The Brother Benno Auxiliary’s Inaugural Golf Tournament held on September 27 at the Memorial Golf Course at MCCS Pendleton, was a great success. Teams comprised of Brother Benno supporters, their friend and family members, and sponsored military members, participated.

The Tournament began with an opening ceremony, which included the Marine Color Guard, the Star Spangled Banner sung by Auxiliary member Alfreida Stevenson, and a blessing by Brother Benno Foundation President Father Charles Wright of the Prince of Peace Abbey.

After a full day of friendly (and sometimes fierce) competition, at the closing ceremony, Emcee Michael Lewis recognized the winning teams and announced our Silent Auction winners.

1st-Mark, Dennis and Jake Martinek and Robert Acosta

2nd-Ryan Pippin, Jason Hong and Michael Lancaster

3rd-Curtis Richardson, John and Weston Wohlmuth

We thank all the Auxiliary members who volunteered their time to make this tournament so successful; also our donors and those who sponsored military members. A special thanks to Norma “Abbie” Bachert at Camp Pendleton, who guided us through all aspects for our first Tournament. And a big thank-you to Michael O’Neil and Michael Lewis aka “Mike & Mike,” for mentoring and supporting us in the process. It always amazes me how many “moving parts” there are to getting our fundraising events launched. Mike & Mike gave us this compliment: “WOW! You (Auxiliary members) know how to run a fundraiser. You make it look so easy!”

As we’ve previously shared, our Auxiliary members decided to try something different this year with our fundraising activities—replace the Winter Luncheon with a Golf Tournament and hold two additional fundraisers (Luau and Sip & Paint) in addition to our traditional Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast. From the feedback we’ve received, this overwhelmingly appears to be a winning strategy.

We look forward to presenting our 2019 fundraising proceeds to the Foundation at our continued on page 4....
THRIFT SHOP LOVES VOLUNTEERS, GEARs UP FOR HOLIDAYS

by Michelle Hoppe

**Students.** School is back in session, which means a new round of student volunteers. We LOVE our students! They provide an invaluable service to us throughout the store. Some students continue volunteering even after they complete their hours.

Long-time student volunteer, **David Gotelli**, received an award from Mira Costa College for his 100 service hours at Brother Benno Thrift Shop—100 hours, two years in a row! If you are a student in need of service learning hours, we would love to have you. Please call us (760-967-7505) to find out how you can get started.

Another Award. Thrift Shop volunteer **Alison Kuhns** recently received a national award from the Marine Corps Association as the Wounded Warrior’s “Family Caregiver of the Year.” Congratulations, Alison! She also assisted in organizing the first annual “Military Spouse Appreciation Evening” at the Shop. They were treated to refreshments, and they shopped for evening gowns, shoes, and jewelry for the upcoming Marine Corps Ball.

The Thrift Shop provides free delivery on furniture to the Oceanside area for all military members who show their ID. We appreciate our military and thank you for your service.

**We’re Ready!** The holiday season is fast approaching—a favorite time for us. We hold seasonal items all year long and put them out for sale in time for you to decorate your home. We also decorate our Shop in order to give our customers a beautiful shopping experience while snagging a bargain in the process.

Keep checking. We have different specials every day and offer 20 percent off everything every Thursday. New inventory is added daily, so visit us often to see what’s new. Our hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 to 5. You can also check the daily specials on our Facebook page. Search and “like” Brother Benno’s Thrift Shop to keep up with the latest sales, new items, and upcoming events.

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BROTHER BENNO’S RECEIVES HIGHEST CHARITY AWARD

The Brother Benno Foundation has been awarded a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for the sixth consecutive year. A letter from **Michael Thatcher**, President and CEO, says in part:

“On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate the Brother Benno Foundation on attaining the coveted 4-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. . . . This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. . . . Only 9% of the charities we evaluate have received at least 6 consecutive 4-star evaluations. . . .”

We proudly portray the Charity Navigator logo on the front of every newsletter. For more information, please visit www.charitynavigator.org

**WHAT A SURPRISE! WHAT A GREAT TIME!**

The inaugural Golf Tournament put on by the Brother Benno Auxiliary was EXTRA-SPECIAL. The course at Camp Pendleton is beautiful. The staff was very friendly and helpful. Everything ran like a well-oiled machine.

Riding around on the course with my daughter-in-law and chasing our foursome (husband, two sons, and grandson) was a blast. We saw a coyote, lots of native plants, fresh air, and green “greens” on the William P. Bell-designed course (he also designed the Torrey Pines golf course.)

We all want to thank the Brother Benno Auxiliary for thinking outside of the box and doing something different. It is a wonderful way to introduce new people to the Brother Benno Foundation. I can’t even imagine the amount of work put into this event; but what I do know, it was a lot! The baskets for the auction were lovely as well.

