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FALL 2006-WINTER 2007

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past few months have been busy and full of fun and changes. And it's time to catch up before we get much farther into the new year.

The fall was in full swing with a visit from "Elvis" and his girl backup singer (Lloyd and Joyce Bradshaw) at Halloween, and the winter holidays were filled with parties and visits from a variety of Santas.

November brought in the new slate for the Board of Directors and the successful annual See's candy fundraiser.

December was party month with the annual holiday dance, the dinner at St. Katherine's Orthodox Church, and the Christmas party. There was also the holiday gift of a grant from The Gas Company through the efforts of Jerry Kostas, a member of St. Katherine's. It was a busy and happy end to 2006.

Now it's 2007 and already the days are already flying by. Martin Luther King Day, The Super Bowl, and President's Day are just days away. Valentine's day and warmer spring weather can't be far off.

*Sylvia Cameron*

## “SUPER” OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND SUPERBOWL

With the new year already kicked off, we knew it wouldn't be long until kick-off at the Super Bowl —this year it was Super Bowl XLI. And The Arc-South Bay sent one lucky person and a guest to the game.

The opportunity drawing held on January 12, 2007, left a very surprised Richard Pierce with the winning ticket. The ticket was drawn by Teddy Yoshida, and Gary Kohastu, Editor of the Gardena Valley News was there to photograph the winner.

The prize of two tickets to the Super Bowl Game on February 4, 2007 in Miami, Florida, included round-trip airfare and four nights lodging at the Courtyard Marriott.

The number of tickets was limited: only 650 were offered at \$20 each, which, even if sold out, made the odds pretty good.

Many thanks are offered to those who participated in this event because they have assisted The Arc-South Bay, a non-profit, charitable organization, in its mission to provide services to people with developmental disabilities.

## ST. KATHERINE'S CONNECTION LEADS TO GRANT FROM THE GAS COMPANY

To Michele Franks, Administrative Secretary at the Arc South Bay, Jerry Kostas had long been only a voice on the phone. They had chatted with one another for three years as they arranged and set up the annual Christmas dinner at St. Katherine's Orthodox Church in Torrance, but they had never met. That was until last December.

Kostas, who works part time for The Gas Company, had submitted The Arc-South Bay for a grant given by his employer. Only two organizations received grants from the Gas Company, and based on Kostas' application, The Arc was one.

So, on an early morning in December, Michele found herself in San Pedro attending a breakfast hosted by The Gas Company to receive the \$500 grant. There she finally met Jerry Kostas and put a face to the voice on the phone. Michele, who was there to represent The Arc, asked Jerry to speak about the organization, which he did and did well.

### In Memoriam

March 2006 – December 2006

*Our sincere sympathies to all of the loved ones of the departed – they will be missed.*

**Marjorie Zilk**, mother of Ronald and Jack who attend SWI. Her husband Robert also survives her. Marjorie passed away in March following a lengthy illness. She and her husband have been long time members of The Arc.

**Donald Spomer**, husband to Dorothy Spomer passed away following a lengthy illness. He is survived by wife, Dorothy who works so diligently with our bowling program. He is also survived by daughters Debbie and Pam, who participate in our bowling program.

**Beverly Baron**, founding member of The Arc, passed away June 16, 2006, following complications from a fall at home. Beverly is survived by her six children, one of whom (Judy) attends SWI.

**Floyd “Pete” Hathaway** founding member of The Arc, passed away July 30, 2006. Pete is survived by his wife Polly and children, one of whom (Christina) attends SWI.

**Kathryn Poehlman**, a long time member of The Arc passed away. Her son Glenn, who attended our Recreation Programs, survives her.

## HERMOSA BEACH HOSTS HOLIDAY HAPPENING

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrived for an early visit to The Arc-South Bay at Hermosa Beach. They arrived on December 15<sup>th</sup>, not by reindeer, but by bright red fire truck, courtesy of the Hermosa Beach Fire Department. In addition, a crew of Santa's elvish helpers accompanied them, arriving by ambulance.

The arrival signaled the beginning of the holiday celebration. In the gym, participants danced to the tunes provided by Board member, and 1st Vice President, Jimmy Coleman's band and received gifts contributed by the participants and distributed by Santa, who was played by former Board member Jimmy Donatelli, and his helpers.

The gift exchange was the culmination of a supervised shopping trip with staff. In addition, a trip earlier in the month to the Garment District led to material being acquired for 60 fleece quilts. The quilts were made by the staff and clients and were given to all.

It was an eventful celebration and a good time was had by all.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT SOUTHWEST INDUSTRIES

Christmas came a little early for consumers at The Arc-South Bay and Southwest Industries...sort of. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, the Christmas party, catered by Subway, was held at SWI.

In keeping with the theme of "Sharing the Spirit," consumers shared good times and good eats while a DJ played holiday tunes and more.

