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THE VANGUARD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring/Summer 2014

Dear Members,

As you read through this edition of the Vanguard, you will find that The Arc-South Bay is a very lucky organization. We have wonderful friends in the community who support us in a number of ways:

- Olive Garden
- The Rotary Club of Southbay Sunrise
- St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
- Torrance Elks
- L.A. Unified School District

We are also blessed with the generosity of many individuals, and the following few are featured in this issue:

- Lawrence Young (L2 Construction)
- Todd R. Cruser
- Vince Ivory

Every day we are the recipients of someone's generosity - financial support, inkind donations, or generosity of the human spirit. We are also fortunate to have a dedicated staff who have worked with our program participants for years. For all who are the "wind beneath our wings," we are so grateful.

Ed Feuer

Board President The Arc-South Bay Board of Directors

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

CIAO!

Two individuals from our Community Employment Services program are working in a Group Placement at the Olive Garden Restaurant at the Carson Mall. Lucille Mullaly and Aureliano Toro Jr. ("Junior") look forward to their part-time work at the popular Italian restaurant.



The story began when **Olive Garden's General Manager Michael Bachman and Shift Manager Karen Harris** submitted an employment notice to **Compton One Stop**. Since our Community Employment Services Manager **Michael Murphy** had worked with One Stop in the past, they still had our contact information and called us. Resumes were sent, interviews were conducted, and **Lucille and Junior** attended a five-hour orientation with their Job Coach **Cynthia Vigueras**.

On lucky St. Patrick's Day, **Lucille**

and Junior officially started working, placing silverware in a napkin and folding it in a way to make it look appealing. Starting with four-hour shifts three days a week, they soon increased to 15 hours a week

Program participant **Junior** is currently being trained as a Greeter for Friday and Saturday nights until 9:00 p.m.

This is **Olive Garden's** first time working with our population, and we applaud them for giving our clients a chance. Hopefully, it is the beginning of a long, fruitful

relationship. In the meantime, **Lucille and Junior** love the fun, supportive atmosphere created by the **Olive Garden** management team.



ADC-Gardena Goes High Tech

Vince Ivory first came to the Adult Development Center as a teacher with L.A. Unified and returned as a volunteer in 2012 to organize a computer lab! On his own, he acquired donated desktops and free open-source software. Program participants use the computers for activities such as typing names of familiar things and places, painting pictures using templates, and completing jigsaw puzzles. These activities have added a brand new dimension of experience for our program participants, and they love it! Kudos to Vince for his vision and efforts!



In addition to **Vince's** project, a big-screen special font monitor was recently donated by **L.A. Unified School District** to our Adult Development Center in Gardena. Reizen Vision CCTV is a device that is composed of a



camera and reading stand that enables people with visual disabilities to enlarge the print and pictures of work to a size that is suitable for each individual. With this CCTV people can also read their mail, prescriptions, and many other regular print items.



Ride 'em Cowboy!



The Adult Development Center in Gardena celebrated Caesar Chavez day in a big way with a rodeo! **Mr. Todd's Pony Parties** brought ponies and a horse for the program participants to enjoy. A Western-themed picnic of chili and rice, nachos, and tacos was appreciated by all.



To offset the cost of the ponies and the food, the staff and caregivers made contributions. Thanks to all who made this special event a reality.

Rotary Heroes



The **South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club** converged on Southwest House on April 12, 2014, and spent the day fixing up the front porch. The front trim was scraped, sanded, primed and painted. Some of the wood was in such poor condition that it had to be replaced, while some of it needed filling with putty.

But that's not all! While some Rotarians were busy in front, others were out back working on the outdoor furniture. The outdoor table and chairs were sanded and oiled, and new seat covers are being custom-made!

> But wait -- there's more!! Southwest House is sporting all new windows and frames with help from a fistful of money donated by Lawrence Young L2 Construction Company, and Todd R. Cruser, President of the South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club.



Lawrence, past President of the club, discounted the invoice for the project, and **Todd** pitched in \$1,000 towards the windows. Way to go! The new windows will help cut energy costs for the house, not to mention adding comfort and security for the residents.



Valentine's Day Is Never Far from their Hearts

Every year at Southwest Industries, program participants don their very finest Valentine garb and enjoy a wonderful party. They are treated to lunch and dessert (cupcakes), then they listen to music, and dance if they wish. Each person has the opportunity to have his/her or a "couples" picture taken in front of our hearts & balloons background. The photos are then printed and given to each person in a lovely heart frame that says, "Valentine's Day 2014."



Speaking of Holidays...



Two community organizations make sure our consumers are not forgotten by Santa at Christmas time. In mid-December, the Torrance Elks hosted their 35th annual holiday party program for the participants, featuring а light dinner, music, dancing, and gift exchange. And, oh yes, Santa!

The good people of

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Redondo Beach have been giving a dinner party for our program participants and their families for many years now. In addition to a sit-down dinner, some form of entertainment is provided, and Santa greets each participant. The members of the church contributed so much money towards the event this year that \$500 was left over, and the church donated that to The Arc-South Bay.

Kudos to the **Torrance Elks Club** and **Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church** (and **Tony Kostas**) for coordinating these bright spots in the holiday season for our consumers.

The Arc-South Bay 2014 Membership

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Wong, Tom & Shirley	Ybarra, Lorenzo	



We thank each of our members for their support! Membership in the Arc increases our visibility statewide and nationally, as well as provides support to the local chapter. If you are not member, send in your application today (see back page of newsletter).

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	South Bay Youth Fishing Event Saturday, May 10, 2014 Alondra Park Lake 8a.m. to Noon			Ι	2	3 Open Bowling Bowl O Drome 9:30a.m.
4 10am-3pm Bonsai Show Nakaoka Community Center	5 Cincolde Mayo	6 Bocce Practice 6p.m7:15p.m. Nakaoka Community Center	7	8	9 DDP Dance Nakaoka Community Center 7p.m9p.m.	10 Swim Lesson Reg Primm Pool – 1650 West 160 Street Gardena Residents Only
11 Mother's Day	12 Swim Lesson Reg Primm Pool – 1650 West 160 Street Open to all 3:30-7:30 pm	13 Bocce Practice 6p.m7:15p.m. Nakaoka Community Center	14	15	16	17 Open Bowling Bowl O Drome 9:30a.m.
18	19	20 Bocce Practice 6p.m7:15p.m. Nakaoka Community Center	21	22 Board of Directors Meeting	23	24 Open Bowling Bowl O Drome 9:30a.m.
25	26 Memorial Day All Arc Programs CLOSED	27 Bocce Practice 6p.m7:15p.m. Nakaoka Community Center	28	29	30	31 Open Bowling Bowl O Drome 9:30a.m.

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Bocce Practice 6p.m7:15p.m. Nakaoka Community Center	4	5	6	7 Open Bowling Bowl O Drome 9:30a.m.
8	9	10 Bocce Practice 6p.m7:15p.m. Nakaoka Community Center	11	12	13 DDP Dance Nakaoka Community Center 7p.m9p.m.	14 Flag Day NO BOWLING
15 Father's Day	16	17 Bocce Practice 6p.m7:15p.m. Nakaoka Community Center	18	19	20	21 Open Bowling Bowl O Drome 9:30a.m.
22	23 Holiday All Arc Programs CLOSED	24 Bocce Practice 6p.m7:15p.m. Nakaoka Community Center	25	26 Meeting	27	28 Open Bowling Bowl O Drome 9:30a.m.
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Help us promote the welfare of people with developmental disabilities by becoming an Arc member – We Need You!



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