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**JANEY WAY MEMORIES:**  
**Rockin' and rollin' at the Sound Factory**



By **MARTY RELLES**  
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By the end of the 1960s, I had moved out of my family home on Janey Way and settled into an apartment above my Uncle Ross' florist shop on 22nd and J Streets.

During that era, rock music arguably hit its apex in American culture.

That's when Bill Graham opened his Fillmore Ballroom in San Francisco, which featured such all-star groups as the Jimmy Hendrix Experience, Jefferson Air Plane and Big Brother and the Holding Company featuring Janice Joplin.

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The programs run from noon to 5 p.m. both days at the Central Library, 828 I Street, in Sacramento, and will feature discussion panels, presentations, film screenings and memorabilia relating to the Tarzan stories and images.

The event will include guest speakers and a centennial display of Tarzan books, comics and memorabilia will be on view in the Central Library's first-floor lobby and second-floor Sacramento Room during open hours from mid-August through September 30, 2012.

For more information, call (916) 264-2920 or visit [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

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## FAIRYTALE TOWN EVENTS

### September 5, Concert: Voices--Where the Girls Are, Wednesday

Gates open 5:30 p.m., concert 6 p.m. Four generations of local female artists take to

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### September 9, Grandparent's Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join Fairytale Town and celebrate the 33rd annual National Grandparents Day. Families are encouraged to bring grandma and grandpa for an enjoyable day of play in the park. Grandparents receive free admission when accompanied with a child ages 0 to 12. For more information, visit [fairytaletown.org](http://fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.

### September 12, Wednesday, Parent Workshop: Giving Voice to Children's Literature, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn easy and effective read-aloud techniques from Francie Dillon, a professor of children's literature at Sacramento State University. Her simple techniques make reading and learning fun for everyone. This workshop is free, but preregistration is required. To register, please email [rsvp@fairytaletown.org](mailto:rsvp@fairytaletown.org).

*Fairytale Town is located at 3901 Land Park Drive in William Land Park. For more information, visit [fairytaletown.org](http://fairytaletown.org) or call (916) 808-7462.*

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# Greek Festival to be held Aug. 31 through Sept. 2

Eugene Fotos played instrumental role in founding of this nearly half-century-old event

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*Editor's Note: This is part one of a two-part series regarding the Greek Festival and Eugene Fotos. Part two of this series will mainly focus on the life of Fotos, who grew up in East Sacramento.*

The Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation is not only known for its historic East Sacramento church complex west of McKinley Park, but also for its annual Greek Festival.

And playing an important role in the founding of this event was Eugene Fotos, who was raised in East Sacramento.

Today, the event is recognized as one of the state's most popular Greek festivals. But the event, which was first held on Nov. 15, 1964, had a much more humble beginning.

### The beginning

Cosmas Alliapoulos, who was serving as president of the Greek Community of Sacramento and Vicinity (which was incorporated on Jan. 30, 1920), attended one of the earliest editions of the Greek Festival presented by St. Basil Greek Orthodox Christian Church in Stockton.

The event was first held at the Stockton Civic Auditorium in 1960. Inspired by St. Basil's Greek Festival, Alliapoulos asked Fotos, who was already a longtime Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation member, to chair a local food faire.

Fotos accepted the role of the event's chair and began working with Lillian Psihopaidas, who served as the faire's co-chair.

This faire, which is recognized as the first Sacramento Greek Festival, was the most

The 49th Annual Greek Festival, which will have a new feature of an entertainment stage in the center of the venue, will be held Labor Day weekend at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J St., from Friday, Aug. 31 through Sunday, Sept. 2. Festival hours are from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$5 for ages 12 and older, \$4 for seniors 55 and older and free for children ages 11 and younger. Admission is also free for anyone attending the event on Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

modest edition of this now longtime, annual event.

This inaugural event, which was attended by 718 people at the Hellenic Center on Alhambra Boulevard and included a band, dancing and a pastry booth with few sales, netted \$2,556.

