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Carol Latham, President

President's Message January 2012



“With every experience, you alone are painting your own canvas, thought by thought, choice by choice”

- Oprah Winfrey

Wow! Here we are at the start of a new year. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I extend to you and your family our best wishes for an extraordinarily meaningful year. May it be filled to overflowing with music, dance, art in all its forms and many, many other blessings that will sustain each of us. Let us use the experiences of this new year to paint our own exquisite and unique canvas.

December was another busy month what with the superb Anaheim Ballet performances of 'Nutcracker'; 'Anne of Green Gables-the musical' and "8 Reindeer Monologues' at The Chance, the Tree Lightings in West Anaheim, Downtown and at the Anaheim White House Restaurant, so much more. We hope you had a lovely time with your families and friends and are now relaxed, re-energized and ready to take on new goals and plans for this year.

Synergy

As we start this year, let me once again thank you for your support of the Council. We have a big job ahead this year. Working together we will make a formidable team. There are many needs in Anaheim – some big and some small but with everyone taking on their part we will get it done. Synergy arises and energizes us as we collectively apply our hearts, talents and minds to the tasks. The simple act of cooperation will enhance all ventures and will be evident. Everyone will benefit from these interactions and the results will show that what we accomplish **together** is greater than the sum of our individual efforts. We will as artists and art lovers learn. We will sing, dance, paint and sculpt and do all manner of tasks that will make the arts soar in Anaheim because 'Art Matters In Anaheim'.

“An artist is a creature driven by demons. He doesn't know why they choose him and he's usually too busy to wonder why” – William Faulkner

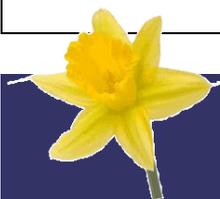
At the first meeting of the year on January 12 the Anaheim Assistance League did a wonderful and informative presentation about their organization and auxiliaries.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING—February 2nd at 5:30pm.
Downtown Community Center

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—CONTINUED

It was intriguing to hear about their Hugs a Bear, Operation School Bell, Vision Care and the other projects they undertake for the community. Did you know they were chartered in 1950 after getting a start in Los Angeles. Thank you Gail and Pat for a fine presentation.

Thank you also to the Harp Guild for the sumptuous refreshments. Next month the program and refreshments will be provided by Anaheim Performing Arts Center Fountain. You will want to be in attendance to learn all about their progress and other exciting news as this organization works tirelessly to bring a performing arts venue to the City of Anaheim.

A few years ago, **Harvey Mackay**, my favorite columnist wrote an article about things they don't teach you in school and in re-reading the article I discovered that what he said for students still applies to us as adults in all aspects of our lives and certainly as volunteers.

His nine points were:

1. Develop, nurture relationships and keep networking. In the non-profit world this remains key. There are so many other organizations we can learn from and work with to help us maintain and sustain ourselves.
2. Find Advisers and mentors. Why reinvent the wheel if there is a tried and true way of doing things. Mentors can help show and teach us or engage us in the possibilities we may not have realized before. And, the bonus is we get to contribute to their success as well.
3. Set Goals. Yes, we need to be persistent, determined but first we have to have the vision or the goal to know where we want to go and how to get there.. Make them measurable, identifiable, specific, attainable and remember to write them down
4. Get along with people. Remember the old adage about catching more bees with honey than with vinegar.
5. Be happy. Greet challenges and look at them as opportunities. You will do your job better when you are.
6. Smile. One of the most powerful things that one can do to have influence over others is to smile at them.
7. Sense of humor. Not necessarily jokes but humor.

Keeping things light and comfortable encourages better teamwork

8. Be yourself. Be content to be yourself and with your talents and abilities. It will be much easier in the long run.

Volunteer. Yes, you are already doing that and doesn't make you have a healthier outlook on life. As a volunteer you are a go-getter and you make a difference in the life of someone else.

