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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring 2013

Dear Members,

Now that the New Year is well underway, we are looking forward to Spring and the promise of even better things to come.

We are grateful for the support of our community this past Holiday season. Many of you contributed not only year-end donations, but also made donations to our Pledge Campaign. I would like to mention here that the Pledge Campaign was the brainchild of the late Pete Hathaway, known to many of you. He envisioned the Pledge Campaign as a way to bring in regular revenue throughout the year via monthly or quarterly donations to the Arc. If you haven't already responded to our January mailing, please mail your return envelope with your pledge.

In this issue you will read about the Board of Directors for the year, including our newest members JoAnn Carter and Doris Sims. We also wish to thank our outgoing members, Paul Kang and Jimmy Coleman.

Finally, please remember our Community Employment Program when you are in need of lawn or cleaning services. Our supervised crews will come to your business or home and provide the service you need.

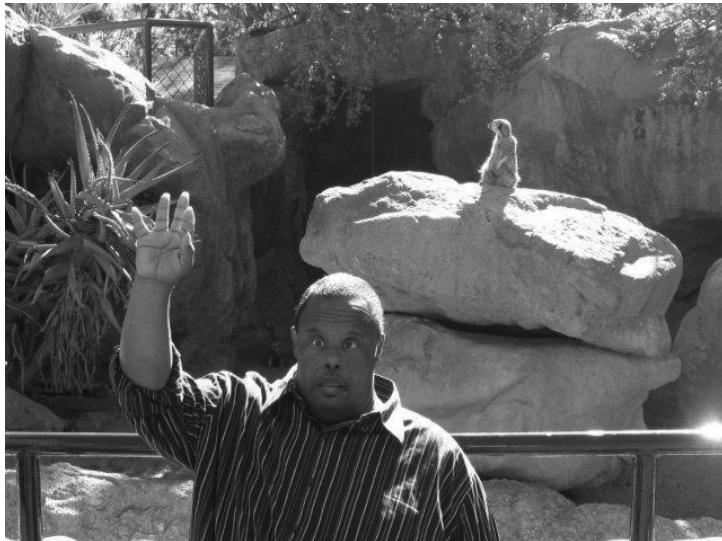
As your recently elected President, I look forward to an exciting year with the Arc and its families.

Sylvia Cameron
Board President
The Arc-South Bay Board of Directors

SAFARI FOR ADC CLIENTS

How many times have you wished you could go on a safari, all expenses paid? Well, that's exactly what happened to clients from the Adult Development Center in Gardena. The safari locale was the Los Angeles Zoo and the benefactors were **Gary and Sharon Turner**, who have a daughter at the Center.

The excited group had free admission, a tram ride, a delicious Zoo combo lunch and wheelchairs as needed all day. Luckily, the sun shone brightly on their adventure.



Manager **Edythe Crawford** said that many clients who are normally withdrawn were quite excited and even talkative. What a wonderful experience for all!



Many of you readers may take a zoo outing for granted, but not this group! For many, it was their first time at the zoo and a great day to experience something brand new! Program

Many many thanks to **Gary and Sharon Turner** for their generosity.

CEO THANKS THE ARC

Do you know of a landscape that needs some TLC? Try our Community Services Lawn Crew! Under the close supervision of staff, our clients in the lawn crew will mow, clear, clean up and trim your landscape for a very competitive rate. The crew is shown here at Empire Packaging and Displays in Carson, where they perform grounds maintenance.

Hal Mottet, CEO of Empire, wrote the following:

"We have great appreciation for the work that the clients of The Arc-South Bay have done for us over the years at Empire Packaging and Displays. They have helped in our production processes to stack pads and dividers, they have kept our offices clean, and now your clients are doing an excellent job of keeping our new grounds clean and trimmed. Working with adults with developmental disabilities gives a lift to our entire team because the pride and enthusiasm they have in their work is infectious!"



"After these years together, we have come to recognize that in working to help your clients have meaningful, contributing roles in society, we get far more than we give! Our purpose and the meaning of our roles as contributors is expanded out of all proportion to the few jobs that we have to offer for the adults with developmental disabilities. We thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with your clients!"

The Community Services Department has a janitorial crew also, who also do residential and commercial contracts. Call **Michael** at 532-6333, x222, for more information on either janitorial or lawn service.

HEY, BARGAIN LOVERS!

**BIG
SALE**

A yard sale will be held in Redondo Beach on May 18th with proceeds used to support the bowling program - buses to tournaments, trophies for the league and expenses for Family Bowling Day. To donate items for the sale, or to attend and purchase items, please contact The Arc South Bay Administration Office at (310) 532-6333. Stay tuned for more information.

MEET YOUR 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Sylvia Cameron (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.

Florence Bagsby (1st Vice-President) is a retired registered nurse at Daniel Freeman Memorial Rehabilitation Department, who worked with brain-injured, stroke and neurological impaired patients. She attended University of Phoenix and graduated from Los Angeles County School of Nursing. Mrs. Bagsby is an active member of the Hawthorne First Baptist Church. She is also active in the community volunteering at the Gardena Police Department, working with the Neighborhood Watch program. Several years ago her brother attended the Adult Development Center in Hermosa Beach. Mrs. Bagsby was first elected to the Board of Directors in 1997.



Claudine Ajeti (2nd Vice President) is a retired Principal with the Los Angeles Unified School District. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Salesian Boys Club in East Los Angeles, the Board of Trustees for Catholic Charities Los Angeles, and as a Budget Committee Member with the United Way of Los Angeles. Ms. Ajeti received her B. A. degree in Political Science from California State Long Beach and her M. A. degree in Educational Administration from the University of San Francisco. She joined the Board in October 2011.



