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Make a Difference Day

By Stephanie Eiler and Shelly Barbre, Co-Chairmen

Assistance League members and community volunteers banded together in an historic event that saw a record 1,605 backpacks filled with school uniforms on Make a Difference Day.

The Make a Difference Day committee, including Rick Rackers' Kelly Wigod, CAMEO's Octavia Mason and chapter's Pat Reep, planned for six months and coordinated the massive effort to deliver on their promises to the students at International and Edison Elementary Schools. The students, parents and teachers at both schools were ecstatic, some teary-eyed, but all grateful when the uniforms were delivered. Even a few of our members were dabbing their eyes at the emotional exchange.

In all, 378 individuals were involved, including members from chapter, Assisteens, CAMEO, Las Hermanas, Rick Rackers, Life, and 45 community volunteers. We want to express our sincere appreciation to everyone involved for their efforts on a remarkable collaboration.



One Hour for Education

By Pat Reep

"One Hour for Education," the campaign to raise funds for Operation School Bell®, is a joint effort between Assistance League of Long Beach and the Long Beach Education Foundation. To date, the One Hour for Education fundraiser has collected \$13,000. Many thanks go to the members from our chapter and LBEF who have spent significant hours working on this new endeavor.

Capital Campaign Reaches \$3.6 Million Goal

By Suzanne Nosworthy, Chairman, Building the Future



Capital Campaign Chairman Suzanne Nosworthy, key committee members Kathy Lingle and Pat Reep, and Capital Campaign Consultant Mary Newkirk were recognized for their leadership of the successful capital campaign.

At their meeting on January 28, 2008, members of Assistance League of Long Beach learned that the *Building the Future* capital campaign had met its financial goal. The campaign raised more than \$3.6 million in just 24 months of fundraising.

It is particularly fitting that the final strategic gifts that took the campaign to its goal came from two Past Presidents of the chapter, as well as a Past Chairman of Rick Rackers. In so many ways, the *Building the Future*

campaign merged the best of Assistance League – its past and present leadership, the talents of chapter and auxiliary members, all combined to build a strong future that will enable Assistance League to fulfill its mission for decades to come.

Much praise for the campaign's success is also due to the community members who volunteered and contributed to *Building the Future*, starting with the campaign's very first gift from Long Beach Unified's Superintendent of Schools Chris Steinhauser, followed by Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster. Nearly 40% of the gifts received by the campaign came from community members who share the vision and mission of Assistance League of Long Beach.

Support from foundations was also instrumental in the campaign's success. Local foundations led the way with gifts of \$250,000 each from the Earl B. and Loraine H. Miller Foundation and the Breslauer-Soref Family Foundation. Building the Future also attracted significant support from national and regional foundations: the Weingart Foundation contributed an additional \$250,000; the Annenberg Foundation approved a grant in the amount of \$150,000; and the Ahmanson Foundation, the S. Mark Taper Foundation and the Rose Hills Foundation each contributed \$100,000. In total, foundation support exceeded \$1 million.

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42nd Presentation Ball

By Kathy Wade and Pat Reep

The Medallion Tea, waltz lessons and Waltz Night continue Assistance League of Long Beach traditions leading up to the elegant 42nd Presentation Ball. Nineteen senior Assisteens will be presented at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach on March 15, 2008, by the Honorable Don Knabe.

These young ladies will be recognized for their philanthropic, cultural, and academic accomplishments and welcomed into a world of civic responsibility and social awareness. Join us as we salute these remarkable young ladies who will be presented as the Class of 2008.

Emily Anderson
Tatum Barnes
Kelsey Beall
Hayley Decker
Chelsea Freeborn
Taylor Johnson
Kaitlyn Jones
Barbara Kennedy
Colby Kruger
Larissa Lee

Lauren Montgomery
Asia Morris
Linde Moulton
Megan O'Connell
Kristin Reksc
Danielle Russell
Katie Westerfield
Kendall Wooten
Alison Yoho

Assisteens are "Jazzed Up" Over Fashion Show

By Marie Johnson

Assisteens are excitedly anticipating their upcoming annual fashion show themed "All That Jazz" to be held April 26 at the Long Beach Marriott Hotel. The annual event, which attracts over 300 guests, shares the afternoon with the Senior Recognition ceremony which highlights the graduating members' individual service to Assisteens.



