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September 24, 2006**  
Volunteer Recognition  
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**October 2006**  
5th Annual Sailathon  
off the Ventura Pier.  
Details available soon.

### **Thanks to the generosity of Dan Sheridan**

we now own a 2001 Toyota  
Sienna Van to use in our  
CAREGIVERS Program.  
**Thank you so  
much Dan!**



### **A MESSAGE FROM: Interim Executive Director**

Carol Boatner

As some of you may have heard, there have been some changes here at CAREGIVERS. Despite these changes, our daily work continues. We are busy answering phone calls from distressed relatives and neighbors near and far, wanting to know how CAREGIVERS can help their friend or loved one. We follow up each and every call with a professional assessment of their needs. Then we all hope and pray that a new volunteer appears that wants to help us. Recently, due to the high price of gas, we are trying to accommodate our volunteers by matching them with a senior who lives closest to their neighborhood.

We invite all of our very special volunteers to circle their calendar and come to our 22nd annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Sunday, September 24th at 4pm at the Poinsettia Pavilion in Ventura.

We have had some great PR from Radio Stations KVTA 1520AM and "The Boomer" 1450AM. We hope you will tune in and hear the very professional ads being broadcast from these stations on behalf of CAREGIVERS.

The Oxnard/Pt. Hueneme program continues to roll along very successfully. We have approximately 60 seniors enrolled in our program and 46 volunteers.

Our "Building Bridges" Program matching youth volunteers with seniors continues to delight our homebound elders. By the sheer exuberance of our young people, each visit becomes a precious occasion that most seniors look forward to each week.

As finances improve, we hope to expand some of our services. We thank you for your continued support over this past fiscal year and we look forward to another successful year of growth in 2006-2007.

*"Old age ain't no place for sissies."*

...Bette Davis



## Music to Fundraise By...

By Veronica Daube, *Fundraising Coordinator*

When I started as Fundraising Coordinator ten months ago, one might say I was "Walking on Sunshine". I was entranced by my new position and thrilled by the notion that I could combine my love of people and party planning to help support such a wonderful organization. And thus began the musical of my life as a Professional Fundraiser. In October, we invited everyone to "Come Sail Away" with us at our 4th Annual Sailathon. Despite some cold weather, people of all ages gathered at the end of the Ventura Pier to watch sea craft from all over the county "compete" against each other for not only a hand carved tiki trophy, but bragging rights as well. Competition was fierce but all in good fun and at the end of the day over \$8,200 was raised to help the frail elderly.

We kicked off our holiday season by singing "Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend" as we celebrated An Enchanting Evening with the Women of Jewelia. This magical evening gave attendees an opportunity to get up close and personal with the famed "Jewelia" diamond necklace that has received national attention. Everyone enjoyed the delectable food graciously donated by Table 13 Restaurant in Ventura in a cozy, intimate setting. With an event net of over \$7,500, it is no question that these women are certainly "Diamonds in the Rough" and since "Diamonds are Forever", CAREGIVERS is looking forward to working with The Women of Jewelia again in the Future!

In December, I "Hit the Ground Running" as I dove head on into our 14th Annual "Wearin' o' the Green" Golf Tournament. As the New Year came and went, my "Working for a Living" was looking more like "Welcome to the Jungle" as I began to realize exactly how much was involved in pulling a tournament together. I was swimming in an endless sea of phone calls and correspondence as I sought out sponsors, golfers, and auction items. Before



I knew it, the date was March 6th and it was tournament day. Amazingly enough even though the day proved wrong the idea that "It Never Rains in Southern California" our wonderful volunteers and headstrong golfers found themselves "Singing in the Rain" as they worked through an entire day of golf and helped to net over \$22, 000! A special thanks go out to Cumulus Media for being our title sponsor.

I had no time to dry off as I moved from the Golf Tournament to the Grand Opening Celebration at the Murphy Auto Museum in Oxnard. If there was any question as to whether or not "I Get Around" in my job, this event was going to put it to rest. I had just finished soliciting in Camarillo and now I needed to turn my focus to our Oxnard neighbors. This joint event with the Murphy Classic Car Foundation honored Glatha Hemme, CAREGIVERS' first Oxnard Volunteer and Leo Bunnin, President and CEO of Bunnin Automotive Group who was bestowed the title of Murphy's Automotive Personality of the Year. On event day, April 23rd, we welcomed car enthusiasts from all over

Southern California. Between the diverse guest list, the wonderful BBQ food and the entertainment donated by the Take 4 Barbershop Quartet (Wayne Breese, Bill Butala, Tom Leese, and Jay Sumstine) it was hard for guests to pick out their favorite part of the day. All in all over \$3,600 was split between CAREGIVERS and the Murphy Classic Car Foundation.

