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January 2017

- 8 3 PM Board and staff get together, Forest Meadows
- 18 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas

February

- 15 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas

March

- 15 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas

April

- 19 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas

TBA

Copperopolis Home Dedication Ceremony

2016 Hoedown for Habitat a Big Success

Thanks to our many sponsors, donors and volunteers, the Hoedown for Habitat Calaveras that took place on August 27th in Murphys Park generated over \$20,000 in net revenue, the highest amount in the twelve year history of this fundraising event. Much of the success of the Hoedown was the result of financial support we received from our **Silver Sponsor, the Central State Credit Union**, and our Bronze Sponsors Hatcher Winery, Inter-Mountain Truss, Mark Twain Medical Center, Newsome-Harlow Wines, PG&E, Renegade Winery, Sierra Pacific Foundation, Sender's Market and Yorba Wines.

We owe a special thank you to Scott Klann of Newsome-Harlow Wines who was a Bronze Sponsor, donated a six bottle vertical collection of His Big John Zinfandel as an auction prize and strongly supported our fundraising efforts. We also would like to recognize Larry and Pam Youngman who provided us with a six bottle flight of Chateau Montelena's legendary Cabernet Sauvignon for our silent auction that was valued at \$825. And thanks to the 80 other individuals and companies who donated items to our raffle and silent auction.



Young and 'not so young' enjoy line dance lessons at Hoedown

Finally, we recognize the volunteers on whom the Hoedown depends on so heavily. This includes Jim and Jocie Stickney who ran our kitchen, Shawn Robertson and Stephanie Maldonado who did the barbequing, Sharon and Jim Rammel who provided us with line-dancing lessons and Crystal Image who provided our music. And of course we have to thank the many other volunteers who served food, set up tables, prepared raffle and auction baskets, sold drink and raffle tickets and helped us throughout the day. Planning for the 2017 Hoedown for Habitat has already begun and we are working on improvements that will make the event even more fun for everyone. Thanks to all of you who attended the Hoedown and supported Habitat Calaveras. We look forward to seeing you next year!

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Amid the hustle and bustle of the holidays I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support of Habitat for Humanity Calaveras throughout the year. Your generous donations of time, talent, and funds make it possible for HfHC to continue in our mission to provide affordable housing to deserving first-time homeowners in our county. Because of you we will soon complete two homes in Copperopolis and help two families realize their dream of home ownership! That project has had more than its share of bumps in the road, but we are now moving full steam ahead. Thanks also to Dave Magann and Erik Cable for their hard work on the Copperopolis project.

My heartfelt thanks also go to our wonderful Habitat Board of Directors. They have worked so hard this year to steer us toward a more efficient organization and to continue our quest to serve more deserving Calaveras residents. They are an amazing, dedicated group and I am so lucky to work with them!

Regrettably we must say goodbye to two hard-working and valuable employees, Nathan Renfree and Chris Lang, both resigning for personal reasons. They have done much for our organization, and will be sorely missed. Our newest employee, Jeri Carson-Hull, was hired last month as our administrative assistant, and will be (with help from the board and volunteers) handling our office until a replacement is found for our Executive Director. Jeri has had wonderful administrative experience with other non-profits in our area and has volunteered with Habitat builds all over the USA. What a great addition to our team! ReStore employee Antonio Ponce has been working tirelessly with Chris Lang for over a year and has now taken over the reins as manager of the ReStore. Be sure to stop in soon to offer encouragement, volunteer your time, or purchase that perfect item to enhance your home or finish that DIY project. You can also meet Thomas (Tommy) Pickering, who replaces Antonio in our Donation Receiving area.

In closing I want to assure you that we are working hard to stay on course and accomplish our goals for Habitat for Humanity Calaveras. Our Board of Directors is stepping up to reorganize committees and fill gaps and to make sure we are able to meet whatever challenges we have. We hope you will help, too, by volunteering your time and talents. We can use volunteers in our office and Restore as well as in construction projects and fund-raising.

Happy Holidays!

Alice Williams



Copperopolis Home Dedications Coming Soon

One of the longest (time wise) builds in the history of Habitat Calaveras is approaching the final lap in the race to have a home dedication ceremony in 2017. Purchased in 2010, the one-acre lot sat idle on the Habitat books as the size of the lot, and an existing 2000 sq ft foundation were deemed too big for a prospective Habitat homebuyer to afford and to maintain. When State law changed in 2013 to allow two homes on any residential lot in California, the impossible became possible. Plans were drawn for two modest homes and two homebuyers were selected through the vetting process and building began in 2015. Delays beyond the control of Habitat brought the permitted project to a halt, until every entity involved in the project was satisfied that State law indeed allowed the proposed construction. Now once again under construction, our Construction Manager Dave Magann, along with contracted site manager/builder Erik Cable, assure that the homes will be finished in April 2017. The Richardson and Abel families are anxiously looking forward to dedication day, when the keys to their new homes will be handed over in the ceremony celebrating their purchase. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter, so stay tuned!



