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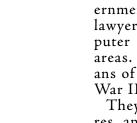
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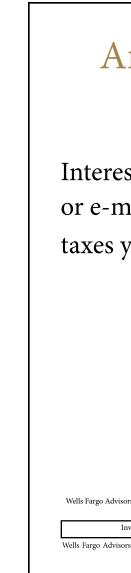
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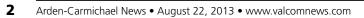
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## **Entertaining folks since 1972 is the Country Club Aires**

They are 36 in number – public-spirited musical ambassadors of Sons in Retirement (SIR), an organization of some 20,000 retired men in Central and Northern California. Sponsored by the Country Club Branch of SIR, in 2012, they entertained more than 4,000 folks at 68 appearances in the greater Sacramento area.

They range in age from 60 to 95, with an average age of 77.6 years. They include retired educators, engineers, military personnel, governmental employees, insurance executives, a lawyer, a dentist, an auctioneer, a chef, a computer systems analyst, and other vocational areas. Óverwhelmingly, they are proud veterans of military service, primarily from World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

They're known as the Country Club Aires, and they've been entertaining folks since 1972. Of the current group, 27 are vocalists and eight are musicians. Since 1999, they have been under the direction of Clyde Kidd, a retired high school principal, who is assisted by Business Manager Fred Stallcop, a former in-

members stood in the rear hall of monthly meetings and began harmonizing. In addition to its current director, the organization has had four maestros, including Duane Hansen, who directed from 1995 to 1999.

The choir's history would not be complete without credit to Jean Weathers, a talented pianist, who accompanied the vocalists from 1989 until her retirement in 2012. Presently,



Photo by Gary Varne

Taken at a performance at Aegis on Nov. 14, 2012.

musicians include drummer Houston Keeh- music, a desire to find humor, camaraderie, It all started informally when, in 1971, three ner, who at age 95, is the organization's senior treats, and expressions of appreciation." member. From some 10 years, the choir also included a former broadcaster as its announc- fortunate to have this musical group available. er/emcee.

"Pay" to the participants comes in the form its community for so long. of satisfaction received during and after performances, as enthusiastic audiences applaud

"The men take part because of a great love of cop at 486-2519.

Folks in the greater Sacramento area are Rarely has any group given so generously to

At age 41, the Country Club Aires are going strong, ready and willing to serve their comand otherwise demonstrate their appreciation. munity. Appearances in the greater Sacramen-As Director-Emeritus Hansen noted in 2006: to area may be arranged by calling Fred Stall-

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**By LANCE ARMSTRONG** l ánce@valcomnews.com

Botanical Garden, it can be helpful from time to time to remind – and in some cases to introduce – readers of this publication about this community treasure.

Blvd., this 3.5-acre public garden certainly goes unnoticed by many people who pass through this section of Carmichael.

of plants and trees, manicured lawns, walkways, benches, and bridges over a small creek bed, the garden has roots pun intended – dating back to the late 1950s.

Charles C. Jensen purchased the property, which then had a much different appearance, as it mainly consisted of blackberry bushes and pasture land.

Other features of the property at that time were a creek, redwoods and heritage oaks. Charles, who had previ-

business, was at that time enjoying his retirement with his wife, Marguerite.

superior to the notable gar- the property.



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## **Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden is a community treasure**

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Located at 8520 Fair Oaks

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It was during that era that

ously worked in the produce

den, which he had kept in Oakland, Charles began this mission by having truck and trailer loads of trees. shrubs michael's Charles C. Jensen and plants delivered to his new property from his garden in Oakland.

> On the Carmichael property, he cleared away blackberry bushes, and gradually made other additions, including the planting of more than 200 species of camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons and eight varieties of dogwood.

> It was also on the same site that Charles dug a pond, which attracted a variety of birds, including mallards, blue herons, pheasants and California quail.

> Additionally, wiĺdlife such as raccoons, possums and gray squirrels found Charles' property to be a desirable place to reside.

The residential living situation for Charles and Marguerite was somewhat primitive when they moved to the property, as they temporarily resided in a tent.

A shed was later added to the property, as a house was being constructed at the site.

The idea of inviting the public to visit the garden is certainly not a new idea.

During the garden's early With his dream in mind to days, a "visitors welcome" sign create a garden that would be was placed at the entrance to

With his openness to share his garden with others, Charles welcomed garden club members who arrived in buses from as far away as Fresno and Oregon.

