



The A Points Bulletin

Metro Volunteer Program

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(L to R Back Row) Mike Ward, Herman Miller, Dick Bennett, Sharon Harding; (Middle Row) Rae Bennett, Beverly Miller, Janet Delaney, Lisa Olquin and Bob Penton; (Front Row) Elsa De Los Santos, Cookie Penton

Metro Volunteers Make the Super Glam 70's a Success!

By Anita H. Stockbauer
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Goodwill of Southern Nevada

Goodwill of Southern Nevada held a fundraiser Saturday night called the "Goodwill Glitter Gulch Celebrates the Super Glam 70's". This was the second year Goodwill put on such a signature event, and early indications are that we surpassed the amount of money raised last year.

This event would not have happened had it not been for the WONDERFUL support of the Metro Volunteers! Sharon Harding did her magic once again to organize a team of hard working men and women to help make this event come together. I have never worked with such a professional group of volunteers who showed up ready to roll up their sleeves and make a difference.

Beginning on Friday morning, March 24th, there was a representation of Metro to get things going. They came to the Fashion Show and helped put together silent auction gifts, stuffed the give away bags,

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and really used their experience to set the stage for Saturday.

Saturday morning, another great team arrived and wasted no time in getting the hall set for the event that was to begin at 7pm. It was no easy feat to move all the auction gift items and decorations from the back room storage area, up to the great hall. A lot of walking that day! Never once did these people complain; and their stamina seemed to rival the Energizer Bunny!

Saturday Night the group showed up on time, and was patient and ready to go through the orientation and stand their post. In spite of the loud noise provided by the

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bands, these people gave their all, wearing a great smile and a few groovy accessories to help make a difference for Goodwill.

I know these people are called the Metro Volunteers, yet I consider them to be Goodwill Ambassadors too. Because of them, Goodwill was able to raise money for the Capital Campaign and move forward in our mission to help people with disabilities. I am honored to learn from such a great group of ambassadors, and will look forward to celebrating our success at a party for volunteers in the coming months.

Thank you Dick Bennent, Rae Bennett, Beverly Miller, Herman Miller, Barbara Silver, Estelle Braverman, Janet Delaney, Murray Weinstein, Cookie Penton, Bob Penton, Lisa Olquin, Benjamin Yeung, Mike Ward, Elsa De Los Santos, Linda Fitzgerald, Akida Nakai, and John Spring for making a difference!



Metro Volunteers and Red Cross

We are in the process of setting up a Metro Volunteer Red Cross Team. We are looking for volunteers who have had Red Cross disaster training or those that are interested in receiving this training. Volunteers who are trained will form a Metro Volunteer Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT). DATs' respond to local disasters all over the valley and help people displaced by fire or some other tragedy. This Metro team of trained volunteers will support the regular Red Cross DATs by being on call to respond to disaster calls on a periodic basis (2 to 4 times a year). There will also be other opportunities available for volunteers who want to become involved in Red Cross.

For details on the training please call Sharon at 229-5609.



Barbara Mitchell talks to a senior citizen in the Phone Reassurance Program

Referral Requests Welcomed

**By Erica Dermer
Retired & Senior Volunteer
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The Telephone Reassurance Program is a free service through Catholic Charities providing seniors 60 years and older daily "check-up" calls. For many, this is the only social

contact received for the day. Through this daily call, seniors are able to continue living independently with the assurance that assistance will be available should an accident or medical emergency occur.

Should a client not answer his/her call, the caller will notify the Telephone

Reassurance Coordinator. The coordinator will then notify the client's emergency contacts and/or the police department. The coordinator is on-call 24-hours a day, seven days a week. In addition to receiving daily assurance calls, clients have access to additional services, such as referrals for food/meals, transportation, home care, and other social services. If you know a senior citizen who would benefit from these services, please contact Catholic Charities at 382-0721.

Barbara Mitchell is one of our Metro volunteers, who participates in this Telephone Reassurance Program. Barbara has called her three clients every day for the past two years. She has helped them get connected to services available in the community. You can also become involved in this rewarding program by calling our volunteer office at 229-5609.





L to R: John Grieco, Arnie Wetzstein and Dottie Lewis

Laughlin MVPs Assist with Franks-N-Beans

By Jessie Lewis

On Wednesday, March 22nd, at the Riverside Casino in Laughlin, the Tri-State area police received the proceeds from a fund raiser called "Franks-N-Beans". The profit goes to "Shop With

A Cop" and will be used, if possible, at different times throughout the year, such as the beginning of school, etc.

This event provided plenty of entertainment, including: clowns, the "Bitter Creek Outlaws" shootout, games and music. There was also a delicious selection of "Franks-N-Beans" provided by casinos and restaurants. Police representatives from Laughlin and neighboring communities joined together with fire personnel, paramedics and other agencies to complete our event.