Now as the 2005-2006 fiscal year comes to a close I pause for a moment to "Breathe". Unfortunately it is only a moment for then I have to start the whole thing over again. Luckily when you work for such a rewarding cause as CAREGIVERS "Working 9 to 5" actually becomes enjoyable and once again I am "Walking on Sunshine"!



Dan Murphy with Glatha Hemme and Leo Bunnin



A few of our dedicated volunteers



## CAREGIVERS Hits a "Home Run" in Oxnard!

By Courtney Darrough, *Oxnard Program Director*

Anthony Malinosky first contacted CAREGIVERS last year when he saw our posting on the Oxnard Community TV channel. He was recently widowed, and no longer able to drive due to vision and hearing loss. He needed help getting to the grocery store and running errands. He told us, "I'd like to go with someone who doesn't feel obligated, someone who is a good person and honestly wants to help."

Anthony "Tony" Francis Malinosky, is the son of Lithuanian parents who

immigrated to the U.S. at the turn of the 20th century. He was born October 5, 1909 in Collinsville, Illinois. He told us, "As a young boy, I knew that I wanted to play professional baseball." As a young man, Tony moved to Los Angeles with his family. While there, he attended Whittier College, where he excelled at all sports. After that, he went on to play shortstop for the 1937 Brooklyn Dodgers at the age of 27!

Dustin Darrough was recruited as a volunteer for the Oxnard program

back in the fall of 2005. He wanted to help an elderly person who was unable to drive. Knowing he was good-hearted and also loved baseball, we introduced him to Tony. They became friends right away. Dustin says, "I take him to the grocery store approximately 4 times a month, and help him shop. We will usually run a couple of other errands while we're out. Sometimes I'll stop by for a visit on the weekend. It's fun helping someone like Tony. When you give a little bit, you get a lot back!"



Tony Malinosky and his new "Team Mate" Dustin Darrough

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## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

*My how we have been busy! With this Newsletter we welcome four new board members: Gene Lee, Randall Swanson, Dennis Muehlenbach, and Anna Kittleson! Please join us in welcoming them to our CAREGIVERS family.*

**Gene Lee** is our youngest member of our Board of Directors who hails from Las Cruces, NM but grew up as a military dependent overseas. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering from UC Davis. He is single, currently living in Tarzana, and has worked in Ventura County for seven (7) years. Gene is a Financial Advisor for UBS. His areas of interest include golf, investing, reading, dining out, and helping family and friends. We welcome Gene's youthful energy and enthusiasm!

**Randall Swanson** is the most recent addition to the Board of Directors. Randall has been married to Jenipher for eleven years and they have three wonderful children, Gavin, Garret, and Caleb. Randall has had his own law practice specializing in Estate planning for six years. He is particularly proud of his wife who is the Director of Specialty Services for Children with Autism and his Navaho Indian heritage. Welcome Randall!

**Dennis Muehlenbach** is new to our Advisory Board this year. He is a Southern California native who lives in Thousand Oaks. He has been a Certified Financial Planner for the last twenty (20) years and currently works with Ameriprise Financial in Woodland Hills. His business focuses on financial planning and asset management for pre-retired and mature clients. Dennis has been married for 26 years, has four children, and enjoys golf and travel.

We also would like to congratulate and welcome **Howard Boroughs** and **Anna Kittleson** from the Advisory Board to the Board of Directors. Many of you already know our beloved Howard but Anna is a delightful new addition. Anna is a native Californian, married 26 years to Kris and has two teenage daughters, Kayla and Ariana. Anna has been an agent for Aflac Insurance for five (5) years. She likes to go camping and is a gourmet cook. We know she has a caring heart, as she has been involved with non-profits and community events for over 23 years! Congratulations to both Howard and Anna!

## A message from the Board of Directors...

The Board of Directors wishes to inform all of our CAREGIVERS friends that as of May 1, 2006, Dianne Kleppinger is no longer our Executive Director. Please join us in wishing her the best of luck in her new career

## A Recipe for a Successful Match!

*By Carol Boatner*

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