

# VALLEY VILLAGE

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings held in Valley Village's conference room at 20830 Sherman Way unless otherwise noted.

February 23 6:30 p.m.  
Valley Village Board of Directors

2006 Luncheon Committee Meetings  
Call Susan for times and dates

March 23 6:30 p.m.  
Valley Village Board of Directors



L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich provided tickets to the Hollywood Bowl. Residents from the Gladstone House spent a delightful summer evening at the concert. They are Robert T. (1st row), Michael G., Rickey B., Bill E., Charlie S., Donald Z and care provider Jim Murray.



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## ALTANO HOUSE CLIENTS WHEEL TO THE SEA ADVENTURE

A Four Mile Trek from Pt. Magu State Park across PCH to the Pacific Ocean



*"The Sun came up upon the left,  
Out of the sea came he!  
And he shone bright, and on the right  
Went down into the sea."*



*The event was sponsored by the Canoga Park, Northridge, and Thousand Oaks Kiwanis and the Thousand Oaks YMCA.*



## TELESIS & NORTHRIDGE KIWANIS BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER

*After School Program*



*"It is just wonderful to see them smiling when they see Santa Claus. This is what makes the After School Program Christmas Party so special for me," says Dick Cooper, vice president of community relations for Telesis Community credit union (right). Telesis was honored as the "Outstanding Corporate Foundation of 2005" by the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Association of Fund-raising Professionals. Below: The Northridge Kiwanis brought some Christmas cheer to residents at the Corbin and Bradley Houses.*

*Bradley & Corbin Houses*



*(More pictures on page six.)*

OUR MISSION: VALLEY VILLAGE IS COMMITTED TO ADVANCING THE INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

VALLEY VILLAGE

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

by Kitty Cooper



Let me start off by wishing you all a happy, healthy, fulfilling New Year. For Valley Village my wishes for 2006 are similar:

**Happiness** in the form of enriched lives for our

program participants, a supportive work environment and sense of accomplishment for Valley Village staff, and for volunteers and Board members, a feeling of a job well done and the knowledge that our work has made a positive difference for the people we serve; **Health** as in the physical and mental health of those we serve and those of us who provide the service, and in the financial and programmatic health of the organization now and in the future; **Fulfillment** for participants, staff and volunteers is knowing that we have all put forth our best effort to make ourselves and Valley Village the best that we can be.

We all have a role to play in making these wishes come true.

**PARTICIPATION:** Valley Village was born more than 30 years ago of a desire of a small group of parents to make and ensure a safe, happy and fulfilling life for their children with developmental disabilities. Their goal was to be secure in the knowledge that even when they are no longer able personally to oversee their child's care, their son or daughter would be well cared for and have a good life. These parents put in many hours to establish the organization and they continue to this day to be the primary volunteer base for numerous fundraising and social activities. They were the first Board of Directors members and some still serve. In those three decades, few parents and family members of new participants have joined this leadership and support core.

My goal is to expand this volunteer and leadership base. We will look to the families of our day program participants, and the adult brothers, sisters and cousins of our residential clients as a potential resource. We will also expand our outreach to members of the community.

**If you are interested in some form of active participation with Valley Village, or know of someone who might be, and/or wish to tour our programs, please contact Susan Basler, the Valley Village Development Director at (818) 587-9450 ext. 120.**

**MONEY:** Of course, additional financial support is always needed. We are pleased that so many of you responded generously to our year-end appeal, but it alone does not meet Valley Village's needs to maintain and expand our programs and to ensure that we will be able to carry our valuable services on into the future. Although much of our program funding comes from government sources, it is insufficient to provide the quality of service Valley Village is committed to and for which it is known. In addition, government funding is precarious, being vulnerable to State, Federal and local budget shortfalls and political priorities. Our goal is to have a safe, dependable financial base.

Toward that end, the Valley Village Foundation has established an Endowment Fund and also will help you include Valley Village in your planned giving, estate planning, wills and trusts. If you would like more information about the Valley Village Foundation and its donation and participation opportunities, please contact Susan Basler.

Of course, our annual **VALLEY VILLAGE LUNCHEON ON JUNE 24, 2006** is still our major fundraising event. As always, we will have great food, great entertainment, great prize drawings, and, great fun. Planning it involves many volunteers. If this sounds like something you'd like to help with, please call Susan. You will hear more about this soon! See you there!