Tom Wong (Treasurer) 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. Mr. Wong has been and is the current Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

Roberta "Bobbie" Hedges (Secretary) grew up in the San Fernando Valley and graduated with a BS in Biology from CSUN. She continued her education at Loyola Marymount, receiving an M.A. in Special Education. Now a retired school teacher, she volunteers at Cabrillo Beach Museum in San Pedro as a docent and whale watch naturalist. Bobbie was elected to her first term on the Board in 1996, and has served several terms as Secretary.





JoAnn Carter (Member), now retired, owned and operated a garden center called "Annie's Gardens" for 10 years. Prior to that, she was a Family Nurse Practitioner at South Central Family Health Center for 10 years. Jo-Ann has a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Cal State Long Beach, and a Master's degree in Nursing from UCLA. For nearly 20 years, she has been a member of the Board of Directors for Concern America, an international development and refugee aid association.

Ed Feuer (Member) 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 9 years.



Paul Flahive (Member) has been an active member of The Arc-South Bay since 1980 and has in the past, served as President and Secretary. He was a Special Education teacher for over 30 years at Mira Costa High School and took a team from Mira Costa to the State Special Olympic games. Mr. Flahive lives in Manhattan Beach during the academic year and travels to Maine for the summer.

John Kirk (Member) is a graduate of Southern Technical Institute and earned his CFP at USC in Financial Planning. He also has a degree in Professional Aeronautics and Business from Embry-Riddle University. He has been a financial consultant, investment banking president and CEO for over 20 years, and is currently the CEO of Ashland Investment Advisors. In addition to multiple terms on The Arc Board of Directors (including Past President), his civic involvements include past Chair of the Board of Managers for the Torrance South Bay YMCA, past Trustee for TMMC, and current member and past president of the Rotary Club of South Bay Sunrise.



Doris Sims (Member) is a resident of Gardena since 1969. She is a retired educator from the Los Angeles Unified School District. After graduating from Stillman College (Tuscaloosa, Alabama) and Pepperdine University, she taught 31 years at Peary Middle School in Gardena. Ms. Sims is also an active volunteer and elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Gardena. In addition to her church involvement, she currently serves on the Chief of Police Citizen Advisory Panel for the Gardena Police Department.

Lorenzo Ybarra (Member) is a Past President and Treasurer of The Arc South Bay Board of Directors. A graduate of USC, Mr. Ybarra has an 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's a former Treasurer for the City of Gardena, a member of the Gardena Rotary Club, a former Board Member of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce and of the Gardena YMCA Board of Directors. Mr. Ybarra was nominated for election by the Nominating Committee.



And, Au Revoir to Paul Kang!



After many years of service on the Arc Board of Directors, **Paul Kang** is hanging up his hat as a member and officer. He is a retired C.P.A. having operated his own firm for the past thirty years in Gardena. A Board member off and on since 1990, Mr. Kang served on the Finance Committee for several years and also previously served as Treasurer. Mr. Kang graduated from UCLA with a business degree, and lives in Pacific Palisades. We are sorry to see him go, but wish him the best!

HOLIDAY FUN RECAP

Although the Holiday season is gone, **St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church** in Redondo Beach hosted their 27th annual party for our clients and their families. It was a wonderful occasion, with clients being treated to a holiday dinner and treats, entertainment (ELVIS!) and a visit from Santa Claus himself. This is an event that we look forward to every year. Thank you St. Katherine's for this meaningful outreach!

A black and white photograph showing several people at a social gathering. In the center, a man dressed as Elvis Presley is smiling. To his left, a woman is laughing, and to his right, another woman is looking towards the camera. Other people are visible in the background.

a holiday flair. Light refreshments are provided by the Elks and clients can line up to see Santa, who gives them a gift.

Another annual event was the **Torrance Elks Club** Christmas Dance. Clients love this event, as they get to dance and have fun with

This year, the Elks included younger "elves" in their part of the event, and that was greatly appreciated. We hope by their involvement with our special population they will gain an appreciation for people with different abilities that will carry them throughout their lives.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT COMING UP IN MAY



The State Arc Bowling Tournament is scheduled for May 4th and will be conducted in Sacramento. Our Saturday A.M. Bowlers participated in Sectional (lead up) Tournaments held in Tustin in January & early March, with winning individuals or teams progressing onward. The May tournament signifies the end of the regular 26-week session of league bowling.

Open Bowling begins thereafter and is a great time for new bowlers to come out and try the game along side our veterans who like to keep their skills sharp over the summer. The Saturday A.M. Bowling league resumes in September and both are held at Bowl-O-Drome Lanes in Torrance. Please contact the Arc South Bay offices for more information.



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"Elves" from the Torrance Elks are pictured above with Executive Director Richard Pierce.

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Bowling Tournament
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Bowling Pre-reg. required
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Bowling Pre-reg. required
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Bowling Pre-reg. required
24	25	26	27	28 Board of Directors Meeting Noon	29 Good Friday	30 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drome Pre-reg. required
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April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 State Mandated Holiday All Arc Programs CLOSED	2	3	4	5	6 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drome Pre-reg. required
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drome Pre-reg. required
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drome Pre-reg. required
21	22	23	24	25 Board of Directors Meeting Noon	26	27 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drome Pre-reg. required
28	29	30				

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Arc State Bowling Tournament Sacramento, CA
5 	6 Cinco de Mayo	7	8	9	10	11 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drome Pre-reg. required
12 	13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18 Arc Bowling Garage Sale Redondo Beach
19	20	21	22	23 Board of Directors Meeting Noon	24	25 Open Bowling Bowl-O-Drome Pre-reg. required
26	27  Memorial Day All Arc Programs CLOSED	28	29	30	31	



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