

Rim Communities Resource Network Committee (RCNC)
2:00 pm ~ June 10, 2009
Fire Station 91

Members Present:

Kathy Creighton – Family Service Agency of SB
Penny Shubnell – Mountain Grants
Brenda Bell – 2-1-1
Shelley Denney – St. Richard’s Episcopal Church
Kate Dischino – Save the Children
Gerry Porter – Mountain Sunrise Rotary
Kris Scullin – Rim Family Services
Pat Rozatti – Mountain Community Alliance
Jana Martinez – Clear View Treatment Center
Glenda Harvey - Headstart
Cheryl Nagy – Hearts & Lives
Julie Burnette – Hearts & Lives

Guests Present:

Monique Rodriguez - Arrowhead
United Way

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

Cheryl Nagy, in Dave Stuart’s absence, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Monique Rodriguez, our scheduled speaker, representing Arrowhead United Way on behalf of Rebecca Martin. Ms. Nagy also recognized our two newest members, Kate Dischino, Save the Children and Jana Martinez, Director of Public Relations for Clear View Treatment Center.

Minutes from the May 13, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved and will be posted to Hearts & Lives’ website.

Due to Gerry Porter’s need to leave early to attend the Hearts & Lives Board of Directors Meeting Ms. Nagy called on him first to present his report.

Hearts & Lives

As Chair of the meeting, Cheryl Nagy announced a reminder about the 4th of July events being held in Green Valley Lake, Crestline and Lake Arrowhead. Their intention is to team up to continue pushing the information regarding COAD and the CERT (Community Emergency Resource Team) Program. They want to see how many people are really serious so they can put the County “to the wall” and get more training done and get more people involved with CERT. Pat Rozatti, GVL Disaster Recovery, responded that she was amazed after last night’s meeting to find the diversity of resources available in their community. They are basically a retirement community made up of ironworkers, EMA’s, hospital and triage personnel, with a wealth of experience to draw on in a time of crisis.

Ms. Nagy spoke about the benefit concert on Sunday, June 14th and the desire to refill the pantry at Crestline Food Bank. She further mentioned that she and Julie Burnette were taking over the fire recovery cases, effective immediately. If you know of anyone in need of assistance, please have them contact our office.

Ms. Nagy reported that on Monday, June 22nd she would be leaving for San Francisco to attend the National Volunteer Conference, where she will give a presentation. She also introduced a new program called 'Mountain Angel Award'. The concept is roughly based on the Crestline Rotary Recognition Award, in the form of a breakfast or lunch. This is still in the planning stage and just being 'put out there'. It probably wouldn't transpire until more towards the fall, but we're looking for your input and feedback.

Penny Shubnell questioned if anything more was known about assistance for seniors regarding mandatory tree/debris removal for insurance purposes. Ms. Nagy reported that Peter Brierty, Deputy Fire Marshall for San Bernardino, had been writing letters to the insurance companies assuring them that the properties were safe and these letters were being accepted about 95 to 99% of the time. There is funding through Red Cross from the '07 fires available, but they need some type of criteria in order to go forward. Pat Rozatti stated, that if need be, to contact her because she has an insurance company contact.

Car Seat Safety Fair

Julie Burnette reported that the Car Seat Safety Fair held on May 9th was a great success, with all 60 car seats being distributed to worthy and needy families. She also reported on the EFSP (Emergency Food & Shelter Program) grant of \$24,000 to be used only for food vouchers/cards and rental/mortgage assistance.

Change A Life

Ms. Burnette also reported on 'Change A Life' program, which has partnered with Hearts & Lives to provide a one-time grant for a catastrophic event requiring medical, dental or disability services, such as a handicap ramp. The other criteria is that it be no fault of the individual, must be a last resort and they must be a legal resident. Any organization with a client meeting these parameters should refer them to Hearts & Lives for their families needs to be assessed and an application submitted to 'Change A Life'.

Additionally, Ms. Burnette announced that, through First Five, Dr. Munroe has received funding for hearing screenings for children 0-5 years.