There was an Attendance Award ceremony, where many gifts were given out. There was one point during all the festivities where the consumers had the opportunity to sing their favorite Christmas carol.

As usual, at Christmas time every effort is made to be sure every consumer at Southwest Industries receives something for Christmas, and this Christmas was no different. Everyone left the party with a gift, happy and tired from the good eats and dancing. It was a merry Christmas party for all, and for all a good night.

## Annual Christmas Dinner Held at St. Katherine's

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Katherine's Orthodox Church sponsored their annual Christmas dinner for the consumers of The Arc-South Bay. Consumers received an invitation that included up to ten guests to attend the event at the church in Torrance.

The dinners began at least 15 years ago when Richard Pierce was looking for a place where consumers could play basketball. While St. Katherine's could not help with the gym, they were willing to sponsor a dinner for The Arc. And they graciously have done so every year since.

In addition to the dinner, efforts by a member of the church, Jerry Kostas, led to The Arc-South Bay receiving a \$500 grant from The Gas Company. Many thanks are due the kind and caring people at St. Katherine's and especially to Jerry Kostas.

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Santa, Mrs. Claus, and elves greet partiers at the Christmas Dance sponsored by the Torrance Elks Club.

## CHRISTMAS DANCE A BLAST

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Dance, held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, started off the holiday season in style. The evening festivities, sponsored by The Arc-South Bay and the Torrance Elks, took place at the Elks Club in Torrance from 7 pm to 9:30 pm. It was an evening of fun for all.

There were plenty of refreshments in the form of hors d'oeuvres and beverages and lots of good music. Those in attendance danced the evening away and participated in a gift exchange.

The evening was made even more special with a special appearance by Santa, who had his picture taken with each consumer.

# Meet Your 2006-2007 Board of Directors



A Gardena resident for more than 30 years, **Florence Bagsby** is a nurse at Daniel Freeman Hospital. Her brother attends our Adult Development Center in Hermosa Beach. She was first elected to the Board of Directors in 1997, and has served as Secretary in the past.



A long-time resident of Gardena, **Sylvia Cameron's** son Paul attends our Adult Development Center in Hermosa Beach. In addition to serving on the Arc Board (and being President) she has served on the City of Gardena's Rent Mediation Board where she received a commendation for her efforts.



**Jimmy Coleman** is the owner of The Coleman Connection and lives in Redondo Beach. He has been actively involved with the Arc's Adult Development Center in Hermosa Beach for the past 6 years and has received an award from the Arc for his volunteerism. He is currently the President of the Board of Directors.



**Ed Feuer** is a roofing contractor, who also happens to have a B.S. degree and several years of graduate school study. He lives in Redondo Beach, and has been actively involved with the Arc's Adult Development Center in Hermosa Beach for the past 6 years.



**Bobbie Hedges** grew up in the San Fernando Valley and graduated with a BS in Biology from CSUN. Now a retired school teacher, she volunteers at Cabrillo Beach Museum in San Pedro. Bobbie was elected to her first term on the Board in 1996.



**Paul Kang** is a C.P.A. with his own firm in Gardena. A member since 1990, Mr. Kang has served on the Finance Committee for several years; he was also on the Board of Directors and served as Treasurer. Mr. Kang graduated from UCLA with a business degree, and lives in Pacific Palisades.



**Warren Kelly** is a partner in the law firm of Amador, DesJardins and Kelly, in Long Beach (a general service law firm specializing in litigation). He is past President of the Rotary Club of South Bay Sunrise and has been active in many of their service projects. (This club is a prominent supporter of The Arc-South Bay.)



**Tom Wong** was President of the Board of Directors in 1991 and in 1995. His daughter Gina attends our Hermosa Beach Adult Development Center. He has a BA in International Relations from Cal State LA and retired from Hughes Aircraft in 1989 after 23 years as a Data Management Specialist.



**Lorenzo Ybarra** is a Past President and former Treasurer of The Arc-South Bay Board of Directors. A graduate of USC, Mr. Ybarra has a M.B.A. in General Management and Finance from Harvard University. He also served as Treasurer of the City of Gardena for many years.

## “ELVIS” MAKES HALLOWEEN VISIT

Move over Great Pumpkin, You’ve got nothing on Elvis! On a sultry Friday in late-October, an incarnation of Elvis Presley, the “king of rock-and-roll” visited The Arc at the Hermosa Civic Center for annual Halloween Party.

The party was well under way with consumers of The Arc dining on a special lunch of pizza, home-made chicken wings, cupcakes and punch. Then everyone gathered in the gym to wait for Elvis to arrive. They did not have to wait long.

Decked out in green spandex and sequins, Elvis was greeted by his adoring fans, which included a Superhero, witches, a football player, a fairy princess, a ghost-buster, a come-as-you-are pajama-clad person, assorted pumpkins, and a mysterious person in a wide-brimmed purple hat.

