



Brother Benno's Newsletter

“Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve”

Volunteers Making a Difference

June 2017



LETTER CARRIERS DRIVE BRINGS HUGE WINDFALL

This year's food drive put on by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) was a huge success for Brother Benno's. Two post office branches—La Costa in Carlsbad, and the main branch in Oceanside, netted us an estimated **35 TONS OF FOOD!** (That's about 15 tons more than last year's collection.) Thirty-five tons boils down to about 320 banana boxes from La Costa and 55 pallets from Oceanside Main.

It took many volunteers to handle all that food on the 13th, and now there are many more who are hard at work at the Center, sorting and storing all those cans, boxes, and packages, six days a week until it's all finished. Some of the volunteers are regulars; others, like a group of men and women from Camp Pendleton, came forward just to help with this project. Current Program Members are also among the workers. If you'd like to join the sorting process, just call our Volunteer Coordinator, **Denise Seymour** (760-231-1613). Individuals or small groups are more than welcome.

It is thought that one of the reasons the drive was so successful this year is that donation bags were mailed to people ahead of time. That seemed to spark more of an interest and made it easy for citizens to start setting items in the bag ahead of time.

Brother Benno's is very appreciative that the letter carriers chose us as the recipient of this year's drive. This windfall saves us a great deal of money that would otherwise have to be spent buying food.

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Camp Pendleton Volunteers



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Lots of Food!

EXPERIENCING THE BROTHER BENNO SCENE

by Barbara Ladwig

Thanks! People in the community continue to support Brother Benno's in special ways. A recent donation from **Nordson Corporation** in Carlsbad is now making it possible for us to give out bus passes to our Guests who have no other way to get around except on foot. These bus trips are typically for medical appointments or job interviews, which directly impact the quality of life for those who need a helping hand.

The **Woman's Club of Vista** gave a donation of \$1,000 to the Brother Benno Foundation in May. It's yet another example of the generosity of people in North County who believe in our mission and support it in so many ways.

Check It Out. For all you "cruisers" out there, be sure to check the Auxiliary News on page 4. I've heard that if you enjoy ocean cruises, this one is not to be missed.

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Fifth Wednesday Serving Team Soroptimists



HELP AND DONATIONS

The Thrift Shop is looking for regular groups of four to six volunteers to work on Saturdays, helping with store operations: assisting customers, hanging clothes, straightening the sales floor, putting more donations out, etc. It's a fun, fast-paced environment! Your group can volunteer one Saturday a month or more. If you are interested, please call **Michelle** at the Thrift Shop (760-967-7505). Regular shop hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We are in need of gently used furniture, clothing, household goods, collectibles, etc. We turn your donations into cash to help the poor in the local community. Please drop off donations Tuesday through Saturday between 10 and 4 at our new collection site at the back of our building. Just follow the signs!

MESSAGE TO CREDIT CARD DONORS

For those of you who prefer to make donations using your credit card, we ask that you please use the envelope that comes with the newsletter, and complete all the information on both parts on the inside. We are unable to process your donation without all of the information. If you don't have that envelope, you can still use your credit card by providing the following information:

Name as it appears on credit card
 Address
 Phone Number
 Email address (if you have one)
 Amount of donation
 Type of card (VISA, Master Card, Discover)
 Card Number
 Expiration date
 Security code (on back of card)
 Signature

Thank you for your support, no matter how you donate to Brother Benno's!

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“THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING”

Brother Benno's continues to be the recipient of the kindness of members of North Coast Church during their Weekend of Service. Every two years, starting back in 2007, church members forgo their usual weekend church services and instead go out into the community to perform a huge variety of projects.

This year's Weekend was April 29 and 30 when approximately 250 church members, serving in four-hour shifts, worked at the Brother Benno Center and seven of our Houses. They did such things as painting inside and out, cleaning up and replanting landscape areas, and maintenance work like fence repair.

According to Executive Director **Steve Diersing**, coordinators from the church met with Brother Benno staff ahead of time to decide what needed to be done and to set up a schedule for the work. “We do the Weekend every other year because of all the pre-planning required,” Steve said. And in addition to the labor, they donate all needed supplies.

Besides helping non-profits like Brother Benno's, North Coast Church also does projects for local cities and schools. They have five campuses throughout North County, so Oceanside is just one of the communities to benefit from this service.