**If you would like to have friends or relatives added to our mailing list to receive *The Village Spirit*, please contact Susan Basler at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.**



**Valley Village Foundation**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Guenther W. Engel

The year 2005 was a very good one for the Valley Village Foundation and its Endowment, and 2006 will be better because I know that the Legacy Group will continue to grow. In 2005 **15 new families** joined our founding members, Ernie and Marion Letsch, to become charter members of the Legacy Group. Please see the insert on this page for their names.

In the past two newsletters Dick Bartus, our Planning Coordinator, has been writing about the Foundation's Legacy Group that was formed to honor those who have gifted to Valley Village or the Foundation through their trust or wills. Although the Charter membership provisions closed on December 31, 2005, it does not mean that others cannot continue to join the Legacy Group. In fact, we are in the process of completing plans for our first special event to honor all members, those who joined before, and those who joined after December 31.

We all know that Valley Village is doing a great job in caring for developmentally disabled persons through its various programs. This fact usually leads to questions like "Why do we need the Foundation with its Endowment? The Foundation was formed to assure the future financial viability of Valley Village using an endowment as a tool to accumulate and invest the funds received from wills, trusts, and year-end appeals. As the Endowment grows, so will the returns from our investments. An ever-growing portion of these funds will be used to support the Valley Village programs.

At the last meeting of the Planning Committee it was thought to be a good idea to hear from some of the Legacy Group members. In the following paragraphs are quotes from some of our members as to why they joined the Legacy Group.

"As a founding parent of Valley Village I have always wanted to help Valley Village assure lifelong care and future financial stability," commented June Stanton. "But when I took a second look at my own personal situation I realized that I did not have a 'Special Needs



Legacy Group member, June Stanton.

Trust' in place for my daughter. Thanks to Dick Bartus and with his help, I moved forward and completed the necessary documents that will ensure a rich, full life for Karthy."

"My Husband, Ernie Letsch, when he was alive, often told me that he was pleased to put in a lot of hours of volunteer work at Valley Village," said founding member Marion Letsch. "I know that Ernie would be pleased that I have chosen to leave our estate to the Valley Village Endowment Fund to help the program continue to be a warm and nurturing environment."

"It's my hope that with my contribution and others that join the Legacy Group, that we will be able to ensure that the special programs and services that Valley Village provides for its clients will continue into the future," commented Jeanette Campbell.



Legacy Group member, Dick Cooper.

"I have always been inspired by the parents and the rest of the team from Valley Village," said Dick Cooper. "With no family to leave a legacy to, I would hope that my gift will help contribute to continued services to the deserving clients that are so ably served by Valley Village."

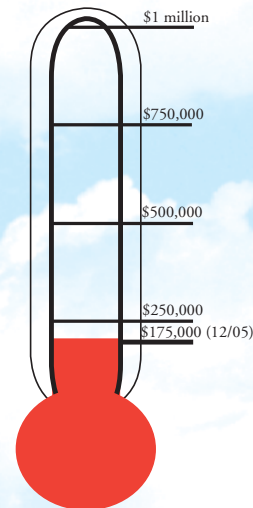
I hope that their comments help everyone to better understand the Foundation and its mission. Future newsletters will feature other Legacy Group members.

While all the accounting was not completed at press time, the results of the year-end appeal increased the Foundation's Endowment Funds by about **16 percent**. On behalf of our Board of Directors and myself I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continuing support.

**Legacy Group Members:**

- Dick & Alaine Bartus
- Robert & Jeanette Campbell
- Richard Cooper
- Dick Crouch
- Andrew & Mary Dixon
- Guenther & Laura Engel
- William & Donna Harney
- Aaron & Nora Lazaroff
- Ernie & Marion Letsch
- Glenna Lotspeich
- Mary Sandorf
- Robert Sharples
- George & June Stanton
- Dorothy Trusty
- Ed & Dolores Zimmermann

**VALLEY VILLAGE  
FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN**





HALLOWEEN'S GOULISH SPIRIT

## XMAS AT CORBIN HOUSE

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Fred Chapa



As we begin the new year, Valley Village will be looking at ways to improve the services provided to our clients. As we review our programs we also are

going to examine how they are delivered in our residential, day and after school programs. The goal is to maximize our clients' independence as well as their quality of life.