Furthermore, the garden became an educational destination that far exceeded simply observing plants and trees, as Charles would often give lectures and lead tours of his garden.

By the early 1970s, about 5,000 people were visiting Charles' garden on an annual basis.

And although some people made attempts to pay him for his hospitality in allowing the public to visit his property, Charles never accepted a penny for this community contribution.

Charles not only displayed plants and flowers, but he also sold them to visitors. And at times, he even gifted plants and



The 3.5-acre Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden at 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. is open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk

flowers, including the longstemmed, cut camellias, which he sent to first lady Pat Nixon.

Inside their home, the Jensens proudly displayed a framed "thank you" letter that was signed by Pat Nixon.

Charles passed away at the age of 80 on July 30, 1974, and

the Carmichael Recreation and Park District board considered purchasing the garden site, which was in jeopardy of being subdivided.

Instead, the board bought itself time on June 12, 1975, when it voted, 3-1, to lease

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## **Garden:** Park district and volunteers have worked to keep the Jensen Garden alive

rangement.

Dean Melvin, the district's administrator at that time, told the Carmichael Courier that he hoped that sufficient local support could be acquired through service clubs and other community clubs, so that the garden but reappraised at \$72,500 could be purchased rather than leased.

The nonprofit Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden, Inc. was formed by a group of concerned local citizens who were interested in saving the garden.

Officers of the corporation's committee were Ahmed Mohamed, president; Florence March, vice president and treasurer; and Tony Asaro, secretary.

The board of directors of

either party to cancel the ar- March, Gloria Smith and Ieannie Young.

Hundreds of local residents made donations, many of which ranged from \$1 to \$25.

With a deadline of one year to purchase the property – originally for \$95,000, the group raised only \$6,000 in 11 months.

In response to the situation, Bill Bryan, financial administrator for the garden saving organization's committee, sought monetary assistance through county Supervisor Fred Wade, the Aerojet Liquid Rocket Co. and banks.

According to the July 14, 1976 edition of The Green Sheet, Wade contributed property. \$30,000, Aerojet assist-

the garden for \$500 per cluded Martha Campbell, made up the difference just saving organization conmonth, with an option for Robert Hamilton, Warner prior to the park saving tinued to raise funds for corporation's deadline to the land. complete the purchase of the property.

July 7, 1976 ceremony held at the garden to celebrate the saving of the garden from private development, Charles' son, Dr. Ralph Jenproperty. Without that purchase, the land would have following day.

Following the donation, Bryan, who during that era referred to the garden as a "little Capitol Park," told The Sacramento Union that the committee would hold the land title until the park tine matter, the board of sudistrict could purchase the pervisors' vote on the dis-

the committee, which met ed with a \$15,000 inter- trict renewed its lease on layed from March 21 to every Monday night, in- est-free loan and the banks the property and the park April 4, 1977.

district's board of directors project. As the key moment of a voted, 4-1, to purchase the site from the corporation. Margaret Meyer was the lone director to vote against other supervisors, was rethe purchase.

In a 1977 letter written sen, accepted a check for the by Wade to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, he mentioned that he been auctioned off to the had made a personal loan highest bidder during the of \$15,000 to the corporation, and would thus not be participating in the county board's vote to consider the district's request to purchase garden property, coupled the garden property.

Although it was thought by many people to be a routrict's resolution of intention In the meantime, the dis- to purchase the land was de-

The delay in the voting occurred as a result of a minority report presented by On March 17, 1977, the Meyer in opposition of the

> During the delay, the report, which was made without prior knowledge of the viewed by the county board.

The board later voted in favor of the park district's motion to purchase the garden property, and the district soon afterward completed its transaction to buy the land.

Through the district's continued ownership of the with the many hours provided by volunteers of the Friends of the Jensen Botanical Garden, Charles C. Jensen's dream continues to be kept alive.

The garden is open freeof-charge to the public daily from 8 a.m. to dusk.

