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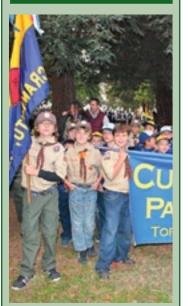
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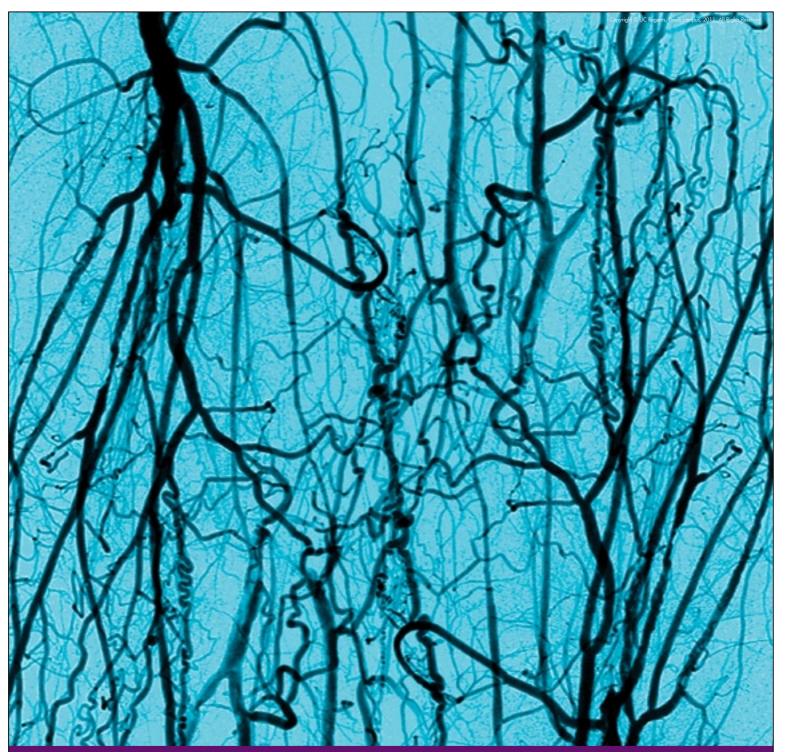
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Ski ticket fundraiser to benefit JFK 2011 graduation

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Budget cuts continue to affect John F. Kennedy High School, threatening the venue for this year's senior class graduation.

"This year, we do not have a budget for renting out Memorial Auditorium for graduation," said JFK Principal Chad Sweitzer in an email to families. "The JFK PTSA has stepped up to help and is running an online fundraiser to ensure that our students have a great location to celebrate this important event."



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'Kirkwood is offering 50 percent off tickets, lessons and rentals," Sweitzer said. "And they are contributing an additional 20 percent to our school. Please enjoy these deals, help fund our graduation ceremony and share them with your friends and family."

Editor's note: These discounts are available to anyone in the Sacramento community (or anyone on the Internet, for that matter). Readers of the "Pocket News" are encouraged to pass





Veterans' Day Parade 2011

Photos by STEPHEN CROWLEY Pocket News photographer stephen@valcomnews.com

The Sacramento community honored American heroes past and present at the Sacramento Veterans' Day Parade on Friday, Nov. 11.

Families lined the parade route that took vintage vehicles, dignitaries, scouts and service organizations right up Capital Mall.

General Chuck Yeager, the first person to break the sound barrier, served as Grand Marshal.



















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Sept. 11-themed, 25-year time capsule placed at St. Joseph Church

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Pocket News writer lance@valcomnews.com

A very special event was held last Sunday, Nov. 6 in the Sacramento Delta town of Clarksburg at St. Joseph Church – a place of worship both historically and presently connected with the Pocket area – as members of the parish gathered to participate in a Sept. 11themed, 25-year time capsule ceremony.

Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, members of the church gathered at the northeast corner of the church, where Father Dan Madigan conducted the ceremony.

The brick time capsule will be opened during another ceremony in 2036. Two large, blue plastic storage containers filled with items of remembrances and historical records pertaining to Sept. 11, 2001 and the church were placed inside the capsule, as well as other items.

Additionally, parishioners donated personal items associated with their own connections to the church.

Items placed in the time capsule included: a firefighter's rosary, a book about Sept. 11, a newspaper announcing the deaths of Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden, a Pentagon/Sept. 11 memorabilia album donated by the Scott family of the Pocket area, copies of Madigan's published books, photographs and one of the notable jackets of former St. Joseph parishioner Joe Borges (the founder of Clarksburg's airport), newspaper clippings and photographs



CLOSURE...FOR NOW. As part of the ceremony, the covering of the time capsule was placed over the top of the capsule to be sealed the following day.



of early St. Joseph social clubs, the then-latest edition of *The Sacramento Bee* and the May 19, 2011 edition of *The Pocket News*, which includes an article with details about the Soto Ferry that transported parishioners to and from the church's side of the river and the Pocket area.

As part of the ceremony, the cover of the time capsule was placed over the capsule to be sealed the following day.

Speaking at the event were Madigan, Jacqueline "Jackie" Pometta and Deacon Jim Healy.

The speeches were devoted in remembrance of the people who were directly affected by the Sept. 11 tragedies.

A pre-written Sept. 11 prayer was simultaneously read aloud by the group. The prayer included the words: "Almighty and everloving God, we remember Sep. 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths. We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day 10 years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones."

In closing the ceremony, Jennifer Kirtlan-Tickler led attendees of the event in the singing of "America the Beautiful."

Following the service, Pometta, who served as the chairman of the ceremony, explained the story behind how she came to organize the event.