The Sunland Adult Day Center currently serves about 50 individuals, most of whom are in wheelchairs. The center offers a variety of person-centered functional activities with an emphasis on skill development, and training in the areas of communication, socialization and self care. There are crafts, games, music, physical activities, and movement therapies. The bottom line is that Valley Village's staff offers a warm and supportive environment which allows for creative expression, increased self-confidence, and physical and mental stimulation. The ultimate objective is to promote a sense of belonging among the clients.

Of course, we want to encourage family members and community volunteers to assist in the care of our participants. Although the Sunland program has been highly successful, we find that with the level of activity there is some times a Los Angeles-style traffic congestion when the clients move around in their wheelchairs from one program area to another.

To alleviate this situation and to meet the demand for our services, Valley Village is planning to undertake a \$500,000 renovation and expansion of the Sunland Day Center. To make this a reality we are seeking donations from parents, businesses, foundations, and others who have an interest in serving the needs of the developmentally disabled. When the project is completed the facility will not only be better for the participants, but it will be able to serve an additional 20 clients. This will be a double benefit for the community.

This month the federal government will be launching a new drug benefit program called, Medicare Part D. Valley Village has a head start in preparing for the change which has caused some confusion. However, we have successfully navigated through the new rules and regulations and have negotiated an agreement with one of our drug providers. The result will be improved services for residential clients. Our residential staff is available to address any questions or concerns.

In the first quarter of 2006 we will be holding an open forum for parents and conservators of our day programs. The goal is to learn what services and programs they would like us to provide for their children. This will help us to enhance the quality of care and hopefully, produce improved outcomes for everyone.

I look forward to working with you, the staff, volunteers, and our clients as we move through 2006. If you have any questions, please feel free to drop me an e-mail at [fred@vvc.org](mailto:fred@vvc.org).



Fred Chapa, executive director of Valley Village congratulates Kitty Cooper who was recognized as Valley Village's "Outstanding Volunteer of 2005" by the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Association of Fund-raising Professionals.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY

JUNE 24, 2006

ANNUAL SPRING

LUNCHEON

WARNER CENTER MARRIOTT

WOODLAND HILLS

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR 2005

The Client Services Committee developed the Employee Recognition Program which is celebrating its eighth year. The program recently recognized the dedication of Valley Village employees who have given five or more years of service. Employees receive gift certificates from San Fernando Valley restaurants. The following employees were honored in 2005:

5 Years		10 Years	
Kimberly Mendoza	1-04-2000	Armando Garcia	1-13-1995
Connie Gonzales	1-10-2000	Tammy Roll	2-01-1995
Benita Arroguin	1-19-2000	Michael Roll	2-01-1995
Kacie Habib	3-10-2000	Victoria Dobbins	10-10-1995
Simon Habib	3-10-2000	Raffy Daulo	10-18-1995
Carolyn Padilla	3-15-2000	Norma Mallon	10-30-1995
Rosemary Roth	3-17-2000		
Ninette Tolliver Todd	4-05-2000	15 Years	
Clare Carney	4-11-2000	Pradeep Rawate	1-15-1990
Bearance Hudson	4-17-2000	Sujita Rawate	1-15-1990
Irma Ruiz	5-15-2000	Debra Donovan	4-12-1990
Tony Lara	7-19-2000	Paula Romero	6-25-1990
Susie Effatian	8-21-2000		
Cesar Galvan	9-09-2000	20 Years	
Gerardo Lozano	10-23-2000	Jim Murray	7-07-1985
Iris Knox	12-04-2000	Maria Sullivan	8-21-1985
Richard Torres	12-16-2000		
Joyce Brady	12-27-2000		



Enjoy a robust cup of Valley Village coffee with your breakfast. The special blend from Rocky Roaster is \$12 per one pound bag. Contact Susan Basler or Jenny Daniels at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.



Valley Village's Web site has a sharp, new look. Visit: [www.valleyvillage.org](http://www.valleyvillage.org).

