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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Let me start out with a short update on our funding...as most of you know, there is a deficit in the current State of California with projections reaching between \$14-\$16B. As a result, a revised budget was passed through both houses and moves on to the Governor's desk. Cost containment measures including rate freezes for programs such as ours are indefinite. This means that we will continue to have low rates for our programs, especially the ADC-Gardena site, as it was vendored in the 1970's. We will stay on top of any further developments and encourage you to contact us with any questions. Your help with letter writing campaigns when there are issues affecting the ARC would be appreciated. Contact us whenever you have questions, arcsobay@arcsobay.org.

I want to welcome John Kirk back to the board after a long absence. Even though he has not been a Board member, John never forgot the ARC and has been donating his time and advice with our investment funds. He was instrumental in organizing the Golf-a-Thon last year. Which leads me to my next subject...

Please save this date! FRIDAY, AUGUST, 15TH, 2008, the day of this year's Golf-a-Thon. Help us make it bigger and better than last year. We need golfers! Talk it up to your golfing friends and join the fun. Participants will enjoy a beautiful dinner with lots of prizes. We need your help with sponsors, prizes and donations from companies, restaurants, your friends and business contacts. Call us and look for further details about the event inside this newsletter.

Here's to beautiful Spring days ahead and good, strong and productive months for our client programs and staff.

Sylvia Cameron
Board President

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

Valentine's Day at Southwest Industries

Valentine's Day at The Arc's Southwest Industries (SWI) is always a wonderful time and this year was no exception. The SWI consumers danced to foot-stomping music and ate plenty of appetizing food including home-made spaghetti mac, string beans, Hawaiian dinner rolls, punch, and for dessert - red and white cupcakes.

For the consumers who weren't camera shy, there was an opportunity to have their photo taken in front of our Hearts and Cupid background. (The design background was put together by our own staff person Andrew Diesta.) The photos were then printed and presented to each person as a memento of the party.

Edco Donates Gift Bags *Valentine's Day Bonus!*

Edco, a premier fashion jewelry and novelty resource resort, fashion, tourist and gift industries, recently donated 120 gift goodie bags for our lady consumers at Southwest Industries and at the Adult Development Centers for Valentine's Day.



The bags contained two rings, a necklace, earrings with matching bracelet, hair jewelry and beaded bracelet!
Thank you, Edco!



Donations made to The Arc-South Bay for Christmas 2007

The following companies and individuals contributed money for us to use on food and presents for the Holiday Party at Southwest Industries.

Our heartfelt thanks to all!

- Hudson Paint and Auto Body
- Phil Rubaloff Inc.
- Edco, Inc.
- Beauty Cloth
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Constant
- JLV Food Services
- Gladys McKinney
- Gardena Emblem Club #257
- Albert Jicha
- Chevron Federal Credit Union



"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself." -- Ben Franklin

Goodbye to The Arc-South Bay

Edna Harville, a line supervisor at The Arc-South Bay's Southwest Industries, recently retired after almost 40 years of service.

On January 11, the staff and consumers of The Arc-South Bay/Southwest Industries gathered to send Edna away with a big bang.....a surprise Retirement Party...and she was truly surprised!



Edna posing with her gifts.

A few of her going away gifts included a giant print Holy Bible, a photo album that included pictures of the entire staff at Southwest Industries, and all of the consumers on her line and other consumers around the workshop.



Edna surrounded by her consumers as they say farewell.

Edna started with the association on September 7, 1968, when it was called the Southwest Association of Retarded Children (SWARC). She held various positions at the association's Value Village thrift store before transferring to Southwest Industries. She will truly be missed.

Success is the Operative Word!

Community Employment Services

By Michael Murphy, CES/SE Mgr.

The Community Employment (Supported Employment) Services Department of Southwest Industries has several reasons to celebrate in 2008. Since February 2007 we have placed nine consumers at individual placements throughout the South Bay!

Six of our consumers have been employed by Von's/Pavilion's markets in Gardena, Hermosa Beach,

and Rolling Hills Estates as courtesy clerks, with one being promoted to a janitorial position. Ralph's Market in Bixby Knolls employed one consumer, starting her out as a courtesy clerk, and now training her as a deli clerk.