"What happened is: we were having our first annual barbecue and it just happened to fall on 9/11," said Pometta, whose son-inlaw, Air Force Sergeant Jason Dudley, survived an air attack over Iraq about eight years ago. "So, we thought, 'Let's make this really special for our first barbecue (and) we'll do a time capsule.' It started out as just doing items for 9/11 and then we decided that it was very important to put articles in (the time capsule) about the church."

As part of the preparation for filling the time capsule, Pometta distributed a questionnaire for all the parishioners to describe where they were 10 years ago, when the events of Sept. 11 occurred, what memories they have of this infamous time in history and what the parish means to them.

Pometta said that she gained a greater understanding of the importance of the time capsule after two particular youth filled out the questionnaire.

"These (youth) were six years old (on Sept. 11, 2001) and they could remember what (9/11) was about and that's when I started thinking, 'This is very important for our children to know about this time capsule, so they know what they're going to see," Pometta said.

Madigan, 74, said that he believes that the eventual opening of the time capsule should be a great expe-See Parish, page 7





FILLED WITH MEMORIES. A youth places a plastic storage container filled with items of remembrances inside a time capsule at St. Joseph Church. The capsule is scheduled to be opened in 25 years.

Parish: Items include a firefighter's rosary, 9/11 memorabilia

rience for those who attend the 2036 ceremony.

"I think (placing a time capsule at the church) was a great idea," Madigan said. "You can imagine the excitement here (in 25 years) and going in there and getting all kinds of literature and books, wine and all kinds of things. I would imagine that it would be a lovely, lovely day with great excitement to see the newspapers and everything. Hopefully they will be opening this (time capsule in 25 years) and I hope on that day they will invite me and that I will be here to say a few words."

St. Joseph Church's rich Pocket area connection

As previously mentioned, the Pocket area has a rich connection with St. Joseph Church, as the history of this church dates back to October 1892, when John Soto donated the Yolo County land for the sole purpose of building a Catholic church for the Portuguese farming community.

St. Joseph Church was consecrated in September 1893 and remained the area's only Catholic church until the dedication of the Pocket area's Igreja de Santa Maria – later known

as St. Maria Church - on May 31, 1914.

Dredgers were later used to build up the river levees and because the old church was on the edge of the area's levee, during winter months, when the river ran high, the water lapsed into the front doors of the church.

When the levee was raised, the original church had to be demolished and a new church was built further down from the levee on flat ground.

Father Joseph Cunha, who served as St. Joseph's pastor from 1922 to 1932, initiated and led the drive to raise funds for the construction of the new church.

The new church, which was built on land owned by W.W. Dwyer, Ethel Clare Dwyer and Mary E. Devlin with bricks manufactured from the brickyard that was located in the Pocket area, was built with its doors facing east.

Despite the loss of the original church, a portion of the old church remains in use today, as lumber from the old church was used in the construction of the new church.

Furthermore, the original church's rectory was saved. The walkway connecting the old church with the rectory was removed and the rectory was remodeled and moved immediately north of the new church.

On May 11, 1924, Father Guilhermes Gloria, who was an active priest in the Northern California Portuguese community, dedicated the new church, which is located immediately south of the original church, adjacent to the old Soto property.

Cunha is quite notable in St. Joseph's history as being the last pastor to say Mass at the original church and first pastor to say Mass at the thennew, now current church.

Today, because of the development of the Pocket area, there are no Portuguese ranches. Many Catholics of this area rely on St. Joseph Church for non-Portuguese-speaking Catholic services.

Although the Pocket and Clarksburg communities continue to have members of some of the original Portuguese immigrant farming families, these locals are now in the minority of the congregation of the present St. Joseph parish.

But the fact remains that St. Joseph Church has a more than century long connection to the Pocket area.



Pocket News photo, Lance Armstrong

ST. JOSEPH PARISH has a rich connection with the Pocket area, as Pocket area residents have attended services and other activities of the church for more than a centurv.



'SunFlower' blooming at School of Engineering and Sciences

Special to Pocket News

SMUD and the Sacramento City Unified School District pulled back a curtain on Nov. 15 to reveal the future of energy learning: the "SunFlower" at the School of Engineering and Sciences.

SunFlower is a 20-foot high, 400-watt, student-controlled solar array. Think of it as solar panels configured onto a large steel "flower." The structure will serve as an interactive learning laboratory – the first of its kind in the nation – to promote math and science.

Students can manipulate the panels to learn how to harness the sun's energy into electricity to operate or charge electronic devices and equipment. Information is also uploaded to the Web, so students can monitor energy production, share it with other students and even teach their parents the value of alternative energy resources.

The SunFlower at the School of Engineering and Sciences is the first installation of the pilot class of similar projects at Sacramento area schools. It will serve as a model for other school district partnerships throughout California. An energy curriculum that utilizes SunFlower and that can be shared across all state public schools is in development.



Photo courtesy, School of Engineering and Science

THE FUTURE OF THINGS TO COME. Belinda Kirk, principal of the School of Engineering and Sciences, Jonathan Raymond, SCUSD superintendent and Darrell Woo, SCUSD School Board member, unveil the nation's first solar "SunFlower." The structure will be used by students to learn about alternative energy sources.

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Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services gearing up for Thanksgiving

Special to Pocket News

The Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) is preparing for the busiest Thanksgiving season in the organization's history. From donating turkeys to jogging through town, Sacramento residents can help families in need this holiday season. The food bank serves residents throughout Sacramento county, including local neighborhoods such as East Sacramento.

Turkey Drive

The annual Turkey Drive for families will be on Nov. 18, from 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The goal this year is 8,000 frozen turkeys.

Members of the community are encouraged to drop off a frozen turkey or packaged side dishes to help the food bank meet this year's goal. In 2010, local residents donated 7,053 turkeys to this worthy cause. This year, the need in our community is even greater.

