



Brother Benno's Newsletter

"Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve"

Interdenominational Volunteers
Making a Difference in This World

June 2013

CHURCH MEMBERS PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED HELP

Once every two years, on a "Weekend of Service," members of North Coast Church in Vista go out into the community to provide actual, hands-on service to various non-profit organizations instead of attending a service at the church.

"We believe that we are called by God to serve all our communities and people that need help," said **Emerson Grimsby**, Oceanside City Leader of the project. Brother Benno's has been fortunate to be among these groups for the past four years and has already enjoyed the fruits of their labor in 2013.

Church members have a great variety of skills, and they leave it up to the participating organizations to choose which projects they want done. This year, Brother Benno's asked for help at three locations: the kitchen and bathrooms at the Center, repair of a fence and BBQ at one of our Houses, and the installation of ceiling insulation and painting at another House.

The work in the Center kitchen was done in conjunction with other improvements made possible by a grant from the County Board of Supervisors (see page 2 for more information). North Coast Church members painted the kitchen, scullery, clothing room, and two bathrooms and also replaced corroded hardware and tattered shower curtains in the bathrooms.

Approximately 55 to 75 men and women spent Saturday and Sunday working at the three locations. They donated the labor and also shared the expense of replacement items. Emerson estimates that the value of skilled and non-skilled labor was \$6,000 to \$8,000, and they spent around \$2,000 for materials. Other church members involved as leaders in this project are **Steve Diersing**, Weekend of Service Director,

and **Jeremy Metts**, Project Manager.

These church volunteers always seem to be having a good time when they come to Brother Benno's, and anyone who has had the pleasure of dealing with them says they're a joy to work with and are always welcome to come back. Emerson adds: "We are told in God's word, the Bible, that we are to live as Jesus lived and freely give to those in need and therefore act as the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve others. So please know that everyone is most welcome to visit North Coast church whenever they like."

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EXPERIENCING THE BROTHER BENNO SCENE

by Barbara Ladwig

Kitchen Upgrades. Almost a year ago, Brother Benno's applied for a grant from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors under their Neighborhood Reinvestment Program. The money they awarded to the Foundation went a long way toward improvements in the Center kitchen.

The three most urgent needs were met: the installation of a fire suppression system over the stoves, a new steam table to keep food safely hot, and much needed ceiling lighting. All of these improvements were made before North Coast Church spent a weekend at the Center painting the kitchen, in addition to many other projects. (Please see page 1 for the article about North Coast Church.)

Lenten Sacrifices. Another church made a significant gift to Brother Benno's at Easter time—St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carlsbad. During Lent, they conducted a food drive they called: "A Can a Day for 40 Days." That "can a day" from many of their parishioners resulted in approximately two tons of canned goods! "And it was really quality food!" said one of our Operations Managers. I didn't see the mound of cans when they were delivered, and I can't even imagine how many cans it was; but I can imagine that a whole lot of the poor and homeless we serve are offering their thanks to the generosity of that church.

Harold Kutler mentioned that the alumni group of former Program Members is having its annual beach picnic on Memorial Day. It's a time for those who achieved their recovery from drug and/or alcohol abuse through our successful Program to interact with the men who are currently "walking that path."

"They have so much to offer the new guys," Harold said. "It's a way for them to give back."

He also shared that he ran into a former Program Member who now works at a local supermarket. "He's doing very well," Harold said. "He just looks so happy!"

Unsung Donors. We probably don't publicly thank a group of merchants often enough

for the food they donate to Brother Benno's on a regular basis, but it doesn't mean we don't know the value of these donations. You can see by the types of businesses that we get a lot of variety in the donations. You might want to thank your favorite store or restaurant next time you're there. And if your favorite isn't listed, maybe putting in a good word to the manager will add them to our list!

Albertson's, Carlsbad Danish Bakery, Chipotle's, Costco, French Bakery in Carlsbad, Fresh & Easy, Jimbo's, KFC, Pizza Hut, Ralphs, Red Lobster, Sprouts, Starbucks, Stater Bros., Target, Trader Joe's, Von's, and Walmart.
THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

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FOOD DONATIONS SURPASS EXPECTATIONS

It's been a long time since the Brother Benno warehouse has been literally bursting at the seams with donated food. Two huge loads of non-perishables came in mid-May from the Letter Carriers annual collection—one from the LaCosta post office, the other from the main post office in Oceanside. **Darryl Harris**, one of our Operations Managers, estimated that the Oceanside load alone amounted to at least 20 tons. Add to that the nearly two tons of canned goods from St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Carlsbad around Easter time (please see more information on page 2), and we now have the ability to feed many working poor and homeless Guests for quite a while.

