



# The All Points Bulletin

## Metro Volunteer Program

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Undersheriff Gillespie and Lt. Larry Burns accompany Santa Claus to Helen J. Stewart School

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## Santa Visits Helen J. Stewart School

Santa came early to Helen J. Stewart this year when Metro showed up in force to deliver Santa on December 9th. For the past 35 years Metro has delivered Santa either by LVMPD helicopter or SWAT Bearcat to the students at Helen J. Stewart. This year Santa gave up his red sleigh to arrive at the school in our SWAT Bearcat escorted by our Mounted Police Unit and K-9 Detail. The students had the opportunity to explore the Bearcat. Santa even brought our famous Crime Fighter, McGruff. Metro Traffic and SWAT personnel served cup

cakes, ice cream and drinks. Presents were distributed by Santa and his helpers. McGruff deputized students with badges and necklaces. We all experienced the true spirit of Christmas.

### **MVPs Assist Salvation Army's Christmas Angel Program**

**By Charles Desiderio**

Salvation Army Development Director

Again, this year, The Salvation Army helped needy families and children have a truly

wonderful Christmas. As the number of needy increase in Las Vegas, the annual toy distribution at Cashman Field grows. This year 17,000 needy children received presents donated through The Salvation Army's Christmas Angel Program.

Each year with the growth of this event, the need for volunteers increases and each year the MVPs come to our rescue. It is such a positive feeling to see a sea of yellow MVP jackets and shirts worn by our members helping distribute presents to the families that rely on The Salvation Army for their Christmas needs.

As Christmas is a worldwide tradition, here in Las Vegas, having the MVPs help at

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Christmas is another fine tradition. The Salvation Army is blessed to have Metro's MVP program as a partner in bringing Christmas to those in need. A special thanks to: Wally Cox, Jack Horn, Dick Bennett, Akida Nakai, Pat Adams, Art Adams, Carl Hurless, Carlotta Hurless, Jerry Gampel, Celia Meyerson, Barbara Johnson, Mike Bercseny, Lisa Olquin, Misty Gagliardi, John Phillips, George Betdashto, Murray Weinstein, Mica Halfacre, Anne Loskot, Lynette Koehn, Ed Bolin, Alice Coulson, Ed Bower, Francis Bower, Lulu Abercrombie, Don Matthew, Michelle McDermott, Joyce Nuss and Katherine Morrow.

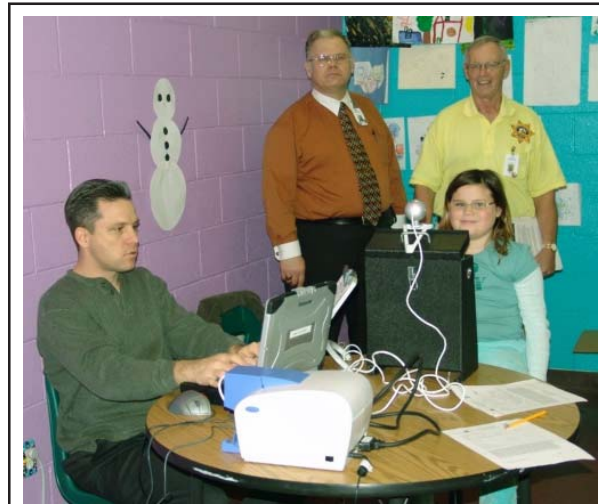


Left to right: Jack Horn, Celia Meyerson, Mica Halfacre, Wally Cox, Robert Callett, Anne Loskot, Dick Bennett, Carlotta and Carl Hurless.

### Your Eyes Will Find You

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, MVPs partnered with Missing Persons to assist the Agassi Boys and Girls Club in offering their children an identification card which contains a digital photograph of the child's iris along with their basic demographic information. This is part of the biometrics project. The biometrics project is a nationwide network and registry, utilizing iris scanning cameras that will be available to law enforcement and social service agencies throughout the country. Through this network, the project will compare the unique features contained in the iris against a database of individuals who have enrolled throughout the country to determine the identity of an individual. Unlike existing fingerprint identification programs, the biometrics project will create a national registry, securely maintained by the Nation's Missing Children Organization and the Point Group Companies, to give parents, law enforcement, and other authorized users of the system, access to data that can positively identify missing persons in seconds.

Iris recognition biometric technology positively determines the identity of an individual by capturing a high resolution digital photograph of the individual's iris. The technology is based on the most unique biometric (even between twins), the iris of the eye. The technology is non-intrusive. The individual does not need to touch anything to use the system. Unlike other biometric technologies, there are no lasers, strong lights or any kind of harmful beams. By simply looking into the camera, an image of the iris is captured and placed in the national database.



L to R: Det. Kevin Morgenstern, CT Seidl and Dick Bennett

We created 50 identification cards at their annual Christmas celebration. Over 400 families attended. Presents and dinner were provided. Both Santa Claus and McGruff greeted the children. A special thanks to Detective Lonnie Jolliff, Detective Kevin Morgenstern, Dick Bennett, CT Seidl, Jean Richmond and Walter Lescano for making the evening a total success.

