

VALLEY VILLAGE

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Valley Village Board of Directors
6:30 p.m.
last Thursday of the month

Foundation Board Meeting
April 19 • 6 p.m.

It's Showtime Annual Luncheon
June 23
Sheraton Universal Hotel



Winnetka Adult Development Center clients enjoy watching the festivities for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



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20830 Sherman Way
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CORBIN AND PARTHENIA HOMES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS TOGETHER



The Northridge Kiwanis Club sponsored a festive joint Christmas party for the clients at Corbin and Parthenia Houses. Olive Garden provided the dinner and Coco's and Dream Dinners (Romy Lambert) donated the desserts.

CITY PROP K FUNDS TO HELP RENOVATE SUNLAND CAMPUS

Valley Village has received \$450,000 from the city's Proposition K (Prop K) funds to renovate the Sunland campus. Prop K was passed in 1996 to fund parks, community and recreation facilities, and child care projects in Los Angeles. The money is distributed through a competitive grants process to government agencies, community-based organizations and city departments.



The Sunland Center serves the needs of developmentally disabled adults in the northeast part of the San Fernando Valley. The center is licensed to provide 80 clients with physical, educational, and recreational activities. However, the current physical layout of the center allows us to accommodate only 60 clients. With the Prop K funding Valley Village will completely renovate the existing facility and add 1,500 square feet of needed space.

The renovation will also enable Valley Village to serve up to 35 children, who are developmentally disabled, in an appropriate after-school program.

The Sunland program is innovative and is designed to enable adults with developmental disabilities to maximize their independence. Through the comprehensive services we offer, they receive individualized medical and therapeutic services. As a result, they directly benefit by developing skills that enable them to live as fully and independently as possible. To accomplish

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kitty Cooper



HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!!!

Where does the time go? It feels like I just finished writing the 2006 New Year's message!

Looking back over the past year, I

am struck by the enormous good that Valley Village does. Our participants, over 100 in the residential program and nearly 260 in our day programs, are active members of the community. They have thriving social lives, interacting with their peers and the fabulous, caring, and talented Valley Village staff.

I recently read a report on the challenges that individuals with developmental disabilities confront as they age. For any of us, medical, physical and social needs change as we get older. However, for individuals with developmental disabilities, social isolation and communication difficulty make matters worse. Medications that worked well for someone at 30 or 40 could cause problems for that same person at 50 or 60. Physical changes can affect mobility and safety. Depression and other mental illness can result or become worse.



Marc Weisel (center) immediate past president of the Valley Village Board of Directors, was recently honored for his years of service by Fred Chapa, executive director, and current president, Kitty Cooper.

Both the Valley Village residential and day programs combat the fallout that isolation brings. Through interactive programs that have social, educational, medical, psychological, nutritional, and physical and occupational therapy components, Valley Village staff is able to detect even subtle changes in behavior, and obtain professional assessment and intervention.

As we look to the future, Valley Village is being proactive in identifying the needs of our aging population. An increasing number of our residential participants are now being served by our day programs. We have established a nursing home and a continuous nursing facility to address changing physical needs. In our Strategic Plan we are also looking at creating a "senior center" for our clients when they are "retired" from their regular day work/activity programs.

The other component we must consider as we look at "aging" is that the parents who have been the leaders and tireless worker bees in building Valley Village are also ready to pass the torch to the next generation. We are fortunate to have wonderful, selfless members of the professional and business communities who are active members of the Valley Village Board of Directors, but there is a critical need for parent and other family participation. The personal perspective families have on how the organization is working and what is needed to maintain the high quality of service for which Valley Village is known is critical.

Please consider becoming one of the "movers and shakers" (or "carriers and prodders") of Valley Village. If becoming a Board member seems like too much at the moment, perhaps you could serve on one of the various working Board committees (Administrative, Board Development, Bylaws/Policy, Fundraising, and Outreach). I would be happy to talk with you about what you can do to play an active role in this great organization. Please drop me an email at KittyCooper@adelphia.net. You may also contact Susan Basler, development director, at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120 for more information.

PRESIDENT

Guenther W. Engel

CHARTING OUR
FORTUNES!

It is a new year and another great beginning for the Valley Village Foundation. I am pleased to report that the Foundation's 2006 Annual Appeal has been one of the most successful ever, thanks to all of our donors. For Valley Village and the Foundation's Board of Directors we wish to "thank you for your generosity and for your continued unwavering support."

