOSTEL (Cont'd)

Week of January 6, 1985

- . An Introduction to Calligraphy

Week of January 13, 1985

- . Exploring the Library of Scripture

Week of March 24, 1985

- . Echoes of Our Land - The Indians
of the Western Americas

Week of May 12, 1985

- . San Diego Then
- . The Springs Within Us All:
Creativity in Poetry and Prose
- . Life of the Pacific Ocean

Week of May 19, 1985

- . An Introduction to Calligraphy

ENRICHMENT - at JOSEPHS

Calligraphy

- . Level I: Chancery, small & capital
alphabet - Sister Jean

NOV 19 - DEC 19, Mon & Wed
(10 meetings) 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Fee: \$20 plus materials
Registration: 652-0566

Days of Recollection

- . Advent/Christmas Theme -
Sister Leone Laporte

DEC 11, Tues or DEC 13, Thurs
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Brown Bag, beverage provided
Fee: \$4.00 RSVP 652-0566



Notes from the Director

In eight short months we have outgrown our small, delightful Main Street office. The move we projected in our July newsletter is now a reality. **JOSEPHS'** Catalina Street site is in the throes of a facelift--ably directed by Al Phelps and executed by the Knights of Columbus. It is the hub of all the educational, cultural and spiritual activities sponsored by **JOSEPHS**. Please check our calendar for the OPEN HOUSE. I hope you will be there for the blessing.

Words of gratitude are weak when I see all that the Knights of Columbus have done to make our new home so serviceable and attractive.* I want to thank each one of you for your generous hard work.

The BIVCP's steering committee has divided itself into two groups. One group is researching sources for funding, while the other group is pursuing experienced professionals in the hope that a Board of Directors can be formed. Once a dedicated Board commits itself, incorporation is the goal. This goal will enable us to apply for funds specified for non-profit organizations. Please keep both of these vital projects in your thoughts and prayers.

Sister Patricia Callahan C.S.J.

*Already, as a team, they have given over 500 hours of labor.

Josephs programs
for seniors

Co-Directors

Sister Patricia Callahan, CSJ
Sister Veronica Maloney, CSJ

PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS . . .

- . provide cultural experiences
- . deepen spiritual values
- . develop latent artistic skills
- . offer educational enrichment through Elderhostel
- . enhance daily living

**A ministry of the
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet**

Contributions, memorials or in-kind donations can be made to **JOSEPHS** and are tax-deductible.

Send to: **JOSEPHS**
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VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS . . .

- . reach out to the frail elderly/handicapped
- . seek the isolated individual
- . support the family caregiver
- . link the needy with community resources
- . train volunteers in basic caregiving skills

**A ministry of the
Buena Ventura Interfaith Coalition**

Funding Sources:

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Individual Donations
Community Contributions

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