Mountain Sunrise Rotary

Gerry Porter attended to represent a number of organizations.

Lake Arrowhead Rotary

Mr. Porter reported that on June 20 and 21, 2009, they will hold their Annual Art & Wine Festival at the Tavern Bay Beach Club on the North Shore, with a shuttle available

for transportation or parking at the Beach Club. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, 6/20, and 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, 6/21. Ticket prices are \$5.00 and may be purchased at www.LakeArrowheadRotary.net or email art-wine@lakearrowheadrotary.net , as well as at the door during the event. Proceeds will be used to benefit the community.

Rim of the World Historical Society

Mr. Porter reported that for many years the Historical Society has been working of the creation of a museum for the mountain communities, covering Cedar Pines Park to Green Valley Lake, and all points in between. They have leased the old fire station, at Peninsula and Rhine, from the county for \$1 per year and have invested over \$100,000 into improvements and renovations. The objective is to open the first exhibit this summer utilizing a lot of the old Santa's Village memorabilia and the old Children's Museum from the Village. They are also working with San Manuel regarding the recreation of an authentic Indian village in the woods behind the building.

Their first fundraiser will be held Saturday, August 1st at the Tudor House, Lake Arrowhead, where the Board of Directors will perform a production of 'Murder at the Tudor'. Admission is \$75 per person, including a mystery buffet dinner. For further information please contact 909-336-6666.

The Chamber of Commerce have notified them of a cancelation and offered them their choice of July 23rd or July 30th to hold the Chamber Mixer at the museum site. The date will be decided this week and notification will appear in the Chamber Newsletter. Overflow parking will be available at MPH.

Mountain Sunrise Rotary

Mr. Porter stated that their Charter Cable fundraiser is planned for November 7th and details will be available at a later date.

Arrowhead United Way

Monique Rodriguez, Community Impact Coordinator, gave a presentation on the 'Born Learning' program, supported by a generous grant from First 5 San Bernardino. 'Born Learning' is a public engagement campaign that helps parents, grandparents and caregivers explore ways to turn everyday activities into fun learning experiences.

The 'Born Learning' program is an educational instrument that promotes awareness about the importance of quality early learning and provides care givers with practical tools, resources and ideas to help them integrate learning into every day moments.

Ms. Rodriguez stated they are seeking organizations willing to participate in distributing the material before June 30th. The completion of an intake form is required and the parent/caregiver must be willing to take part in a three and six months follow up interview. The objective is to serve 1,000 families and they have 400 packets remaining.

To obtain more information please contact Ms. Rodriguez at (909) 884-9441 ext 222 or MoniqueR@ahuw.org. You can also visit their website at www.arrowheadunitedway.org or www.bornlearning.org.

Mountain Grants/Mountain Senior Luncheon

Penny Shubnell reported on behalf of Crestline Chamber of Commerce and their annual Jamboree Days celebration. On Friday, July 3rd a community family picnic has been organized. On Saturday, July 4th the parade down the main street will be held, with vendors and merchants booths lining the thoroughfare and on Sunday, July 5th the ICS chili cookoff is scheduled. For additional information on vendor participation, please contact Doe or Jim Huff at (909) 338-0225.

Ms. Shubnell, representing Crest forest Senior Citizen Club, reported that they have been approved for an extension of three years for their nutrition program through two separate grants – one through the County Supervisors and one through the Department of Aging and Adult Services. An additional program that is also being renewed is the Transportation Grant, which specifically targets home-bound seniors, offering them an opportunity to become mobile again. Our original target had been to assist 10 seniors and there are now 25 seniors who are mobile through this program.

Ms. Shubnell regretfully reported the loss of their sponsorship with Mountains Community Hospital after three years. If anyone knows of sponsorship opportunities, please contact her at (909) 338-2690 or pjshubnell@msn.com.

She further reported that the tone of grant funds available is changing. Foundations are more interested in supporting the needy and have even gone so far as to rewrite their mission statements making them more geared to the current economic hardships people are experiencing.