Luke Corcoran, our warehouse Manager, pointed out that the food items in these collections are different from past donations. "They're at the high end instead of the usual bargain buys," he said. As an example, he cited the many cans of solid albacore and a few gourmet foods like butternut soup and artichoke hearts. "I think the donors went out and bought the same kinds of they buy for their own families," he said.

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The employees at both post office locations have been good friends to Brother Benno's for years, and we are very appreciative of their support. We also thank the thousands of citizens who were kind enough to put their bags out on that collection Saturday. Together, we do make a difference.

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Food Drive volunteers



Food Drive Volunteers

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Souplantation will donate 20% of sales generated by your organization. Purchase a meal and a beverage* and enjoy a great meal and help a great organization!

DATE:

Thursday, June 13, 2013

AT THIS SOUPLANTATION LOCATION:

Carlsbad
1860 Marron Rd.
Carlsbad, CA 92008-1172

TIME:

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For directions visit Souplantation.com

*1. All participants must purchase a beverage with their meal in order to receive credit towards the organization. 2. Under no circumstances are flyers to be handed out in the restaurant, parking lot or vicinity. Failure to comply will result in a voided contract. 3. Coupons or discounts will not be honored in conjunction with any approved Fun-Raisers. 4. Must present this flyer at time of purchase. 5. Your receipt will be kept and stapled to this form in order to add up the event's sales.

HOUSEHOLD GUIDELINES: 1. For the safety of our guests, no horseplay, running or climbing at any time, please. 2. Please accompany small children when visiting food bars. 3. It is very much appreciated when a supervisory person is present at a table of children.

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Please send a card to:

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Send a card to: (name) _____

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AUXILIARY NEWS

by Vikki Ramey

We had fantastic volunteers who made the Letter Carriers Food Drive a success. Because of you, we filled 376 huge boxes with food. Some of our volunteers came from Orange County, as well as husbands, wives, friends, and students from North County schools. It was great to see returning friends and meet new friends at this gathering. Special thanks to Postmaster **Stacey Woodard, Michael Manship, Sue Derby**, and all the postal carriers for their continued support.

On Saturday, May 11, all women Guests at the Center received a Mother's Day bag of goodies and socks. The bags were assembled by Auxiliary members and distributed by **Claire Carter, Tanya Bryson, and Terri Keyes**. Twenty-one additional bags were sent to the Women's Resource Center for the women they serve. It was truly a nice gesture, and they appreciated it very much.

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More than 50 people came to learn about Prince of Peace Abbey and Brother Benno on May 23. A nice lunch was prepared by the Brothers, followed by a brief history of the Abbey by **Abbot Charles Wright**. Those who were able to take the tour of the premises enjoyed it, and everyone had a chance to do some shopping in the gift shop.

We were able to acknowledge the graduation from the 12-Step program of one of the women we serve on May 15. She and 14 other graduates talked about their life before and after the program.

Our Souplantation Fun-Raiser will be held on Thursday, June 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. You must bring a flyer (there's one on this page, another on page 3) in order for the Auxiliary to receive 20 percent of your food/drink purchases. Please share the second flyer with friends, family, or neighbors.

On Friday, July 19, we'll have our annual Outback Fundraiser. There will be two seatings: 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., limited to 70 per seating. As tradition, you can also sponsor a Marine for lunch as a way of saying Thank You for their service. Lunch costs \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. The money raised goes to providing school supplies for the children who come to the Center. For information and reservations, please contact **Maureen Tutino (760-598-8211)** or **Tanya Bryson (760-715-4915)**.

Just a reminder: Our Annual Luncheon will be on Saturday, October 26, at the Sheraton Carlsbad. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$600 for a table of ten. Please plan to attend, and invite your friends and neighbors.

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Auxiliary members: Vikki Ramey, Terri Keyes, Claire Carter, Tanya Bryson

Memorials

Brother Benno	Mary Peterson	Dora Ramirez	William & Vennita
Pope John Paul II	Frank Barnet	Dick & Terry Riley	Flanagan
Mother Teresa	Frank S. Dolley	Bill Buckner	Nysewander Family
Kay Kutler	Phyllis H. Dierlam	Mary Shankle	Squirrel Family
Ann Sauer	Monty Nares	Walter Ulloa	Janice Harmon
Joe & Ida Friend	Margaret Rossini	Fred Williamson	Dancy & Zeferino
Mary Nordstrom	Dorothy M. Donahue	Carole Kutler	Nares
Myron Eichen	Mary Teresa Carr	Will Skinner	Steve Johnson
Alice Jordan	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Fr. Abbot Claude	Nedra Mathews
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Elizabeth Holms	Ehringer, OSB	David Hardman
Richard Farhquar	Edith Blaiser	Fr. Luke Dougherty	Mike Ellis
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Ben Kouns	Naomi Shelton	Gilbert Brown
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Bill Lakoff	Rosemary Tucker	
Catherine L. Quinlan	Bernice, Samuel &	Ben E. Lewis	Get Well Wishes
Kathryn D. Pent	Milton Silver	Roland Bond	Harold Harrison
Mary Pullman	Anita H. Donahue	Anna Correia	
Joan Boyd	Margaret Stephan	Geraldine Howard	Happy Birthday
Agnus Boyd	Bill Boster	Helene McGill	Margaret Opatkiewicz
Harold Thompson	Louise Foussat	Andrea Boersma	
Bud & Blanche Ogle	Tom Hayward	Ben Osgrove	
Bob Gleason	Richard Kurtz	Mayo Stillman	In Honor Of
Jane Pfau	Helen Lucas	Hugh Murphy	John & Kathleen
Ron Alexander	Bill & Joan Maloney	Stanley LaMonte	Cummings

