



Brother Benno's Newsletter

"Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve"

Volunteers Making a Difference

October 2015



LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW RESERVATIONS ARE GOING FAST

by Carol Sanford

Reservations are pouring in to attend the Brother Benno Auxiliary's Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, November 7 at 11 a.m. at the Sheraton Carlsbad Resort and Spa, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive. The excitement is building toward that great day!

You won't want to miss it, so contact **Penny Sallee** (760-912-8566) or **Lyn Standefer** (760-390-2010) to place your late reservations. It's \$60 per person or \$600 for a table of ten of your friends and neighbors. Delicious food, silent auction items to bid on, tempting opportunity baskets, door prizes, and fashion show entertainment, all for a good cause!

Our models for the fashion show will include some of Oceanside's well-known dignitaries, and they will be wearing a collection of name-brand, fashionable outfits with some dazzling accessories. These items will accentuate the quality of the donations received by the Brother Benno Thrift Shop. We are so grateful for this bounty, which is reflected in this year's theme: "Giving From the Heart . . . In Endless Ways."

This event is the Auxiliary's most important fundraiser of the year, the proceeds of which go to help support the Men's and Women's Recovery Programs carried out by the Brother Benno Foundation. This important outreach continues the work of our dedicated founders, **Harold and Kay Kutler**, to "Uplift the Dignity of Those We Serve."

You can help the Auxiliary continue its important charitable work by your physical presence at the Luncheon and Fashion Show on November 7, or by sending a tax-deductible "Angel" donation to show your support. You'll be listed

on the "Angel" page in our Luncheon program. Please send your donations to: Carol Sanford, 3890-42 Vista Campana S., Oceanside, CA 92057, and we'll send back our profound thanks for your generosity.

And just in case you haven't heard, the Brother Benno Foundation was recently awarded a rating of Four Stars * * * * by Charity Navigator. This is the highest possible rating among the charitable groups in the United States, and Charity Navigator is American's premier independent charity evaluator!

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GUEST SHARES ARTWORK WITH ALL OF US

Way back in November of 2012, we featured a Guest named **Joretta**, who was sharing her artistic talents with Brother Benno's. Some of her paintings still grace the walls of the Dining Room, and she has created whimsical drawings in the Clothing Room and Children's Reading Room as well.

One of her favorite things to do is to paint banners that celebrate holidays, always with charming characters and bright, happy colors. And recently she was able to turn a throw-away wood bench that was slated for the trash heap into a piece of art. She repainted the entire bench; and along the back and the arms, she created swirls of flowers, again in eye-catching colors. It sits in the entryway at the Center, where people can enjoy looking at it; but even better, they can rest while they wait to be served.

At the time of our 2012 interview with Joretta, we asked about her art training. She said
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BROTHER BENNO'S TEAMS UP WITH OCEANSIDE POLICE H.O.T.

by Barbara Ladwig

Police officers and homeless men and women are often involved in some kind of enforcement situation. Almost a year ago, the Oceanside Police Department embarked on a program that changes the adversarial aspect of policing to one of help and support.



Lonny Harper and Josh Ferry

The program known as H.O.T. (Homeless Outreach Team) is staffed by Officers **Josh Ferry** and **Lonny Harper**, both ten-year veterans of the force. According to Josh, both men were already acquainted with many of the homeless who frequent the beaches in Oceanside, but now they are available to any homeless man or woman in any part of the city.

In addition to regularly patrolling the streets of Oceanside, they also get calls from other officers and from private citizens who encounter someone in need.

According to the City of Oceanside website, "Two officers have been budgeted to work full-time on interacting with the homeless population and matching them to available social services. Officers will be helping people obtain the documents they may need to enter programs and get back on their feet."

Josh pointed out that getting ID documents can be a daunting task for someone who has no transportation and doesn't understand the intricacies of the DMV office. With help from H.O.T., their need for identification can be accomplished in record time; and the ID card helps them register

at the various organizations where they can get a large range of services.

Officers Ferry and Harper have a good working relationship with Brother Benno's. They often contact us when they find someone in need of the many services we offer, and they work with other organizations such as Interfaith Community Services in the same capacity.

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NEW EQUIPMENT NEEDED IN BROTHER BENNO KITCHEN

The Brother Benno kitchen is in need of new equipment. Each morning, **Pelon, Tim**, and a devoted crew of Program staff and volunteers begin their preparation of eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, sweet rolls, yogurt, fresh fruit, and many other items that have been donated by local grocers. This routine has been going on for more than 20 years. Some of our equipment has been in service that entire time, and the rest for over ten years. It's time to replace some items and add new ones that will greatly improve our operations in the kitchen.

Our first priority is to get a steam tilting kettle; the second is a tilting skillet braising pan. Together, they would enable us to prepare better quality food for more people. We were going to use a grant from the County for this equipment, but we had to use the funds for a refrigerator truck instead when the old one gave out.