Fotos said that a large part of this pastry booth's inability to be successful was due to the fact that people were dancing around the booth.

"Because the people were dancing around the booth, (the booth's manager) Mrs.



Photo by Lance Armstrong  
Attracting much attention at the Greek Festival are Greek dancing groups, who wear festive Greek clothing and perform traditional Greek dances.

(Vasiliki) Manolis, couldn't sell the pastries," Fotos recalled. "She had 8-foot tables (to display the pastries). The band started playing and pretty soon people started dancing around the tables and the poor thing, (Manolis), said, 'I can't sell. I can't sell.'"

### Eppie at the festival

In 1966, the festival was relocated to the Scottish Rite Temple at 6151 H St.

Among those in attendance at the 1966 festival, which raised \$4,200, were Fotos, Bill Demas, Perry Georgallis and Eppie Johnson.

Johnson, who had opened Eppie's Restaurant and Coffee Shop at 3001 N Street in East Sacramento about two years earlier, drew much attention at the event, as he wore a traditional Greek fustanella — an article of clothing similar to a Scottish kilt.

In remembering Eppie's appearance at the 1966 festival, Fotos said, "I was shocked after I saw that. I couldn't believe it. Usually (these fustanellas) are white and blue. But what did Eppie have? He had green or some strange color. And he picked (the color)."

During the latter part of the 1960s and 70s, the site for this event changed several times.

These sites were the Governor's Hall on the old State Fairgrounds at Stock-

ton Boulevard and Broadway, the Country Club Plaza mall parking lot, Jesuit High School and the grounds of the Greek Orthodox Church, next to the Hellenic Center.

Fotos said that the festival at Jesuit High proved to be a very lengthy affair.

"In those days, we just had a two-day festival — Saturday and Sunday," Fotos said. "We had to pick up everything, because the school

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Dancers entertain a large crowd at the festival in about 2005.

Photo by Eugene Fotos

## Greek: Festival's earnings surpassed the \$100,000 mark for first time in 1988

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was going to be in session the next day. And we worked, we worked, we worked. There weren't a lot of us working and we drug everything over to the trucks and loaded them on and we got to the church (in East Sacramento) at 7 (o'clock) in the morning. We worked all night long."

**Cal Expo and beyond**  
During the early 1980s, the festival was held for a couple of years at Cal Expo.

Fotos vividly recalled the 1981 festival, which proved to be a fairly infamous event. "Just two days before our festival, an indoor rodeo had been held in the same building we were to use (at Cal Expo)," Fotos said. "The remaining multitude of horseflies and the lingering aromatic scent of horses were almost too much to bear."

The festival was relocated to its present site at the Sacramento Convention Center in 1984, and four years later, the event's earnings surpassed the \$100,000 mark for the first time, as the festival raised \$108,657.

**Festival food**  
The festival's Greek cuisine and desserts collectively serve as a popular draw of the event.

These edibles include dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), souvlaki (meat kabobs), gyros (Greek sandwiches on pita bread), tiro-



Photo by Lance Armstrong  
A volunteer serves guests of the festival in 2007.

pites (cheese puff filo dough triangles), homemade salads, baklava (a rich, flaky filo dough pastry filled with walnuts, butter and cinnamon and soaked in honey) and loukoumathes (honey-dipped donut holes).

Food items such as imported Greek olives, cheeses, crackers, coffees, cookies and candies can also be purchased at the event's pantopoleon, or Greek grocery store.

Another festival attraction is the agora, or Greek marketplace, where guests can purchase items such as jewelry, artwork and recorded music.

**Other attractions**  
Also attracting much attention at the festival are Greek dancing groups, who wear festive Greek clothing and perform traditional Greek dances.

As a family-oriented event, the festival also offers various children's activities.

Fotos, who will turn 80 next month, said that he is proud of the festival's longtime existence and popularity.