Mackay contends that ' The purpose of education is not to teach youth to make a living but to make a life'. I'd say that you volunteers have done just that. You've made a life. Your own.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Be sure to look on the website for information on the Scholarships, the Soirée ~ 'No Fooling- Art Matters in Anaheim' (MAY 3rd – *NEW DATE*) and the Anaheim Art & Food Festival (April 22nd).

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Andrea Manes has been selected to coordinate the Children's Festival on May 19. If you have any questions or would like to register for a booth, etc. you may contact her at (714) 815-3885.

WINE & CHEESE SOIREE

Please note the following date change:

The 'No Fooling – Arts Matter in Anaheim' soirée date has been changed to Thursday, May 3 and will be held at the Anaheim White House. This is in lieu of the regular General Meeting. The original date conflicted with Holy Week. This will give you more time to sell those ballots for your Champion on the Arts.

The Board of Directors would like to thank The Living Tradition, Terri and Gary Trobridge for their generous donation.

Remember: the State of the City will be presented on Tuesday, January 31 at the City National Grove of Anaheim. The Arts Council will have a table for the EXPO prior to the luncheon and presentation. If you would like

to volunteer at the AAC table, distribute your brochures and introduce your organization to a wide variety of businesses from 10 AM – approximately Noon, call Carol at (714) 868 – 6094. For luncheon tickets and information call the Anaheim Chamber at (714) 758 – 0222

Congratulations to two of our Grand Dames of the Anaheim community. Dorothea Stephenson and Kathryn Simon both celebrate their 90th year. Dorothea on January 5 and Kathryn on January 29. They continue to inspire us with their passion, commitment and dedication to the community and the arts in particular. We have a lot to learn from them and you now they are willing to share their knowledge if we only ask them. Happy Birthday to these amazing ladies.

Have a fantastic month,

Carol

“An artist carries on throughout his life a mysterious, uninterrupted conversation with his public”

- Maurice Chevalier

About Our Members

Assistance League Anaheim Chalks Up 72 Years of Community Service

Assistance League was founded in Los Angeles in 1935 as a nonprofit, nonpolitical, and nonsectarian organization. In 1940, Assistance League Anaheim was founded as an auxiliary of Assistance League Orange County and was chartered as a chapter of National Assistance League in 1950. This year, Assistance League Anaheim marks its 72nd birthday.

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Telephone: (714) 868-6094

Save the Date

Sunday, April 22, 2012

10 AM – 5 PM

on the grounds of the
City National Grove of Anaheim.

Fine art, crafts, food trucks and more.

More information will follow.

Anaheim's
arts
festival

For now call (714) 868 - 6094

Our membership is all-volunteer and is dedicated to helping those within the community to a more meaningful life - putting commitment and caring into action. While Assistance League provides services for most age groups in the community, our focus is on the children... providing school uniforms, jackets, underwear and shoes to needy elementary school children through Operation School Bell.

The past few years, nearly 2,000 elementary school

children have been referred to Operation School Bell by school personnel. As well, needy junior high school students have also received needed clothing. Among other projects, Assistance League Anaheim serves visually impaired students and invites community senior citizens to a monthly luncheon and program at the service center on La Palma Avenue.

Cool Caps

In addition, the Anaheim Hills Auxiliary provides Cool Caps for cancer patients receiving chemotherapy, hygiene kits for the elementary school children, and baskets of goodies for motel children. Members of the Iris Auxiliary prepare layettes for infants at Anaheim Regional Medical Center and Assault Survivor Kits for adult victims. They also purchase books for children visiting OSB for clothing. In December, 2,000 books were donated by Disneyland Resorts to help in this effort.

Young Helpers

Also helping are two other Assistance League Auxiliaries: CYALT (College Young Adult Leadership Team) and Assisteens. Both groups participate in the annual fashion extravaganza as well as with other chapter and auxiliary events. CYALT members meet regularly via the computer as many are away at college. Some members may not be away at school but enjoy the camaraderie and volunteer work. Assisteens membership is open to boys and girls in grades 7 to 12. The aims of participation are to develop a sense of community responsibility, self-reliance, personal responsibility, poise, public speaking and leadership skills.