In September, we received a donation of over \$1,800 from the Gift from God Foundation to start a "Kitchen Equipment Campaign." According to estimates from local restaurant supply companies, we will need approximately \$30,000 to purchase the needed equipment.

Brother Benno's primary mission has always been to feed the hungry. We have begun applying for other grants and financial support. If you would like to help in this campaign, please indicate "Kitchen Equipment Campaign" on your donation.

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TEEN BOYS JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER FAMILY

Teen Volunteers in Action (TVIA) have started what is hoped will be a long relationship with Brother Benno's. Once again, it was one member's previous volunteer experience through his school that led to this group choosing Brother Benno's for their outreach activities.

Tamara Kapan, VP of Philanthropy for the North County chapter of TVIA, explains that there are five chapters in San Diego County, and her group of boys is the newest chapter. "My role," she said, "is to work with organizations to develop a philanthropic activity calendar for the TVIA year (September to May). Our focus is to provide two-to four-hour-long events that introduce our teens to community involvement and spark interest in continued service work.

"TVIA is an organization of young men who, together with their families, are committed to developing community leaders through a structured program of volunteerism, philanthropy, and personal development."

Brother Benno Board Member **Helen Parsons** spoke to approximately 70 boys and their parents at their August Kick-Off meeting. She came away from that meeting convinced that "our world will be in good hands with this next generation!"

Helen shared a brief history of Brother Benno's with the group, as well as the reasons why their services are still necessary today. "This generated a lot of enthusiasm from our membership to help and be a part of the good you are doing," Tamara said.

The boys and their parents took the usual tour of Brother Benno's on three Saturdays in September, and they will now be scheduled to volunteer at the Thrift Shop. Even before taking the tours, they collected hundreds of pairs of white socks for our Guests. "It took four of our high school teens to carry the box to Helen's car!" Tamara said.

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*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much"*

- Helen Keller

SHOP GETS MUCH-NEEDED HELP FROM "GLOBAL" VOLUNTEERS

Thirty-three employees from the Leadership Team at Thermo Fisher Scientific in Carlsbad volunteered at the Brother Benno Thrift Shop on September 1. Board member **Helen Parsons** said, "We all appreciated their flexibility, their willingness to do anything, and their heart-felt concern for our Guests!"

Sheila Moles, Administrative Assistant for the Leadership Team, said she chose Brother Benno's because her son had volunteered here through his school. "Our Team really enjoyed volunteering their time. . . and learning more about the program run by Brother Benno's," she said. "We were very impressed by your operations and enjoyed learning about your history and how much you help your Guests."

Sheila added that the volunteers were from the company's sites around the world—U.S., Europe, Asia, and South America. And Helen commented that she learned a lot about homelessness in other countries.

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she had taken an art class in high school; but beyond that, her artistic talents "just come out of me. It's a hobby. It relaxes me."

Who knows how many people are touched by that flow of talent.

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A typical response from a homeless person when he or she sees a police officer is to run the other way. The H.O.T. officers are trying to change that knee-jerk response. "We still enforce the law if the situation calls for it," Josh said, "but our main purpose is to offer help." He added that there is nothing binding between the officer and the homeless person. "If they don't want help, we just back away."

Oceanside works with 25 Cities San Diego, part of a national initiative that is trying to find solutions to homelessness. "Homelessness is the Number One complaint in San Diego County," Josh said.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

by Carol Sanford

A reminder to all members to please continue to solicit items, gift certificates for meals or services, gift cards, etc. to be included in the Opportunity Baskets being prepared under the watchful eyes of **Vera Bayliss, Joan O'Connell, and Penny Sallee**. Let Vera know (760-295-0059) what you have ASAP, and bring all to the October 28 meeting. The absolute deadline for Opportunity Baskets is on that date. If you find you cannot finish yours, tell Vera immediately. Please don't wait until the last minute!

Anything suitable for Silent Auction bidding should be immediately reported to **Vikki Ramey** (760-803-6267), who is handling those items.

Elections for, and installation of, the 2016 Auxiliary Board will be held at our November 18 meeting. Contact **Karen Gallagher** (760-434-1058) or **Claire Carter** (760-295-6099) now, before nominations close, if you are interested in running for a Board position. Final slate will be announced at our October 28 meeting.

This will be a very busy meeting, and it will also be very important to have as many members in attendance as possible. Call someone you know who has not been coming, and encourage them to attend and participate.

Information & Online donations:brotherbenno.org

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The Auxiliary thrives with many hands and many hearts working together. I hope to see YOU among the crowd on Wednesday, October 28, at 1 p.m.!

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We are looking for "Angels"

You become an Angel when you donate any amount

to help offset the costs of the

Brother Benno Auxiliary Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show

Please send your donations to Carol Sanford 3890-42 Vista Campana S. Oceanside, Ca 92057

And THANK YOU!