"We are very proud to be of Greek descent and to share our heritage and traditions with Sacramento area people and others," said Fotos, whose nephew, Father James Retelas, serves as the priest of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation.

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# East Sac Give Back aims to bring communities together

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Although it just started a few months ago with a Facebook page, new nonprofit East Sac Give Back is already making quite an impact in the community, including helping to raise more than \$3,000 toward the rebuilding efforts for the McKinley Park playground.

East Sac Give Back is the brainchild of 13-year East Sacramento resident Michael Saeltzer. A former public school teacher, Saeltzer is currently a stay-at-home dad to his 4- and 6-year-old daughters and lives in East Sacramento with them and his wife, Shinder.

"We just love (East Sacramento)," he said. "We have wonderful neighbors, nice parks, great schools, recreational sports – it's kind of the ideal place for us."

Saeltzer says he got the idea for East Sac Give Back after reading an article in The Sacramento Bee that

talked about discrepancies between East Sacramento and nearby Oak Park.

"They did a lot of talking about how East Sacramento has a lot of healthcare, parks, restaurants and neat activities for kids, and how Oak Park is really struggling with a lot of those things," he said. "But they didn't talk a lot about how the communities actually relate to each other."

Saeltzer decided to start a discussion about this issue online and after generating some positive responses from both community and business members to see what he could do to help bring the two communities together.

"The mission of East Sac Give Back is to provide the community a single philanthropic identity," Saeltzer said. "It's kind of unique in that it's not just to strengthen our own community in East Sacramento, it's actually to reach out to other communities in Sacramento also. And in the long-term we're plan-

ning on giving 50 percent of our fundraising to another community or other communities and 50 percent to be reinvested back into East Sacramento proper."

## Having an impact

Although East Sac Give Back does not yet have its tax-exempt status – which is something Saeltzer is currently working on – the nonprofit has already been helping to raise money and work on projects toward its mission.

Right now the organization's main efforts have been going toward helping raise money to rebuild the playground at McKinley Park in East Sacramento, which burned down the evening of July 27.

"When that happened is when I really decided that I want to pump it into high gear to see if we could get some volunteers for the rebuilding, maybe raise some funds, and bring people together in a positive way," Saeltzer said.

By using the group's Facebook page and a fundraising website called GoFundMe.com, in less than 48 hours East Sac Give Back raised more than \$1,600 toward the rebuild. And as of Aug. 2, more than \$3,000 has been raised through the website.

This total does not include donations East Sac Give Back has been receiving from area businesses that are doing their own collecting.

"I didn't expect to get too much because times are pretty hard right now, but ... we're coming along," Saeltzer said. "Some people are donating \$100. I mean, that's really nice. So that blew me away – that's been exciting."

## Making a difference

In addition to helping rebuild the McKinley Park playground, East Sac Give Back is working on other projects such as looking at start-

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# Janey Way Memories

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Sound Factory as often as we could.

Because it was so close to my downtown apartment, we could have walked there. We didn't though. We usually drove over to the Raley's on 29th and K streets, parked in the lot and walked under the freeway to the Sound Factory.

The shows ran from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and unfortunately, the police often showed up to tell the promoters they had to keep the volume down.

That problem, along with some bad business decisions eventually led to the downfall of the Sound Factory.

I remember seeing the Santana Blues Band lead off for Creedence Clearwater Revival. Their sound blew us away. They had not one, but two drummers, plus conga drums and other types of percussion.

Carlos Santana headed the group, playing those soaring guitar riffs he would become famous for. The band brought the house down.

By the time John Fogerty and Creedence mounted the stage and began to play, about 30 minutes later, it seemed a big let down. We left the show and headed home after only a few more songs.

Sadly, the Sound Factory closed in 1969. We had loved it so much we were heartbroken to see it go. Soon after that I received my draft notice from Uncle Sam and headed off to join the U.S. Army.

