



The Arc-South Bay  
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# THE VANGUARD

FALL - WINTER 2008

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Due to the diligent efforts of the Executive Director and staff, it's been a very productive year for The Arc-South Bay, even in the face of the California budget crisis. Our financial picture is good, and programs for our clients are thriving. Within the next few months you will receive a Financial Report in the mail -- please take the time to look it over. We thank all of those people who helped and supported The Arc this past year with our various projects and fundraisers. You know who you are! Some go over and above what's expected. As a result, the Gardena Adult Development Center refurbish has been completed, Southwest Industries is busy fulfilling a record number of contracts, the Hermosa ADC is attracting more clients and Southwest House is adding another bathroom along with other improvements. In the upcoming year, we will celebrate fifty years as an Association! (Watch your mail for information.) I became a member about three years into the effort, so I have many memories of how and what it took to bring us to where we are today. There were so many parents and supporters who put their heart and souls into making The Arc a success. This group includes my parents Frank and Rosemary Ruiz, whom I can never thank enough. There have been many hard, hard times along the way of course, but here we are 50 years later, still going strong! This will be the last President's Message from me for a while. It's time for me to say goodbye as I will be leaving as an official member of the Board. I have enjoyed my years of service and will continue to support The Arc whenever I can. I would encourage members who have not had the opportunity to be on the Board to do so. Volunteer! We need every member's help to be successful. We can go another 50 years but it will take every member's help -- however little -- to do it!

Thank you,

*Sylvia Cameron*  
Board President

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

## GOT FOOTBALL FEVER?

Get ready for the Super Bowl. Yes, YOU can go to Super Bowl XLIII, if you win our Super Bowl Opportunity Drawing. The lucky winner will receive round-trip airfare for two from LAX to Tampa, FLA, four nights' lodging and two Super Bowl Tickets. Your odds of winning are one in 600 – because only 600 tickets will be sold! Each ticket costs \$20.



Your Opportunity Drawing tickets are included in this mailing...call us at 310-532-6333 if you want extra tickets for friends and family. The drawing tickets make great Christmas stocking stuffers and support our work at The Arc-South Bay to boot.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> GOLFATHON TEES OFF

On August 15, 2008, the South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club and The Arc-South Bay held a very successful second annual Golfathon at the California Country Club in Whittier. Sixty-four golfers had an enjoyable day with lunch, great golf and a wonderful dinner. Prizes were provided for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams.

A raffle was conducted during the evening's banquet with fantastic prizes donated by local businesses and our members. A big "thank you" to Arc Board Member **Bobbie Hedges** for her work in obtaining these raffle prizes and to our members who assisted with cash

donations. The event went smoothly in large part due to the efforts of the Golfathon Committee, chaired by Rotarian **Roman Castaneda** (pictured here). Their hard work netted a cool \$8400 (split with Rotary and Arc).



## FAMILY BOWLING DAY

A tradition for 24 years, Family Bowling Day takes place during the summer break in our Saturday A.M. Bowling League. Our special athletes were paired with family, friends or volunteers to compete in three games of bowling at the AMF Bowl-A-Drome in Torrance.

After three games of competitive bowling, **Ron and Karen Geyer** walked off with 1st place. Second place went to **Mike Bernhardt and Scott Elliott**; and **Mariuz and Marion Podpora** came in third. Long-time bowler and former Southwest Industries trainee **Judy Baron** came all the way from Colorado to participate, and with her brother-in-law **Dave** wound up with the Most Inspirational Award. Congratulations to all and a big "thank you" to the 72 bowlers who participated. Also, let's not overlook our dedicated volunteers **Dorothy Spomer and Marge Bernhardt**, who "ran the show" this year.

## MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!



**Florence Bagsby** has been a resident of Gardena for more than 40 years. A registered nurse, she retired in 2002 after 40 years at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, and Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood. Florence is a community volunteer and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2004. She has served as secretary in the past.



**Sylvia Cameron** (Immediate Past President) Ms. Cameron is retired from Chicago Specialty /Nibco Inc. where she was an Operations Manager. She has long been very active in the South Bay serving on The Arc Board of Directors and the City of Gardena's Rent Mediation Board where she received a commendation for her efforts. She currently is a tutor with the South Bay Literacy Council. Ms. Cameron's son Paul attends our Adult Development Center in Hermosa Beach.



**Jimmy Coleman** has owned his own business (Coleman Connection, Inc) for the last fifteen years. He served on the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association and received several Distinguished Service Awards for his volunteer efforts. Coleman has been actively involved with the Arc's Adult Development Center in Hermosa Beach for the past ten years, has previously served as President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President on the Arc's Board of Directors and has received an award from the Arc for his volunteerism.