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPENINGS.** There are current openings on both the Valley Village Board of Directors (the "operations Board") and on the Valley Village Foundation Board of Directors. These Boards set policy for ongoing and future functioning of Valley Village. Anyone interested in becoming an active participant on either of these Boards, please contact Susan Basler at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120 or e-mail her at [Susan@vvc.org](mailto:Susan@vvc.org).

# HERE'S WHO'S HELPING VALLEY VILLAGE

Donor names comprise those who provided support to Valley Village from January 1 to December 31, 2005

## 2005 ANNUAL APPEAL

### ON GOING OPERATIONS

Helen Allan  
Paul Barkley  
Robert Bernstein  
Georganna & John Beuerman  
(Matching Gift from ATK)  
Sadie Botoglou  
Alan H. Bradley  
Thelma Bronet  
Dorothy & Leroy Bushong  
Kitty & Donald Cooper  
Greg Farrington  
Mr. & Mrs. Derrick Fisher  
Joan & Joseph Freeman  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Fuller  
Rozanne & Randy Haeg  
Joyce Harris  
Ann Hill  
Mr. & Mrs. Murray Hutchings  
Kim Kortlander  
Ann & Bruce Labins  
Carol & David Levin  
Elizabeth Likes  
Glenna Lotspeich  
Joan Monarch & Art Lederhandler  
Fidel Nabor  
Dorri Raskin  
Mary Rue  
Norma Ryals  
Marys & Larry Sack  
Mary Sandorf  
Madeline & Robert Sharples  
William Shepherd  
Joan Soper  
Maria & George Stanley  
June Stanton  
Evelyn Swanson  
Dorothy Trusty  
Robert Umhoefer  
Adrienne Weinberg  
Sharon Sackin & Marc Weisel  
Patricia & David Whisnant  
Sharon & Jim Wilson  
Jane & Michael Winston  
Elsie Wolfe  
Eugenia & Zakary Zeitlin

### SUNLAND PROGRAM

Karen & James Akana  
Sonya & Ed Ash  
Paul Barkley  
Fe & Robert Behringer  
Georganna & John Beuerman  
(Matching Gift from ATK)  
Josephine Bird  
Kitty & Donald Cooper  
Catalina & Leopoldo Daulo  
Paul Davis  
Faye Deane  
Francine & Roger Diamond  
Farryl & William Dickter  
Marsha Conley Edwards  
Greg Farrington  
Patricia & Richard Farris  
Nan & Norm Flette  
Jane & Henry Goichman  
Andrew Gorny & Valerja Clyde  
Rozanne & Randy Haeg  
Judith & Robert Hay  
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Murray Hutchings  
Krishan Kapur  
Ruth Katz  
Catherine & John Kelleher  
Lee & Sol Kramarz  
Storme & Chuck Leeb  
Marion Letsch  
Joan & Larry Light  
Patty & Tom Madsen  
Cyndi & William McAuley  
Mary McKernan  
Yoko & Kenso Nomura  
Edith & Dennis Oberman  
Lisa & Jack Orman  
Florence Raskin  
Jeffrey S. Robin  
Stephen M. Rousso  
Joanie Schugel  
Schwanbeck Family  
Helen Schwanbeck  
Lynda Shapiro  
William Shepherd  
Clara Strauch  
Edith Tannenbaum  
Cheryl & John Toffan  
Florence & William Trebasky  
Sara & Benjamin Urias  
Donna & Hector Vicente  
Adrienne Weinberg



Kathy S. (l - r), Terri H., Eddie C., Trina K., Scott H., and Julie T. enjoying a trip to Disney World in Orlando, FL.



Scott H. and Trina K. take a whirl on the Mad Tea Party attraction at Disney World.

## GENERAL DONATIONS

### SPIRIT BENEFACTOR

Dolores & Ed Zimmermann  
  
Karen & James Akana  
Jeanette Campbell  
Ruth Castersen  
Jeannette Cayen  
Eva Dominguez  
Kris Fisher  
Terry Gaddis  
Rozanne & Randy Haeg

Lee Hamer Memorial Charities  
Corinne Miller  
Manouvehhr & Sogol Mostafiz  
Lowell Novy, D.V.M.  
Mary Sandorf  
Joanie Schugel  
M.C. Schwanbeck  
Grace & Aton Shimabukuro  
Joan Soper  
Dorothy Trusty  
Martha Waugh