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# Explore, taste East Sac with Edible Gardens Tour

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How many times have you walked past a home garden overflowing with ripe fruits, luscious berries and leafy vegetables, wishing you could sink your teeth into just about everything?

Soroptimist International of Sacramento, Inc. (SIS) is giving you the chance with the 2nd annual Edible Gardens Tour. The tour will take visitors through six different edible gardens in East Sacramento.

## Get growing

Susann Hadler, who has lived in East Sacramento for more than 30 years and chairs the Fund Development Committee and Edible Gardens Tour for SIS, said an edible garden is balanced landscape that combines edible plants, such as fruits and vegetables, with purely ornamental plants.

"You're incorporating plants that you can actually eat into your landscaping," she said.

For example, one of the gardens on this year's tour is the home garden of interior designer Amanda Fossum.

Fossum was inspired by the Edible Gardens Tour last year to not only do more with her garden, but also become part of the tour this year.

"I thought if we could show what we've done in just two years of owning our house, it would encourage other people to start their own gardens or even be on the tour themselves next year," Fossum said.

Fossum's garden includes a covered patio, fire pit and raised beds made from recycled cedar and redwood. It also extends from the backyard to the front.

For the second year of their garden, Fossum said she and her husband decided to "double down" and plant as much as they can. The garden's bounty includes four different fruit trees, zucchini squash, watermelon, cantaloupe, two different varieties of toma-



Photo courtesy Soroptimist International of Sacramento, Inc

All photos are taken from gardens on last year's tour.

atoes, lettuce, herbs, peppers and cucumbers.

Another garden on the tour this year will feature what Hadler called a "sustainable English cottage garden."

Hadler said the home itself looks like an English cottage with gardens in both the front and backyards featuring sunflowers, artichokes, tomatoes, beans,

strawberries and blueberries. And then there's a more whimsical garden that features a two-story chicken coop and raised beds for growing vegetables and herbs.

Also on the tour for 2012 is the Science Alive garden at Theodore Judah Elementary School, which features edible gardens, native plant gardens and a butterfly pavilion.

"What they have done is amazing - they've really taken science out of the classroom and put it in what you could call a living laboratory," Hadler said. "They're excited about being one of the featured (gardens)."

## Coming up green

Although edible gardens are the focus of this event, the main purpose is for SIS to raise money for its philanthropic endeavors. SIS is a service club for professional business women whose mission is to improve the lives of women and children.

Last year, Hadler said their first-ever Edible Gardens Tour saw about 600 attendees and raised almost \$10,000 for the Guardian Scholars Pro-

# Edible Gardens

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gram at California State University Sacramento.

The program provides a campus-based program to support current and former foster youth successfully complete a college degree. The funds raised also went toward scholarships SIS gives out each year to high school and college students.

This year, funds raised through the Edible Gardens Tour will again go toward scholarships, as well as two main charities, Hadler said.

The first is the Children's Receiving Home Independent Living Program for Foster Youth, which Hadler said focuses on helping foster youth become independent members of the community once they become young adults.

"There are programs that they go through that guide them on such things as renting an apartment, how to go to the DMV to get your driver's license, and how to make sure you're getting the right cell phone contract," Hadler said.

The second charity is the Lilliput Children's Services Emergency Kinnect Program.

Hadler said this program provides clothing, toys, formula and diapers to children to have been removed from a home due to an emergency situation until they can be placed in a stable environment.

Fossum said she is proud to be a part of this year's Edible Gardens Tour to help support SIS in its fundraising efforts for others, and she benefits as well.

"I'm considering opening my own small business right now, so in terms of having other women in the community as a support network, I think it's a great organization," she said.