Needs

Gently used furniture
 Large bottles of shampoo and conditioner
 Men's pants and belts, sizes 34 to 44
 Diapers
 Feminine products

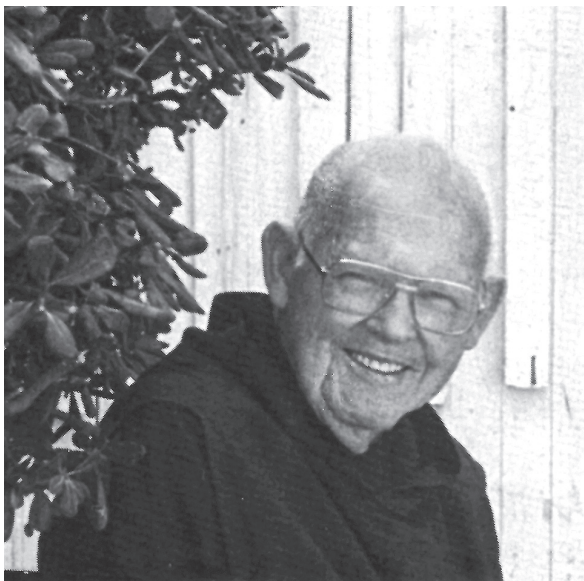
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June						1 St. Thomas More
2013						
Monthly	3 St. Elizabeth Seton #1	4 St. John The Evangelist	5 Brother Benno's Auxiliary	6 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	7 San Luis Rey Mission	8 Mira Costa College
Serving	10 North Coast Methodist	11 Hawkes Home	12 Stew's Crew	13 Oceanside Civitanis	14 St. Patrick's	15 Girlfriend's Care
Team	17 Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	18 Christ the King Lutheran	19 Grace Anglican	20 Carlsbad Rotary	21 St. Elizabeth Seton #2	22 Catholic Daughters
Schedule	24 Christ Anglican	25 St. Mark's San Marcos	26 San Luis Rey Methodist	27 Pilgrim Creek	28 Fallbrook Presbyterian	29 Shiloh Church of God In Christ

Furniture Sales at the Center

3242-B Production Ave., Oceanside 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.

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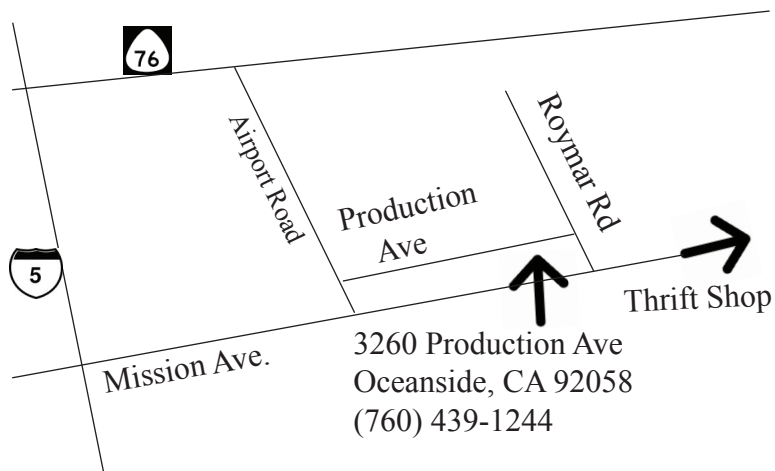
Shop open Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. -- Stop by to check out our Special of the Week Sales!!

3955 Mission Ave. (East of Albertsons) 760-967-7505

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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Brother Benno's Services:

	April 2013	Our 29th Year		April 2013	Our 29th Year
Meals	13,405	3,407,390	Loads of laundry	32	26,401
Nights of lodging	963	237,802	Food packs	2,144	222,623
Articles of clothing	5,501	984,395	Blankets	131	34,607
Showers	1,010	178,374	Prescriptions	4	7,129
Haircuts	132	15,290	ID Vouchers	12	8,413
Bus passes	99	76,665	HUGS	1,800	848,794