Mountain Community Alliance (formerly GVL Disaster Recovery Foundation)

Pat Rozatti reported that due to community requirements, the Board of Directors decided to change their name and mission statement. Their goal is to have construction on their new resource center starting next year and they will then be offering services mountain-wide.

Ms. Rozatti reported that they are holding a 'map and compass' wilderness class on June 27th. There are 30 openings with 20 already filled, but hopefully this will be the first of several classes. For further information please contact Mike Adams at adamsfreerange@charter.net. The funds raised from the pancake breakfast in honor of Dean Christie have been used for GPS devices, to be loaned to hikers. Search and Rescue will be providing a mobile unit to teach children about forest safety.

Their Independence Day celebration will be held on July 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Family Fun Day will have entertainment, games, vendor booths and barbeque provided by the local merchants.

Family Service Agency of SB

Kathy Creighton reported that they have funding from Edison to offer low income families \$100 pledges. This program will be effective until the funds have been used and they are taking applications now. The current bill must be over \$100 and they must show proof of income.

Ms. Creighton also stated they have \$50 gas vouchers, Marta fixed-route vouchers and Kmart cards available.

Ms. Creighton reported that they are currently feeding 2,200 families per month. There are two upcoming events from which they hope to obtain items for distribution: June 14th the Hearts & Lives benefit concert in the Village; and July 3rd Crestline Community Picnic, where they are offering free game tickets for can goods.

Head Start

Glenda Harvey reported that they are currently accepting applications for fall enrollment and will be available throughout the summer to allow people enough time to complete the applications. In previous years they have had 44 federal openings and 16 state; this year they will have 36 federal and 24 state. The state slots allow for a considerably higher income, although they require significantly more paperwork to meet their criteria.

Rim Family Services

Kris Scullin reported that their organization has successfully secured their funding for two-to-three years, although unfortunately, they did lose some state funding which has impacted several vital programs. Rim Family Services is a licensed out-treatment center serving all ages and all their counselors are state certified. They were originally established as an arm of the Rim School District to help students with substance abuse problems and from there have grown to be more inclusive through other funding. They offer programs in numerous areas such as 'Community Education' and 'Parents As Teachers', as well as fire preparedness.

During a disaster Rim Family Services is contracted through FEMA to provide counseling, however, following the immediate need they resume their those programs that best service the community.

St Richard's Episcopal Church

Shelley Denney, Pastor, reported that as a congregation they wanted to find what they can do in the way of service to the community and as such they are offering CPR training to adults, children and infants on Sunday, June 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., but there will be no first-aid instruction due to time restraints. The event will be held in the downstairs hall at their facility in Skyforest. In an effort to accommodate filling all 25 places, the \$10.00 fee must be paid in advance before the reservation is secured.

Ms. Shubnell inquired as to who the certifying agency is and Pastor Denney had she would notify Joy Drury, who would in turn forward the information to all members.

Pastor Denney also reported that they are planning a quarterly service event in the community to assist in some manner with needs not currently met by others.

Clear View Treatment Center

We are very pleased to welcome Jana Martinez, Director of Public Relations and the Clear View Treatment Center as new members of RCRN. They have two boy's homes on the mountain where they provide shelter to children from 13 to 17 years of age for nine-to-twelve months. Their need for furniture, especially beds, is never ending, as well as young-adult boy's clothing. They also assist the boys with job training, including entering the military or California Conservation.

2-1-1

Brenda Bell reiterated that 2-1-1 provides referral to community service as well as government agencies, including fire survivor relief.

Ms. Bell was pleased to announce that the rebuilding of her home lost in the 2007 fires, has begun.

Save the Children

Kate Dischino was also recognized and welcomed as a new member of our group. As their representative, she wants everyone to be aware that they are a resource for organizations who serve children following a disaster. Ms. Dischino reported that Save the Children is available to provide their signature Child Friendly Spaces Training to support emergency planners and responders and those who work with children in disasters.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Joy Drury