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>

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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

Ron Alexander	William & Vennita	Kathryn D. Pent	Gilbert Brown
Frank Barnet	Flanagan	Mary Peterson	Corazon Rigor
Brother Benno	Louise Foussat	Jane Pfau	Zeferino & Dancy
Edith Blaiser	Joe & Ida Friend	Ruth Hazel Pierson	Nares
Andrea Boersma	Mary Gerrity	Mary Pullman	B.J. Stone
Roland Bond	Bob Gleason	Catherine L. Quinlan	Fr. Brad Dusak
Bill Boster	Tom Hayward	Dora Ramirez	Andrew & Jane Yandura
Agnus & Joan Boyd	Elizabeth Holms	Dick & Terry Riley	Bill Brown
Bill Buckner	Alice Jordan	Margaret Rossini	Elene Cahill
Deacon Art & Mary Carr	Ben Kouns	Ann Sauer	Sarah McPherson
Mary Teresa Carr	Richard Kurtz	Mary Shankle	Kyle Donovan
Anna Correia	Carole Kutler	Naomi Shelton	Secrest
Don & Dorothea Daybell	Kay Kutler	Bernice, Samuel & Milton Silver	Roger Santora
Phyllis H. Dierlam	Bill & Louise Lakoff	Will Skinner	Edward Curran
Frank S. Dolley	Ben E. Lewis	Mike Stendahl	Eileen Delis
Anita H. Donahue	Helen Lucas	Margaret Stephan	Eleanor Sullivan
Dorothy M. Donahue	Bill & Joan Maloney	Virginia Sylwestrzak	
Fr. Luke Dougherty	Helene McGill	Mother Teresa	
Roseanne Dreibelbis	Monty Nares	Harold Thompson	
Fr. Abbot Claude Ehringer, OSB	Mary Nordstrom	Rosemary Tucker	
Myron Eichen	Bud & Blanche Ogle	Walter Ulloa	
Richard Farhquar	Ben Osgrove	Fred Williamson	
	Pope John Paul II		

Needs

Gently used furniture Diapers Reading glasses
 Camping Equipment Feminine Hygeine Rain ponchos

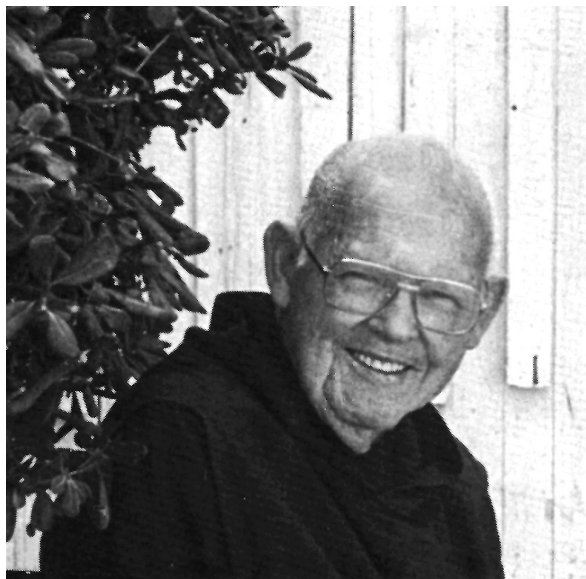
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2015 Monthly Serving Team Schedule				1 Oceanside Pacific Kiwanis	2 San Luis Rey Mission	3 St. Thomas More
	5 St. Elizabeth Seton #1	6 St. John The Evangelist	7 Brother Benno's Auxiliary	8 Oceanside Civitans	9 St. Patrick's	10 TVIA
	12 North Coast Methodist	13 Hawkes Home	14 MLG 1st Class Petty Officers Assn	15 Carlsbad Rotary	16 St. Elizabeth Seton #2	17 Girlfriend's Care
	19 Sunrise Kiwanis of Vista	20 Christ the King Lutheran	21 Grace Anglican	22 Pilgrim Creek	23 Sonrise Christian Fellowship	24 Catholic Daughters
	26 Christ Church	27 St. Mark's San Marcos	28 San Luis Rey Methodist	29 Riverview Church	30 King of Kings Lutheran	31 Shiloh Church of God In Christ

Furniture Sales at the Center

3242-B Production Ave., Oceanside 760-967-2742 **Open Tues. - 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.
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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.

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Brother Benno's Services:

	August 2015	Our 31st Year		August 2015	Our 31st Year
Meals	13,093	3,779,797	Loads of laundry	27	27,130
Nights of lodging	1,089	265,842	Food packs	1,751	284,661
Articles of clothing	5,628	1,140,103	Blankets	117	38,953
Showers	1,159	208,951	Prescriptions	0	7,267
Haircuts	131	19,100	ID Vouchers	16	8,759
Bus passes	115	79,615	HUGS	2,250	903,694