**THANK YOU METRO VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

By Paula A. Fike,

Blind Center of Nevada Program Director

As a not-for-profit agency, the Blind Center of Nevada is reliant on the citizens of our community for volunteer support. Throughout the year we have been very blessed with that support. An important part of our volunteer team is our friends at the Metro Volunteer Program. We are grateful to the MVP for assisting us with programs and events each time we ask.

Each year during November and December the Blind Center of Nevada begins the Gourmet Holiday Gift Basket Program. As always, Metro Volunteers jump right in and help out. We hold the basket program as a fundraiser to help support the programs and assistance provided for the blind and visually impaired members of our community.

A special thank you goes to John Spring, Celia Meyerson, Jerry Gampel, Celia Martin, Carl Hurlless, Carlotta Hurlless, Lulu Abercrombie, William Carrasco and Dottie



L to R: Jerry Gampel, Celia Meyerson, Lulu Abercrombie, Carlotta Hurlless and Carl Hurlless

Slaiman. Your kindness is a gift beyond measure and certainly has not gone unnoticed.



**Volunteers Sing For Their Supper**

Allen Tramont, Andy Anderson, Mark Miller and Janet Delaney hosted the Personnel Bureau Christmas Party at Main Street Station on December 15th. Allen and Mark from Crooners 2 Go entertained us with Christmas carols and many of our favorite contemporary ballads. We even had a chance to tell Santa what we wanted for Christmas. Thank you for brightening our holidays!



L to R: Allen Tramont, Andy Anderson, Mark Miller & Janet Delaney

**Player's Club**

Thanksgiving was a day for giving thanks - Well, the volunteer office thanks all our devoted volunteers for all the effort that was expended to make November of 2005 another banner month.

In November of 2004 our volunteers contributed 3892 hours to our Department and community for a cost saving of \$62,818. This November our

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 v o l u n t e e r s  
 contributed 4726  
 hours for a value of  
 \$76,797. We've had  
 an increase of 834  
 volunteer hours over  
 last year's November.  
 Wow! Our volunteers  
 are truly amazing.

**Silver Club (25+ Hours)**

Irving Blatt ----- 40  
 Joe Langenberger ---- 49  
 Jack Horn ----- 25  
 Joyce Nuss ----- 36  
 William Carrasco ---- 40  
 Celia Martin ----- 40  
 Diana Anson ----- 32  
 David Nichter ----- 40  
 Eugenia Mize ----- 40  
 Carol Kolson ----- 36  
 Robert Herrell ----- 49  
 Lisa Olquin ----- 26  
 Frank Rute ----- 25

Art Adams ----- 39  
 George Danko ----- 40  
 Morris Haskins ----- 30  
 Sandy Marks ----- 26  
 John Murphy ----- 25  
 Daniel Pelaez ----- 35  
 Ed Skorynko ----- 36  
 Stanley Fleischman -- 25  
 Larry Madoff ----- 30  
 David Friedman ----- 28  
 Bruce Bacon ----- 35  
 Harold Mann ----- 34  
 Robert Castro ----- 32  
 Iris Knight ----- 33  
 Mike Gural ----- 31  
 Skip Hall ----- 25  
 Vance Burchfield 36  
 Robert Penton ----- 32  
 Jeff Cox ----- 27  
 Ed Bower ----- 32  
 Anne Loskot ----- 32  
 Said Buelna ----- 41  
 Nabil Ouassini ----- 28  
 Ted Dobrich ----- 25

Lulu Abercrombie ---- 29  
 Patricia Compton ---- 25  
 Earl Beach ----- 45  
 Don Cahill ----- 48  
 Bob Schurheck ----- 40  
 Ray Hahn ----- 29  
 Donna Huggins ----- 27  
 Dan D'Elia ----- 41  
 Dorothy Sundquist --- 45  
 Barbara Mitchell ---- 25  
 Joyce Hammond ---- 31  
 David Krajack ----- 42  
 Pierre Boeninghaus -- 44  
**Gold Club (50+ Hours)**  
 Wayne Carnes ----- 63  
 John Phillips ----- 50  
 Betty Johnson ----- 60  
 Bruno Villa ----- 56  
 Rick Meade ----- 73  
 Dick Bennett ----- 64  
 John Grieco ----- 55  
 Joe Di Stefano ----- 69  
 Arnold Wetzstein ---- 63

**Diamond Club  
 (75+Hours)**

Edna Ruggiero ----- 78  
 Sal Tallarico ----- 92  
 Murray Weinstein ---- 87  
 Barbara Hayward ---- 79  
 Marc Zuckerman ---- 99  
 Beverly Bowman ---- 76  
 Bob Hoban ----- 80  
 Judy Smith ----- 80  
 John Moses ----- 80  
 Eber Priest ----- 93  
 John Martine ----- 83  
 Dorothy Lewis ----- 75  
 Jessie Lewis ----- 75  
**Centurions (100+Hours)**  
 Stanley Pekar ----- 198

