YEAR-ROUND WAYS TO HELP
Hygiene items show up on our Needs list almost every month, so we decided to get specific as to what our needs are and how they’re used. These are the items we need: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, lotion, bar soap, single-blade Bic razors, and shaving cream.

The small motel-size articles are given to the homeless, and the regular sized items are used for the men’s and women’s houses. (Men’s houses are for Program Members; women’s houses take care of homeless women and children and women in need of a sober-living environment.)

Hygiene packs (about 1,000 a year) are put together for the homeless for the five major holidays, and they include a new pair of socks and tee shirt, as well as a deck of playing cards (donated by the Pechanga and Valley View Casinos). The Staff is already looking ahead to the needs for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Next time you’re out shopping, consider dropping a package of one of these items into your cart for Brother Benno’s. The need is year-round, and the smiles you’ll get when you drop them off at the warehouse in back of the Center are priceless. (Greg, the warehouse manager, promised!).

LIKE A HUMMINGBIRD
by Frank Doherty

The other day I was taking my lawnmower out, when I noticed a hummingbird on the patio. I walked over, and it scooted a bit, indicating to me that it was sick and scared. By the time I finished mowing, I had forgotten about the bird, until I saw that it was just about a foot in front of my mower. It was scooting again with its wings outstretched, looking terrified by the big machine looming toward him. I felt bad that I had scared the poor bird again.

The sick hummingbird reminded me of some of the fragile and helpless poor whom we serve at Brother Benno’s. There are so many of them, particularly those with children, who are in a survival mode and are powerless to get out of poverty. The slightest problem could be a catastrophe. Many live in conditions where the safety of the family can be an issue every day. Having shelter and enough food is a daily struggle.

So much of what Brother Benno’s does is devoted to helping those who are vulnerable, like that hummingbird. We who support the Foundation in any way are given the opportunity to give our three most valuable resources—our time, talent, and treasure. And we receive unimaginable riches in return.

I think each one of us needs to recognize that we can make a difference and find real meaning in our lives. That may require getting more involved at Brother Benno’s, or simply performing “random acts of kindness” toward the poor—perhaps just giving someone a smile. When I do that, I usually get a smile in return, as well as a feeling that I am in the right place to try to make a difference.

(“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.”
“Each of us feels that we are just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less without that missing drop.”
~ Mother Teresa)

(Frank Doherty is the Operations Manager on Saturdays.)
A Voice From Above. On Saturday, July 7, I walked into the Center expecting to hear a band that has performed for our Guests once before, and that I thought would be there again. Scheduling problems got in the way, however; and I was about to chalk up the day as an “almost,” when I heard a familiar voice over the loudspeaker in the dining room. It belonged to Kay Kutler. Because someone had the foresight a long time ago to record Kay’s introductory greetings and closing song, she continues to “reach down from heaven” and do what she did almost every day for more than 20 years.

There she was, saying a hearty Good Morning, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Serenity Prayer, and asking for blessings on everyone—including the people ready to serve the food. She then said how good it was to have everyone there, and she ended by belting out her exuberant version of Zip-a-Dee Doo Dah.

At the end of the meal, Kay’s voice again filled the dining room. She sang a sweet song that begins: “May the good Lord bless and keep you...” and ends with “...until we meet at Brother Benno’s again.” What makes it uniquely Kay is the way she draws out the word “Benno’s” until you think no one could possibly have that much breath in one body! Then she says, “Thank you for giving us the privilege of serving you today. Thank you, thank you, thank you.”

I left the Center that morning feeling Kay’s arms around me, as I had so many times over the years. She hugged with her entire being, and now her voice will continue to touch us as long as we live.

Attention, Barbers. Getting a haircut is the highlight of the week for many of our Guests. This service is available whenever we have volunteer barbers able to spend a few hours at the Center, and we are now looking for a certified barber or hair stylist to come in on Saturday mornings. Most of the people using this service are men, but we do get the occasional woman or child. If you can help on any number of Saturdays, please contact Denise (760-439-1244, ext. 107).

Correction. We need to correct a notice in the July issue about tours. The tour for potential volunteers is on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Those wishing to be part of the Immersion Program can come in any Saturday by 9:15.

Check It Out. Even if you’re not a member of the Brother Benno Auxiliary, we hope you read their news every month, usually found on page 4. The seemingly endless energy of these wonderful women (with the help of a few men, I hear) results in a great deal of money that is used to directly serve our Guests and Program Members. This month, it’ll be school kids who will benefit, as the Auxiliary hands out well-stocked backpacks. And if you enjoy eating out, you might want to keep track of their restaurant fundraisers. You eat well, and Brother Benno’s reaps the funds!
AUXILIARY NEWS
by Vikki Ramey

Many, many THANK-YOU’s for all the help, support, donations, and participation in Brother Benno’s Outback fundraiser in July. More than 68 service personnel, including family members, were our guests. Special thanks to Vicky Squires—what can I say? You did a great job in getting members and non-members to assist with greeting, seating, delivering prizes, and whatever else needed to be done. It is wonderful to see an organization come together to make an event a success. Thanks also to Maureen Tutino, “the money lady,” for handling the Name Game all over the restaurant. Congratulations to the winners, Vera Bayliss and Lela Heyak.

To Janice Koehler, manager of Outback Steakhouse: On behalf of Brother Benno’s, we are very grateful to you for supporting us every year. We hope to continue holding our Back-to-School fundraiser at Outback. And thanks to your employees, Carlos, Lindsey, Scott, Tanner, Anson, and Erica.

On Tuesday, August 14, we will tour the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. The day will consist of a two-and-a-half-hour tour, plus lunch and an Auxiliary meeting. If you haven’t signed up yet, please contact me, Vikki (760-803-6267). The tour is limited to 40 people.

We’re having another fundraiser on August 22, this time at Shakey’s Pizza in Oceanside. The Auxiliary will receive 25 percent of all food sales. Please see the flyer on page 3 for details.

A reminder: We’ll be assembling back-packs on Friday, August 10, at 9 a.m., in the warehouse; and distribution will be on Saturday, the 11th, also at 9 a.m.

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The Story of Brother Benno’s Life-Changing Soup Kitchen

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Bill Pry
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Father’s Day
R.E. Mather

Needs

Diapers (All sizes, especially 4 & 5)   Soup   Men’s belts, shoelaces of all sizes and colors.
Hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, lotion, bar soap, single-blade Bic razors, and shaving cream.

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Brother Benno’s Furniture Sales

3242-B Production Ave., Oceanside (next to Center) 760-967-2742 **Open Mon. - Sat. 9 am to Noon**

We welcome your saleable furniture items. Please call 760-439-1244 ext.115 for free pickup.
Please use the enclosed envelope to make your tax-deductible donation to the Brother Benno Foundation. If you are viewing this online you can donate by going to brotherbenno.org and click on Donations. This will allow you to make a secure donation using PayPal or a Credit Card.

Your donation is used each month at our main center and eight operational houses to provide: meals, clothing, personal hygiene items, blankets, showers, laundry facilities, bus vouchers, nights of lodging, medical and mental health referrals, prescriptions, ID replacement, mail services, Social Security, and veterans’ issues, food packs, shelter for women and small children, men’s drug and alcohol recovery program, shelter for women in recovery, rent and utility assistance when funds are available. We thank you for your continued support. 100% of your contribution goes directly to assist those we serve. Our modest administration costs are paid for by our Thrift Store revenues.

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Our services are the same for everyone without regard to race, religion, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

The Thrift Shop
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Shop open Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. -- Stop by to check out our Special of the Week Sales!!

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