

“There’s No Place Like HOMES”

Resident, Alumni, Family, & Friends Newsletter

May 2009

“The Soloist” Outing: May 4

At long last “The Soloist” is being shown in Orange County! The movie stars Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey Jr., and is based on the true story of the friendship that developed between a brilliant homeless musician with schizophrenia and an LA Times reporter. We’ve planned a group viewing at the Century Stadium 25 Theaters in Orange on May 4 at 1:55 PM; matinee prices are \$8, or \$6 for seniors (on Mondays.) Check the schedule below for the theater address; you can see more information about the movie or buy tickets in advance at http://www.fandango.com/thesoloist_116061/movieoverview.

May 19 Special Election: Prop. 1E

In 2004, Californians passed Prop. 63, the Mental Health Services Act “millionaire tax” to fund new wrap-around services for people of all ages with mental illnesses, especially those at risk of homelessness. Orange County FSP programs, including Telecare, Opportunity Knocks, OASIS, STAY, WIT are funded via MHSA. California will have a special election on May 19, a result of the State budget crisis, and **Prop. 1E would take \$460 million from MHSA** to help close the state's \$41 billion budget gap. I encourage all of you to research Prop. 1E carefully and **VOTE** on May 19, as the results could directly affect many of you! If you are not registered to vote at your current address, the last day to register for this special election is May 4; the last day to request a mail-in ballot is May 12. For your polling location and other information go to www.ocvote.com. *Please share info with others, and everybody VOTE!*

Equine Therapy with Mini Horses: May 7

We’ll have an outing to a different ranch near Thousand Oaks, where my sister Meaghan also teaches, on May 7, this time to work with mini horses! (No riding these little guys, just grooming, exercising, and possibly a trail walk with them.) We’ll leave OC around 9:30 AM and return around 3:30 PM; I will give **8 hours of scholarship credit to anyone who volunteers to drive others on this outing**. We’ll be joining a group of clients from Pacific Clinics on this outing, so space is limited; please RSVP ASAP.

“The King & I,” May 7

We have 30 **FREE** tickets to the Fullerton Civic Light Opera’s performance of “The King & I” on May 7 at 8 PM! (This is Rodgers and Hammerstein musical based on the book “Anna and the King of Siam.”) The play is at Plummer Auditorium (see address below); RSVP to (949) 851-2766 to reserve tickets.

Meeting of the Minds: May 12

The 15th annual “Meeting of the Minds” conference will be held at the Disneyland Hotel on May 12 from 9 AM to 5 PM. The conference features dozens of workshops on mental health topics, many exhibitors from the mental health community, a display of artwork by our peers, and lunch with a very funny keynote speaker. The consumer price for this all-day event, including lunch, is only \$20. Contact the Mental Health Association at (714) 547-7559 for more information about the event and how to get tickets.

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Mental Health Day at Trinity: May 17

Trinity United Presbyterian Church (which sponsors our camp, delivers food baskets to our houses, and makes many other donations and contributions to HOMES) will be observing Mental Health Awareness Month on May 17. There will be information and personal stories from clients and family members given at the 10:30 AM service, tables with information about mental illness and resources (including HOMES) on the patio starting at 8 AM, and a free concert by the handbell choirs at 7 PM. (Freewill donations are welcomed for the concert.) You are all invited to come and participate the fellowship at Trinity!

MHSA Recovery Arts Fair: May 21

On May 21 the OC Mental Health Services Act office is organizing an art fair at the Old Courthouse in Santa Ana to showcase artwork and creative writing from mental health clients. HOMES is coordinating the entertainment for this event; any musician, singer, dancer, or other performance artist from the mental health community interested in performing at the fair can participate in a screening of talent at Diamond Apartments on April 30 between 4 and 7 PM, or on May 1 between 1 and 4 PM. (See address below.) **Everyone is invited to enjoy the FREE event on May 21; I will give Camp scholarship credit for those who sign up to volunteer at the Arts Fair.** (Please contact Shannon at 949-851-2766 for information about volunteering.)

Camp Rally: May 23

We’re about ¾ full for Camp, so get your applications in NOW if you want to go! There will be a pre-Camp Rally at 1 PM on Saturday, May 23, at Diamond Apartments, where the charter buses will pick up and drop off for Camp this year. (See the address below.) At the Rally we’ll show the 2008 Camp Picture Show, give information about this year’s Camp, and you’ll have a chance to meet some of the Camp staff and your fellow campers. Hope to see YOU there!

May Activities

Please RSVP to (949) 851-2766 BEFORE you attend any HOMES activity!

Cooking Class: May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 11:30 AM (1310 W. Diamond, Anaheim, near Lincoln/Wilshire)

May 1, 1 to 4 PM	Music Screening (1310 W. Diamond, Anaheim 92801, near Lincoln & Wilshire)
May 2, 9 AM to noon	repair & painting (555 N. Cypress Ave., Orange CA 92867; vol. hrs.)
May 4, 1:55 PM	“The Soloist” (Century Stadium 25, 1701 West Katella Ave., Orange; \$8)
May 7, 9:30 to 3:30	Mini Horse Therapy (Thousand Oaks, CA; free, plus vol. credit for drivers)
May 7, 8 PM	“The King & I” (Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton; FREE)
May 8, 1 PM	pre-Camp mailing (1310 W. Diamond, Anaheim; vol. hrs.)
May 8, 3 PM	Diabetes Support Group (15432 Jackson Street, Midway City; FREE)
May 12, 9 to 4	Meeting of the Minds (Disneyland Hotel, 1150 Magic Way, Anaheim; \$20)
May 15, 2 PM	Instigators Meeting (1310 W. Diamond, Anaheim; vol. hrs.)
May 17, 10:30 AM	Mental Health Day @ Trinity (13922 Prospect Ave., Santa Ana; FREE)
May 21, 10 to 3	Recovery Arts Fair (The Old Courthouse, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd; FREE)
May 23, 1 PM	Pre-Camp Rally (1310 W. Diamond, Anaheim, near Lincoln & Wilshire; FREE)
May 29, 3 PM	Diabetes Support Group (15432 Jackson Street, Midway City; FREE)