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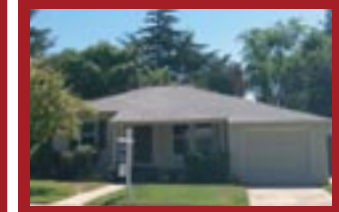
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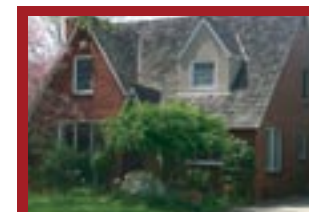
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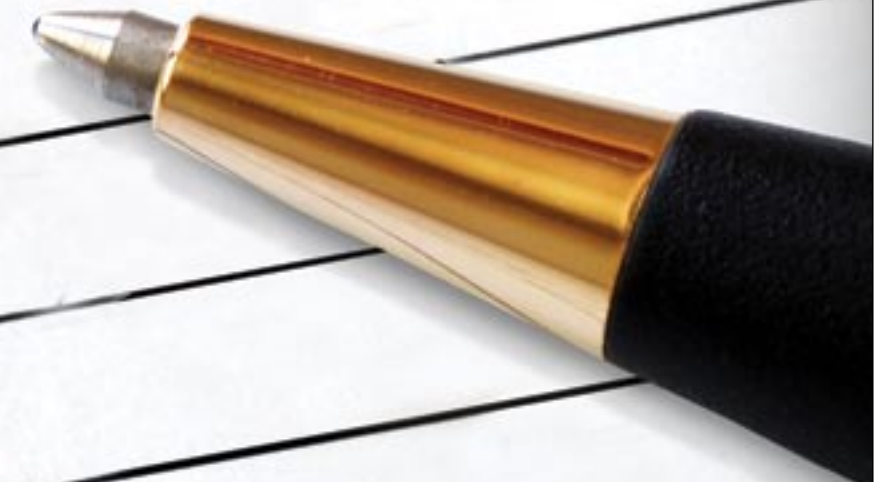
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# Hundreds of freshmen converge on Sac State for life-changing camp



Photo by Toby Lewis

Nearly 400 incoming high school freshmen went on a scavenger hunt on the final day of WayUp Youth Leadership Summer Camp at Sacramento State.

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With the 2012-13 school year fast approaching, incoming high school freshmen often face that sometimes-difficult transition from middle school with a mixture of wonder, fear and trepidation.

To help alleviate a little of that fear, 16-year-old Shia Streator, McClatchy High School senior and WayUp facilitator, volunteered her time during the first few days in August for a three-day/two-night leadership camp.

Nearly 400 incoming 9th graders within the Sacramento City Unified School District converged upon Sacramento State for the Sacramento WayUp Youth Leadership Program Summer Camp, which was held July 31 to Aug. 2.

The goal of the leadership program was to build a bridge that dilutes freshmen fears and makes students more comfortable with the transition to high school, Streator said.

"When I came in as a freshman, I didn't have anybody really to teach me anything social wise," Streator said. "This three-day leadership program is designed to give the freshmen an essence of accomplishment and friendship during and after the camp. Because freshmen are usually alone the first couple of months, this summer program gives them an opportunity to know 300 freshmen who feel the same way as they do."

Streator says programs like WayUp have helped her build her own leadership skills.

"When I entered my junior year last year after

participating in the camp, I did come out of it with a lot more confidence and assurance of who I am and what I can do," she said. "I have just become captain of my criminal justice academy, so it really applies to what I am doing in school."

The Sacramento WayUp Youth Leadership Program Summer Camp teaches kids how to stand as leaders in their schools, communities and within their own lives under the camp theme "Evolution 2 Rev-

olution: Leadership is Not an Option."

Students participate in a variety of activities from team-building exercises to developing strategic-thinking and problem-solving skills.

"The three-day event nurtures, guides and grows the next generation of leaders," said WayUp Sacramento Program Director Talia Kaufman. "This year's tracks are specifically 'change yourself, change your community and change your future.' It's

teaching young teens to assert themselves and give them self-empowerment along with thinking about community change and how we as individuals can help."