### TRIBUTES TO HONOR:

Andrew, Mary & Alison Dixon  
Nora Lazaroff  
Valley Village  
Don and Kitty Cooper  
Judith Hawthorne

OCCASION: DONOR:  
In honor Jane & Glen Drake  
In honor Aaron Lazaroff  
In honor Richard P. Meyers, Jr.  
In honor Monica Lee & Jonathan Rapp  
In honor Prudential CARES  
Volunteer Grant Program  
In honor Mary Sandorf  
Birthday Edith Tannenbaum  
(Sunland Program)  
In honor Leo Theriault

Leo Theriault  
David Lazaroff  
  
Mary Sandorf

## FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT GIFTS ANNUAL APPEAL 2005

Paul Barkley  
Susan Basler  
Elaine & Henry Bronet  
Dorothy & Leroy Bushong  
Jeanette Campbell  
Ruth Castersen  
Yolanda & Fred Chapa  
Kitty & Don Cooper  
Dick Crouch  
Barbara & Lawrence Diamond  
Sylvia Dorfman  
Laura & Guenther Engel  
Tom Engel  
Greg Farrington  
Mr. & Mrs. Derrick Fisher  
Carolyn & David Fung  
Rose & Ross Goldware  
Judy & Russ Hawthorne  
Leela Kapur & John Joyce  
Marion Letsch

Marsha Richards & Robert Murashige  
Kate & Dan Murphy  
Myrna & Rogelio Pena  
Lorne Pollock  
Mark Pracher  
Judi & Ron Prejan  
Joan Schulman (in memory of Mark Schulman)  
Kay Shobu  
Ida & Rex Skinner  
Elaine Skopp  
June Stanton  
Judith & Melvin Steimer  
Dorothy Trusty  
Robert Umhoefer  
Fanny Valdivieso  
Martha Waugh  
Adrienne Weinberg  
Dolores & Ed Zimmermann



Clients hit the trail at the Rankin Ranch.



## THANKS TO:

The Wellness Foundation for a generous grant; Shannon Ray for donation of a Compaq computer with monitor and HP Deskjet printer.

## IN MEMORIAM

*Eric Sharples*  
(long-time resident of Archwood House)  
2/23/67 - 1/9/06  
*Estella Motherspaw*  
(mother of Valley Village Controller Philip D. Motherspaw)  
*Donald L. Wagner*

## MEMORIALS

### IN MEMORY OF:

Estella Motherspaw  
  
Chuck Shrub  
Norma Pendleton  
Lowell Bushong  
Dorothy Horton  
Jeanne Moore  
Charles Shrubbs  
Lowell Bushong  
Norma Pendleton  
Don Wagner  
Don Wagner  
Kevin Deel  
Guy Deel  
Eugene Dorfman  
Philip Grosfeld  
Eli Freeman  
Miriam Freeman  
Jesse Lerman  
Guy Deel  
Guy Deel  
Guy Deel  
Cindy Hathaway  
Hal Hathaway  
Don Wagner  
Morris Lazaroff  
Nora Lazaroff  
Don Wagner  
Jesse Lerman  
Eli Freeman  
Miriam Freeman  
Don Dee  
Barbra Dunn

### GIVEN BY:

Valley Village Board of Directors & Foundation Board of Directors  
Jaretta Acosta  
Jaretta Acosta  
Dorothy & Leroy Bushong  
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Dorothy & Leroy Bushong  
Jeanette & Robert Campbell  
Faye Deane  
Ruth Deel  
Ruth Deel  
Sylvia Dorfman  
Joseph Freeman  
Joseph Freeman  
Joseph Freeman  
Joseph Freeman  
Carol & George Gill  
Cackie & Ray Gill  
Louise Gill  
Charlotte & Doug Hathaway  
Charlotte & Doug Hathaway  
Judy & Russ Hawthorne  
Aaron Lazaroff  
Aaron Lazaroff  
Martha Waugh  
Adel White  
Adel White  
Dolores & Ed Zimmermann  
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Dr. & Mrs. Richard Shaw for household furnishings; Robert Hay for household items; Lee Hamer Memorial Charities for a generous donation toward the 2006 Annual Luncheon.

We apologize if your name was omitted. Please call Susan or Jenny at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120 so we may include your name in the next issue of the Village Spirit.