



"SALUTE TO SENIORS" DINNER A ROUSING SUCCESS



Left to right: Jymmye Hitch, Virginia Baptiste, Dr. Leo Tauber, Louise Forgey, Floyd Hair, Sister Carmelita Padilla, Rev. William Hendren, Margaret Keller, Johanna Dudley Overby.



George Stuart

The Saticoy Country Club, high on a hill, was the site of the second annual CAREGIVERS "Salute to Distinguished Seniors" dinner on January 26th. Over 150 celebrants enjoyed an elegant evening, the good food, beautiful floral centerpieces, and our honorees.

Mrs. Virginia Baptiste, Mrs. Louise Forgey, Ms. Margaret Keller, Dr. Leo J. Tauber, Mrs. Johanna Dudley Overby, Sister Carmelita Padilla, Mr. George Stuart, Rev. William Hendren, Mrs. Jymmye Hitch, and Mr. Floyd Hair were called to the stage to receive several accolades and to give some of their own. We enjoyed learning something new about each one of these talented and gifted seniors who, through their activities, have enriched our lives and our communities.

Supervisor Susan K. Lacey, Mistress of Ceremonies, kept the evening on a light note, and Harry Walsh presented the awards with his usual flair. The invocation was given by Sister Catherine Marie Kreta, CSJ, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St Joseph of Carondelet. Guests enjoyed the piano playing of Jennifer Dean before and during dinner.

Carolyn Leavens, Dinner Chairwoman, and her committee -- Jackie Chaudier, John Chaudier, Mary Jane Hogan, Joanna Miller Hoffman, Joan Ploss, Larry Stallings, and Norm Weitzel -- did an outstanding job. And thank you, too, to all of you who helped the committee members. A special thank you goes to Bank of A. Levy for printing our invitations, and to our Gold Patrons -- Mr. and Mrs. George Appel, Mr. and Mrs. C. Eugene Thrift, the law firm of Muegenburg, Norman and Dowler, and one anonymous angel.



Patricia Meredith, Volunteer CAREGIVERS' new Executive Director.

**THERE IS A DESTINY THAT MAKES US BROTHERS;
NONE GOES HIS WAY ALONE:
ALL THAT WE SEND INTO THE LIVES OF OTHERS
COMES BACK INTO OUR OWN.**

These words of the poet Edwin Markham seem to exemplify the spirit of CAREGIVERS that has impressed me so much since I arrived on April 6th.

The commitment, concern, caring, and compassion of the CAREGIVERS Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff have been an inspiration to me, and I feel privileged to be associated with all of these loving and dedicated people.

How fortunate our 'persons served' are to have such caring volunteers to help make their lives a little brighter and easier. But, of course, it works both ways -- the volunteers get back so much from the service they give to others. I can see it in their eyes; I can hear it in their cheerful voices and feel it in their air of confidence and calm. Indeed, what we give to others comes back to us multiplied.

I thank those members of the CAREGIVERS family whom I've already met for your very warm welcome, and I look forward to meeting many more of you during the coming months. Our office door is always open, so please feel free to stop in to say hello and to share your thoughts and ideas about our program.

Pat Meredith

NEW FACES

We welcome to our Board:

- ***SISTER SUZANNE SOPPE**, a Sister of Mercy from St. John's Hospital
- ***KEITH YORK**, a long-time computer volunteer and friend of CAREGIVERS
- ***JACK COLLINGS**, former Board member and friend

and we rejoice with **SISTER VERONICA MALONEY, CSJ**, as she returns to our Advisory Board.

Welcome, too, to Berta Steele and Alison Wewerka. Berta is with us part-time to guide our fiscal way through a stable and secure fund development program. Joining us in November, Berta was the dynamic force responsible for our very successful SALUTE TO DISTINGUISHED SENIORS dinner in January. Alison is our cheerful part-time Administrative Assistant whose voice is usually the first one you hear when you call our Ventura office. She formerly worked in the City of Ventura Water Conservation Office.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER - a support group for persons who give care to a family member with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or memory loss - will meet every second and fourth Monday beginning June 8, 1992 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., at the Wilson Senior Center, 350 North "C" Street, Oxnard. There is no charge, and discussions will be held in both Spanish and English. Further information is available through VENTURA COUNTY SENIOR OUTREACH SERVICES at 652-7820.

55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE will be held in Oxnard at St. John's Regional Medical Center on Saturdays monthly until November. The 8-hour course runs from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and costs \$8.00. For dates and further information, call 988-2858. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

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OUR VOLUNTEERS:

Maura Parsons
Nancy Tate

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November 11, 1991 - May 22, 1992

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Thanks to a government grant through the Area Agency on Aging and the County Board of Supervisors, we'll soon have new computers and a new look to the Newsletter! **HOORAY !!!**

Hats off to the small faith groups of Assumption Parish! They cleaned, washed walls and windows, weeded and gardened for our CAREGIVER elders one lovely Saturday morning in May. Thank you!