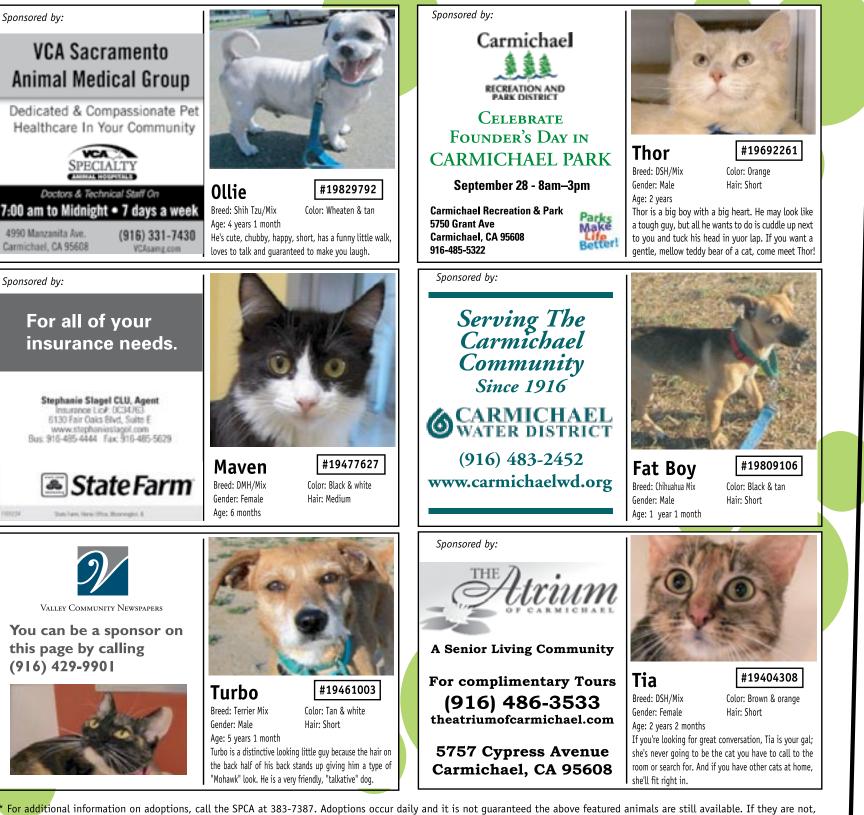
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As many as 70 volunteers will descend Nationwide, which is based in the on Arden and Carmichael on Sept. 13 Arden area and is sponsoring Day of as part of United Way California Cap-Caring, will be sending 100 volunital Region's Day of Caring. The volunteers across the region, including the teer extravaganza sponsored by Nation-wide will include 350 volunteers and 26 project at Developmental Disabilities Service Organization. projects across the region to celebrate United Way's 90th anniversary, kick off "Day of Caring is a great opportunity for our employees to make a powerful, the fall fundraising campaign and help tangible difference for our community United Way reach its goal of completing in just one day," said Ramon Jones, Na-90 volunteer projects in 2013. Local residents can spend one day tionwide regional vice president. "We hope the rest of the community will join

caring for the Arden-Carmichael com-munity by signing up for one of three us to make real change happen." United Way's Day of Caring will Day of Caring projects taking place in the area. Atkinson Youth Servicstart at 8 a.m. with a breakfast and rally at Cal Expo. Volunteer projects will es, which helps foster children, needs begin at 10 a.m. To sign up, visit www. help painting bedrooms and moving furniture in one of its group homes in yourlocalunitedway.org/dayofcaring. "We're excited to watch companies, Carmichael. volunteers and nonprofits come to-

tion drive.



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## United Way's Day of Caring comes to Arden and Carmichael **Volunteer Day celebrates United Way's 90th anniversary**

WEAVE, which helps people who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, needs help sorting items at its thrift store on Arden Way after a weeklong clothing and household goods dona-

Those interested in supporting peo-ple with developmental disabilities can help the Developmental Disabilities Service Organization by painting the inside of the gym and exterior walls at its St. Marks Way campus.

gether for an amazing day transforming our community through volunteer projects," said Victoria Kosha, interim United Way president and CEO."We can't think of a better way to celebrate 90 years of service in this community than to keep doing what we do best – joining hands with people across the region to make sure everyone has the building blocks for a good life."

Capital Region has actively worked to address the community's most pressing



United Way volunteers help build a community garden for Health Education Council's project at Grant High School. United Way is gathering volunteers for its Day of Caring on Sept. 13 to complete 26 volunteer projects across the region, including three in the Arden-Carmichael area

issues, now focusing on innovative solu- Community members can give, voltions related to high school graduation rates, household financial stability and obesity. United Way's team of nonprofits, businesses, donors and volunteers its in Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sacraare working together to provide posi- mento and Yolo counties. United Way For 90 years, United Way California tive, measurable results on these issues is an independent, local affiliate of Unitthrough United Way projects: STAR ed Way Worldwide. For more informa-Readers, \$en\$e-Ability and Fit Kids. tion, visit www.yourlocalunitedway.org.