This effort will help the food bank to provide the ingredients for a holiday meal for thousands of local families. Representatives from Papa Murphy's, Wells Fargo and SaveMart will be on hand to thank donors and unload turkeys. This event is all day.

Bring turkeys and packaged side dishes to the SFFBS Oak Park facility at 333 Third Ave. (near 34th St. and Broadway), Friday, Nov. 18 from 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. **Turkey Distribution – one day only**

Holiday ingredients including a turkey and all of the wonderful Thanksgiving trimmings will be distributed to families in need on Monday, Nov. 21 starting at 8 a.m. and going until the turkeys run out (likely in the late afternoon).

For Thanksgiving, SFBFS would like to see every family celebrate the holiday together with a meal. Several thousand families are expected to arrive for this oneday distribution. Volunteers from PG&E will be on hand to help distribute items.

SFBFS does not provide a hot meal on Thanksgiving Day.

Please note, for the first time in several years, SFBFS will distribute turkeys in **one day** instead of two. Help spread the word to families in need that instead of two days of morning-only distribution, SFBFS will offer longer distribution hours for working families on Monday.

ŚFBFS will not offer a turkey distribution on Tuesday.

Turkeys will be distributed at the SFFBS Oak Park facility at 333 Third Ave. (near 34th St. and Broadway).

Run to Feed the Hungry

Celebrate one of Sacramento's greatest traditions by participating in the 18th annual Run to Feed the Hungry on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.

A 5K and 10K course are available for participants of all ages and abilities. A turnout of 30,000 people is expected on Thanksgiving morning, so get there early. Individuals can sign up to participate, volunteer or join a team at www.runtofeedthehungry.com.

The fun begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at approximately 11 a.m. Meet at Sacramento State's J Street entrance for the start of the run/walk.

For more information about SFBFS, www. sacramentofoodbank.org.







17th annual Christmas Show at Schumacher Ceramics

Special to Pocket News

Schumacher Ceramics will host its 17th Annual Christmas Show and reception on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Owners Bob and Sonya Schumacher will have new pottery pieces on display, in addition to works by gallery artists. These items are ideal for gift giving needs during the holidays.

Bob will have more of his one-of-a-kind carved vessels, and Sonya will unveil the "Fourth Day" of the "Twelve See Schumacher, page 12



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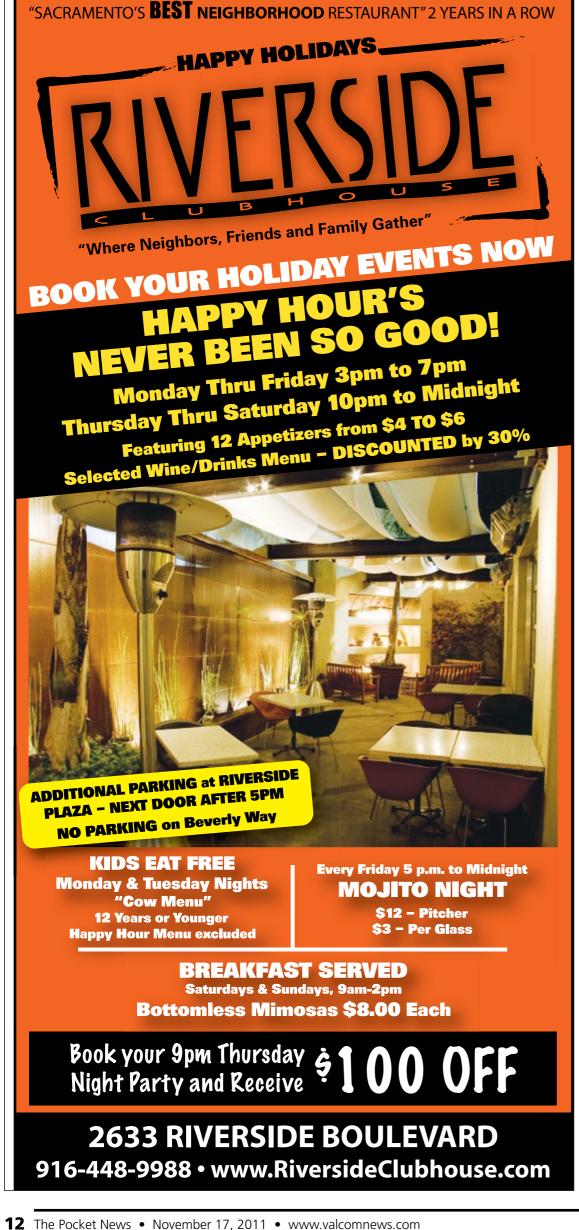


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Schumacher

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Days of Christmas" porcelain plaques. She will also show her wheel-thrown and altered pottery.

Participating gallery art-ists include: Connie Esquibel, Royden Hietz, Joe Mariscol, William McLane, John Reiger, Joe Rohret, Janelle Sonada, Eric Struck, John Weber, Winged-Dog Tile, Randy Won, and more to be announced.

Works include relief tiles, wood-fired pottery, reduction-fired ware, raku, sculpture, turned wood, oil paintings and more.

Music will be presented by Guitarbari on Saturday, Dec. 3, and Fifteen Strings on Sunday, Dec 4. Light refreshments A WIDE VARIETY of pottery items will will be served. The show and reception are Dec 3 and Dec. ramics annual Christmas Show on Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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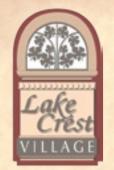
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For 38 years, this popular tour has grown to include nearly 5,000 patrons from throughout northern and central California. The homes showcase elaborate renovation while preserving historic design, custom interior decoration and creative holiday décor that is sure to ignite the spirit of the season.

