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# THE VANGUARD

FALL 2007

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Peaceful End-of-Summer to All Arc Members,

I'm pleased to report that it's been a busy and successful few months at The Arc. The programs are in good shape. In particular, the Work Activity Center (Southwest Industries) has acquired some new business along with other good prospects; and contract sales continue to improve.

I would also like to thank Board Member Bobbie Hedges and longtime Arc supporter and former Board President John Kirk for their hard work on a very successful Golfathon. The players had a fun day and The Arc reaped the rewards of their diligent efforts.

The re-model of the Gardena Adult Development Center is underway. We look forward to its completion and what it will mean to the Gardena clients and staff to have a clean and bright facility to come to each day. We will be holding Open House upon finishing and hope to see you all there.

It's that time of year again for the Board of Directors elections. Members have received a letter asking for names of people who might be interested in becoming Board members. I hope you have responded. The Nominating committee has its work cut out for them each year looking for willing, knowledgeable people to fill seats. Mention the Arc to your friends when making small talk. You may be surprised.

Sylvia Cameron Board President

Providing programs and services for people with developmental disabilities in the South Bay since 1959.

## **Opening at Southwest House** (Goodbye Tina!)

The Arc-South Bay's Level II group home, Southwest House, will have an opening in mid-September. The prospective resident must be female, have self-help skills (i.e., bathing, grooming) and share a room with another female. There are no fees to residents, as this program is Regional Center funded. Contact Richard Pierce at 310-532-6333, x225 for more details.

The reason for the opening is that Tina Hathaway, who has lived at Southwest House for 20 years, is



moving out of the area to be closer to family. Tina is shown above (far right) with her Southwest House friends.

## New Bathroom at Southwest House





Also at Southwest House, after years of dreaming, hoping and planning, the downstairs (basement) bathroom is a reality! Before this remodel, the men who occupied the downstairs bedroom had to walk upstairs to the ground level for a bathroom facility. The project was funded through donations from the AFTER



families of the House residents including: Haru Blanchard; Pete Hathaway, Jr.; Polly Hathaway; Mr. and Mrs. Mohler, and Mr. and Mrs. Turrentine.

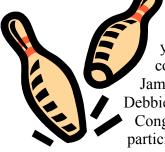
The basement is not the only part of the house to get a makeover...wood flooring has been installed in the dining room and an air conditioner will be added to the family room.

The next BIG project is remodeling the main bathroom upstairs. This project is planned with the assistance of the South Bay Rotary club.

# Reconstruction at ADC-Gardena

Another big project underway is the renovation at our Adult Development Center at 135<sup>th</sup> and Vermont in Gardena. This school-like facility was built in the early 1960's and has been in need of a facelift for some time. Improvements in the works are air-conditioning, new lights and flooring, landscaping, replacement cabinets, new furnace, new kitchen appliances and bathroom fixtures. We hope that work will be completed by mid-November.

## Family Bowling Round-Up



A summer tradition for 23 years, Family Bowling Day was held this year in July. Our special athletes were paired with family or friends to compete in three games of bowling. Grabbing the first place title were: James and Ed Hurst; 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Carl and Yvonne Purkey; and Debbie Spomer and Louise Elliott brought up the rear with 3rd place. Congratulations to all and a big "thank you" to the 68 bowlers who participated this year.

### Revival of the Golfathon

After a hiatus of 11 years, the Arc-South Bay/Rotary Golfathon was revived on May 21, 2007. Sixty golfers participated in the fun event at California Country Club in Whittier. Prizes were given out for longest drive, closest to the pin, putting contest and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams.

After all was said and done, The Arc and the South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club each netted \$5397. Not bad for the first time in 11 years. A HUGE thanks to the committee chaired by Rotarian Roman Castaneda: Arc volunteer Bobbie Hedges, Richard Pierce, Judy Senter, Ken Hovsepian, John Kirk Jim Beardsley and Navin Shetti.

A tentative date has been set for the 2008 Golfathon on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Lakewood Country Club.

