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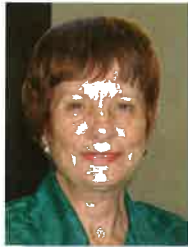
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~ Save The Date ~

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Charity Boat Race
Sunday, October 10, 2010



A Message from:

Carol Boatner, Executive Director

Planting "Seeds" in the Spring

Spring brings with it optimism, hope, joy, and human happiness. It is a time for change and renewal. Perhaps cleaning out your garden, now of weeds, wind swept leaves and debris from winter's wrath. In keeping with renewing ourselves from CAREGIVERS' standpoint, I have had this idea for a long time. We need to establish an offshoot of our program. It brings to mind a rosebush that you prune and cut to make new growth. So too, if we can establish a new "shoot" to our program, a volunteer based group to investigate new fundraising ideas and assist staff and

board members with the ones we now have in place, it would be a worthy endeavor.

It is general knowledge that we are constantly competing with the 3,000 other non-profit agencies in this county all looking for funding and new volunteers to help their cause. As you can imagine, it's a bumpy "row" to "hoe. We need



people who are positive and can visualize a fun way to bring in some extra "seeds." If you would like to volunteer to "till" and be part of the new garden for CAREGIVERS, please give us a call at 658-8530. We promise it will be a rewarding, fun time for everyone who wants to "plant."

Day of Fun in the Sun!!

18th Annual "Wearin 'O the Green" Tournament

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, CAREGIVERS welcomed all golfers to the greens at the Buenaventura Golf Course in Ventura. The traditional sound of the bagpipes played by Michael Reynolds, preceded the 91 golfers who participated in this charitable event. We sincerely thank Michael for his loyalty by playing for us every year.

Our major sponsors this year were: Ginny and Bob Carmarillo, Community Memorial Hospital, Don Russell Accountant, Metro-Med, Inc., Montecito Bank, Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, Sheeler Moving and Storage, Ventura South Rotary Foundation, Norm & Lynn Weitzel, & ZGolf Food & Beverage.

Board Member/Chair of the Golf Committee Mel Sheeler and Board Chair, Cie Macias welcomed everyone to the luncheon buffet at the Wedgewood Banquet Center. Mel and Pablo Ortiz kicked off the Live Auction with gusto! We sincerely thank Pablo and the following people and businesses who donated special items for this auction: Gold Coast Radio Spots by Pablo Ortiz, Wedgewood Wedding/Banquet Ctr..at Sterling Hills Golf Club by John Zaruka, Channel Isds. Helicopter, by Casey Daniel, Pierpont Racquet Club, Kati Escallier, The Magic Castle by Shawn McMaster, Channel Islands Aviation by Sarah Oberman, Southwest Airline tickets by John Zaruka, Capistrano's Restaurant by Steven Spira & Four Season's Cleaners by Sonny Shah.



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I'm sure the above businesses would appreciate your patronage and a thank you!



Sincere thanks to the following volunteers who helped during the day both in the early morning and all afternoon: Ariel Bertsch-Yve, Gilda Brice, Lucy Fay, Ernie Hosaki, Anna Kittleson, Jim Mangis, Augie Martinez, Oxnard City Corps, Sally Reynolds & Keith York. Our golf committee this year was: Mel Sheeler-Chair, Ginny Camarillo, Cie Macias, Augie Martinez, Skip Remley, Jack Tingstrom, Keith York & John Zaruka..A big thank you for all the work they did!

Congratulations to the happy winners: 1st Place: Charles Wade, Blake Wade & Rob Arnold. 2nd Place: Mark Pagano, John Lau, Nick Smith & Mike Gardner, 3rd Place: Matt Fausset, Tony Ochoa, & Keith Gunter, and 4th place: Charlie Tarin, Jason Tarin, Hector Tarin & Bill Bruckner...The Closest to the Pin winner was Bob Knudsen with 3 ft 2in. and the Longest Drive went to Laura Robinson with 401 yards.

Save the date March 17th for next year, same time, same place!



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Volunteer a wonderful addition to family

By Courtney Darrough

I would like to introduce Mrs. Donna Brooks, and her lovely friend Raquel Scher. Donna has been a Person Served in the CAREGIVERS Oxnard Program since December 2009. Raquel is new to Oxnard, and has been a CAREGIVERS volunteer since this past January. She has been assisting Donna ever since she entered the program, and now they are great

friends. Raquel has an affinity for the elderly, and helps out with transportation to Dr. appointments, errands, and gardening. "She took my dog to the Dog Groomer for me, and has helped me with all my lovely orchids outside. She is just so delightful! I am grateful to have her in my life. She anticipates my needs even before I do! She has been such a wonderful addition to the family".