"This year, one of the homeowners is one the original two founders of the Home Tour in 1973," said Leslie Wilson-Lopez, co-chair of the home tour and school parent. "Caroline Reid was one of two founders of the home tour, she was a Sacred Heart parent. Now her children are grown, but the tradition continues. Last year her daughter's home was on the home tour. This year, Caroline has a grandchild at Sacred Heart, so this year's tour has tremendous meaning."

One special remodeled home on the tour features an area that was once a foundry (a factory that produced metal casings). Built prior to 1915, this structure boasts some East Sacramento history.

"The homes are all lovely," said Wilson-Lopez. "One home on the tour is owned by one of the designers: Jill Dudensing. She has a real minimalist, mid-century style that marries traditional Christmas with contemporary style. It's a kind of 'Andy Warhol meets Norman Rockwell kind of vibe.""

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The Holiday Home Tour is one of Sacred Heart Parish School's biggest fundraisers. Proceeds from the tour go directly to the school to offset tuition and provide financial support to families who might not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education.

The tour includes a holiday Boutique and Café located at Sacred Heart Parish School at 39th and H streets in East Sacramento.

Organizers predict another sellout this year and suggest advance purchases when possible.

Tour dates are Friday, Dec. 2 through Sunday, Dec. 4. Visit www.sacredhearthometour.com for dates and times. Tour tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 after Dec. 1. Tickets may be purchased online at the website or call the Holiday Home Tour Information Line at (916) 556-5050. Check the website for ticket retailer locations also.











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Know your neighbor A celebration of freedom on Veterans Day at Merrill Gardens

By SUSAN LAIRD Pocket News editor susan@valcomnews.com

Residents, staff and some special guests celebrated Veterans Day at Merrill Gardens Retirement Community on Nov. 11.

In attendance were some 25 veterans (including the oldest WAVE in the nation), a recruiter for the Navy, new Navy recruits and members of AlphaOne Ambulance Medical Services. All enjoyed a special meal together and music by Breakthrough, a bluegrass fusion group.

"This is a big day for our residents," said Courtney Siegel, Merrill Gardens general manager.

The day was especially meaningful to Evelyn Lackey. At 101, Lackey is sharp as a tack and every bit as patriotic as she was when she became one of the first women to enlist in the Navy's "Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service" (WAVES) at the dawn of World War II. "My dad was in the Navy. After (the Japanese attack on) Pearl Harbor, I left a good job to join the WAVES," the retired yeoman said. "I was one of the very first WAVES. Back then, women were only allowed to do mostly administrative things. Today, women do everything."

Lt. Col. Tom Licursi (retired) is heading a new veterans' group at Merrill Gardens.

"The purpose of the group is to build friendships and reminisce," he said. "Especially the older guys."

Licursi went into the Army in October, 1941 ("They drafted me!" he said). After completing Basic Training at Fort Dixon in New Jersey, he was sent to Camp Croft in South Carolina. In April, 1942, he shipped out to Ireland with the 34th Infantry – one of the first American units to be sent to Europe.

"In December, 1942 I was sent back to the states for Officers Training School at Fort Benning," Licursi said. "Then I was off to Camp Adair in Corvallis, Ore. And then to the Pacific Theater."

Licursi served in Japan on occupation duty shortly after the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"The minute the war ended, they were as docile as could be," he said.

One concern Licursi has is how his generation has come to be portrayed. He disagrees with recent media coverage.

"There's been a tendency lately to classify as 'heroes' anybody who served in World War II," he said. "There were over 10 million of us under arms. We couldn't ALL be heroes. It was a different attitude then. There was a job to be done. And we did it. No matter what, everybody was focused on one aim."

Tom Árjil, president and CEO of AlphaOne, said that recognizing the efforts of all veterans is important.



CELEBRATING THE NAVY. Past, present and future at Merrill Gardens on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Navy recruits and their recruiter met Evelyn Lackey, a retired yeoman and the oldest surviving WAVE in the United States. Seated, left to right, Isabel Miramontes, Lackey. Standing, left to right, Lelefu Vui, Sharon Martinez, Andrew Herscowitz, Petty Officer 1st Class John Mark Centeno.



Wellspring Women's Center celebrates 25 years of 'Hospitality with Dignity and Love'

By CORRIE PELC Pocket News writer corrie@valcomnews.com

It's about 7:30 in the morning on a chilly Friday in November.

A handful of women and children are waiting outside Wellspring Women's Center in Oak Park for the doors to open.

Precisely at 7:30 the door is unlocked and the smiling face of 91-year-old volunteer Pat Trippet welcomes each guest with a warm "Good morning," and a hug for any that would like one.

Women of all ages and ethnicities make their way to their usual tables to meet and greet their friends, while children scamper about as they wait for the Children's Corner to open. Later that morning, a volunteer chiropractor will make his services available, social workers will offer counseling, and the Craft Club will meet.

Back in the kitchen, the usual Friday morning Wellspring volunteers are busy preparing breakfast burritos, while volunteers from Jesuit High School in Carmichael serve every guest with a smile. Volunteers and staff work in the back room (aka. "The Hub") working on sorting donations of hygiene items and diapers. And Executive Director Sister Judy Illig, IBVM makes her rounds, greeting every single guest at Wellspring by name.

Welcome to a typical morning at Wellspring Women's Center – a nonprofit whose mission, according to Sister Illig, is "to nurture the innate goodness and personal selfesteem of women and their children" under the theme of "providing hospitality with dignity and love."