This year Streator taught her own track. "I talked about life values and planning your own life future," she said. "It's a way to help fresh-

men discover their own passion and help them carve what they want their high school and college experience to be like. For example, if they want to pursue more art, music, sports, academics, it will help them understand their own passion

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# New St. Francis president has 'deep roots' in Sacramento

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Margo Reid Brown knows a few things about St. Francis High School.

She graduated from the school in 1981 after spending time as junior class president, student body president and a member of the varsity tennis team.

Now Brown has decided to come back to St. Francis, but this time as president, taking over the reins from Marion Bishop, who retired earlier this year.

Brown, who was appointed president by Bishop Jaime Soto of the Diocese of Sacramento on Feb. 1, offici-

ally took over the position July 1.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to be at St. Francis and help grow and contribute to that enriching environment that I so benefited from having been here," Brown said. "And if what I have as far as gifts and talents that are bestowed upon me from God that I can share with the girls that are coming to St. Francis, I'm honored to be able to do that."

## Call it a come back

When presented with the opportunity, Brown said as an alumnus she was drawn to become president of St. Francis to help the school continue its growth in the commu-

nity and ability to create an "academically excellent environment" for the girls that attend.

"Just seeing the contribution that graduates from St. Francis make to the community in Sacramento made me want to come back here and help lead St. Francis through the next growth opportunity," she said.

Brown said the obvious change to the school she noticed from the time she was last on campus was its physical plan, which has grown to accommodate a growth in the number of students.

"When I was here, we had about 575 students and there were 125 in my graduating class," she said. "My older



Margo Brown.

Photo courtesy of St. Francis High School.

daughter is a senior here at St. Francis and when she started as a freshman, there were 300 in her class and I think there's still about 275. The size of the school has grown tremendously — we built a brand new gym, there's a fine arts center and theater, and the athletic fields have changed."

However, Brown says the spirit of St. Francis and opportunities students have "to grow and to blossom in an enriching environment" hasn't changed.

"That has been the hallmark of what St. Francis does for the young women in this environment for more than 70

years — that's what's exciting to come back to," she said.

## Born and raised

Brown was born and raised in Sacramento. After graduating from St. Francis, she left the area to attend the University of Southern California, from which she graduated in 1985.

She then moved to the east coast to work in Washington, D.C. for five years, after which she moved back to California.

Brown's past work experience includes a number of

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both professional and volunteer positions with nonprofits.

She was appointed by both the Wilson and Schwarzenegger administrations to serve in the Governors' Capitol Office staff, and subsequently as Agency Executive leading the Administration's initiatives on Waste Diversion & Recycling programs.

She was also director of the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

"My background is leading mission-based organizations, fundraising, community involvement, and that's really the role of the president," Brown said.

Now Brown calls East Sacramento home and lives with her husband and two daughters, both of whom attend St. Francis.

Her sister and brother are also currently raising families in East Sacramento as well, and Brown says she has a few nieces in the area that will be attending St. Francis in a few years.

Brown is also very active in the community outside of her school. A past president of the Junior League of Sacramento, she currently sits on the Board of Directors for Keep Califor-

nia Beautiful and the California Product Stewardship Council.

What has been taking up most of Brown's free time, however, is her involvement with Team in Training. She and her daughter, Carolina, are in training for the Disneyland Half Marathon over Labor Day weekend. The marathon will help raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"There have been members of our community who have been diagnosed with blood cancers and we're running in honor of several of the people we know," she said.

## Moving forward

Now as president of St. Francis, Brown says her experience at various nonprofits and government agencies have given her the skills to make her a good fit for this position.

As president, Brown says her role is to provide fiscal oversight for the school, including budgeting, finance and facilities management, as well as business aspects such as admissions and marketing. She is also responsible for the spiritual ministry on campus.

Brown is already looking at plans for growth and improve-



(From left) Former St. Francis High School Chaplain Father Joe Ternullo, past president Marion Bishop, current president Margo Brown and new St. Francis High School Chaplain Father Giovanni Gamas.

ment at the school as it continues to grow in student enrollment, which Brown says is at 1,100 right now.

