



# Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Interdenominational Volunteers  
Making a Difference in This World

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## THRIFT SHOP TO MOVE TO LARGER SPACE, SHOP CONTINUES TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS

by Michelle Hoppe, Shop Manager

Lots of activity is going on at the Thrift Shop! Our permits were approved and construction is underway at our new location. We are only moving next door, but it involves a lot of planning, organization, and work. Our new address will be 3955 Mission Avenue in Oceanside, and we anticipate our Grand Opening to be in March. Watch for advertisements and signs for an exact date.

With the added space, we will have more furniture on display. Right now, our inventory is quite low, so we hope donations will continue to come in. If you need your gently used furniture donations picked up, please call 760-439-1244, ext. 115.

The Thrift Shop now sends daily emails to customers, letting them know what our specials are for that day. If you'd like to be included on this list, please come by the Shop and add your email address at the register. Not only will you be notified of daily specials, but also special events and the arrival of new merchandise.

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer at the Thrift Shop? There are lots of areas that need volunteers. All Shop volunteers who complete at least four hours of service per week receive a 25 percent discount on their purchases. If you're interested, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the Center (760-439-1244, ext. 107) and take the required tour.

Before the Grand Opening of the new location in March, the current site will continue to be open for business. Remember, every sale benefits the homeless and working poor in our area.

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by Barbara Ladwig

The Brother Benno Thrift Shop has long been known as a place where bargains reign supreme. Only gently used merchandise is offered for sale, and the staff takes great pains to be sure that the Shop is clean and the goods are displayed for easy access and in a manner pleasing to the eye.

What many people may not know is how important the Thrift Shop is to the operation of the Brother Benno Center and its Houses. Our “claim” that 100 percent of monetary donations go directly to serve the poor and homeless can be made because of the Thrift Shop. The revenue from sales pays for all administrative costs such as utilities, insurance, postage, newsletter, repairs, and the annual audit. It also allows us to buy the food that goes into our monthly food packs, and it provides for prescription, rental, and utility assistance for our most needy Guests.

While the revenue is important to the overall outreach we provide, it is also an important part of the outreach itself. By providing good-quality merchandise at very affordable prices, we are helping those in our community who could not otherwise afford such necessities as furniture, home furnishings, clothing, small appliances, books, and a myriad of other items.

If you haven't had a chance to check out the Thrift Shop before, do plan to stop by for the grand opening of our new space in March. It promises to be a big celebration!

(Location and hours are on the back of this newsletter.)

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## EXPERIENCING THE BROTHER BENNO SCENE

by Barbara Ladwig

**Family to Family.** A man called Brother Benno's around the end of November saying that he and his wife, along with their adult children and grandchildren, wanted to do something to make Christmas special for a family in need. Brother Benno's had recently helped "Ann," a woman with seven children, who had relocated in the Oceanside area to get away from a domestic violence situation, giving them food and clothing.

Our volunteers who had worked with Ann called her to see if she'd like to be connected with this family and she said yes, as she had no money to buy gifts for her children. The couple took Ann shopping, then they took the gifts home wrapped them. The two families eventually got together at a park, where the grandchildren gave out the gifts to Ann's children, who all happened to be about the same ages.

When asked how her family felt about doing this project, the wife said, "We all felt very good about what we had decided to do. We are so blessed, we have so much." She also mentioned that it's often hard to buy for others when they don't really need anything, so this was a way to make Christmas giving a more positive experience.

**Young Givers.** Kids have come through once again to provide for the poor. St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Encinitas provided "lots of turkeys" for our holiday meals. And **Drake** and **Haley**, who attend Nichols School in Oceanside, gathered donations from their classmates. We featured Drake in our February 2012 newsletter when he was eight years old and had just started his giving ways. The fact that he did it again this year is quite remarkable!

**Comfort.** Two businesses that have been very generous with donations of pet food are Dexter's Deli and Pupologie. Some of our homeless Guests have dogs, and there's even a woman with a cat; and they say that being able to keep their pets with them is a great comfort when the rest of their world seems to have fallen apart.

**Star Visit.** A bit of celebrity came to the Center on a Saturday in December when **Aquile**, a local entertainer who recently appeared on the NBC reality show, "The Voice," entertained our Guests. **TJ**, a volunteer, knows Aquile's father **Dirul**, a man who is adamant about his son giving back to the community. Guests, volunteers, and staff were very impressed by this young man's talent, and there was even some autograph-signing after the performance.