All are welcome

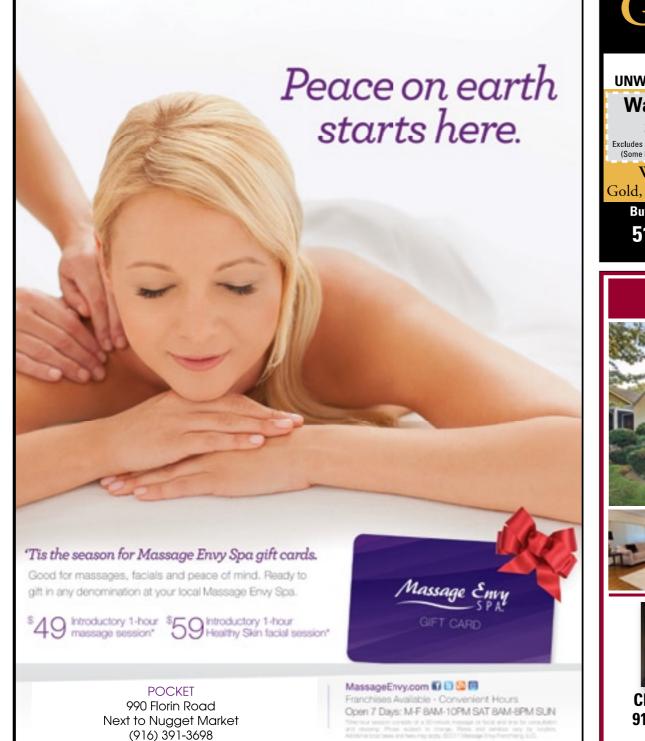
It was that sense of hospitality that first attracted Sister

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WELLSPRING WOMEN'S CENTER Executive Director Sister Judy Illig, left, and Children's Corner Coordinator Yi Yang, right, spend some time with their youngest guests in Wellspring's Children's Corner.





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Wellspring: Women and children of every background, every social level served

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Illig to become involved with Wellspring, first as a Board member and now for six years as executive director. "Anyone is welcome (at Wellspring) – there are no restrictions on what women and what children can come, there are no criteria that have to be met in order to be a guest," she said. "I love the fact that we refer to everyone as our guest."

Then...

That ideal of guests and hospitality has been the cornerstone of Wellspring from the very beginning when the concept was first created by co-founders Sisters Catherine Connell and Claire Graham, both members of the Sisters of Social Service, around 1983. Sister Connell said the concept for Wellspring came during one of their evening walks after work when both she and Sister Graham were approached in downtown Sacramento by a woman in need.

"A woman came up and nudged me on my arm and said, 'Got any money for food?" Sister Connell recalled. "It was real clear, I could smell the alcohol on her and I thought, 'Oh dear, here this poor soul wants money for more alcohol.""

The Sisters took the woman to a fast food restaurant in the area where they treated her to a meal.

"When we left and we were walking down the street, I turned to Sister Claire and said, 'Wouldn't it be wonderful if someday we could offer something more than just food and good-bye in the night?" Sister Connell said.

Four years later, after leaving her current employment, Sister Connell called up Sister Graham and said it was time to make their dream a reality. With help from a friends and the local parish community, Wellspring Women's Center was born. The Center spent its first two years as a program of the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, then became a separate agency.

After two locations on Broadway, Wellspring found its current home in 1995 in the old Oak Park Firehouse.

Now...

At the Oak Park Firehouse, Wellspring is concentrating on its main programs, the first of which is a Nutritious Meal Program. From 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., any woman and/or child can come in for a free hot breakfast. Wellspring averages about 200 women and children a day coming through its doors.

However, the unique thing about Wellspring is the support the guests receive in addition to their meal.

"I always think about what would happen if Wellspring wasn't there - where would those people go to get a nutritious meal and sometimes more importantly the support that they're given – the emotional support if they're going through a hard time," said Andy Thielen, an East Sacramento resident and Wellspring Board member for the past five years. "They're in a safe place for that morning from 7:30 to 11:30. They get a warm meal and are able to have a conversation with someone and discuss their problems with other people that may have similar problems. (It's) an escape for them."

Women like Elly (not her real name) and Beth (not her real name), call the Wellspring table they share each morning "sacred." Elly has been a guest of Wellspring every morning for 11 years, and she refers to Wellspring as a place of spiritual healing and love.

"It's for women who are in pain, women that are hungry – your soul is healed here," Elly said. "You are welcome here – all the staff welcomes you like you are a family. I don't know what I would do without it."

For Beth, Wellspring gave her a sense of belonging after her children grew up and left.

"For the first time I was very lonely and I wanted to find some place to come," Beth said. "(I am) so thankful to the volunteers. Everyone is wonderful and they really care for us."

Beth was also able to receive counseling she needed, as well as assistance in finding employment.



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VOLUNTEERS. Left to right, Jesuit High School volunteers English teacher Richard Carrigan and sophomores Austin Gates and Greg Kay help feed hungry guests at Wellspring Women's Center.

The women that come to Wellspring come from all different ethnicities and all different situations in life. Some are unemployed. Some are homeless. Some have mental health issues. Some are in or have escaped abusive relationships. Some are battling substance abuse.

To help the women through their problems, Wellspring offers a Women's Wellness Program that offers counseling, case management, resource referrals, wellness activities and workshops – all free of charge.

Wellspring currently has one social worker on staff and three social work interns, so there are two-to-three social workers for guests to speak with each day. And workshops and activities run the gamut from parenting classes to poetry writing to exercise classes, which are all related to helping the women that come to Wellspring build their sense of selfesteem and dignity, according to Sister Illig. Many of the women that come to Wellspring find support from their peers as well.

"A lot of times you'll walk around the tables and you'll hear someone say "This is what's happening with me right now and I know you went through this last year, how did you do it, what did you do?"" Sister Illig said. "They really are very good about helping each other. There's a real sense of trust

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Wellspring: Capital campaign to pay off mortgage to women's center 'in the works'

there and the guests feel safe. It's wonderful to be in that kind of family environment."

While the women receive the support they need, their children can have fun in another Wellspring program, the Children's Corner, full of books, games and toys.

The real emphasis (in the Children's Corner) now is on socialization skills, just fundamental learning skills," Sister Illig said. "They do a lot with just the kids working together, sharing."