More and more people are beginning to understand the relationship and importance of the Foundation's goal to the future of

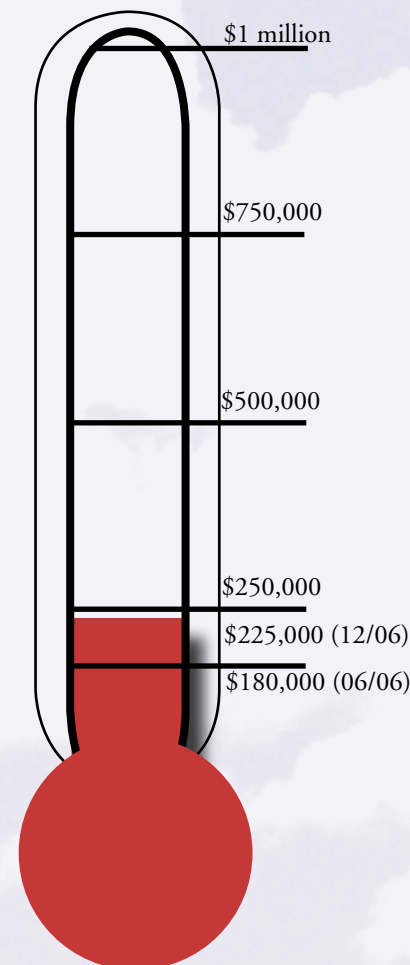
Valley Village. The goal of the Foundation is expressed in our mission statement, "To provide for the future financial viability of Valley Village." We plan to accomplish this mission by giving Valley Village a portion of the endowment's earnings each year. The bigger the endowment, the more Valley Village receives.

Where are we now? We have now reached a milestone of over \$200,000 thanks to the many gifts and the results for our 2006 Annual Appeal. Every donation counts toward meeting our goal. At the present time the appeal is our only immediate means of raising funds for the endowment. In 2007 the Foundation will begin exploring other fund raising avenues that will not conflict with Valley Village's very successful Annual Luncheon.

As most of you know, the Foundation through its Planning Committee has established the Legacy Group to identify and honor the people who have gifted to Valley Village or Valley Village Foundation through their wills, trusts or other estate planning measures.

In February 2006, we held our first luncheon at the Porter Ranch Country Club to honor the members of the Legacy Group. This year the Luncheon will be held on March 4, so it's not too late to become a member. It is simple but if you are not sure how, call our Planning Coordinator, Dick Bartus or the Executive Director of Valley Village, Fred Chapa, at the Valley Village office.

ANNUAL BOARD AND FOUNDATION DINNER



Carson Schreiber



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Dick Bartus

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.



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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR 2006

The Client Services Committee developed the Employee Recognition Program which is celebrating its seventh 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 2006:


5 Years		
Luis Ruiz	1-24-01	Silvia Lazaro 10-06-01
Amelia Acosta	1-27-01	Yadira Perdomo 10-10-01
Doni Darmawan	2-08-01	Elisa Lopez 10-31-01
Alex Krasnoshtein	3-05-01	Susana Galan 11-06-01
De Andrea Hayes	3-21-01	Barbara Contreras 12-05-01
Ruth Weinsten	3-22-01	
Susan Basler	4-02-01	10 Years
Norma Baez	4-03-01	Gregory Miraglia, Jr. 1-02-96
Veronica Marin	4-11-01	Kerris Guardado 3-25-96
Fernando Ruiz	5-07-01	Jo Anne Tschantre 8-25-96
Maria Salcedo	8-01-01	Daniel Quinonez 12-09-96
Jose Guterrez	9-10-01	
Guillermo Carrillo	9-17-01	15 Years
Wilfredo Estabridis	9-29-01	Cathy Plucinik 5-28-91
		Stan Plucinik 5-28-91

EBAY, RALPH'S, GOOD SEARCH PARTNERS WITH VALLEY VILLAGE

Have you been wondering what to do with those donation now that Valley Village has closed its thrift store? Well, we have the answer for you! Valley Village has set up an account at iSold It, the ebay store. They will take your donation of any item valued at \$30 or more and sell it on ebay. They will list the item on ebay and donate the proceeds to Valley Village!

 All you have to do is take your donations to **iSold It** at 18961 Ventura Blvd. in Tarzana (one block west of Wilbur next to Peet's Coffee). Their hours are Monday - Friday 10 -7, Saturday 10 - 5 and Sunday 12 - 4. If you have any questions, call them at 818-342-0300.

Be sure to tell them that your item is payable to the Valley Village Account.