**Share Your Craftiness.** If you're someone who enjoys doing crafts, you might be interested in volunteering at one of the nursing homes in Vista as part of Brother Benno's outreach in the community. **Heather Pine**, who's been providing all kinds of fun things for the residents for several years, says she desperately needs help with the many projects she has lined up. In fact, she said that men and women with any special talents—crafts, music, dance, cooking (she does a cooking class), "or whatever," would be very welcome. Any age for volunteers is good—one of her favorite volunteers is **Shelby**, "an 18-year-old genius—a true gem—you can tell I love her!" said Heather.

Heather works separately with Alzheimer's patients so as to maximize the benefits for all residents. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact **Denise**, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 760-439-1244, ext. 107, and plan to take the Brother Benno tour on the first Saturday of any month at 9 a.m.



Students from St. John the Evangelist School



Backpack Day



Vikki Ramey, Auxiliary President  
Denise Seymour, Volunteer Coordinator



Readathon Students from  
St. Patrick School



Tony Robbins and guest

### AUXILIARY NEWS

by Vikki Ramey

Good News! This year's Auxiliary Membership Drive Luncheon to be held on Saturday, March 2, will start at the newly expanded Thrift Shop, 3955 Mission Avenue, in Oceanside. We will meet at 9 a.m. with coffee and pastries, then divide all present into three groups—Thrift Shop, Brother Benno Center, and Women's House (wear comfortable shoes). These tours are for prospective members and current members who have not taken the tour before. After the tours, we'll come back to the Thrift Shop for a light lunch, a brief talk about the Auxiliary, and membership sign-up.

Membership applications were passed out at the January meeting and through mailing. Dues are \$10 per year or \$150 for a lifetime membership. Contact **Linda Garvey**, Vice President, (760-295-3638) for applications and more information. Linda is in need of members to help with set-up, clean-up, and finger food items for March 2.

Our Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser will be held again at Applebee's, 2146 Vista Way, Oceanside, on Saturday, March 16, from 8-9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and include scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, coffee, juice, and milk. Members are needed for greeting and seating, preparing dishes, and serving coffee and orange juice. For information and tickets, contact **Judy Harris** (760-724-0227) or **Vera Bayliss** (760-295-0059). Tickets will be on sale at the February 20 meeting and at the Membership Luncheon on March 2.

The next general meeting will be on February 20.

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“You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits. When we all help one another, everybody wins.”  
~ Jim Stovall

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For a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Send a card to: (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(address) \_\_\_\_\_

Or, donate online at <http://brotherbenno.org>

### Soup...Soap...Hugs...Hope: The Story of Brother Benno's Life-Changing Soup Kitchen

This book is offered as a gift to donors who contribute whatever their budget allows...The important thing... is that you have one...

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### Memorials

Brother Benno	Phyllis H. Dierlam	Carole Kutler	David Copley	Joyce McFarland
Pope John Paul II	Monty Nares	Will Skinner	Joan & Larry	Edward Robinson
Mother Teresa	Margaret Rossini	Fr. Abbot Claude	Lieux	Curtis & Winifred
Kay Kutler	Dorothy M.	Ehringer, OSB	KathleenMortell	Allen
Ann Sauer	Donahue	Fr. Luke Dougherty	Nysewander	
Joe & Ida Friend	Mary Teresa Carr	Naomi Shelton	Family	
Mary Nordstrom	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Rosemary Tucker	Squirrell Family	
Myron Eichen	Elizabeth Holms	Ben E. Lewis	Agatha Johnson	
Alice Jordan	Edith Blaiser	Roland Bond	Eileen Smith	
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Ben Kouns	Anna Correia	Maurice Terwiske	
Richard Farhquar	Bill Lakoff	Geraldine Howard	Rose Caldwell	
Deacon Art & Mary	Bernice, Samuel &	Helene McGill	Helda Letus	
Carr	Milton Silver	Andrea Boersma	Stanley LaMonte	
Don & Dorothea	Anita H. Donahue	Ben Osgrove	Leo Reuder	
Daybell	Margaret Stephan	Andrea Boersma	Kathleen Reuder	
Catherine L. Quinlan	Bill Boster	Military Service	Foley	
Kathryn D. Pent	Louise Foussat	Men & Women	Barbara Tucker	
Mary Pullman	Tom Hayward	Gilbert Brown	Maria Huerta	
Joan Boyd	Richard Kurtz	Doran Smith	John Blankemeier	
Agnus Boyd	Helen Lucas	Mike Stendahl	Jeanne Nickel	
Harold Thompson	Bill & Joan	Al Basteri	Bernie Weiler	
Bud & Blanche Ogle	Maloney	Richard Ryan	Christele Kern	
Bob Gleason	Dora Ramirez	Janice Harmon	Mary Sunde	
Jane Pfau	Dick & Terry Riley	Dorothy & Walter	Eugene Ching	
Ron Alexander	Bill Buckner	Jellig	Edward Kern	
Mary Peterson	Mary Shankle	Ima Jean Helms	Diane Nydegger	
Frank Barnet	Walter Ulloa	Alan Port	Jack Cassan	
Frank S. Dolley	Fred Williamson	Bill Morrison	Bob Maxwell	