**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 10 years. He is an avid tennis player and has received many awards.



**Paul Flahive** has been an active member of The Arc-South Bay since 1980 and has, in the past, served as President and Secretary. He is a retired Special Education teacher after 30 years at Mira Costa High School. In 1991 the Los Angeles Dodgers honored Paul as Education Hero and presented him with an award. Mr. Flahive lives in Manhattan Beach and spends his summers in Maine.



**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 and has served as Secretary.



**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.



**John Kirk** has been an active member of The Arc since the 1980's, and previously served as President. He is a graduate of Southern Technical Institute and USC in Financial Planning. He has worked in the financial field for over 20 years, and is currently the CEO of Ashland Investment Advisors. His civic involvements have included affiliations with the Torrance South Bay YMCA, Torrance Memorial Medical Center, and member and past president of the Rotary Club of South Bay Sunrise.



**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 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. Mr. Ybarra is a self-employed C. P. A. practicing in Torrance, and has a Community College Teaching Credential. He was the Treasurer for the City of Gardena for 17 years, a former Board Member of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Gardena YMCA Board of Directors, and is a member of the Gardena Rotary Club.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR COMEDY

The South Bay  
will host an evening  
& Magic Club in  
Details on this evening



Sunrise Rotary Club and The Arc-South Bay  
of food and entertainment at the Comedy  
Hermosa Beach on **March 20, 2009**.  
of fun will follow in later communications.

## ADC-GARDENA REMODEL COMPLETE

After many years of dreaming, our Adult Development Center in Gardena is sporting a new look these days! Outside, worn-out roofing was replaced with new, and the parking lot was refinished.



Inside, old tile flooring was replaced with new, each classroom had their old cabinets removed and new locking cabinets installed. Also, each classroom sink and cabinet was replaced with brand-new fixtures. The kitchen is home to new appliances, fixtures and cabinets. And, last but not least, after a complete interior painting, new light fixtures and air conditioning were installed.



Thanks to **Andersen Construction** for their outstanding work and their assistance in keeping the price down. Consumers, staff and visitors all agree it is a HUGE improvement!

### HOW DID WE PERFORM?

Every year Southwest Industries conducts a self-analysis measuring its performance in specific areas. Performance goals and objectives are set by members of the management team. Each branch of Southwest Industries conducts its own performance analysis (outcomes report), and we'd like to share their results with you.

In the Organizational Employment Services department (the Work Activity Center), we met three of our six targeted goals and didn't meet the other three. (Met: Two stakeholder satisfaction goals and an increased enrollment objective. Didn't meet: Attendance goal, increased number of new consumers learning new tasks, and time from referral to entrance into program.)

In Community Employment Services (supported employment), we met 4 out of 5 performance goals. (Met: Increased individual placements and group placements, increased consumers' access to CAL JOBS website and stakeholder satisfaction. Didn't meet: Increased consumers placed in jobs within six months of identification.)

We look forward to utilizing this information in our planning for next year.

# November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14 Gardena Dance Nakaoka Community Center 7-9p.m.	15 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day All Arc Programs Closed	28 Holiday All Arc Programs Closed	29 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
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*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

# December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>SEASON'S GREETINGS</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6 League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9:15a.m.	
	7 Christmas Dance Torrance Elks 7:00-9:00p.m.	8	9	10	11	12 Gardena Dance Nakaoka Community Center 7-9p.m.	13 League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9:15a.m.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20 League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9:15a.m.
	21	22	23	24 Holiday Closure All Arc Programs Closed	25 Christmas Day All Arc Programs Closed	26 Holiday Closure All Arc Programs Closed	27 NO LEAGUE BOWLING
	28	29	30	31	Dinner December 6th St. Katherine's Orthodox Church Torrance		

# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day All Arc Programs Closed	2	3 NO LEAGUE BOWLING
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day All Arc Programs Closed	20	21	22 Board of Directors Meeting Noon	23	24 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Bowling Tournament Santa Ana



# February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m. Valentine's Day
15	16 President's Day All Arc Programs Closed	17	18	19	20	21 League Bowling Bowl-G-Drome 9:15a.m.
22	23	24	25	26 Board of Directors Meeting Noon	27	28 Bowling Tournament Santa Ana



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**Type of Membership:**

- Regular - \$15.00
- Silver - \$25.00
- Gold - \$100.00
- Lifetime - \$1000.00
- Associate (non-voting) - \$10.00

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- Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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