I'm Back!!!



By Deana Minder

It is such a wonderful joy to be back here at CAREGIVERS! After taking nearly six months off for maternity leave, I honestly just could not wait to come back and meet all of the newest additions to

the program. My return has been quite successful and truly a blessing thus far. I have reconnected with my wonderful volunteer students and they have had many awesome stories to tell me about all that they have learned and accomplished with our elderly clients. One day this past week, particularly stands out in my mind. I took three female Buena High School students to a frail, elderly homebound seniors apartment. What a great day us

girls had!(This picture says it all) Immediately after ringing the doorbell, this woman opened the door with such enthusiasm and joy, that it made us all feel very welcomed. She had numerous activities for us to accomplish. By listening and completing all of her requests, it really made the students feel good about themselves. After finishing our tasks, we all sat around her couch and listened to her as she relayed many family stories from her past. Her face lit up the room and her stories and laughter came directly from her heart to all of ours.

Each day makes me so grateful, and each day the blessings continue with the services we offer throughout the City of Ventura. I am so happy to be back, and look forward to making more of our homebound elderly seniors, feel more and more comfortable and pleased with our CAREGIVERS' student "Building Bridges" Intergenerational Program.





A Volunteers Validation

By Marion Holzwarth

During our recent Golf Tournament, Sally Reynolds, an Oxnard Program volunteer,

came to help us decorate tables. She was well dressed for the spirit of St. Patrick's Day. I had an opportunity to strike up a conversation with her, and I am so glad I did. I had seen her volunteering at a local hospital, and hoped that she was still volunteering with CAREGIVERS' Program as well. And so I asked. Her answer knocked me off my feet. To paraphrase she said "You are my number one agency to volunteer for. I am still with the first person that I helped, even though she is in a nursing home; I go to the

nursing home daily and help her eat her morning meal, she will never be forgotten. What CAREGIVERS does, and allows me to help them do is a godsend. My heart will always be with volunteering for you. Knowing that there are other volunteers out in the community doing what I do, is also very gratifying. I tell everyone I can this important news: CAREGIVERS is a great organization!"



Sally Reynolds enjoying the Holiday!

My New Job as Camarillo Coordinator

By Nanci Cone

Over the years, I've had the good fortune of working with CAREGIVERS Volunteers Assisting the Elderly, a program I heard about when I first moved to Ventura in 1999. I have gotten to know Carol from referrals we made through Ventura Senior Services as well as from interviewing her for the "35 Plus" radio show and from writing an article about this terrific organization for The Breeze.



to fill in all the gaps in services. Employees and volunteers are extremely dedicated and committed to this program and I hope to be able to contribute to growing the Camarillo division. In the short time I have been part of this program, I feel inspired and I realize how much I am still learning.

When the opportunity arose to be a part of this program, I jumped at it. There is a tremendous need in Ventura County to provide help to the frail elderly and CAREGIVERS is doing an exceptional job trying

I look forward to meeting with various organizations and individuals dedicated to helping seniors remain in their homes and live their lives with dignity. Please feel free to call me at (805) 437-1755 to introduce (or reintroduce) yourself. And please don't hesitate to let me know how I can be of service to you!

Goodbye and Hello . . .

Goodbye to Sally Eckert-Smith

We were fortunate to have Sally as our Camarillo Coordinator for two years. She was an inspiration and joy to all the seniors that she came in contact with along with the volunteers that came forth during her tenure. We sincerely wish her the best of luck.

Another Sad Goodbye-to Our George

We had the pleasure of George Harrel's company for five months. He filled in as Interim Assistant Student "Building Bridges" Program when Deana Minder was on leave. The young volunteer students loved him and we sure appreciated his help during his time with us both in our office and out in the field. Best of Luck George in whatever you do!

Hello to Nanci Cone!

Recently, CAREGIVERS welcomed Nanci Cone to our program to fill the voided position that Sally left as our Camarillo Coordinator. Nanci is a multi-talented woman and a talented writer, presently writing part-time for the Ventura Breeze. She was the Community Services Coordinator at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center for 8 years. Some of you might have heard her weekly broadcast on KVTA called "The Senior Segment". She has a caring heart for seniors and their plight, with a full grasp of all senior organizations in Ventura County. We welcome Nanci to CAREGIVERS.



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