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## **High school nonprofit** donates school supplies, toys to Howe **Ave. Kindergartners**

#### **By MONICA STARK** ditor@valcomnews.com

Kids Helping Kids CEO Joey Cisneros, 17, and other Del Campo High School students donated thousands of items – backpacks, school supplies and toys – to the Howe Avenue Elementary School kindergarten classes on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 20. The Del Campo High School group adopted the Howe Avenue school for this donation because it has the highest per- amazing," Cisneros said in centage of low-income fam- a phone interview on Monilies in the San Juan Unified day. School District. The teenagers gave the donations directly to the early-morning kindergarten classes and their teachers.

With school just starting, the timing was perfect.

The week before the delivery, the high school-ers held a \$2,500 shopping spree at Country Club Plaza Walmart, with \$2.000

Kids and \$500 being donated by Walmart. The students had quite the shopping list, which included 60 backpacks filled with materials, classroom kits of materials and loads of toys to be donated to the kindergartens at Howe Avenue Elementary.

"It was a blast -knowing it's not for you it's for other people. At the end, we put everything in the car, (that feeling) that it's going to go to someone else — that's

they were going to bring out. Students met through know what exactly they were going to receive. "They gave us a wish list," Cisneros said, adding they fulfilled "every wish on the list!"

With resources students raised, the students did an outreach and looked at needs in the community and coming from Kids Helping made recommendations to ting baskets together or po High School, and the



Howe Ave. Elementary students with their new gifts.

the nonprofit's board of directors.

With 96 percent of Howe Ave. students qualifying for free and reduced lunch, it was a no-brainer to help He said the teachers knew those kids and their families the supplies but they didn't out summer and shared ideas with a sister group in Santa Barbara.

While Cisneros is the ed, Gordon said. CEO and keeps the organization moving forward with a staff who works kids do extracurricular ac- chapter and it has grown along side him, everyone tivities," Gordon said. works collectively.

"You could see Joey put-

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Michael Gordon.

viewed along with two others who also applied. It was through the interview process he was select-

'These students carry full school loads. Most of these

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setting agendas. He works local organizers are hopclosely with me. Constant- ing to involve students ly lifting up those around from throughout the Sachim," said faculty adviser ramento region. Their aim is to help less-fortu-Cisneros ran for the nate students both locally CEO position and inter- and globally with money earned from their annual gala event at the Crest Theatre in May and other donations.

Gordon said this is just the second year Sacramento has had a local immensely with 140 Del Kids Helping Kids start- Campo high schoolers of dollars.

## Girl Scout project brightens sundial for all to use at Earl J. Koobs Nature Study Area

about spending more countless side of the lines. Then sometimes hours on a project that requires a the paint would come off with the lot of work, but Sarah Hegenbart tape sticking to it. So I had my dad has goals to meet. The incoming El Camino freshman is actively involved in the Girl Scouts of the USA and cares deeply about the earth. Those two passions combined made the decision on how to earn her long awaited Silver Award an easy choice.

"It was kind of run down so I thought it would be nice to re-purpose it," Sarah said. "I like being creative."

The new high school student chose to revamp the old, faded human sundial at the Earl J. Koobs Nature Area for her yearlong project. She earned the money to purchase what she needed by recycling and working on other Koobs projects. Finding ways to paint the sundial turned out to be frustrating at times, but well worth it.

"I planned to make stencils but they didn't work so I bought different stencils and those didn'twork," Sarah said. "So I had three different tries with the numbers but some-







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Most 14-year-olds don't dream times the paint would bleed outhelp me. He would hold the stencils instead of me having to hold the tape."

A sundial tells what time it is based on the position of the sun. In this case, the sun will cast a shadow on the number on the pavement that represents the time. Sarah and her family, which includes a brother in the Boy Scouts of America, believe that the sundial is a great learning tool. They are hoping the 100 hours spent on bringing it back to life, will attract more visitors.