Assisteens Coordinator Stephanie Eiler (left) applauds Assisteens models at last year's fashion show.

While Assisteens support many philanthropic programs and community events, the Fashion Show is its major self-improvement program of the year. The event is developed, coordinated and chaired by the young women, and during the year of preparation, they build many leadership and committee skills. They schedule, budget, delegate and learn professionalism as they work through every detail of the event. In addition, the 25 models, who showcase fashions ranging from beachwear to formals, develop self-confidence, poise and responsibility.

For reservations or additional information, please contact Marie Johnson, Assistance League Mentor to the fashion show, at 439-7960.

Schindler's List Survivor to Speak

By Evelyn Meacham



A rare opportunity to hear one of the remaining survivors of "Schindler's List" will be presented by the Las Hermanas auxiliary of Assistance League of Long Beach on Sunday, April 6, 2008 from 2-4 p.m. at the Philanthropic Center.

Leon Leyson, the youngest person on the list, will speak about his life in the Nazi death camp. He and his family were sent to work in the enamelware factory of Oskar Schindler. Because of Schindler's help and courage, Leon survived his ordeal in the camp.

This event should prove to be thought provoking as well as informative. Young people are especially encouraged to attend. A donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students is requested. Seating is limited, so reservations must be made in advance by mailing a check to the office. This is an event not to be missed.

"CAMEO Presents Collage"

By Lorrie Hutton, CAMEO Resource Development Chairman

The excitement is building as CAMEO members are preparing for their fashion show extravaganza, "CAMEO presents Collage...a Celebration of the Arts" to be held March 22nd at the Long Beach Convention Center. This springtime event, that attracts more than 1,000 guests, provides the financial support for CAMEO's Mentoring program.

At the fashion show you will again be viewing the strutting professional models and bidding on incredible silent auction items. Your help is needed at the infamous "basket parties" with your administrative skills or creativity in making the baskets. Come share the camaraderie with your fellow CAMEO friends on February 9, 16, and 23 and March 1, beginning at 9 o'clock at the Philanthropic Center. Any amount of time is appreciated.

Can you help us with exceptional items for the live auction...a palace in England, castle in Ireland...or a condominium in Big Bear? We would love to have trips for the live auction. Please contact Lorrie Hutton at (310) 783-2194 if you have donations. We thank you for your support!

The invitations are "in the mail," and if you don't receive yours, please contact Kathy Grubb (430-5530) or Rosi Pedersen (430-5533.) As an added bonus this year we will be handing out five additional vignette tickets for anyone arriving before 10:30 a.m. So arrive early and join the fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

FYI: CAMEO's unique one-on-one mentoring and financial support program targets 45-50 promising Long Beach area high school and LBCC students. CAMEO members provide encouragement and support for each student's personal and academic development through career-oriented workshops and activities, paid summer internships with local business partners, financial aid for educational scholarships, and computer equipment.



Liz Minor

Rick Rackers 2007 Woman of the Year

By Michele Ward



Liz Minor is recognized for her many contributions to the Long Beach community.

Since 1953, the Rick Rackers auxiliary of Assistance League of Long Beach, has honored one outstanding woman in the community with its prestigious Woman of the Year Award. On October 5, 2007, Elizabeth Minor, who has dedicated much of the last 60 years to supporting local philanthropic projects, was honored at the annual luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach. Trumpets sounded as Elizabeth Minor was presented to the 150 guests in attendance.

Liz currently serves as President of Beta Rho and on various boards at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. She has volunteered with numerous other organizations throughout her life beginning with her years at Poly High School. In addition, Liz was instrumental in forming both the Bobby Sox league and Basketball Night League for girls.