### Happy Birthday

Sue Devey  
JoAnne Shlemmer

### In Honor Of

Andrew Beath  
John Jarvie  
Rick & Diane Brandt  
Marcus

### Merry Christmas

Malcolm & Daliah  
Rawlins  
Rev. Bill Barman  
Michael & Sandra  
Blessing  
Peter Ring  
Jane Drinkwalter

### Needs

Warm clothes like coats, jeans & sweaters  
Mens boxer underpants  
Rain gear, ponchos, gloves  
Diapers

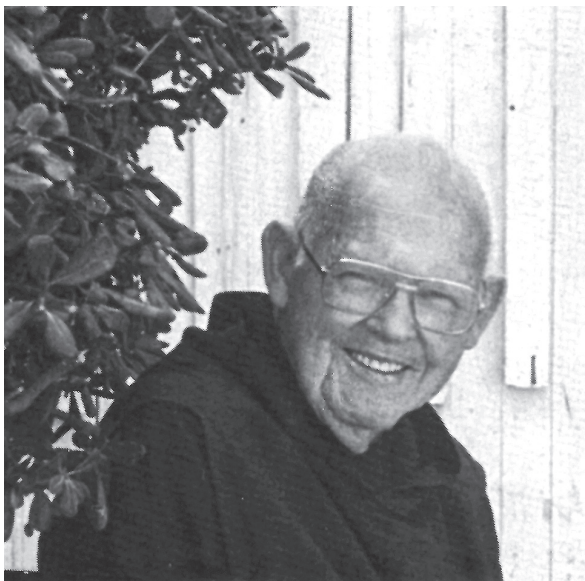
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>February</b>					<b>1</b> San Luis Rey Mission	<b>2</b> St. Thomas More
<b>2013</b>						
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>4</b> St. Elizabeth Seton #1	<b>5</b> St. John The Evangelist	<b>6</b> Brother Benno's Auxiliary	<b>7</b> Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	<b>8</b> St. Patrick's	<b>9</b> Men of Nativity
<b>Serving</b>	<b>11</b> North Coast Methodist	<b>12</b> Friends from Vista	<b>13</b> TBA	<b>14</b> Oceanside Civitanis	<b>15</b> St. Elizabeth Seton #2	<b>16</b> Girlfriend's Care
<b>Team</b>	<b>18</b> Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	<b>19</b> Christ the King Lutheran	<b>20</b> Grace Anglican	<b>21</b> Carlsbad Rotary	<b>22</b> Fallbrook Presbyterian	<b>23</b> Catholic Daughters
<b>Schedule</b>	<b>25</b> Christ Anglican	<b>26</b> St. Mark's San Marcos	<b>27</b> San Luis Rey Methodist	<b>28</b> Pilgrim Creek		

### 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.

**Brother Benno Foundation, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 308, Oceanside, CA 92049**

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**The Thrift Shop**

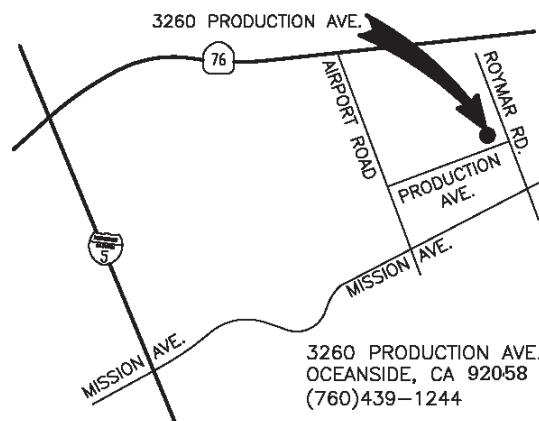
**3965 Mission Ave. (East of Albertsons) 760-967-7505**

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

**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](http://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.

[www.brotherbenno.org](http://www.brotherbenno.org)



**Brother Benno's Services:**

	December 2012	Our 29th Year		December 2012	Our 29th Year
Meals	13,306	3,354,201	Loads of laundry	28	26,293
Nights of lodging	1,167	233,756	Food packs	2,338	213,208
Articles of clothing	5,762	961,304	Blankets	190	33,956
Showers	872	174,482	Prescriptions	10	7,109
Haircuts	76	14,803	ID Vouchers	15	8,367
Bus passes	102	76,204	HUGS	1,800	841,144

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