"They have the little signs out here so that people can come around and learn about different species," Sarah's mother, Kim Hegenbart said. "There was a butterfly garden here that we tried to weed but since we ture." couldn't come back on a regular basis it kind of fizzled. I think if more people were aware that it is out and if everyone took a small little project it could be really nice."



Sarah Hegenbart stands on the sundial she made for the Earl J. Koobs Nature Area.

ah said. "This is a way you can see na- 1973, to honor his inspiration for

Area is next to Garfield Elementary not necessarily to this specific region. School. This land was purchased by The stations are marked to identify a students from La Sierra High School and Garfield Elementary in 1971. It

"It is very peaceful out here," Sar- was dedicated to Earl J. Koobs in and dedication to the area. Most The Earl J. Koobs Nature Study plants are native to California, but

> few of the plants in the area. -SIUSD

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Jerry Sloan is a successful writer of advertising jingles married to an equally successful lawyer. Living with the happy couple is the not so happy Abe Drey-fus, Jerry's curmudgeon of a father in law. Abe is a funny guy to the audience, not to Jerry. The situation is exacerbated when Jerry's mother Mildred loses her house in a fire and needs a place to stay. Abe and Mildred can't stand each other. This play is one hilarious confrontation after another until the heartwarming finale in which the oldsters discover that, really, each is not so bad.

The production is directed and designed by Rodger Hoopman with lighting design by Don Myers. The cast includes Rodger Hoopman, Julie Bock, Walt Thompson, Monique McKisson, Erin Dimond, and Vincent Keene.

Information and tickets are available through the Chautau-qua Playhouse website: www.cplayhouse.org or call the box of-fice at (916) 489-7529, during business hours. Chautauqua Playhouse is located at 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael.





## Tickets on sale now for Arden area event **Women's Empowerment's annual fundraiser** to benefit homeless women and children

Community members are in-ited to the 12th Annual Cele-ors the group's 1,064 gradu-ates, will take place from 5:30-9 vited to the 12th Annual Celebration of Independence Gala that benefits Women's Empowerment, a local nonprofit helping women who are homeless find homes and jobs so they can support their families. Residents also can sponsor a graduate of the live music and presentations program to attend the event.

The event, which raises funds

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p.m. on Oct. 3 at the Red Lion Hotel Woodlake, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento. Guests will mingle with graduates from the program and enjoy a formal dinner, live and silent auctions, from the graduates. Tickets are \$100. For tickets or sponsorfor the organization and hon- ship opportunities, call (916)

669-2307 or visit www.womens-empowerment.org.

"It's a powerful experience to witness women once homeless arrive at this event dressed to the nines," said Lisa Culp, executive director. "This event sells out every vear, so we are excited to be expanding into a larger facility that allows more people in our community to experience this incredible celebration of women breaking the cycle of homelessness for their families. Those who can't attend can sponsor one of our gradu-ates to have a night where she will shine and be celebrated for her accomplishments." Women's Empowerment of-

fers the only comprehensive jobreadiness program in the Sacra-mento area designed specifically for women who are homeless and their children. The 2009 Nonprofit of the Year has graduated 1,064 homeless women and their more than 2,000 children. Last year, 89 percent of graduates found homes and 78 percent found jobs or enrolled in school or training. The program combines self-esteem courses, job training, health classes and support services to help homeless women across diverse ages, races and cultures. Women's Empowerment is funded solely through private donations from the community. For more information and to donate online, visit www.womens-empowerment.org.







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## Faces and Places: Fifth annual **CAM** Car **Cruise**

Photos by GREG BROWN

Saturday, Aug. 3 was a fun-filled day for the whole family as Cruisers paraded through the streets of Sacramento and along Fulton Avenue ending with a huge car show. Attendees enjoyed the local fares of Fulton Avenue merchants and were greeted with live music, food trucks, vendor booths, and a beer garden. Sponsored by the California Automobile Museum, this was the fifth annual event.



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## **FREE Family-Centered Local Authors Showcase at Arcade Library set for Saturday**

**Your Home Improvement Guide** 

thors Showcase at Arcade Library! Area authors will autograph and showcase personal publications Saturday, August 24, 2013, Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA, 3-7pm. You are invited to browse, review and ask questions. Authors LOVE questions!

Award-winning author, A. K. Buckroth wrote "My Diabetic Soul – An Autobiography" pertaining to having a lot to share! lived over five decades with this disease. Her latest publication, "Me & My Money... A Child's Story Of Diabetes" will be debuted for the first time.