In 1951, Liz married Harry Minor, a professional baseball player, who has been with the New York Mets organization for 40 years. Liz and Harry have four children, Debbie, Bob, Becky and Steve, nine grandchildren and one (almost two) great-grandchildren.

“Liz is a model for volunteerism, an inspiration to others whose impact will be evident for generations to come,” wrote a supporter of Liz Minor in her Woman of the Year nomination form.

ALa Carte Spreads Holiday Cheer

By Joan Smock



Assistance League members of the ALa Carte Committee know that healing is about more than just medicine. It is about treating the whole child. During this past holiday season our members visited over 125 pediatric patients who were confined to bed while undergoing medical treatment at Miller Children's Hospital. The members spread joy and friendship while sharing various arts and crafts with the very eager and appreciative children. The committee members all agree that the smiles and enthusiastic giggles from the children and their families were a cherished gift to them in return.

Howard Collection Comes Out of the Vault

By Carolyn Bixby

The kimonos are hung, the cricket cages are arranged, and the beautiful tea ceremony pieces are dusted and ready for the Howard Collection tours after a three-year hiatus. The Howard Collection docents, under the leadership of Docent Co-Chairmen Jane Jackson and Kathy DeSilva, have been preparing for the school tours in the new Philanthropic Center. Our tours are for 7th grade History and Geography students in the Long Beach Unified School District and will run from January through May. A new student guide to the collection is in preparation. It is a manga-style graphic booklet, with illustrations by Mike Kimoto from the Art department at California State University, Long Beach. We are looking for grants and/or donations to cover the



Howard docents Pamela Thames and Nancy Merrill are shown polishing their tour presentations.

cost of printing the booklet, funding the bus transportation costs, and paying for experts in Asian art to educate our docents.

The Howard Committee is planning for its first Guest Collector's exhibit and hope to showcase the exhibit this year. They also want to have their very own Asian Road Show at a later date. Appraisers Osamu Konishi and Robert Moore will come to our Philanthropic Center to tell you the purpose, age, origin, and approximate value of your Asian treasures. A broader group of Howard Collection committee members and Howard Community Advisors is being formed to plan and carry out these events. Please contact Carolyn Bixby at 430-9456 if you would like to be a part of these exciting new ventures.

Assistees Making a Difference

By Stephanie Eiler, Assistees Coordinator

Our Assistees continue to stay busy serving the Long Beach community and learning skills to make them outstanding volunteers. In September, our Assistees senior class partnered with Operation Shoe Box to assemble care packages for our U.S. military. Among the items collected were writing paper and pens, toiletries, socks, playing cards and games, and small food items. Finally, they enclosed personal notes of encouragement and gratitude to the troops.

Early in October, more than fifty Assistees helped cheer on the hundreds of participants of the Team Spirit Breast and Ovarian Cancer 10K Walk. They also helped with the ITC Encore Auction & Dinner.



Finally, on October 27th, our entire Assistees membership helped with Make a Difference Day. In the past, only Assistees have participated in this event; however this year they provided the inspiration to make it a chapter-wide event! And what a success it was! Over 1600 elementary school children received backpacks with two school uniforms, socks and undergarments. Working side-by-side with chapter members, our Assistees had the opportunity to get a closer look at Operation School Bell and realize what a difference this program makes in our community. At the same

time, chapter members got a closer look at our newest generation of volunteers and imagined the difference they will make in our world.

Las Hermanas' Wassail

By LaVonne Clay



Enjoying the Wassail are (left to right) Marlene Swenson, guest Pat Aitken and Audrey Sosoka.

Eighty-two members and guests enjoyed the traditional Wassail during the holidays. Shirley Lamm and Evelyn Meacham greeted guests as they arrived. It was a most enjoyable morning and provided the opportunity to renew friendships. The lovely table display invited everyone to partake and sip a cup of wassail. Las Hermanas

Chairman Virginia Osmera welcomed the large gathering with holiday wishes, and Florence Dodge introduced Rev. Andy Mattick, who told the drama of *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey* to the delight of the attendees.