“Thank You” seems somewhat inadequate to express our appreciation for this loving service. Perhaps a heart-felt “God Bless You” is more in keeping with our gratitude!

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Your donation enables us to do all the wonderful things we do

My enclosed tax-deductible gift is: \$ _____
(make payable to: Brother Benno Foundation)

In memory of: _____

Please send a card to:

(name) _____
 (address) _____

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

Send a card to: (name) _____
 (address) _____

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

Please consider contributing to the Brother Benno Foundation by way of your Will, Living Trust, Designated Beneficiary Account, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, or Real Estate. For more information, contact Suzy Martinek, 760-439-1244, ext. 116 or smartinek@miracosta.edu

AUXILIARY NEWS

by Karen Gallagher & Nita Rodriguez

The Auxiliary participated in two special projects on May 13: Mother's Day gift bags and the NALC food drive.

During the Saturday spaghetti brunch at the Center, **Claire Carter** and **Eileen Ciganko** passed out 50 gifts bags to the women in attendance. Thank you, Claire, for coordinating these wonderful gifts for Brother Benno's Guests!

Also on the 13th, 30 volunteers packed up 9,600 pounds of donated food at the La Costa Branch Post Office. Thank you, **Sue Derby** and all the letter carriers, for delivering the bags and collecting the food. Also thank you to the men and women from Camp Pendleton who helped pack and lift the boxes onto the Brother Benno trucks. This event would not have been the success it was without **Janetha Bailey-Long**, Coordinator, and **Sue McQuown**, Assistant, and all the Auxiliary members who volunteered to work at this event.

We will be "Cruisin' to Cabo" October 7-14, 2017, and you're invited to join us. You don't have to be an Auxiliary member to sail away with us; friends and family are welcome. Because this is a fundraising event, a portion of each booking goes directly to our Auxiliary; and if we book enough rooms, we'll also receive a free room to auction!

Twenty cabins have been set aside for us at special group rates—six have already been booked. Want to join us? **Liz Nixon** of World of Cruise and Travel (888-400-2789) is handling all the arrangements for us. The seven-day cruise

departs from—and returns to—Long Beach, and we visit Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta on the Carnival Miracle.

For more information and to make reservations, give Liz a call. You can also view and/or download the flier at <http://bit.ly/2rgCGDG>. New deposit date is June 19. A deposit of \$250 per person is needed by June 19 to get these special rates.

You're invited to join us at our next Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday, June 28, in the Center Dining Room. Social time and snacks start at 1 p.m., followed by the meeting at 1:30. Why don't you check us out? We welcome all to join us and give input. Can't attend a meeting but want to be a member? Download our membership application at <http://bit.ly/2oGkaB9> (copy and paste or just type the link in your computer browser. You can download the application from there.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM MOTHER TERESA

"I do not agree with the big way of doing things. To us, what matters is an individual. To get to love the person, we must come in close contact with him. If we wait until we get the numbers, then we will be lost in the numbers. And we will never be able to show that love and respect for the person."

Information & Online donations: brotherbenno.org

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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...

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip Code _____

Donation \$ _____
Number of copies _____

Memorials

Ron Alexander	Joe & Ida Friend	Catherine L. Quinlan	Guadalupe "Wally"
Dixie & Lou Bales	Mary Gerrity	Dora Ramirez	Saucedo, Jr.
Frank Barnet	Bob Gleason	Dick & Terry Riley	Rex Lloyd
Brother Benno	Tom Hayward	Margaret Rossini	Rev. Brad Dusak
Edith Blaiser	Elizabeth Holms	Ann Sauer	Harry Titus
Andrea Boersma	Alice Jordan	Mary Shankle	Bernie Weiler
Roland Bond	Ben Kouns	Naomi Shelton	Genevieve Mibeck
Bill Boster	Richard Kurtz	Bernice, Samuel &	Patricia Pinson
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Carole Kutler	Milton Silver	Frances Cheek
Bill Buckner	Kay Kutler	Will Skinner	Bob Strawbridge
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Ann Grier Smith	James Johnson
Mary Teresa Carr	Ben E. Lewis	Mike Stendahl	Donald Deffenbaugh
Anna Correia	Helen Lucas	Margaret Stephan	Moira Hebert
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Bill & Joan Maloney	Virginia Sylwestrzak	Fred & Helen Briscoe
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Helene McGill	Mother Teresa	Rosemarie Smith
Frank S. Dolley	Michael & Monty	Harold Thompson	Molly & Johnny
Anita H. Donahue	Nares	Rosemary Tucker	Samuelson
Dorothy M. Donahue	Mary Nordstrom	Walter Ulloa	Catherine Cowen
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Bud & Blanche Ogle	June Williams	Jack Gillen
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Ben Osgrove	Fred Williamson	Robert Buchach
Fr. Abbot Claude	Pope John Paul II	Zeferino & Dancy	Bob & Mary Porter
Ehringer, OSB	Kathryn D. Pent	Nares	
Myron Eichen	Mary Peterson	Nysewander Family	In Honor Of
Richard Farhquar	Jane Pfau	Squirrel Family	Margaret
William & Vennita	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Baldy & Nellie Hillyer	Woodman
Flanagan	Alan Port	Jesse Bowers	
Louise Foussat	Mary Pullman	Betty & Harry Cooper	