Sheri Cockrell, author of "Mom Entrepreneur" and co-author of "Incred-

co-author with husband John Cockrell, together they introduce a most interesting book "45 Years Of True Railroad Stories," accounts of John's life as a Railroad Engineer.

M. L. Edson, will display four of her books: "Poems from an Old White Broad,""The Six Rivers Killer,""Grammar Guardian," and "Doing Life With A Map." A retired teacher, M. L. has

Joanne Lang will feature "Make Your Connections Count" regarding strategies that work with top business and corporate experts!

Award-winning author John Marchel will be available to autograph

"FREE Family-Centered Local Au- ible Business" will be available. As a two of his four books: "Guide to Gambling" and "101 Casino Gambling Tips." As John says "...all the things you wanted to know but couldn't find" about winning while gambling are in his books.

R. J. Machado De Quevado will be available to autograph "Deceived" and "Broken Seed" at this event.

Amanda Steedley will also be available to discuss and autograph books for you. They are genres are encouraged to join and/ "I've Been Picked" and "I'm Not Sick." These adorable dog-story books to entertain a large audience of readers.

All listed authors are available through a Google search.

Hosted by the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club, this was established in 1955. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving writers in the greater Sacramento region. Approximately 60 percent of our members are published. To date, with 55 + members, 18 of them are published authors, some with multiple books and articles. All types of writers with all types of or participate. The goal is to support and encourage writers at all levels to achieve their own personal or professional writing aspirations. See www.sactowriters.com for more details."

## **Junior Achievement & Country Club Lanes host** 27th annual bowl-a-thon on Sept. 13-14

This two-day event draws hundreds of bowlers from throughout the region each year and includes plenty of prize drawings, giveaways and more. Crazy themes and costumes make it an unforgettable team-builder! This year's theme celebrates all things science fiction as Sacramento bowls for "the next generation"!

teams each session!

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Bowlers of all ages are invited to lace up their bowling shoes and support a good cause when Junior Achievement of Sacramento hosts their 27th annual Crazy Bowl, Sept. 13-14th at the newly renovated Country Club Lanes, 2600 Watt Ave. in Sacramento.

The minimum donation required to participate is \$50/ bowler and there are 5 bowlers to a team (\$250/team). All proceeds benefit Junior Achievement's programs in our local schools. There are five bowling sessions to choose from, including afternoon and evening bowling times. Participants bowl two games and receive free bowling shoe rental. Prizes are awarded to highest and lowest scoring

All proceeds benefit Junior Achievement's economic empowerment programs in our local K-12 schools taught by business volunteers from the Sacramento area.

For more information or to register a team, visit www. crazybowl.kintera.org or contact Natalie Franks at (916)



2012 pic - Crazy themes and costumes make Crazy Bowl unforgettable – last year's theme was "Super heroes" honoring o 400+ volunteers





(above) 2012 pic – Swinerton Builders left) 2012 nic – Cari Vinci and her team



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Community Center, 7375 Park City Dr.,

Sacramento. Cost is free and must pre-reg-

ister. Contact Anna Su at (916) 393-9026

**Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-**

Aug. 22: Visitors Welcome, weekly break

fast meeting on first, second and third Fri-

days at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on

Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at

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Mental Health America of Northern California is seeking volunteer peer counselors to work with older adults in the Sacramento County. Volunteer peer counselors will provide emotional support, friendship and needed resource linkage for isolated, homebound older adults. For information please contact Jesse Williams or Jan Blanton at (916) 855-5444

California Youth Basketball League is currently registering for the Fall 2013 season. Games continue through Nov. 2. Boys and girls grades 5 thru 12. Individual and Team registration. For more info call 391-3900 or visit us on line @www.cvbhoops.com

#### August

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven** Aug. 22: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

#### ACC to hold Memoir Writing Workshop – A Shovel to Dig Roots Aug. 22: In this workshop, Award-winning

author and speaker. Frances Kakugawa will help you find that shovel and pen to start digging and writing. August 22, Thursday, 10-11:30am at the Asian Community Center, 7375 Park City Drive, Sacramento,



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terville Road, Sacramento; 916-452-2809. Come talk with David Lobenberg and Marsha Evans. Tickets \$20 each available at www.casagardenrestaurant.org.