Past Chairmen who took turns pouring were Jeanne Badgley, Jan Miklas, Joyce Rothrock, Alice Romyn, Marilyn Fortier, Wanda Sewak, Diane Reed, Marilyn Shirley, Helen Sebring, Chris Higgins and Helen Ashkenaze. The gracious atmosphere was created by Georgia Klinkers, Jean Tanaka, Florence Dodge, Barbara Vaught and Marvell Gum.

FYI: Las Hermanas members continue to proudly work monthly at the Thrift Shop and in all philanthropic programs of Assistance League knowing that they are helping their community. Many hours were given in support of Operation School Bell and Make a Difference Day. In November, the Assault Survivor Kits® committee completed forty-five kits, which were given to Community Hospital of Long Beach.

Life Members' Holiday Party

By Peggy Reep



Mary Lu Hauser and Life Chairman Phyllis Comiskey get into the holiday spirit.

There was a song in the air and lots of smiles as Chairman Phyllis Comiskey greeted a large group of Life members who assembled for their annual Holiday Party. Members were delighted to view for the first time the festive red tablecloths that the group had donated to the Assistance League. These were topped with beautiful Santa Clauses from the well-known Comiskey collection. Special holiday fragrances wafted in from the kitchen and finally, there stood our own Steve Weitzman pouring refreshments for the group. Another Holiday season was being celebrated.

Mary Lu Hauser arranged for the musical program, which featured the delightful Dennis Byron. Mr. Byron is a prominent vocalist in the area who has performed overseas and recently sang at the Vatican. In addition to his solo work, he has performed in several well-known musicals and sang his own composition, "You Make Me Shine" with the Cypress Pops.

Life members continue to love the Thrift Shop, and as everyone knows, they put in countless hours. So it came as no surprise when they decided to bring swag bags of jewelry and small holiday items to the party for the Thrift Shop. Tiny Tim wasn't there to bless the ladies' departure, but the sentiment rang out down the hall of the Philanthropic Center as another Holiday event came to a memorable close.

Happy Talk is entering the electronic age:

Happy Talk is available on our website, www.allb.org. In the next fiscal year starting June 1st, the printed newsletter will be available upon request only. Submit your requests to Melinda@allb.org or call (562) 627-5650.

Orthodontic Center Staff Expands

By Barbara Zurich

As part of the plan to serve 700 patients annually by 2010, the Orthodontic Center has added a new orthodontist and receptionist to the staff headed by Senior Orthodontist **Dr. Nelson Gatov**. Our hard-working Orthodontic Center team is now complete and working together to serve underprivileged Long Beach children with severe orthodontic problems



Here is a short biography of each member:



A native of Chicago, Illinois, **Dr. Howard Lee** recently completed his orthodontic studies at Loma Linda University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. He and his wife Shirley, a dermatologist, are certain to become part of the close Assistance League orthodontic family. Dr. Lee will be taking new patients and

working on Thursdays and is an important addition to the Orthodontic team.

Brian Noel has been working as the Practice Administrator for six years. He is responsible for managing the employees' schedules, accounts payable and receivable, and tracking each patient's account. When not at the Orthodontic Center, Brian, a noted harpist, teaches piano at a private school and performs and arranges music.



Cassie Moffett, the senior Chairside Assistant, has been working with Dr. Gatov for more than 12 years. A favorite part of her job is getting to know and help each patient be successful. She and her husband John have two teenage sons, Alex and Griffin, and are avid antique collectors. Cassie says she treasures her collection of antique quilts.



The other Chairside Assistant is **Loretta Patino**, who has been an employee for more than seven years. She also serves as the Sterilization Specialist for the Center. Loretta and her husband are very active in their church and have three children: Luis, Carolina, and Luke. Loretta finds great joy in her job as she watches the changes in each patient's teeth.