RESTORE HAPPENINGS by Antonio Ponce, ReStore Manager

Tis the season folks and as we come down to the end of the year, some may wonder about the time and where did it all go? Did we do or accomplish anything we said we where gonna do? I would to like think that most of us did. Which takes me to my end-of-year thank you list. I would like to thank our community, individuals and retailers for your donations and support of our ReStore. Without you, our ReStore wouldn't be what it had been intended for. I especially like to thank Chris Lang; you have been a great friend, leader, mentor, and co-worker. I learned a lot from you, and you made me a believer again, not only within myself but with Habitat as well. You will be missed and I thank you for everything you've done for me and for laying down the (law) foundation of our ReStore daily operations. I for one will continue to strive for the better, and for our cause. Chris you will always be welcomed to come back. My prayers go out to you and your family and we wish you all well.

What changes are to come at the ReStore other than management? The legacy will continue, with some additions though. Stay Tuned. I'd like to thank Corporate for coming together and establishing a ReStore committee, that will help guide and support us to make our ReStore the best around. We added online posting of items for sale through the website and app, letgo.com. Feel free to check that out. We welcome Thomas Pickering to our staff. He is currently working as a loader as well as in the processing and receiving area. You can meet him by dropping off your donations at the ReStore. Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year!

It's not too early to think about the 'T' Word...Tax Return

You can donate to Habitat Calaveras by writing your check before the end of 2016. But if you miss the deadline, Habitat for Humanity California is now an official Voluntary Contribution Fund on the California State Income Tax Return. We want to remind you early of this great way to support the organization you love simply by checking box #428 on your CA Tax Return.

To donate on your 2016 CA Tax Return:

- 1) Find the Voluntary Contributions list on your 540 CA tax return form
- 2) Find box #428 "Habitat for Humanity Fund"
- 3) Simply designate how much you would like to donate and help us build!

Tax return contributions go directly to the Habitat for Humanity Fund of California, from which the funds are returned to Habitat for Humanity Calaveras by the automatic matching of donors' zip codes to Habitat's area of service. Help make Calaveras County a better place to live by donating to the Habitat for Humanity Fund on your 2016 California State Income Tax Return.

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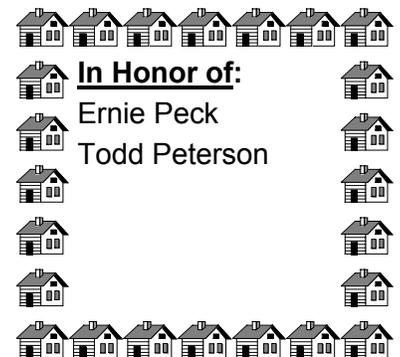
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Contreras family becomes First Habitat family to pay off Mortgage



For the Contreras family in San Andreas this is a special year. It's special because they are proud to be the first Latino family in Calaveras County to own a Habitat home and the first ever Habitat family to pay off their mortgage. Susana, the matriarch of the family, didn't know if they could ever pay off their home because her husband was disabled, but after her husband's death they were able to use the life insurance money to pay off the house. The family now saves monthly to pay for the taxes and insurance.

Habitat for Humanity feels that home ownership creates stable and successful families, and the Contreras family is the perfect example of this. Susana is employed at WorldMark in Angels Camp. Her oldest son, Eduardo, 19, is attending University of California Merced. Her daughter, Violeta, 18, is a senior at Calaveras High School and has applied to several colleges with hopes to attend one of the University of California campuses next fall. The youngest son, Hugo, 16, also attends Calaveras High School.

It was so enjoyable to visit with Susana and Violeta and talk about their lives over the past several years since we finished building their house, and how owning a Habitat house has impacted their lives. As part of the tour of their lovely home Susana and Violeta showed me a scrapbook that the Habitat builders made for them as they progressed through the building of their house in 2005. Susana also has several newspaper articles about the building of their home that she has saved and shared with me. They have built friendships with other Habitat families in their neighborhood, and even though they have paid off their home they will always be a part of the Habitat for Humanity Calaveras family. Susana told us, "I am very thankful that Habitat believed in us." Habitat believed in the Contreras family and is very proud of the Contreras Family and this wonderful accomplishment!



Contreras family at retirement party for Affiliate Manager Frank Meyer, July 2016

Article by Jeanne Airola and Pat Lamont

Live long, Volunteer, and Prosper!

According to the Harvard Medical school and Carnegie Mellon University, there are many mental and physical benefits to becoming a volunteer. Volunteers are less likely to feel lonely or depressed as they have physical social time in their lives. Volunteers (over 50) were less likely to develop high blood pressure, can reduce stress, and improve physical health from the activities involved in volunteerism. All this from as little as 100 hours per year (about 8 hours a month). Habitat volunteers lead full and productive lives; many of our volunteers start before they retire from the hustle and bustle of careers, and continue well into their 70's and beyond! Give us a try if you are looking to improve your life. No Experience necessary!

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Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization dedicated to building modest affordable homes—volunteers hand in hand with families that need a better place to live. Please give generously so that your tax deductible donation to Habitat for Humanity Calaveras will help another local family achieve the dream of home ownership. Thank you so much!

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