We have a few walkers, canes and raised "Johnny seats" here in the office that can be loaned to those in the program. If you have a need, just let your Volunteer know.

Words of Wisdom

Every evening,
I turn worries over to God.
He's going to be up all night anyway.



Mary C. Crowley

VENTURA NEWS

So **MUCH** has happened since our last newsletter! We've been blest by the support of so many people! First of all, **WELCOME** to **PATRICIA MEREDITH**, who comes to us from United Way. As our new Director, she's already demonstrated her sure and steady hand, a ready smile, and a genuine enthusiasm for **CAREGIVERS**! Let me tell you, it's **GREAT** to be able to give my full attention to volunteer coordination again.

Then, a special and humble thanks for the generosity of Mr. Gilbert Kasik! In gratitude for the tender, competent and devoted volunteer services of Carol Basralian during the last five years, Mr. Kasik's bequest to **CAREGIVERS** will enable us to continue services to other frail elders this year. His beloved wife, Isabel, died in April, 1991. The Kasik Bequest leaves a legacy of love for others. Although his earthly life has ended, his love and gift will live on through the administration of the program so that others can be helped as he was. His is our first bequest... We pray that others will think of us in this vital way, so that services can expand. We are so limited without funds for staff to expand to other areas of the County, and the needs are so great! We receive calls for help daily, and we simply cannot respond outside of the cities of Ventura and Santa Paula without additional staff. It breaks my heart each time I say: "I'm sorry. We have no one to help in your area."

A big, beautiful **THANK YOU** to our wonderful Board,to Karen Busch, Alison Wewerka, Joni and Jeff Larrieu, Kate Mills, Deby Tygell, Joyce Cantrell, Juanita Taylor, Keith York, Bertie Gaertner and Sister Lorna who so generously helped to make the past five months a joy. The art and presence of Sister Barbara Dugan on Wednesdays is a special treat!

An appreciative farewell to one of our admirable coordinators, **BETTY EWIN**! Betty is retiring after three dedicated years of supervising matches, and providing support to volunteers. We will miss you, Betty, and we wish you and Don many happy times together.

United Way of Ventura County came to visit us in April, and the Board presented our program and request for funding to them. We are very grateful to so many people who contribute to us through United Way. With their support, all segments of our County population benefit! Because of the economic climate this year, it's a tough time for all agencies who work tirelessly so that others may experience a better quality of life.

Sister Jane Kelly

SANTA PAULA RAMBLINGS



Santa Paula volunteer Therese Unzen and daughter Kristen.

On January 7th, we celebrated our first year (physically) in Santa Paula. It's been a very successful one, thanks to the outpouring of support from the community. Blessings to each and every one of you who have contributed both time and effort to make this program work. Special thanks to Father Bill Baumgarten and St. Paul's Episcopal Church for our lovely "space".....

A big welcome is extended to the following new volunteers:

- *KAREN PETTIT
- *ANN ONTIVEROS
- *BARBARA HUBBARD

*THERESE UNZEN, who, in addition to being a volunteer, has consented to be our **SECOND** Coordinator, gathering the facts needed to keep our office running smoothly. Thank you, thank you.

Our second annual Endowment Dinner was a smashing success. Many Santa Paulans attended this function which is our main fund-raiser, and we were pleased to honor Floyd Hair for his achievements in the world of business and Margaret Keller for her professional life in the legal world. That night was a memorable one for many, and the room was filled with much joy.

NEWS FLASH!

We have been investigating the possibility of our bringing the **CAREGIVERS** program to Fillmore in the near future. In the past two months, we have met with various clergy and residents of that community explaining our concept, and by next month, we'll be moving into donated office space at the Church of the Nazarene.

Thought for the day: Everyone wants to live a long time, BUT NO ONE wants to get OLD!!!!

till next time, **Carol**



**Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
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Trinity Lutheran Church (M.S.)

The mission of CAREGIVERS is to enable the frail elderly who may be at risk of institutionalization to remain in their own home as long as possible. A volunteer is matched with a frail person and provides two to four hours weekly of neighborly, non-professional assistance with personal care, home management, social contacts and/or transportation.

We are able to provide this vital help to the frail elderly in Ventura and Santa Paula only because of the generosity of people like you. Your contribution will mean the world to an isolated senior. Please make checks payable to Volunteer CAREGIVERS.

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