Diane Johnson, who has been with the center for about six months, works primarily as the receptionist but can also fill in as Chairside Assistant when needed. She is the mother of Tyler, who is almost five years old. Tyler and Diane, a former pre-school teacher, spend their



leisure time drawing and sketching, and making gifts for family members.

These dedicated professionals are supported by forty Assistance League volunteers led by Chairman **Roberta Keester**. Roberta and her committed team hold three screenings each year for potential new patients. This year they interviewed more than 300 prospective patients and their parents, determined the financial eligibility of more than 106 families, and held orientation meetings for those selected to begin their orthodontia work.



The Orthodontic Center, which provides services to 40-45 patients each day, needs the enthusiastic energy of all its employees and volunteers to ensure that each patient receives top-notch care and completes their treatment successfully ending with a brand new smile and increased self-confidence.

Mayra Rangel

Ortho Patient and CAMEO Mentee

By Gail Morrison

Have you met Mayra Rangel, one of Assistance League's newer Orthodontic Center patients?



Mayra is 17 years old and is a Senior at Long Beach Poly High School. She plans to attend Long Beach City College for two years and then go on to Arizona State University. This very focused young lady is considering pre-law, criminal and civil, as she has wanted to be a lawyer from a young age. She currently is the receptionist at Peace Partners, a position she secured through her CAMEO mentor Susan Redfield and CAMEO member Michelle Molina. Mayra enjoys the CAMEO outings with her mentor Susan, especially going to the Los Angeles Zoo and Long Beach Museum of Art.

Mayra didn't waste any time when she learned about the Orthodontic Center after attending a CAMEO meeting. She researched Assistance League online and promptly made an appointment. Is it any surprise that Mayra is the oldest of her siblings: three brothers, 16, 9 and 6, and a younger sister who is seven? She is quick to point out that her sixteen-year-old brother needs braces and will be getting an appointment soon.

Mayra states that getting braces has given her more confidence. This enterprising young lady alternates orthodontic payments with her father. We are so proud to have Mayra as an orthodontic patient and a CAMEO mentee.

Dates to Remember

February

- 5 Rick Rackers Meeting
- 18 President's Day – office closed
- Assisteens Meeting
- 19 CAMEO Meeting
- 21 Chapter 1st Membership Informational Meeting
- 24 Presentation Ball Medallion Tea
- 25 Chapter Meeting & Appreciation Luncheon
- 26 Las Hermanas Meeting

March

- 4 Rick Rackers Meeting & Guest Day/Past Chairman Luncheon
- 5 Presentation Ball Waltz Night
- 15 Presentation Ball, Hyatt Regency
- 17 Life Members Meeting
- Assisteens Meeting
- 19 Chapter 2nd Membership Informational Meeting
- 22 CAMEO Fashion Show, LB Convention Center
- 24 Chapter Meeting
- 25 Las Hermanas Meeting

April

- 1 Rick Rackers Meeting
- 6 Leon Leyson, Holocaust Speaker
- 7 Assisteens New Member Orientation
- 17 New Member Tea
- 19 CAMEO Meeting
- 21 Assisteens Meeting
- 26 Assisteens Fashion Show, Long Beach Marriott
- 28 Chapter Meeting
- 29 Las Hermanas Meeting

May

- 6 Rick Rackers Annual Meeting
- 17 CAMEO Annual Meeting, Virginia Country Club
- 19 Chapter Annual Meeting, Marriott Long Beach
- Assisteens Anunual Meeting
- 20 Las Hermanas Annual Meeting
- 26 Memorial Day - Thrift Shop and Office closed

Capital Campaign, continued from page 1

Plans are now underway to complete the capital campaign's Donor Wall in the Mary Alice and Bob Braly Atrium of the Philanthropic Center. In March, the three glass panels will be taken down and etched with the names of all donors making gifts of \$2,500 or more. The panels will then be returned to honor these campaign contributors in perpetuity. Donations to *Building the Future* are still welcome and gifts or pledges received by March 1, 2008, will be eligible for acknowledgement on the Donor Wall.