The following Laughlin MVPs did their usual excellent job of guarding the perimeter:

Bob Boerner, Elden Thayer, Al Hoss, Arnie Wetzstein, Bob Petrussek, Bob Manlove, Ed Cooper, Duane Dotson, Ben Bacchi, Ted Brandes, George Huggins, John Grieco, Jim Martin, Tow Hewitt, Dottie Lewis, Jesse Lewis.

We have many events in Laughlin and the MVPs always do more than what is expected of them. The next large event will be our River Run the last week in April. Once again the MVPs in Laughlin are helping in every way to make it another great event.



Laughlin's Heart Walk

Our Laughlin contingent is active. Laughlin's Heart Walk was on Saturday, February 25th. This is a three mile walk/jog along Casino Drive in Laughlin. The following MVP members participated by handing out water and directing traffic. Kathy Jones, Arnie Wetzstein, Dan D'Elia, Jim Martin, Sally Irwin, Bob Boerner, Ted Brandes, Eldon Thayer, Margaret McNamara, Paul Fordham, David Whitehead, Dottie Lewis and Jesse Lewis. Eldon Thayer took pictures and Lt. Smithly volunteered by checking all the traffic locations. Officer Cox provided fingerprinting kits which Kathy Jones and Dottie Lewis used for the kids that walked. A wonderful time was had by all.



Left to right back row: Elden Thayer, Bob Boerner, Lieutenant Tom Smitley; Left to right front row: Dotty Lewis, Kathy Jones, Jesse Lewis and Dan D'Elia.

Training Opportunities for Volunteers

by Rod Gandy

Whether you're new to the Metro Volunteer Program, been around for a few years or are an "old China hand" (had to get that USMC expression in), there are many training opportunities that Metro makes available to volunteers. We can sign up for many of the same classes that they provide for employees. Sharon Harding is advised on about the 15th of any month which classes are

available for the following month. She then sends a list of these classes to volunteers who have e-mail addresses. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can call Sharon after the 15th and she will let you

know what's available and sign you up if you're interested. Classes are at the Mojave Training Center located at Mojave and Washington (next door to the Northeast Area Command). The classes normally run from 8:00 am to noon or from 8:00 am until 4:00 PM, depending on the subject matter, and are usually given on weekdays, with an occasional class on Saturday.

Classes that I have personally taken this year cover a wide range of subjects.. The officer specific classes helped me to learn about the nuts-and-bolts

of police work; as well as, to see some of the obstacles officers face when trying to do their job. One of the most interesting classes for me was the "Traffic Control" class at the Cheyenne Training Center. This class is given to academy cadets as part of their training. It consisted of classroom training, an hour of practice in directing traffic and using flares, and a couple hours of real practical experience directing motorists at two intersections on Cheyenne Avenue. This class will be



David Berger teaches Testifying in Court.

invaluable if I am ever at the scene of an accident and have to help keep traffic flowing. I particularly enjoyed meeting the fine group of young men and women who will soon

be serving us as Metro officers, although, I must admit that it was somewhat disconcerting to be called, "Sir" all the time. I thought I was trapped in a time warp and was sent back to boot camp.

Other courses that I have taken this year were: "Communications Skills," (which is particularly useful at McCarran and at the Plaza Desk where I work); "Credit Card Fraud & Forgery/Economic Crimes," (which was a real eye opener to see all the ways you can be scammed and the difficulties found in

catching these criminals), "Graffiti Investigations" (a crime that is common in my neighborhood and probably in yours and is very costly to businesses, local governments, and homeowners) and "Testifying in Court," (which was a really interesting glimpse of how seemingly airtight cases can be lost over just a poor choice of words). If your schedule permits, I encourage you to take advantage of the various training opportunities that Metro offers.



Weekly Volunteer Opportunities

Call 229-5609 to volunteer:

Bolden Area Command (Lake Mead and Martin Luther King) - needs a volunteer to assist 4 hours a week between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm Monday thru Friday doing data entry.

Crimes Against Youth and Family (Oakey and Decatur) needs a volunteer to assist 4 hours a week between 8 am and 4 pm Monday thru Friday doing data entry, recording keeping and answering phones.

Upcoming Events call 229-5609 to volunteer:

Vision Forum at LV Senior Center (451 E. Bonanza) on Wednesday, April 12, from 10 am to 2:45 pm to assist with blind conference. Many positions are available.

Henderson Community Shred on Saturday, April 22, 10-2 pm at Walmart at I-95 and Marks Street.

Special Olympics 3rd Annual Rage in the Sage Triathlon and Duathlon at Boulder Beach on Sunday, April 23rd, needs volunteers in many positions.

Susan G. Komen on Saturday, May 6, 6 am - 9 am. Volunteers needed to assist with parking



Left to Right: Herman Miller, Carlotta Hurless, Jaene Graye, Beverly Miller, Sharon Harding, Debbie Beaudry, Shelly Brown, Applebee's staff, Marc Zuckerman, Erin Blakey and Joe Langenberger

summer games quickly approach.