Despite the warm weather, Elvis, in the guise of Lloyd Bradshaw, and his backup singer, seamstress, and wife, Joyce, filled the gym with sound and the songs Elvis made famous. Elvis received fan mail in the form of handmade cards from the attendees. One consumer, Clarbell, requested a rendition of “Blue Suede Shoes,” which Elvis happily honored to the delight of all. He was also presented with a hand-stitched pillow.

During the performance, Elvis and his helper distributed stuffed animals, giving everyone something to hold on to as he serenaded the crowd with “I Can’t Help Falling in Love with You.” As Elvis rocked on, it wasn’t long before participants were dancing in their chairs and some jumped up to move to the music.

After the concert, Elvis stayed for photos, mementos of a memorable afternoon. And then,



Costumed consumers share photo op with Elvis.

Elvis disappeared into his dressing room and Lloyd Bradshaw emerged, smiling.

Tired from the excitement and with Halloween goodies in tow, consumers waited for their buses, still jamming to songs of their own, and still having a pretty darned good time.



Top sellers Ricard Acuna, Valerie Cassidy, and Martin Ortiz show off with Michele Franks.

## SWEET RESULTS FROM SEE’S FUNDRAISER

The results are in and a lot of people are going to be enjoying boxes of See’s candies! Encouraged by the “Sell,Sell; Win, Win” slogan, the consumers of The Arc-South Bay went out and sold lots of See’s candy.

Valerie Cassidy, who sold at least \$300 worth of candy, won the drawing for a portable color TV, but opted for a portable DVD instead. Richard Acuna and Martin Ortiz, who each sold at least \$200 worth of candy, won the drawing for Los Angeles Lakers gift bags that contained all sorts of goodies including a Los Angeles Lakers’ basketball, cap, a foam finger, a T-shirt, magazines, books, and a pencil.

Also, each person who participated in the See’s Candy fundraiser was given a Los Angeles Lakers’ T-shirt. These T-shirts were donated to The Arc from the good folks at Staples Center Event Services department...Go Guest Services Representatives!

Go Lakers! Go See’s!

# CALENDAR

## February 2007

| Sun                         | Mon   | Tue | Wed                   | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
|-----------------------------|---|-----|-----------------------|---|-----|--|
| <i>Happy Valentines Day</i> |   |     |                       | 1   | 2   | 3<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m.       |
| 4                           | 5   | 6   | 7                     | 8   | 9   | 10<br>MRC Bowling Tour<br>Pre-registration<br>required |
| 11                          | 12  | 13  | 14<br>Valentine's Day | 15  | 16  | 17<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m.      |
| 18                          | 19<br>President's Day<br>All ARC Programs<br>CLOSED | 20  | 21                    | 22<br>Board Meeting<br>Arc Conference<br>Room<br>Noon | 23  | 24<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m.      |
| 25                          | 26  | 27  | 28                    |   |     |  |

## March 2007

| Sun   | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|-----|-----|-----|---|--|--|
| <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>  |     |     |     | 1   | 2  | 3<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m.       |
| 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9<br>Kick Off Dinner<br>7-9<br>Toyota Meeting Hall<br>Torrance<br>Pre-registration<br>required | 10<br>MRC Bowling Tour<br>Pre-registration<br>required |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16   | 17<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m.      |
| 18<br>Basketball<br>Tournament<br>San Diego<br>Pre-registration<br>required | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22<br>Board Meeting<br>Arc Conference<br>Room<br>Noon | 23   | 24<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m.      |
| 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30   | 31<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m.      |

## April 2007

| Sun         | Mon | Tue                 | Wed | Thu   | Fri              | Sat   |
|-------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---|------------------|---|
| 1           | 2   | 3                   | 4   | 5   | 6<br>Good Friday | 7<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m.  |
| 8<br>Easter | 9   | 10                  | 11  | 12  | 13               | 14<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m. |
| 15          | 16  | 17                  | 18  | 19  | 20               | 21<br>Long Beach Area<br>Games                    |
| 22          | 23  | 24                  | 25  | 26<br>Board Meeting<br>Arc Conference<br>Room<br>Noon | 27               | 28<br>League Bowling<br>Bowl O Drome<br>9:15 a.m. |
| 29          | 30  | <i>Happy Easter</i> |     |   |                  |   |

## May 2007

| Sun                       | Mon | Tue | Wed  | Thu | Fri | Sat   |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|---|
| <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> |     |     |  | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 4                         | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| 11                        | 12  | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| 18<br>Mother's Day        | 19  | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23  | 24<br>Board Meeting<br>Arc Conference<br>Room<br>Noon |
| 25                        | 26  | 27  | 28<br>Memorial Day<br>All Arc Programs<br>CLOSED | 29  | 30  | 31  |



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