One of our consumers, Donald Patterson, was named "Employee of the Month" for August 2007 at the Von's in Gardena where he was placed. We are so proud!!

Our neighbor on Rosecrans Avenue, Deco Lighting, provides employment for two consumers doing inventory control and assembly, with the possibility of more openings in the summer of 2008. And finally, one consumer works at Home Town Buffet as a kitchen worker.

In addition to individual placements, the department has two enclave programs, one for lawn service and one for janitorial. In these programs, small groups of consumers work together in the community under the supervision of trained staff.



The lawn crew poses in the new truck!

Our Lawn Services crew is very proud of their new 2007 Chevy Silverado. The lawn equipment fits perfectly in the cargo bed and the air conditioning provides much needed relief for the crew during the hot summer days.



Lawn Services is considering expanding into commercial property maintenance contracts as well as partnerships with local gardening programs that will provide specialized training for those consumers interested in landscaping and custom gardening techniques.

Meanwhile, the Janitorial Services continues to grow and provide excellent cleaning services throughout the area.

While it has established several new accounts in recent months, Janitorial Services maintains superlative relationships with our long-term contracts. In a recent Customer Satisfaction Survey, our

crews scored a 90% satisfaction rate. Next year we are shooting for 95%.

In 2007 our department welcomed a donation of used computers from Honda Corporation/Financial Services in Torrance. These computers have been put to good use by facilitating on-line job searches for our consumers. The computers are also available to consumers in the Work Activity Program (workshop) who want to learn computing basics.



All in all, the prospects are bright for Supported Employment - where success is the operative word!

Bowlers Headed for Reno

For over 35 years, The Arc-South Bay has sponsored the Saturday A.M. Bowling Program for our consumers. In January and February, Saturday A.M. bowlers competed against 700 other bowlers throughout the state to see who would make it to the State Finals.

The Arc teams and individual bowlers who will be heading to Reno for the May 3rd finals are:

Team 1 - Mike Bernhardt, Ron Geyer, James Hurst and Debbie Spomer.

Team 2 - Bob Fick, Jim Hansen, Mariusz Podpora and Pam Spomer.

Team 3 - Larry Blackwell, Janice Clark, David Mohler and Lindsay Swanson.

Individual bowlers making the cut were Lonnie Daniels, David Jones, Jr. and Kevin Sanders.

Congratulations and GOOD LUCK to all of our exceptional athletes!

The Arc-South Bay Mission Statement

Our Mission is to attract and serve consumers with developmental disabilities by:


- Promoting the general welfare of individuals with developmental disabilities
- Providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities which will enhance their opportunities for growth and independence
- Providing support to the families of individuals with developmental disabilities
- Reducing the incidence and limiting the consequence of mental retardation through education and advocacy and through supporting research with the help of families, friends and the community
- Facilitating equal access to society for individuals with developmental disabilities

**The Arc South Bay is a member unit of
the
State and National Arcs.**

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Easter						1 League Bowling Bowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
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2	3	4	5	6 Special Olympic Kick Off Dinner **(see below for location)	7	15 League Bowling Bowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
9	10	11	12	13 Dance Nakaoka Community Center 7-9p.m. \$2.00	14	22 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
16 Palm Sunday	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21 Good Friday	29 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
23 Easter Sunday	24	25	26 Board of Directors Meeting Noon	27	28	
30	31	**Torrance Cultural Arts Center 3330 Civic Center Drive Torrance, CA (310) 731-7150				

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
		8	9	10	11 Dance Nakaoka Community Center 7-9p.m. \$2.00	12 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m. Awards Banquet Noon
13	14	15 Income Taxes DUE	16	17	18	19 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Board of Directors Meeting Noon	25	26 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
27	28	29	30			

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Open Bowling Dowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9 Dance Nakaoka Community Center 7-9p.m. \$2.00	10 Open Bowling Dowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Open Bowling Dowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
18	19	20	21	22 Board of Directors Meeting Noon	23	24 Open Bowling Dowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
25	26 Memorial Day Holiday All Arc Programs Closed	27	28	29	30	31 Open Bowling Dowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Open Bowling Dowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13 Dance Nakaoka Community Center 7-9p.m. \$2.00	14 Open Bowling Dowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m. <hr/> Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 Open Bowling Dowl-O-Drom 9:15a.m.
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