During October, 106 different children came to the Center, with an average of 17 a day between the ages of 18 months and 8 years.

The Children's Corner has its own special activities. For example, Land Park resident and Wellspring Board member Patti Martinez told a children's author she knew about Wellspring. The author wanted to come to speak to the children.

"She brought some of the books that she wrote for Chinese New Year," Martinez said. "She did a reading to all the kids and brought some tastes of Chinese food that they would all share if it was Chinese New Year."

To further help support both the women and children that come to Wellspring, the Center offers its Safety Net Services, which includes occasional assistance with transportation, education and health services. Through this program, Wellspring accepts

Volunteering at Wellspring

For the past 13 years, Wilton resident Sheri Stuckey has been coming to Wellspring Women's Center every Thursday for one hour before heading to work as a paralegal on Capitol Mall. Stuckey says she'll do anything to help out while there, either working in the kitchen or helping to serve breakfast, working in the back room or in the administrative offices upstairs. Additionally, for the past six years Stuckey has chaired Wellspring's annual dinner and auction fund raising event.

For the past eight years, now 91-year-old Pat Trippet has been volunteering at Wellspring. Known as Thursday's "official hugger," Pat greets each Wellspring guest with a cheery "good morning" and a hug.

And volunteer Board members Patti Martinez and Andy Thielen have a combined eight years on the Board of Wellspring. A real estate agent with Lyon Real Estate in downtown Sacramento, Andy sought a position on Wellspring's Board after hearing about the nonprofit through his volunteer work on the Sacramento Association of Realtors' Masters Club. He later brought on Martinez - a Lyon Real Estate colleague from the Land Park location.

These are just a few of the many volunteers at Wellspring Women's Center.

So what is it about Wellspring that keeps volunteers coming back? Trippet believes it's all about the people.

I love the people, their warmth," she said. "The volunteers get as much out of it as the people do. I look forward to Thursdays."

Stuckey also found volunteering helps her keep prospective in life.

"When we get busy in our own lives, it really helps to volunteer and to see how other people are handling stress in their lives or problems in their life," she said. "And I think everybody has a little bit inside of them that they can always help someone else with. They just have to get out there and make themselves available to those people.

For information on volunteering at Wellspring Women's Center call (916) 454-9688 or visit www.wellspringwomen.org.

and distributes donations of diapers and hygiene items.

"One of the Wellspring employees said it best I think -Wellspring is the safety net below the safety net for the people that fall through the cracks," Thielen said. "There are various programs out there to help people that fall on hard times, but sometimes that's not enough. So we're there to provide a welcoming environment and offer the food and support that these women and children that are going through tough times (need), especially for those that don't have anywhere else to go. They may get assistance from other government agencies, but sometimes that's not enough to really fulfill what they need, especially emotionally. I think that's a

lot of it – women and children may be able to get food in other places, but a lot of Wellspring's benefits go to the women emotionally that they get the support they need and a place to relax during their tough time."

Volunteers help to stretch dollars at Wellspring Women's Center, in addition to the many tasks they perform.

"We would not exist if it weren't for the volunteers," Sister Illig said. "Their energy and commitment is just unbelievable."

Volunteering is easy.

"Anybody can volunteer, anybody can help, anybody can contribute, and it's amazing what a difference it makes in these ladies' lives," Martinez said.

The Future...

Now in its 25th year, Wellspring is looking towards the future.

"Our goal right now is to make Wellspring a household name so that when people hear something about Wellspring it would be like hearing about the Red Cross or United Way, where most people have recognition of that name," Thielen said. "I think in the next couple of years things will really take off for Wellspring – it has gotten better each year and despite the economy, Wellspring does continue to raise the funds needed to support our programs."

Another future goal for Wellspring is to pay off the current mortgage for the Firehouse, Martinez said.

'We're going to try to have a pay off the mortgage major fundraiser this year to see if we can get the building paid off," Martinez said. "If we

didn't have the mortgage on the building, that would be a considerable help to us."

Wellspring also plans to make sure it can continue to offer the services it offers now.

"Maybe build up just the whole area of the counseling and case management kinds of things, to keep that program going (and maybe expand that part of it," Sister Illig said. "Keep our meal as nutritious as possible - we really try to focus on that. And really helping women to believe in themselves - we really want to keep doing that."

For more information on volunteering or making a donation to Wellspring Women's Center call (916) 454-9688 or visit www.wellspringwomen.org.

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Sac Opera, Sac Philharmonic open 2011–2012 season with 'Pagliacci'

By SUSAN LAIRD Pocket News editor susan@valcomnews.com

"All the world's a stage," said William Shakespeare in "As You Like It." "And all the men and women merely players/They have their exits and their entrances..."

This is certainly true of Sacramento Opera's production of "Pagliacci" by Ruggero Leoncavallo. Audiences witness a "play within a play" where the stage and life collide. It is a tale of tormented love, fear, infidelity and the masks humans must wear in society.

Based on a murder trial over which Leoncavallo's father presided, "Pagliacci" tells the tale of a travelling comedy theater troupe that is presenting a comedy about a man, his wife and her lover...which is mirrored by the "real life" actors themselves – with tragic consequences.

Tragedy and comedy in one opera. Leaving the audience to ponder its role as passive viewers.

Leoncavallo wanted to be one of the great Italian composers – on a par with Germany's Richard Wagner. His professional rivalry with Giacomo Puccini was well known. (Leoncavallo wanted to write an opera based on Henri Murger's "Scènes de la vie de bohème." He was furious when Puccini announced that he was writing such an opera first).

Today, few of Leoncavallo's works are produced. Yet, one stands out: "Pagliacci." Today, it remains in the Top 20 most popular operas in the world, according to Operabase.