Using your Ralphs Club Card means a donation for Valley Village. Register your Ralphs Club Card online at www.ralphs.com using your Valley Village's  name and organization number (83569). Every time you shop for groceries and swipe you card, Valley Village will automatically earn a rebate based on the total amount of monthly purchases per household. If you do not have access to the online sign-up, please call 800-443-4438 to learn about the an alternative method for signing up.

When you are looking for something on the Internet, do your search with **Good-Search**. This is a search engine which donates 50 percent of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. It's a simple and easy concept. Use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. It is powered by Yahoo! so you get proven search results. The money Good-Search donates to Valley Village comes from its advertisers — the users and the organizations do not spend a dime.

We hope that not only will you use Good-Search as your main search engine from here on out, but will also pass the message on to your friends, family and co-workers so they too can start using GoodSearch to support Valley Village!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Fred Chapa



PROGRESS ON THE EXPANSION OF THE SUNLAND CAMPUS

Last year we discussed our plan to renovate the Sunland Adult Day Health Center to be more user friendly, especially developed to serve a wheelchair population that uses this program. The building will feature wider hallways down the center of the building with classroom space on both sides.. We are currently limited to just over fifty clients with the current building. With the additional space plus better access to classrooms, we will be able to serve eighty clients.

In 2007 we were able to obtain \$450,000 from the Los Angeles City Proposition K funds to pay for a good portion of the renovation. We also raised funds through the luncheon and year end appeals through your generous donations. The renovation will begin in July. Susan Basler is working now to get foundations and other funding sources to get matching money. The Board has pledged to find other money to cover the balance of the cost.

We are planning to begin renovations in June 2007 and is expected to take approximately one year to complete. We will be looking for an alternate site to conduct the



program for during construction. Licensing has agreed to work with us to get the necessary temporary licensing for the site we will use to house the program until

the clients are able to move back into the renovated site.

An Example of a Virtual Fire Drill

In late November the Sunland Adult Day Health Center was starting their morning activities when the smoke alarm went off, and the staff smelled and saw smoke coming from the ceiling. Staff immediately helped the clients exit the building in an orderly manner. The clients were out of the building within three minutes. The fire department was called and appropriate administrators were notified.

The fire department inspected the attic and roof. A new air conditioning and heating system had recently been installed, and on starting up the heating unit dust and other small debris caused the smoke and burning smell that the staff had noticed. The firemen turned off the gas to the unit until the air conditioning company could inspect the unit to insure it was safe. Everyone was allowed back into the building. While the program often conducts safety and fire drills this event was an actual emergency. Ana Rojas, the administrator and her staff kept their cool and had the clients safely evacuated in a timely manner. They followed all fire disaster procedures in a professional manner.

Fire drills are conducted on a regular basis throughout our facilities to prepare staff to properly handle emergencies. These exercises are only a blueprint to what needs to be done in the face of a disaster. The execution of such practice drills is still in the hands of the administrators and staff. I am very appreciative that under the threat of a real fire our staff showed their competence to keep our clients calm and safe. On behalf of Valley Village, I commend them for a job well done.

SUNLAND CAMPUS

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this, our program utilizes the expertise of therapists and medical professionals including registered nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, dieticians, social workers, activity coordinators, a psychologist, and a psychiatrist to meet the individual needs of each participant.

The expansion of Sunland will also increase the number of low-income disabled adults receiving rehabilitative services. It will also increase the access for the special needs population living in the east San Fernando Valley to a safe and therapeutic facility in which to develop important life skills.



In the new after-school program, special-needs children will be engaged in individual and group activities designed to build self-confidence and daily life skills. They will participate in recreational activities in a safe environment. They will also enjoy nutritious snacks. During school breaks (winter, spring, and summer), the children's program will operate all day, and children will be engaged in arts and crafts, games, bowling, and field trips to the beach, movies, or theme parks. Parents with special needs children and who work full-time will know there is at an inviting and safe place for their children.

Construction is slated to begin in July and the project should take a year to complete. Additional funding is needed to match the money provided by Prop K and Susan Basler, director of development, is pursuing foundation, individual and corporate gifts.

HERE'S WHO'S HELPING VALLEY VILLAGE

Donor names comprise those who provided support to Valley Village from July 1 to December 31, 2006

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NEW CASH DONATION RULES

There are new rules regarding the treatment of cash donations for deduction purposes.

Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (the new law that also included the IRA Rollover provision), no deduction will be allowed for any contribution of cash, check or monetary gift unless the donor can provide a bank record or a written communication from the charity. The communication should include the name of the charity, date of contribution and the amount of the gift.

The new law is retroactive to the beginning of 2006. Therefore, donors will not be able to take deductions for any gift of cash in 2006 unless they have this type of record.

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