



Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

July 2019



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Most of our friends and supporters know that Christmas is a big deal at Brother Benno's, especially for the children. We know that for many of these kids, Santa wouldn't be landing on their rooftops and sliding down their chimneys if it weren't for the help he gets from our generous donors. So we start getting ready for Christmas in July, when the Brother Benno Auxiliary begins collecting \$25 gift cards from Walmart and Target.

In the old days we asked for donations of toys, but that often made it difficult to give the children what they really want and need. Imagine having 30 basketballs but no baseballs and mitts, or 50 coloring books but no hair ribbons and barrettes.

With gift cards, the parents can either buy things they know their children like and need, or take them along to the store to let them choose. If you can help, please download the card gift form at: <https://tinyurl.com/y33v6dyg>

To mail the gift cards, or a check made out to Brother Benno's Auxiliary if you'd like us to purchase the cards, send them to: Brother Benno's Auxiliary, P.O. Box 334, San Luis Rey, CA 92068. And Thank You for your generosity!

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WE LOVE TEAMWORK!

“No member of a crew is praised for the rugged individuality of his rowing.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

“No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.”

~ H.E. Luccock

DEACON CANDIDATES AND WIVES SPEND YEAR SERVING POOR

by Frank Doherty

Many people do not realize that Brother Benno's provides training for Deacon Candidates who are in formation for the Permanent Diaconate in the Catholic Diocese of San Diego. Two of these Candidates who trained with us, **Keith Way** and **Edward (Ned) Heiskell** were ordained in May and June. Two others, who were also amazing individuals, are due to be ordained next year.



Keith Way and Ned Heiskell

These four Candidates and their wives spent Saturdays at the Center for a year, serving the needy. The word Deacon translates as “servant.” The intent of their time spent at Brother Benno's is for them to experience the poor and learn how best to love and serve them. As they will tell you, they wind up not only experiencing the poor but loving them and learning from them. As they become more oriented to the needs of our Guests, they

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EXPERIENCING THE BROTHER BENNO SCENE

by Barbara Ladwig

It's An Honor. We love it when one of our volunteers is recognized by others in the community. Recently, the Oceanside Kiwanis Club, at their regular breakfast meeting, honored **Douglas Milovicz** as "Volunteer of the Month" for his tireless work at Brother Benno's, helping those most in need.



Douglas is part of our Guest Outreach Services, where he and two other volunteers try to help people who have absolutely no place else to turn. Sometimes they can provide that last little piece of the puzzle that results in success, and other times all they can do is listen, hold their hand, and show them they're not alone.

Douglas's calm demeanor seems to resonate with people. I often see him out in front of the Center talking to Guests, sometimes dealing with someone who's gotten a little unruly. He has also impressed other volunteers who appreciate his presence.

Thanks, Kiwanians, for honoring him!

Tears of Gratitude. **Cathy Eland**, who volunteers one day a week in our case management office, told me about a family she helped recently with rent assistance. This couple with four daughters ages 8 to 17 had recently moved to our area from another state. The mother was able to find a job quickly, but the father was having a harder time of it; and they found themselves homeless.

"They were some of the nicest people I've ever met," Cathy said, "and I could see that asking for help was really hard for them. We were able to provide one rent payment, and I sent them to Interfaith for more services. The mother cried and cried as she tried to thank me."

By the way, Cathy also volunteers one day a week at our front desk, where she and two other women talk to and guide everyone who walks in the front door.

Looking Back. Among our many success stories over the years is the one about **Yvonne** and her son **Danny**, who had to live in their car while Yvonne waited for her disability checks to start coming and her Section 8 housing approval to be finalized. During this time, a police officer stopped Yvonne for an expired car registration and her car was taken away. However, the officer brought Yvonne and Danny to Brother Benno's, where they were given a voucher for a few nights' stay in a motel. She found an apartment and enrolled Danny in school. One of our volunteers was able to speed up the housing approval and also saw to it that their apartment was furnished with donated items.

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begin to understand that, "There, but for the grace of God, go I." They also find that the poor are part of a community who are most in need of unconditional love, and who often take care of one another.

The Deacon Candidates and their wives begin their service with us by smiling and saying Hello to our Guests, and they soon realize how important it is to take time for dialog in order get to know them, creating a sense of connection and meaning. Eventually, this evolves into the desire to help them with specific problems.

One of the Deacon Candidates in this class heard that a family he was helping was stranded in Las Vegas due to a failed job promise. He drove to Vegas to pick them up and bring them back to Oceanside. Others have helped Guests make a plan for getting back on their feet, finding a job, applying for disability insurance, and/or obtaining housing assistance from other charities.

The wives of the Deacon Candidates have done wonders in relating to the women and children at our Center. Many remember these wives as someone who was willing to spend time with them and listen to their stories.

The consensus from many of our Deacon Candidates has been that their time at Brother Benno's was the most meaningful part of their four years of Diaconate Formation Training. And Brother Benno's has been most blessed to have them as part of our Saturday team serving the poor.