#### **Bi-Polar Anonymous**

Aug. 23: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786

#### The Humor Times presents Will Durst

Aug. 23: The Humor Times presents national touring comedian and five-time Emmy nominee Will Durst, in an exclusive Sacramento engagement with his all-new show, "BoomeRaging from LSD to OMG." The one-night-only event will take place at 7 p.m. at the Sierra II 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento, Tickets (which include complimentary drinks), are \$20 (or \$25 preferred seating) in advance, or \$25/\$30 at the door. They may be purchased online through Brown Paper Tickets <http://humortimes.brownpapertickets com/>. More info: 455-1217, info@humortimes.com

#### Music in Carmichael Park

Aug. 24: The Count, 60s-90s Classic Rock (with a little soul) from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

#### Jackie Greene Live at Fairytale Town

Aug. 24: Gates open 6:30 p.m. Concert starts 8 p.m. Sacramento favorite Jackie Greene returns to Fairytale Town for a fifth annual benefit concert. Taking place on the park's Mother Goose Stage, the outdoor concert supports Fairytale Town's education programs and park improvements. Ticket prices are \$35 in August. For concert rules and restrictions. please visit www.fairvtaletown.org. For more information, visit www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462.

#### Sacramento's First Annual Feria de Educacion Es El Momento

Aug. 24: Assemblymember Dickinson, Uni vision 19, and Sac State present Sacramento's first annual education fair,"Feria de Educación: Es El Momento." The purpose of the fair is to provide families with an opportunity to learn about important educational programs and services within California's education system; to share information about what it takes to attend college and how to pay for college; and provide information about educational community programs and services from Pre-K through high school. All are welcome to attend. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. CSUS, 6000 J St., Sacramento, CA 95819



#### **City of Elk Grove Multicultural** Festival

Aug. 24: The City of Elk Grove is again hosting the annual Multicultural Festival at Elk Grove Regional Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This event is Elk Grove's preunity-wide celebration of diver sity. More than 5,000 participants are expected to attend the popular event, which features ethnic foods, entertainment, mus and fashion shows representing Elk Grove's diverse community. http://www.elkgrovecity.org/multicultural-festival/

#### Fire Station 15 Open House

Aug. 24: The Sacramento Fire Departme will be hosting Fire Station Open House from 2 to 4 p.m., located at 1591 Newborough Dr. You are invited to bring your family and friends to visit with firefighters, take a tour of the fire station. and more! For more information, call 808-1011.

#### Music in Carmichael Park

Aug. 25: River City Concert Band, 50piece concert band, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Carmichael Park Band Shell 5750 Grant Ave. 485-5322. www.carmichaelpark.com.

#### Curtis Fest and Music in the Park/

**Curtis Park** Aug. 25: Curtis Fest, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. followed by music in the Park/Curtis Park, 6-8 p.m.

#### Get Your Motor Runnin' and Support Shelter Animals!

Aug. 25: TEAM (Teaching Everyone Ani mals Matter) and car enthusiast group EuroSunday will host the first-ever Wheels For Wags - a celebration of cool cars and even cooler Shelter animals – from 8 to 10:30 a.m., to benefit the Sacramento County Animal Shelter. This free family friendly and dog-friendly event will feature rare, exotic and vintage cars from around the Sacramento area. Attendees can also tour the Shelter and win prizes in a fabulous raffle, with all proceeds benefiting Shelter animals. Attendees that bring a donation of dog or cat food will receive three free raffle tickets! 3839 Bradshaw Road (between Highway 50 and Kiefer) in Sacramento. For more information on Wheels for Wags 2013, contact TEAM at 916-876-PETS, email contact@sacanimalshelter.org, or visit www.sacanimalshelter.org, or check out EuroSunday at EuroSunday.net or Facebook. com/EuroSunday

#### Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael

Aug. 27: Guest speakers address local. regional and international topics. Visitors welcome every Tuesday Arden-Arcade meets at noon Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6:30 p.m., Ancil Hoffman Golf Club. www.rotary.org

#### East Sac Rotary

57th St. Sacramento, www.eastsacrotary.com

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#### ACC to hold 'Dignity in Caregiving' event Aug. 29: Award-winning author and care-

giver, Frances Kakugawa will share her poet ry and stories on how she transformed into a capable caregiver by embracing caregiving with dignity and compassion from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Asian Community Center, 7375





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Aug. 28: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855

## Aug. 29: Guest speakers address local, region-

Park City Drive, Sacramento. Cost is \$5 ind must pre-register. Contact Anna Su a (916) 393-9026 Ext. 330.