Our local athlete Mary, whose passion is playing softball for Southern Nevada Special Olympics, was on hand to greet Applebee's dinner guests at the door. Her warm greeting to each and every patron whom entered the front door, coupled with her bright smile, was an inspiration to all who had the pleasure of meeting her. It was wonderful to see former Sheriff Jerry Keller, his wife Charlotte and Mrs. Chandler (wife of former Homicide Detective Roy Chandler) who were among the dinner patrons that MVP volunteers waited on. Everyone enjoyed themselves, meeting, greeting, and waiting on tables while collecting tips from patrons. The evening was a total success.

Tip A Cop For Special Olympics

By Debbie Beaudry

On Wednesday, March 15, 2006, thirteen local law enforcement agencies participated in the "Tip A Cop" program at various Applebee's throughout the valley. This worthwhile event was not only fun for all those involved, but successful as well, raising over \$23,000 to benefit our local athletes. **A special thank you goes out to all of the volunteers from Special Olympics, Applebee's staff, MVPs and law enforcement agencies.** Our time and team efforts touched many lives; making a true difference thru partnering with our community.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Downtown Area Command coordinated the Applebee's event at 5000 South Fort Apache Road near I-215. Police Officer Dave Schummer from the Downtown Area Command was the officer in charge during the lunch shift. Sharon Harding, MVP staff and

civilian employees alike worked hand in hand with the Applebee's staff. This is Dave's third year volunteering. The following MVP staff volunteered for lunch: Glenda Rogers, Ed Rogers, Joyce Nuss, Ed Bolin, Fatima Cotton; along with Metro's civilian employee Stephanie Schale.

Debbie Beaudry, Downtown Area Command's Front Office staff, coordinated the dinner event at the Applebee's located on Fort Apache. A total of seven MVP staff worked the dinner shift to include: Marc Zuckerman, Carlotta Hurless, Jaene Graye, Beverly Miller, Herman Miller, Joe Langenberger, Shelly Brown, along with civilian Erin Blakey and retired Metro civilian Marilyn Carson. Through a TEAM effort the lunch and dinner volunteers at the Fort Apache location collected a total of \$1,300.00 in tips generously donated by the Applebee's patrons. All proceeds will directly benefit the local athletes of Special Olympics Nevada as the



The rotors are spinning - are you in the drawing for the Metro helicopter ride-a-long?

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Players Club

February - Valentines Day - Our volunteers deserve a special valentine for their effort.

In February of this year our volunteers donated 5,018 hours for a dollar value of \$81,356. In February of 2005, 3,587 hours were donated for a dollar value of \$57,879. This comes to a 1,431 hour difference. Not bad for a short month.

Silver Club (25+ Hours)

Patti Bellis ----- 25
 Lonnie Groenke ----- 45
 Bruno Villa ----- 49
 Ed Bower ----- 27
 Harold Mann ----- 39

Bill Gunderson ----- 47
 Mike Gural ----- 33
 Jeff Cox ----- 30
 Bob Penton ----- 46
 Dorothy Sundquist --- 45
 Sharon Fields ----- 26
 Ted Dobrich ----- 25
 Betty Johnson ----- 34
 Harlan Enlow ----- 32
 Jean Richmond ----- 32
 Pat Adams ----- 25
 Art Adams ----- 39
 Ed Bolin ----- 25
 Wayne Carnes ----- 26
 Mickey Moore ----- 28
 Ed Skorynko ----- 45
 David Friedman ----- 44
 Ron Moushey ----- 28
 Dan Skorynko ----- 32
 Earl Beach ----- 47
 Ira Levy ----- 41
 Joe Di Stefano ----- 28
 John Grieco ----- 30
 Dick Bennett ----- 34

Dan D’Elia ----- 35
 Donna Huggins ----- 37
 Sally Irwin ----- 39
 Art Kolb ----- 43
 Dorothy Lewis ----- 40
 Jesse Lewis ----- 40
 Bob Schurheck ----- 43
 Arnold Wetzstein ---- 37
 Cecelia Gunderson --- 37
 Hal Hirschfeld ----- 39

Gold Club (50+ Hours)

William Eisler ----- 60
 Bob Withrow ----- 51
 Eber Priest ----- 70
 Lisa Olquin ----- 54
 Rick Meade ----- 55
 Jerry Phillips ----- 59
 Bruce Bacon ----- 70
 Mike Kebles ----- 57
 Rod Gandy ----- 59
 Dan Pelaez ----- 59
 Mike Bercseny ----- 50

Diamond Club (75+ Hours)

Barbara Hayward ---- 75

Jane Murphy ----- 75
 Jack Horn ----- 95
 George Danko ----- 84
 Murray Weinstein ---- 84
 Bob Hoban ----- 80
 Judy Smith ----- 80
 John Moses ----- 80
 Marc Zuckerman ---- 95

Centurions(100+ Hours)

Stanley Pekar ----- 156
 John Martine ----- 107
 John Murphy ----- 100
 Sal Tallarico ----- 177
 Edna Ruggiero ----- 220

