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# THE VANGUARD

FALL / WINTER 2013

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall / Winter 2013

Dear Members,

A change of seasons is a good time to reflect on the progress and changes made over the last few months. One such event is a major milestone for our Association and our Executive Director: Richard Pierce began his long and successful journey with us 30 years ago this year. While many other such organizations have failed in recent years due to societal and economic hurdles, Richard and his capable staff have allowed us to be ready and able to fulfill our mission to serve individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in our area.

With regard to our Board of Directors, we bade farewell this year to two very hard-working and long-time members - John Kirk and Paul Flahive - as these two gentlemen retire from service. We also said goodbye to our Director of Finance, Inie Bacayo, who was with us for 27 years.

Usually my message is telling you how much we need your support -- and although that never changes, it is my pleasure to tell you that this year has been much better than the last few:

- Our 2013 pledge campaign was very successful, bringing in \$10,000. This was sufficient to provide a down payment on a brand new van for Southwest House.
- Secondly, we have felt the impact of the economic recovery at Southwest Industries, specifically with the return of a lucrative contract.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of you who have pitched in to help our agency make it through the tough times. We are looking forward to getting off the "survival train" next year and embarking on some wonderful new adventures!

Please take time to read about our activities in the stories inside this edition of the Vanguard.

*Sylvia Cameron*

Board President  
The Arc-South Bay Board of Directors

## **Thank You to our Generous Friends who Participated in the 2013 Pledge Campaign!**

With your contributions, we were able to make a significant down payment  
on a new 2014 Honda Odyssey for Southwest House!  
(It replaced a 2004 Chevrolet Astro van with approximately 200K miles)

Aguilar, Norma  
Ajeti, Claudine  
Blake, Mady  
Burke, Alfred  
Cameron, Andrea  
Cameron, Sylvia  
Davey, Carr  
Davey, Shannon  
Dowsing, John  
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Gilmour, Thomas  
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Cindy  
Holt, Loyce  
Johnson, Laura  
London, Sandra  
Mohler, Gladys  
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Parker, Barbara  
Peters Realty  
Plotkin, Morris  
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Silva, Arthur  
Steinhoff, Harry  
Stevens, Myrtle  
Swanson, Lindsay  
Torrance Memorial Medical Center  
Wong, Tom  
Yoshida, Masae



Pictured above with the new van are: (front row) **Larry Thurman, Pam Regan, Cindy Curry** and (back row) **John Turrentine, Jack Zilk, and David Mohler.**

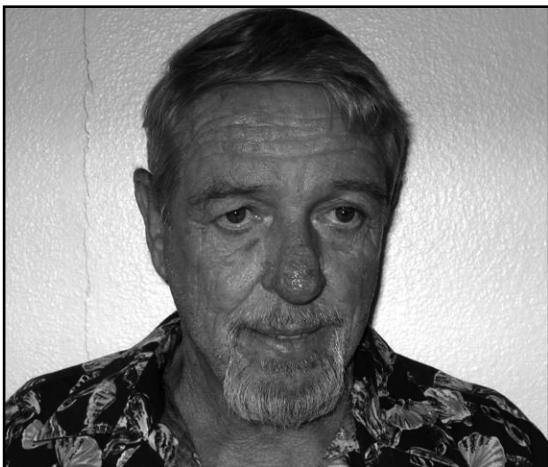
*(Speaking of vehicles, a very big THANK YOU to **Sylvia Cameron** for donating a car to The Arc. You can too, and take a tax deduction before the end of the year.)*

## HAPPY RETIREMENT!



Somebody is happy to be retiring! Members of the Finance Committee (**Tom Wong** and **Paul Kang**) treated **Inie Bacayo** (right), Director of Finance, to lunch at "Vegas Buffet," a local restaurant. Inie retired after 27 years at The Arc. Also attending were Executive Director **Richard Pierce** (left), Inie's replacement **Cielo Extra**, and former Board member **Jim Coleman**.

Also retiring after many years of service to the Board of Directors is **John Kirk**. During his tenure on the Board (off and on since 1986), **Mr. Kirk** served as Treasurer and President and a member of the Finance Committee. He also spearheaded the partnership with the South Bay Rotary Club and served as a sponsor many years. **President Cameron** presents **Mr. Kirk** with a plaque for service in the photo at the right.



**Paul Flahive** (left) is another Board member we will be losing to retirement in October. A Board member off and on since 1987, **Mr. Flahive** was the Head of the Special Education Department at Mira Costa High School for many years. He served as President, Vice-President, and Secretary while on the Board.

We appreciate the service both of these fine men have provided to The Arc's Board of Directors.

## MEET YOUR 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Sylvia 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** 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** 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** 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 also been Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

**Roberta "Bobbie" Hedges** 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

**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 9 years.



**Doris Sims** 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** 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.



## CAN YOU SAY "SURPRISE"?

**S**eptember also marked the retirement of another of our long-time employees, **Leonard "Butch" Mason**.

**Butch** was our handyman since July of 1995, and we wish him a happy retirement. He is shown here with **Michele Cole**, Administrative Secretary and **Richard Pierce**, Executive Director, entering the conference room for a surprise retirement party.



## GOOD NEWS FROM SOUTHWEST INDUSTRIES!



After some difficult times and trudging through the recession, a former contract has re-connected with Southwest Industries. Weckerle Cosmetics, a global private label cosmetic manufacturer, has once again turned to us for their packaging needs. Through their continued support, we have seen our gross contract sales soar from \$12,000 in February to over \$50,000 in September. Our clients have been extremely busy and moreover, happy to be making a greater paycheck. We are so appreciative to Weckerle Cosmetics for their continued support of our program and organization.

## SOME SAY LIFE IS A RAT RACE...

...But we say it was a Rat Beach Bike Tour. In late September, the residents of our **Southwest House** volunteered at the **South Bay Rotary Club's** annual Rat Beach Bike Tour that started, where else, Rat Beach.

Southwest House residents provide encouraging smiles and waves to a race participant in the photo on the left.

The Bike Tour is a fundraising event for the Rotary club, and our Southwest House has been a recipient of help from the Rotary Club over the years. The club has replaced windows, painted, remodeled the kitchen, gardened, built a fence, and much more over the years. Here's a big shout out to the Rotary for their ongoing support.



# November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>
10	11 <i>Veterans Day Regional Center Closure All Arc Programs CLOSED</i>	12	13	14	15	16 <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>
17	18	19	20	21 <i>Board of Directors Meeting Noon</i>	22	23 <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day All Arc Programs CLOSED</i>	29 <i>Day after Thanksgiving Day All Arc Programs CLOSED</i>	30 <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>

# December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Arc Annual Christmas Dinner St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church</i>
8	9 <i>Torrance Elks Christmas Dance 1820 Abalone Avenue 7:00p.m.—9:00 p.m. \$8 Gift Exchange</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>
22	23 <i>Holiday All Arc Programs CLOSED</i>	24 <i>Regional Center Closure All Arc Programs CLOSED</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day All Arc Programs CLOSED</i>	26	27	28 <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>
29	30	31		→	**December 7th** <i>League Bowling Bowl-O-Drome 9 a.m. Pre-Reg. required</i>	



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