This opera, while brief (only one hour and 15 minutes in length), boasts one of the most famous tenor arias in all of opera – "Vesti la giubba."

This aria, which is performed at the close of the first act, contains some of the most moving music in the arts. Loosely translated, "The clothes of a fool," the lead character, Canio, sings of how "the show must go on," despite his discovery that his love is betrayed.

In the aria's few bars of music, Leoncavallo takes the audience from self-abasement, to numbness, to Musically, this opera's famous aria takes the audience through a range of emotions...ranging from self-abasement... to agony so profound it is exquisite. This is music which transcends itself.

agony so profound it is exquisite. As an art form, few composers achieve this at so transcendent a level. (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus" achieves similar heights in only 45 bars of music).

Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor of the late 19th and early 20th century, recorded this aria for Thomas Edison. Caruso's 1904 recording of "Vesti la giubba" was the first sound recording to sell a million copies. Despite the poor sound quality of the era, Caruso's performance is considered one of the "definitive" performances of this aria to this day.

The opera premiered at the Teatro Dal Verme in Milan on May 21, 1892 – with none other than Arturo Toscanini conducting.

The November performances of "Pagliacci" by Sacramento Opera will feature Roy Cornelius Smith as Canio. He is quickly establishing himself among the ranks of the finest tenors of his generation through his voice of exceptional color and beauty, his compelling dramatic interpretations and outstanding musicianship.

Rounding out the cast are: Shana Blake Hill as Nedda, Zachary Gordin as Silvio, Igor Vieira as Tonion and Daniel Ebbers as Beppe.

The Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra will open the first half of the program with selections influenced by the lyric stage and specially selected by Maestro Michael Morgan, conductor of the orchestra. Look for Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll," which is characterized as "transcendent" and "impossibly gorgeous."

The opera will be sung in Italian with English supertitles.



Photo courtesy, Barrett Vantage Artists/ Diane Watts Copas, photographer AMERICAN TENOR Roy Cornelius Smith will perform the role of Canio at Sacramento Opera's production of "Pagliacci." He is quickly establishing himself among the ranks of the finest tenors of his generation.

"Pagliacci" has two performances: Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m. The Sacramento Community Center Theater is located at 1301 L Street in Sacramento. Tickets to both performances may be limited – call for availability. For admission, call (916) 808-5181, visit the box office at the theater or visit www.tickets.com. For more information, visit www.sacopera.org.



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Nov. 17, 24: Enjoy a great local charity game of bingo every Thurs. night at 6:30 p.m. Benefits projects in the community. Early bird for \$5, Regular game buy-in of \$20. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sac. (916) 422-6666

Florin Sears Store Farmer's Market

Nov. 17, 24: Florin Sears Store Farm er's Market. Every Thursday, year round. 8 a.m.-noon. Florin Rd. & 65th St., Sac. www.california-grown.com

Food Addicts Anonymous

Nov. 17, 24: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Living Positive with Chronic Disease group

Nov. 17, 24: Meet-up group for people living with chronic disease who honor how important a positive mindset is. If you want to complain – this isn't the group for you. The

group will discuss and support: best practices for managing your condition, communication strategies, ways to laugh, have fun, engage with life and more. Free. Meets Thursdays. 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Starbucks, 1401 Alhambra Blvd., Sac. Danea Horn (503) 319-4247

Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven

Nov. 17, 24: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thurs. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Kelly Byam (916) 684-6854.

Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market

Nov. 17, 24: Sacramento Downtown Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Thursday, May-Sept. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 4th & K streets, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Safari Tours Travel Fair

Nov. 17: The City of Sacramento, Safari Tours Travel Fair will feature Collette Tours 2012 Trips. 10 a.m.-noon. Coloma Community Center, 4623 T St., Sac. (916) 808-8687

Sutterville Heights Optimist Club

Nov. 17, 24: Come enjoy community speakers and community projects for youth. 12 noon., every Thurs. Golden Corrall, 7700 W. Stockton Blvd., Sac. Charlie (916) 427-7136 or Mary-Jo at (916) 691-3059

Ballroom Dances

Nov. 18, 22, 25, 29: Enjoy dancing to a live band every Tuesday and Friday. 1:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. \$5/person. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael

Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown

Nov. 18, 25: Come listen to an interesting guest speaker weekly; community service, serving the children of the world. Visitors welcome, first breakfast "on us." 7 a.m. - 8 a.m. Fridays. 2875 50th St., UC Davis Med. Ctr., Sac. (916) 761-2124 www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com

Rotary Club of Point West

Nov. 18, 25: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7 a.m., every Fri. Double Tree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way., Sac. www. pointwestrotary.com

Soroptimists of Sacramento

Nov. 18, 25: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

The Art of Disegno: Italian Prints and Drawings

Nov. 19-Feb. 12: "Disegno," or the ideal expression of form through line, was central to Italian art for more than three centuries. In Italian art especially, drawing formed the basis for every form of visual expression in the 16th through 18th centuries, from printmaking to painting to sculpture. This exhibition, drawn from the collections of the Georgia Museum of Art and Giuliano Ceseri, explores the variety and beauty of Italian draughtsmanship through drawings and prints by artists such as Stefano della Bella, Giambattista Piranesi, Domenico Campagnola, and Ciro Ferri. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St., Sac. (916) 808-7000, www.crockerartmuseum.org.org

Consumer Fraud Workshop

Nov. 19: Debra Braver from the CA Dept. of Corporations Consumer Fraud will speak on how consumers can be informed and avoid becoming victims of fraud. All welcome. 10 a.m. Free. Faith United Methodist Church, 3600 J St., Sac. (916) 452-7637 faith36andj@sbcglobal.net