While proceeds from Assistance League Anaheim's Thrift Shop and annual fashion show/silent auction provide funds for these community service programs, grants from Change a Life Foundation and the Klein Family Foundation greatly assist in continuing this vital work.

Carousel of Fashion fundraiser

This year's fundraising gala is "Carousel of Fashion" and is scheduled on Saturday, April 14, in the Grand Ballroom of the Disneyland Hotel. Leslie Kazarian is chairman and Carol Latham is coordinating the fashions. Sponsors, advertisers and underwriters are needed. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with registration and silent auction. Doors to the ballroom open at noon followed by the program, lunch and the fashion show. Information can be obtained from Leslie at (949) 677-6664 or at leskaz@att.net.

Assistance League Anaheim Service Center is at 1341 West La Palma Avenue. Located at the facility is the meeting hall which is available for rent, and the Thrift Shop, which is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily except for Thursday and Sunday. The shop features clothing, shoes, books and a variety of items for the home (not furniture). Donations are always welcome and are tax deductible. For information on hall rentals or the Thrift Shop, call (714) 535-1336.

Over the years, Assistance League Anaheim's continued outstanding service to the community brought the Chapter and its auxiliaries numerous honors at the annual Disneyland Community Service Awards and the Orange County Register Charities Awards. Three years ago, ALA began honoring some of its own members with a Legacy Award. Both Mary Bouas and Jeanne Christensen have been honored for their 50 years of membership. This year, Shirley McBurney will be recognized for her half-century in Assistance League Anaheim.

We are always looking for dedicated new members who can help continue with this wonderful legacy of service in our community. If you are interested in learning more you are invited to call JoAnn Hoyal, membership chairman, at (714) 776-9441.

SAVE THE CHANGED DATE!

Thursday, May 3rd, 2012

for

**'No FOOLING,
Art Matters in Anaheim'**

**a wine & cheese
Soirée,
with
silent & live
auction**

Anaheim White House Restaurant

5:30 – 7:30 PM

**This is in lieu of the regular
monthly meeting**

Cost to be determined.

**Organizations are asked to donate a silent
auction item, be responsible for selling 5
tickets, attending and proposing/
supporting a Champion of the Arts.**

**The Champion may be a candidate of your
choosing and ballots to be sold for \$1.00
per ballot.**

**After any incidental expenses 50% of the
money raised will return to your
organization
and the remaining 50% will be donated to
the Arts Council.**

Call (714) 868 – 6094 for information

**There will also be more details
on the website**

The Anaheim Senior Citizens Club

The Anaheim Senior Citizens Club is open to people who are at least 50 years old. Our membership dues are \$10 (Jan – Dec). Membership desk is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm. Our monthly publication "The Courier" will be mailed to you free with your membership.

We have three locations: Downtown Community Center (main) at 250 E. Center Street, Phone 714-765-4510. Their hours are Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday 11 am to 4 pm. Brookhurst Center, 2271 W Crescent St, hours are Monday through Friday 9 am through 3:30 pm, and East Anaheim. 8201 E Santa Ana Canyon Rd. The only activity in East Anaheim to date is duplicate bridge which meets every Thursday at 12:25 pm.

We have a Friendship lunch every 2nd Tuesday of the month (open to the public) and a Members lunch/business meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month with live entertainment.

Activities include the pool room, travel, gift shop, bingo, bridge, bunco, canasta, dominoes, pinochle, scrabble, bobble ball, fitness classes, tai chi, table tennis, volleyball, crocheting, genealogy, painting, stained glass, bell choir, chorus, Friday night dance, line dancing, creative writing, and Spanish.

Please join us and check out our many activities.

The February AAC General Meeting on Thursday 2nd will include a presentation from APACF—the **Anaheim Performing Arts Foundation**

This is the project to build a new performing arts center here in Anaheim.