We will be back next year!

From Your Happy Golf Watcher!

(Editor’s Note: The Happy Watcher wishes to remain anonymous.)
SPECIAL HELP GIVEN UNDER CAREFUL GUIDELINES

One of the services we seldom provide for our homeless Guests is a bus ticket back home, and our Staff members are very careful in determining when it is appropriate. Darryl Harris, our Operations Manager, said that someone at Brother Benno’s phones the family member or friend whose name is provided by the Guest to be sure that they are indeed willing to have the Guest return and will provide housing for them.

“We don’t want to just move people from one homeless situation to another,” Darryl said.

Becky, age 52, was homeless and living in a car with a boyfriend, and they’d been coming to Brother Benno’s for a little over a year. At one point the relationship turned violent, and the police had to get involved. It was then that our Staff stepped in to see how they could best help Becky, and the bus ticket home was the solution.

Becky sent the following message to Darryl:

“I wanted to let you know that I made it back home to Idaho. I was going to call you, but I believe you are closed right now. “I want you ALL to know that I really, really appreciate you so very much!! I have no idea where I would be today without you (the entire Brother Benno Foundation.) Thanks!! To all of you! I will call next week to chat for a minute. Thanks again for everything! B.B.”

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My enclosed tax-deductible gift is: $________
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Send a card to: (name)_____________________
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Or, donate online at http://brotherbenno.org

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GIRL SCOUTS PITCH IN TO HELP THOSE IN NEED
by Jenny Troyer

In August, Girl Scout Troop 1955 on Camp Pendleton discussed who in their community needed serving. After much discussion, the girls, along with their troop leaders, had the idea of serving the poor and homeless. Not many had served the homeless directly.

Troop leaders Shannon and Sabrina asked a mom, who is a volunteer at Brother Benno’s, to speak to the girls about her experiences and the needs of the Guests who are served there.

After the presentation, the girls moved into action. Breaking into teams, each team had a different task. One group helped script and perform an online video to post on the local housing Facebook page asking for material. Another made signs to hang in the neighborhood listing items needed for collection and the dates and times troop members would pick them up. In both the video and signs, the girls asked for donations benefitting the Guests at Brother Benno’s.

The girls, along with their leaders and parent volunteers, once again gathered to collect the donated items, walking the neighborhood aboard Camp Pendleton. They collected over 60 pairs of socks, 200+ toiletry items, two bikes, and four large boxes of clothing, which were brought to the Center and the Brother Benno Thrift Shop.

In deciding to organize a drive to benefit Brother Benno’s, the members of Troop 1955 learned the valuable lesson of service to the community.

(Editor’s Note: Jenny is one of the parent volunteers.)

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“Bring beauty. If you can paint a picture or carve an image or plant a flower, you will have put something into the world that was not here when you came.”

from A Woman in the House by William Barrett

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FROM THE BOOK:

The following story from Harold Kutler’s book, *Soup Soap Hugs Hope, the Story of Brother Benno’s Life-Changing Soup Kitchen*, is about Chester, who successfully completed our Recovery Program and regained his life.

“Chester . . . (had) a difficult childhood, followed by alcohol, drugs, and jail, (which) led to a wasted life. He came to us at age 52, a heroin addict for 30 years, with no work skills. When he entered our program, he had reached the point where he either had to surrender to recovery or accelerate his death march.

“It took Chester a long time to come out of the fog so that he could deal with reality. His progress was slow, but he hung in there. Eventually we promoted him from the scullery to the warehouse. Then we dragged him, kicking and screaming, into our computer lab, where he discovered he was able to learn how to use a computer.

“Soon Chester was driving our vehicles, and we could see his self-esteem start to grow. Little by little, he took each next step, until he was finally ready to venture out into the world again. One day he came back to the center to tell us he had a job he really liked—driving a van for retarded children.

“‘Thanks for everything you did for me,’ he said.

“‘You’re the one who did it, Chester, we said. ‘We gave you the opportunity, but you made it happen.’

“We hugged each other, and once again I thanked God for the priceless opportunity to be part of an addict’s journey out of his tomb to start a new life.”

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November meeting. Co-Presidents Joyce Cerimele and Nita Rodriguez will be making an annual report to the membership. Also at this meeting, the 2020 Auxiliary Board will be installed. The meeting will be held on November 20 in the Center Dining Room, 1 p.m. social time, 1:30 meeting. All are invited to attend and bring a friend. Reminder: no meeting in December.

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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, 760-941-1876 or smartinek@miracosta.edu

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

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Needs

Gently used furniture
Blankets
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