Needs

Gently used furniture Men's underwear Men's and Women's Razors
 Adult and Baby Diapers Ladies' socks Comfy walking shoes for men & women
 Men's hoodies, jackets, belts, wallets, jeans (sizes 30 - 36) Gift cards for Walmart and Target

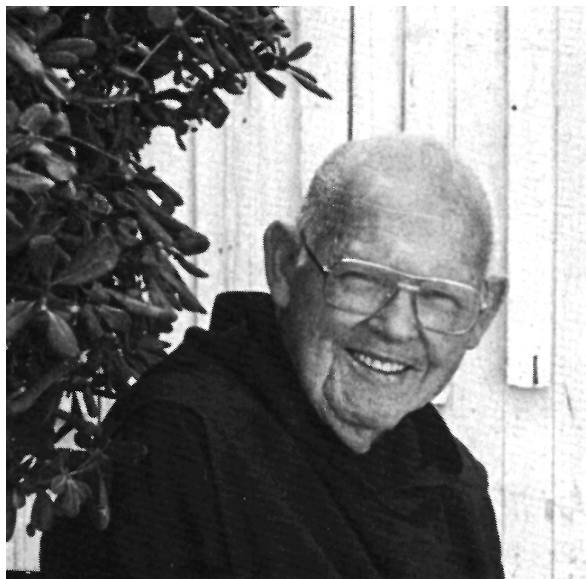
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June				1	2	3
2017				Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	San Luis Rey Mission	St. Thomas More
Monthly	5	6	7	8	9	10
Serving	St. Elizabeth Seton #1	St. John The Evangelist	Brother Benno's Auxiliary	Oceanside Civitans	St. Patrick's	San Rafael
Team	12	13	14	15	16	17
Schedule	North Coast Methodist	Riverview Church	1st MLG FCPA	Rotary Club of Carlsbad	St. Elizabeth Seton #2	Girlfriend's Care
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	Christ the King Lutheran	Brother Benno's Auxiliary	Pilgrim Creek	Sonrise Christian Fellowship	Catholic Daughters
	26	27	28	29	30	
	Christ Church	St. Mark's San Marcos	San Luis Rey Methodist	Brother Benno Thrift Shop	King of Kings Lutheran	

Furniture Sales at the Center

3242-B Production Ave., Oceanside 760-529-5481 ext. 200 **Open Tues. - Sat. 9 am to 1 pm**
 We welcome your saleable furniture items. Please call 760-439-1244 ext.102 for free pickup.

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

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Brother Benno's Thrift Shop

(Helping the poor, one sale at a time)

Clothing, Household Goods, Furniture

Shop open Tue-Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. -- Stop by to check out our Daily Specials!!

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, 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.

www.brotherbenno.org



Brother Benno's Services:

	April 2017	Our 33nd Year		April 2017	Our 33nd Year
Meals	12,660	4,044,791	Loads of laundry	26	27,655
Nights of lodging	875	284,960	Food packs	1,273	315,977
Articles of clothing	5,539	1,252,511	Blankets	135	42,229
Showers	1,084	232,267	Tarps	61	2,219
Haircuts	56	21,545	ID Vouchers	11	8,964
Bus passes	118	82,062	HUGS	2,250	942,844