"We have some capitol improvements that we're looking at that we're going to be developing over the next decade or so," she said. "We're looking at technology in the classroom, we're looking at how we're preparing girls to be admitted to the college of their dreams."

And Brown says she is hoping to help St. Francis continue to grow and continue to be a "vibrant community" of girls that goes on and changes the world.

"The opportunity to be a part of that and help grow St. Francis over the next decade is truly a gift and I'm so much looking forward to the opportunity of really rising to the expectations that the community has for the potential of the girls here," she said.

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# East Sac Give Back

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ing community gardening in East Sacramento.

"There's no community gardening in East Sacramento and there's a couple of them in Oak Park," Saeltzer said. "We've been talking with some of the people in Oak Park about how they got theirs started and how we might be able to get one put in here."

Additionally, the organization is looking into putting a circuit training course in a neighborhood park in memory of Dr. David Kilmmer, who Saeltzer says passed away a few years ago and was very physical fitness oriented.

And East Sac Give Back is also looking at what can be done to keep community swimming pools open for another summer.

"A lot of people have really felt happy this summer that the pools were able to stay open and some of them still need help with funding," he said.

Saeltzer said he would also like to see East Sac Give back do some events that would bring in members of other communities, such as Del Paso Heights, Oak Park or West Sacramento, "so that people can start getting to know each other beyond just their neighborhood boundaries

and maybe share their food and music and good times together."

## Forging ahead

As East Sac Give Back marches forward, Saeltzer hopes to bring on more members to his group to get more input on what the organization should be doing.

He gets many of these ideas from his Facebook page, which was set up May 5 and currently has 98 followers, and Facebook Group, which has 201 members.

Saeltzer says the convenience and ease of connecting with individuals and communities is what made him launch East Sac Give Back on Facebook.

"It's been a great platform for me," he said. "It's been fairly easy to operate, it's been free and it's been very transparent, which I think helps a lot. It was the easiest, quickest way to get the word out."

Saeltzer said the most important thing for him is to focus on things that bring people and communities together.

"I want (East Sac Give Back) to be continually growing and continually networking with other individuals, businesses and even other nonprofits to find out how we can do things to help our communities," he said.

For more information on East Sac Give Back, visit [www.eastsacgiveback.org](http://www.eastsacgiveback.org) or follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/East-SacGiveBack](http://www.facebook.com/East-SacGiveBack). To make a donation, visit [www.gofundme.com/EAST-SAC-GIVE-BACK](http://www.gofundme.com/EAST-SAC-GIVE-BACK).



Photo by Toby Lewis  
Eric Roberts, a teacher at Heath Professions High School in South Land Park, works with some of his students during a scavenger hunt on the final day of WayUp Youth Leadership Summer Camp at Sacramento State.

## WayUp

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and encourage them to go for it."

Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent Jonathan Raymond said programs like these are more vital than ever, especially given of the city's limited resources.

"Our goal is to give kids ... rich summer learning experiences so that all of our students return to school is September ready for the new school year," Raymond said.

Years of state budget cuts have forced the school district to reduce traditional summer school program to remediation classes only, Raymond said.

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WayUp Sacramento is funded primarily through grants received from the California Endowment, as well as through contributions from numerous businesses and community-based organizations throughout Sacramento.

"To see these kids interacting, learning, growing, smiling and laughing together is truly inspiring," Kaufman said.

For information about next year's WayUp Youth Leadership Summer Camp, visit [www.wayupsacramento.org](http://www.wayupsacramento.org).



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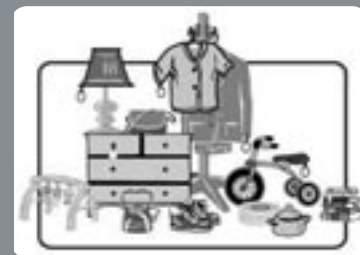
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