Country Club Plaza Farmer's

Market

Nov. 19, 26: Country Club Plaza Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, year round. 8 a.m.noon. Watt & El Camino, Butano Dr. parking lot, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Couture Fashion Boutique

Nov. 19: Couture fashions by Okayo, Vicki Yamagami Ragasa, former Kanojo USA Clothing designer. Women's clothing, casual to special occasions specializing in mother of the bride ensembles, handmade jewelry, bags, purses, wallets, handmade greeting cards, home decor and many gift items. Food concession. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Benefits Florin Buddhist Women's Association. 7235 Pritchard Rd., Sac. Lois (916) 422-1265; Peggy (916) 686-5621

Food Addicts Anonymous

Nov. 19, 26: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium, 4001 J St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Kennedy Craft & Vendor Fair

Nov. 19: Crafters and vendors with lots of items for your holiday shopping needs. Benefits JFK Sober Grad Nite. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. JFK High School Cafeteria and Gym, 6715 Gloria Dr. Sac. Azizi Penn (916) 267-4752

Carmichael Farmer's Market

Nov. 20, 27: Carmichael Farmer's Market. 8 a.m.–1 p.m., every Sun. Year round, rain or shine. Carmichael Park, 5750 Grant Ave., Carmichael. www.bemoneysmartusa.org

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Nov. 20, 27: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Sundays. 2 p.m. Heritage Oaks Hospital, 4300 Auburn Blvd., Rm.101, Sac (866) 794-9993.

Community Sunday breakfast

Nov. 20, 27: Enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs Benedict, corned beef hash, Joe's scramble, pancakes and more. 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m, every Sun. \$9. Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. Proceeds benefit student scholarships. www.elks6.com

- EVENT LISTING SECTION

Advertise your craft fairs, holiday bazaars, school fundraises, church events, etc. in your Community Newspapers. Call (916) 429-9901 for rates.

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December 4, 4 p.m. Carmichael 7th Day Adventist 4600 Winding Way Info & Tickets 916 646-1141 sacramentochildrenschorus.org

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State Parking Lot Farmer's Market

Nov. 20, 27: State Parking Lot Farmer's Market. Every Sunday, year round. 8 a.m.– noon. 8th & W streets, under Highway 50, Sac. www.california-grown.com

Sunday Support for the Widowed

Nov. 20, 27: The Widowed Persons Assn. sponsors Sunday Support sessions which are held every Sunday, rain or shine – holidays included. 3 p.m.–5 p.m. 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18 (east of Fulton). Widows and widowers welcome. Barbara Stewart (916) 363-3482

Hatha yoga

Nov. 21, 28: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.–4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

Nicotine Anonymous

Nov. 21, 28: Nicotine Anonymous meeting. Meets every Monday, 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sac. Brandi Bowman (916) 984-3501

Rotary Club of South Sacramento

Nov. 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

Tai Chi & Chi Keung

Nov. 21, 28: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

Toastmasters

Nov. 21, 28: Have fun while improving speaking & leadership skills. Klassy Talkers Toastmasters. 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Mondays. Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd., Sac. Ann Owens (916) 601-4652 www. klassytalkers.freetoasthost.org

Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

Nov. 22, 29: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

Rotary Club of Carmichael

Nov. 22, 29: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m., every Tues Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. www.rotary.org

Upholstery class

Nov. 22, 23, 29,30: Learn how to upholster! All types: furniture, auto, boat. Adult ed class taught by an upholstery professional. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Wednesdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. \$45 for four weeks. McClaskey Adult Center, 5241 J St., Sac. Jerry Prettyman (916) 806-2172

Co-Dependents Anonymous

Nov. 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle to maintain healthy relationships. Meets Wednesdays. 7 p.m. Friends Community Church Fireside Room, 4001 E St., Sac. (866) 794-9993.

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

Nov. 23, 30: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon–1:15 p.m., every Wed. Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St., Sac. (in the 57th St. Antique Mall) www.rotary.org

Senior Wednesday Club

Nov. 23, 30: The Senior Wednesday Club meets to chat, play bridge, pinochle or bingo. Free. Bring a brown-bag lunch. Free coffee, tea and dessert. Meets Wednesdays. 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Mission Oaks Community Building, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. Judi (916) 247-6020

Toastmasters

Nov. 23, 30: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon–1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

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kicked off their annual Spirit Week (Nov. 14 -18) with two traditional Troubadour competitions: the Canned Food Drive and the Penny War.

The students of St. Francis High School

Each class competes against the other in this annual warm-up to one of the most unique - and loud - spirit weeks in the region. (Troubies are often asked, "How can you have Homecoming when you have no football team?""It's complicated...").

Canned Food Drive results

The Canned Food Drive benefits area food banks in the Sacramento region on a rotating basis. This year, the Troubadours chose to help the Elk Grove Food Bank.

Some 100,300 items were donated by the young women to the food bank, including: • 47,000 boxes of macaroni and cheese,

- + 25,000 jars of baby food,
- + 11,780 cans of fruit,
- 11,520 cans of soup, and

Results for the Canned Food Drive were as follows: First place, the Senior Class; Second place, the Juniors; Third place, the Sophomores; and Fourth place, the Freshman class.

Students also held bake sales and a fundraiser evening at Chipotle, raising some \$6,600 in cash for the food bank, also.

Penny War

Each class competes to see which one can raise the most money for charity. Students "vote" points for their class with pennies. In an interesting twist, "silver" coins (nickels, dimes, etc.) can subtract points. This can make the competition interesting when one class donates a roll of quarters to another one.

This year's Penny War beneficiary is Cristo Rey High School, which provides a private high school education for students who otherwise could not afford one.

In this competition, the Senior class placed first; the Sophomore class placed second; the Junior class placed third – narrowly defeating the Freshman class, which placed fourth.

Some \$9,000 was raised by the Troubadours for the students of Cristo Rey High.





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