## In Memoriam

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

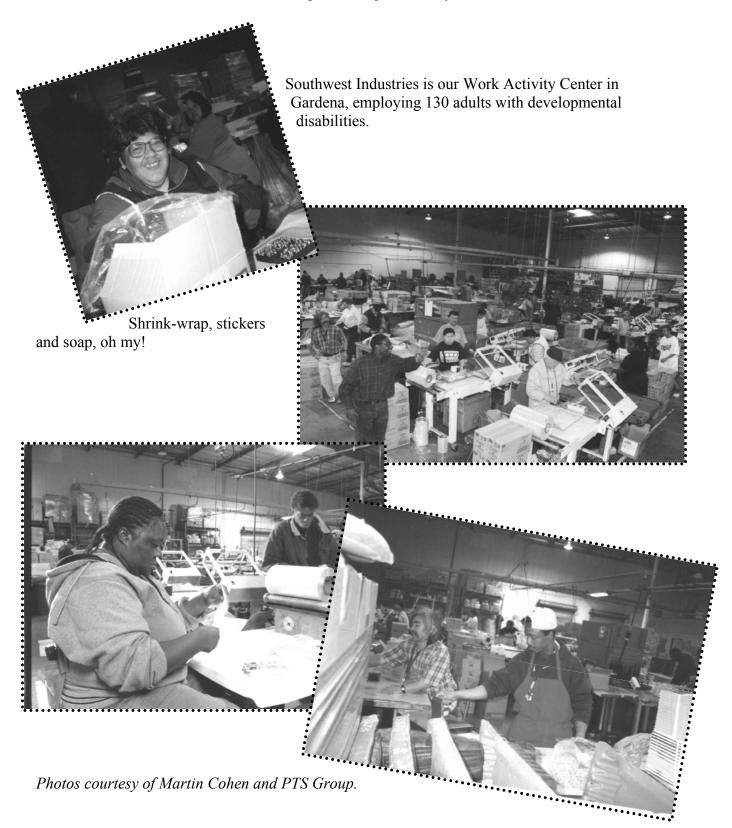
*Marjorie Steinhoff*, August 9, 2007. The daughter of Laura Johnson and Harry Steinhoff, and step-daughter of Wayne Johnson, Marjorie attended our programs since her early childhood days, and her mother has long been an active member of the Arc, serving on the Board and many committees.

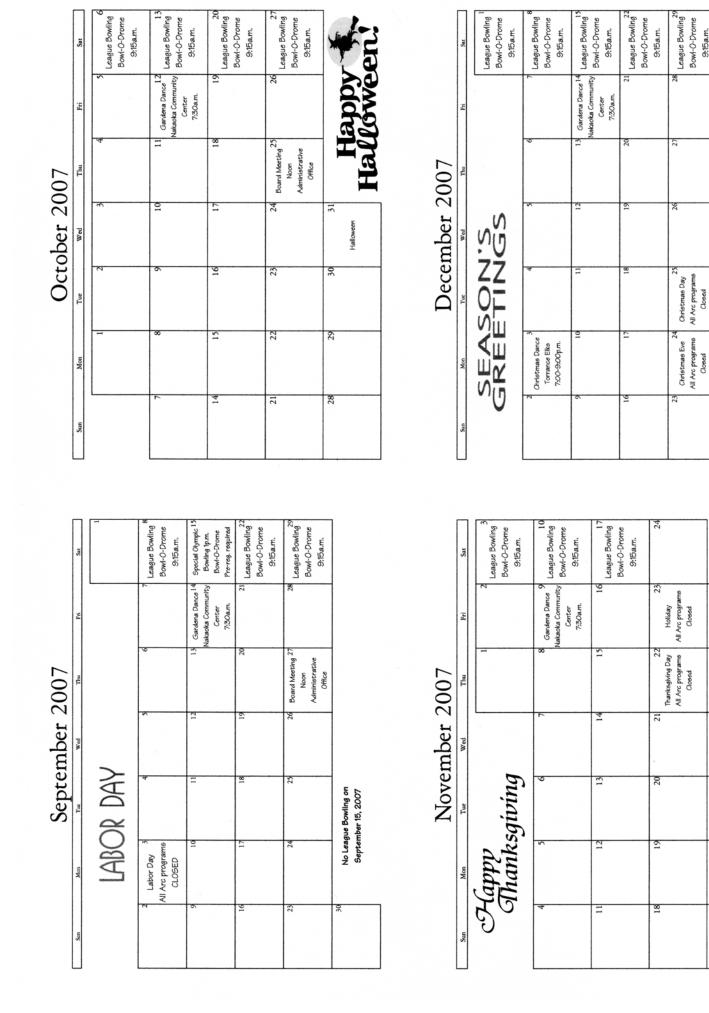
*Edith Kettering*, September 3, 2007. Long-time member and organizer of the Friendship Dances and Go-Getters, Edith is survived by her son John and two daughters. Edith was the Arc Hall of Fame winner in 1982.



# All in a Day's Work!

Photos from Southwest Industries, showing both the productivity and the fun!





9:15a.m.

December &th St. Katherine Orthodox Church Torrance

Dinner

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Board Meeting

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Administrative

Office Noon



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