#### **Bi-Polar Anonymous**

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#### Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Aug. 30: Visitors Welcome, weekly break fast meeting on first, second and third Fri days at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www. eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, Meeting/ Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

#### 50th annual Sacramento Greek Festival

Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1: Food, dancing, cooking workshops and more at the Sacramento Convention Center. Festival hours: Friday, Aug. 30, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 31: noon to 11 p.m., Sunday, Sept 1: noon to 10 p.m. General admission 12 and up: \$5. Children under 12 are free. Free admission on Friday Aug. 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For a complete listing of events, visit: http://www.annunciation.ca.goarch org/?q=content/greek-festival-program

#### September

Northminster summer music series presents jazz pianist Jim Martinez September 1: Jim Martinez—acclaimed jazz pianist, playing both sacred and secular music will play during the worship service at 9:55 a.m. and a short concert on the patio during fellowship at 11 a.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, located at 3235 Pope Avenue. You may know Martinez from his Charlie Brown Christmas concerts. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call (916) 487-5192) or visit northminsteronline.org.

#### **Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade**, Carmichael

Sept. 3: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, every Tuesday, Arden-Arcade meets at noon, Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave. (916) 925-2787. Carmichael meets at 6:30 p.m., An cil Hoffman Golf Club. www.rotary.org

#### Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting

Sept. 3: An organization for the bet of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael, Call Sheila at 624-4643.

#### East Sac Rotary

Sept. 4: Meets at noon, Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com

#### Free wellness fair

Sept. 4: A wellness fair will be held in Capitol Park to kick off National Recovery Month and California Recovery Month. The festivities start with a free pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. and include a rally on the West Steps of the Capitol at 11:30 a.m. Following the rally, there will be a free concert featuring, the Mary Lind Choir. Immediately following the event at the Capitol, there will be a free speaker at the Crest Theater.

#### **Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**

Sept. 5: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

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#### Fire Station 19 Open House

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#### Movie Night in Hollywood Park

Sept. 7: Bring a blanket and visit with neighbors at Hollywood Park for the show ing of "Brave" at 8 p.m.

#### Free golf lessons offered at Bing **Maloney Golf Complex**

Sept. 8: Are you interested in starting to play golf, but not sure where to begin? Bing Malo ney is offering Free Family Clinics for 2013. These clinics are family oriented for any level of golfer. Each clinic will be held on Sundays from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at the Bing Maloney Golf Course: 6801 Freeport Blvd. in Sacramento. Call 808-2283 for more information

#### Art and mind symposium

Sept. 9-10: The symposium will explain w to use art and creativity to connect the heart and mind of individuals living with dementia. Call 792-3281 or email Tiffany Paige at tiffany.paige@artisanmind.org. Monday, Sept 9th, 8:30am-4:30pm and Tuesday, Sept 10th, 8:30am-12:30pm; Sier ra Health Foundation 1321 Garden Highway Sacramento, CA 95833

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#### Sacramento Geranium Club meeting

Sept. 10: Debbie Arrington, writer for the Sacramento Bee Home & Garden section will share her experiences interviewing gardeners and visiting their gardens over the years. Also the club is celebrating its 65th anniversary. The event goes from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and its free of charge. For more information, call 808-8800. Shepard Garden and Arts Center is located at 3330 McKinley Blvd.

#### East Sac Rotary

Sept. 11: Meets at noon. Evan's Kitchen. 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com

#### **Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**

Sept. 12: Guest speakers address local. regional and international topics. Visitors welcome, 7:30 a.m., every Thursday, Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916 684-6854.

#### **The Mission Oaks Computer Club** meetina

Sept. 12: Meeting will go from 1 to 3 p.m. at Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA.A problem-solving clinic, led by Adam Lacey of Applications, Etc, will follow the meeting. First-time visitors are welcome. For additional information call (916) 366-1687 or visit our website at www.missionoakscomputerclub.org.

#### **Genealogy Gold at the Archives**

Sept. 12: Learn how county archives are a goldmine for locating ancestors at the Root Cellar Sacramento Genealogical Society meeting. Pre-meeting tips and tricks roundtable starts at 6:30pm Free, visitors welcome. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Christ Community Church, 5025 Man zanita Avenue, Carmichael

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