While the Donor Wall, Annual Report and other publications will honor the generous contributors to our campaign, as Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to honor the volunteers whose time and talent were the very lifeblood of our successful efforts. Most importantly, I want say a special thank you to the two members of my "Kitchen Cabinet" -- Pat Reep and Kathy Lingle. Pat and Kathy walked every step of this exciting journey with me. They provided immeasurable talent, leadership and dedication to the campaign and great friendship to me. I also want to thank Mary Newkirk, our Capital Campaign Consultant for her help and guidance. She was able to take a group of green, albeit eager, volunteers and turn us into darned good fundraisers. Mary's expertise and leadership has made our success possible.

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Capital Campaign Completion Announcement



President's Message



"THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE WAY"

What is the "Assistance League Way"? To me it is the how and why we go about making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

The Assistance League Way begins with careful planning. The fact that we have been in existence for sixty-eight years is largely due to careful planning. Our philanthropic programs or individual projects receive thoughtful consideration. The fundraising event, Destinations, is typical of such planning where the concept was researched, presented, and piloted in 2006. The 2007 Destinations event, under the leadership of VP Resource Development Kathy Wade, and Destinations Chairman Joan Twedell and Vice-Chairman Shelly Sandler, was a smashing success. Our long-range plans are conscientiously guided by Jane Reid and the Strategic Planning committee.

The Assistance League Way is teamwork. The members of our chapter have wide ranging interests, expertise and skills and collaborate in corporate and chapter efforts. The Make a Difference Day project was an outstanding example of planning and teamwork. Assisteens Coordinator Stephanie Eiler and Rick Rackers Chairman Shelly Barbre and their Make a Difference Day committee executed a plan that took six months of planning and a very intense weekend to pack 1,600 backpacks filled with school uniforms. The collective energy and excitement was amazing, plus the day was fun!

The Assistance League Way is partnering with others. Currently we are working with the Long Beach Education Foundation to raise funds for Operation School Bell and the Long Beach Health Department to promote dental health in conjunction with Operation School Bell. Additionally, plans are under way with Book Buddies to include books with the distribution of school uniforms. The East Spring Street Business Association has connected us to other businesses and art students from CSULB are lending their talents to the Howard Collection anime tour guide.

The Assistance League Way is also the flexibility and optimism that form the basis of our positive attitude. As we looked to the future we realized we had to explore new ways to accomplish the tasks before us. For example: How were we going to clothe 10,000 students a year? After meeting with LBUSD representatives, Operation School Bell Chairman Judy Brown devised a new way to measure students for their uniforms. This allowed our members to adopt a new delivery system for getting the uniforms to the students. We were able to efficiently clothe the 1,000 sixth graders of Franklin and Perry Lindsay Middle Schools using this new method.

Another stellar example of our can-do attitude is the achievement of meeting our Capital Campaign goal of raising \$3.6 million to renovate our facility and to expand our philanthropic programs for the future. This monumental task was completed in twenty-four months. I must commend Capital Campaign Chairman Suzanne Nosworthy and key committee members Pat Reep and Kathy Lingle for their leadership, dedication, and supreme optimism.

We shouldn't be surprised, for this is nothing new to us, but our organization has always displayed depth and constancy. Presently our membership crosses five generations, and each is working toward our goals. The friendships that develop among members are the long-term ties that bind us together. We especially remember those who have served our chapter and have now passed away. We treasure our members for their dedication and accomplishments.

The Assistance League Way is working together for the good of the community. It is with careful planning. It is partnering with others. It is being flexible and optimistic. It is fun and it feels good! All this, and at the same time, the Assistance League Way beautifully fulfills our mission statement which is to create a community of volunteers to identify and deliver philanthropic services.

Sandra French



In Memoriam

Willa Winston Gilmore
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