Ned summed up his experience: "My time at Brother Benno's was really my first chance to serve the poor in a direct way. I'll never forget the first time I visited with the Guests waiting in line, and I had brought a knapsack with water bottles. 'Are you thirsty? Here, have some water.' I met Jesus that day and every day after that."

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 Changing people's lives through the 12 Steps
 of Alcoholics Anonymous.

FROM THE BOOK

This excerpt from **Harold Kutler's** book, *Soup Soap Hugs Hope, the Story of Brother Benno's Life-Changing Soup Kitchen*, is on page 94 of Chapter 14, "Benefactors."

Five-year-old Scott, accompanied by his dad, knocked on our door at home one evening, holding what looked like a yogurt cup filled with change. He told Kay and me that he was a friend of Anne's, who's also a friend of ours. I thought, no matter what he's collecting for, it'll be impossible to turn this cute little guy down.

The little boy handed us the cup.

"Scott saw a TV program about starving children in Ethiopia," his father said, "and it moved him so much that he decided to save his money to help feed them. I told him there are a lot of hungry people in Oceanside, too, and he could help feed them by donating his money to Brother Benno's Soup Kitchen."

Scott's cup held pennies, nickels, and dimes—plus a black plastic film cylinder.

"This has the big money in it," he told us, as he took the cylinder out of the cup. In it, we found 15 quarters. Altogether, he had saved \$5.74 for the hungry children.

"Scott, would you like to come down to the Kitchen and personally pass out something that we buy with this money?" Kay asked.

That Saturday, Scott, along with his mom and dad and little sister, gave each guest a lollipop for dessert. Then he got up on the stage and sang "Jingle Bells." Ω

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AUXILIARY NEWS

by Nita Rodriguez

Sizzling Summertime Fun coming your way! This summer, the Auxiliary is putting the "fun" in fundraising! Join us and have fun while supporting the Brother Benno Foundation. Expecting out of town guests this summer? Bring them along. All of our summer events are family friendly!

OHANA LUAU Friday, July 26 from 5-8pm Hawaiian-style Buffet, Dessert Auction, Entertainment, Opportunity Baskets @ the Rancho Calevero Mobile Home Park. **Adult \$30 Children (7-12yrs) \$15 Children (6yrs & under) FREE**

Get your tickets today. Copy this link <https://tinyurl.com/yxhodbpf> to download the ticket form. Reserve your seat by July 12. Need more information? Contact Linda Donahue, 760-500-8365

SIP & PAINT - Watercolor With JULEE Monday, August 5 from 1-4pm \$60 includes materials and refreshments.

Julee, a local award-winning artist & instructor, will be leading this event at her home in Oceanside. Take home a frame ready masterpiece. No art skills needed. Learn the basics & new techniques step by step. Come for friendship & fun.

To reserve your seat by August 1, send your check and contact information to Brother Benno's Auxiliary/Paint, P.O. Box 334, San Luis Rey, CA 92068 For more information or to make a credit card purchase: Contact **Karen Gallagher** 760-434-1058.

BROTHER BENNO GOLF TOURNAMENT Friday, September 27 at the Memorial Golf Course at Camp Pendleton. REGISTER Online at <https://www.brotherbenno.org/golf-2019>

Registration includes lunch, golf, VIP bag drop-off and cart, Now thru Sept 1 \$150/golfer - Sept 2 thru Sept 6, \$175/golfer. Silent Auction, Event Contests, and Yardsticks for Putts & Mulligans available for purchase. You can also sponsor a military member to play in this event.

Be a Sponsor! A variety of Sponsorship Opportunities are available for businesses, organizations and individuals. Contact **Nita Rodriguez** via email at auxiliary@brotherbenno.org for Tournament and/or Sponsorship information.

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The next Auxiliary meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 24th**, in the Brother Benno Center Dining Room - 1:00 p.m. for snacks, 1:30 meeting. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend. Can't attend a meeting but want to be a member? Call **Sara Bussiere** (760) 560-6089 for more information.

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Soup...Soap...Hugs...Hope:

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

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Memorials

Ron Alexander	Bob Gleason	Catherine L. Quinlan	Bill Daley
Dixie & Lou Bales	Chance Hales	Dora Ramirez	Frank Beeson
Frank Barnet	Tom Hayward	Dick & Terry Riley	Angela Frazee
Brother Benno	Elizabeth Holms	Margaret Rossini	Robert Buchach
Edith Blaiser	Alice Jordan	Ann Sauer	Barbara LaMothe
Andrea Boersma	Ben Kouns	Mary Shankle	Hedwig & Nicolay
Roland Bond	Richard Kurtz	Naomi Shelton	Johannsen
Bill Boster	Carole Kutler	Bernice, Samuel &	Andrew & Jane
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Harold & Kay Kutler	Milton Silver	Yandura
Bill Buckner	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Will Skinner	Dorsey Ahern
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Ben E. Lewis	Ann Grier Smith	Ellen Farguhan
Anna Correia	Helen Lucas	Alva & Frances	Duane Garvey
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Bill & Joan Maloney	Snider	Clarisa Buckley
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Helene McGill	Squirrell Family	Alice Kennedy
Frank S. Dolley	Michael & Monty	Mike Stendahl	Robert DiCario
Anita H. Donahue	Nares	Margaret Stephan	Warren Christimson
Dorothy M. Donahue	Zeferino & Dancy	Virginia Sylwestrzak	Donald Deffenbaugh
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Nares	Harold Thompson	Judie Jenkins
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Mary Nordstrom	Carol & Herb	Judy Chow
Fr. Abbot Claude	Nysewander Family	Thornberg	Al Basteri
Ehringer, OSB	Bud & Blanche Ogle	Rosemary Tucker	Mac Henry Ross
Myron Eichen	Ben Osgrove	Walter Ulloa	
Richard Farhquar	Kathryn D. Pent	June Williams	Happy Birthday
William & Vennita	Mary Peterson	Fred Williamson	Judy Brown
Flanagan	Jane Pfau	Arthur Caldwell	
Louise Foussat	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Matt Hagen	
Joe & Ida Friend	Alan Port	Max Fackler	
Mary Gerrity	Mary Pullman	George McCartney	

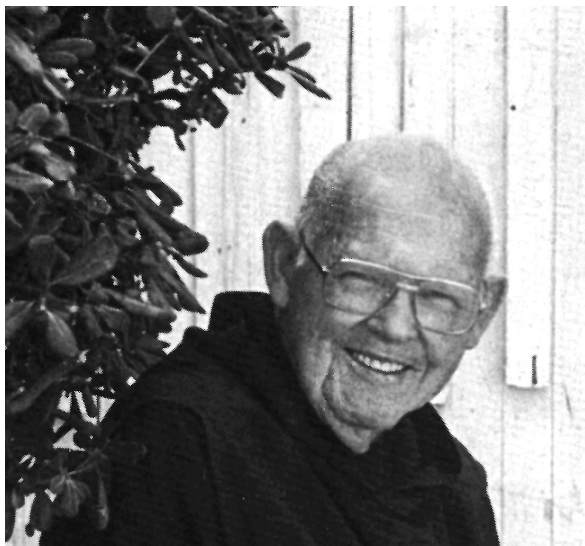
Needs

Gently used furniture

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2019 Monthly Serving Team Schedule	1 St. Elizabeth Seton #1	2 St. John The Evangelist	3 Brother Benno's Auxiliary	4 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	5 San Luis Rey Mission	6 St. Thomas More
	8 North Coast Methodist	9 Riverview Church	10 Fairwinds	11 Oceanside Civitans	12 St. Patrick's	13 Coast Law Center
	15 Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	16 Christ the King Lutheran	17 Brother Benno's Auxiliary	18 Rotary Club of Carlsbad	19 St. Elizabeth Seton #2	20 Girlfriend's Care
	22 St. Thomas More RCIA	23 Vista Hi-Noon Rotary	24 San Luis Rey Methodist	25 Pilgrim Creek	26 Sonrise Christian Fellowship	27 Catholic Daughters
	29 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	30 Welk Resort	31 Soroptimist International			

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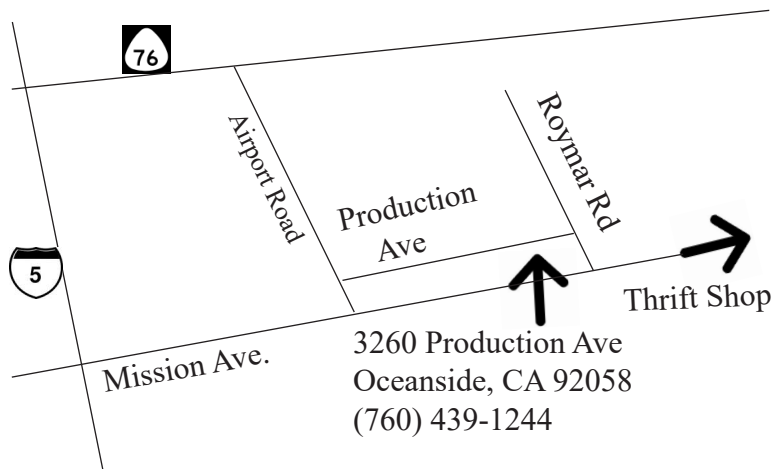
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Your donation is used each month at our main center and eight operational houses to provide: meals, clothing, personal hygiene items, blankets, showers, laundry facilities, bus vouchers, nights of lodging, medical and mental health referrals, prescriptions, ID replacement, mail services, Social Security, and veterans' issues, food packs, men and women's drug and alcohol recovery program, 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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Brother Benno's Services:

	May 2019 Our 35th Year			May 2019 Our 35th Year	
Meals	13,090	4,369,377	Loads of laundry	34	28,378
Nights of lodging	875	307,561	Food packs	871	345,164
Articles of clothing	4,228	1,379,628	Blankets	79	46,836
Showers	1,468	261,456	Tarps	111	4,975
Haircuts	28	22,789	ID Vouchers	45	9,554
Bus passes	122	84,681	HUGS	1,800	991,444