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**June**

28 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas

**July**

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

**August**

16 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas

26 4—8 PM Habitat Hoedown, Murphys Park, Murphys, CA

**October**

28 Bridge tournament, Murphys, CA

## 13th Annual Hoedown for Habitat Draws Near!

Join us Saturday August 26, 2017 from 4pm to 8pm for a great evening of fun, food, music and more. It's time for the annual Habitat Hoedown, this year featuring The Rusty Rockers Band. This local group, consisting of Steve Johnson, Terry "Chet" Cooper, Lee "The Bick" Bickford, Joe Bellamy and Rick "2 Sticks" Church have made a name for themselves playing Old Time Rock and Roll and Classic Country. Sing-along, dance or just rock out to the music you grew up listening to. Don't forget to bid on the wonderful assortment of auction items. All proceeds go towards Habitat projects helping veterans, seniors, and families in Calaveras County. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children 6-12 and go on sale July 24th. Be ready to buy your tickets early as they sell out quickly! Don't miss a wonderful evening in Murphys CA enjoying your favorite music, beverage and the BBQ dinner. SEE YOU THERE!



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What a Spring it has been!

The season started with renewed pressure to complete our build in Copperopolis before our grant money from the state expired. More pressure was added when record rains caused us to lose dozens of work days due to weather.

But our contractors really stepped up to the plate. Since January, one subcontractor after another gave their time and expertise at a free or discounted rate. A steady stream of plumbers, painters, carpenters, electricians, excavators and other constructors helped us get the work done on schedule. Special thanks go to general contractor Dave Deschryver whose crews finished the exterior of the house and made other things that got us to completion.

But the real stars were our volunteers. Friends, family and total strangers responded to every call for help. Rarely did a weekend go by without volunteers on site with hammers, paint brushes, screwdrivers, caulking guns, shovels, and/or weed-wackers in hand. Their dedication was strong and their complaints were minimal. Volunteers with more than 50 hours included Lisa Peterson, Mario and Susan Navas, Rob Newman, Dan Gottstein, Sally Elliot, Sanders LaMont, and Craig and Susie Jessup.

The members of the Habitat Board of Directors also pitched in. Every member of the board spent significant time on site. The project could not have been completed without them.

All these efforts culminated in the dedication of the houses on June 11, 2017. The ceremony allowed our volunteers and contractors to see first-hand the reason for all our efforts. We saw the joy of the Abel and Richardson families at owning their first home. We could see the importance of the families having a safe and decent home to raise their children. We could see the reality of offering a hand up, rather than a hand out.

So, what's next? Our next build is targeted for West Point. We are hoping to break ground for a new home there by the end of the year, weather permitting. In August, we'll have our Hoedown in Murphys, our biggest fundraiser of the year. Look for information elsewhere in this newsletter. We're also in the process of planning some new fundraising events for later this year and early next year.

I'd like to welcome our new Executive Director, Denise-Marie Gibbs to Habitat Calaveras. She brings 25 years of experience with non-profits to the job. She will be invaluable in assisting Habitat Calaveras continue our mission to serve.

All the best,

Todd Peterson



## Long Awaited Event: Two Families Receive keys to homes at Dedication

One of the longest build times in Habitat history came to a successful conclusion on June 11, 2017 when the Richardson and Abel families received keys to their new homes. The home dedication, attended by family, friends, volunteers and Habitat Board members, was full of big smiles and relief that the homes promised in 2014 were now in the hands of the proud new owners.

In December 2013, the Habitat Board evaluated the potential use of a large property in Copperopolis. With a change in State law allowing two homes on a property, the Board moved forward. During 2014, families were interviewed and two families were selected. With permits in hand, construction started in 2015. Unanticipated delays slowed Habitat efforts, but on a wonderful, bright sky Sunday, the Richardson and Abel families received the key to their very first home. We welcome the new owners to the Habitat family and wish them happiness in their new adventure of home ownership.





**Individuals**

James and Arleen Bailey  
 Rob Barnaby  
 Gary Caldwell  
 Ty and Jayne Childress  
 Anne and Jon Cross  
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 Peggy Dodge  
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 Judy and Dave McCarroll  
 John McDonagh, Jeanne Boyce  
 Tom and Jane Meuser  
 Rosemary Mitchell  
 Sally Murphy  
 Barbara Nunnelley  
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 Colleen Platt  
 Bill Price, Candace Diamond  
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**Mad Habitatters Return to Defend Title**

The Trivia Bee event by the Friends of the Calaveras County Library is always a fun time for those who attend. It's especially fun when your team wins! In 2016, our very own Mad Habitatters, Noel Helmbrecht, John Sproul and Jeff Airola led Habitat to first place in the competition. The 2017 event, held March 25th, relied on our same superstars and their knowledge of the venerable television show, American Bandstand. While holding their own for much of the evening, the Mad Habitatters were defeated by a slim margin. Don't fret; we have won many times and like building homes, we return every year with motivation and the desire to have a great time while helping a non-profit in the community. They'll be back in 2018!



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## Giving Season Gift will provide funds for Habitat activities

As part of their annual Giving Season campaign, the Jackson Rancheria Band of MiWuk Indians earlier this year presented a check to Calaveras Habitat for Humanity for \$7,686.60. CEO Rich Hoffman presented the check to Habitat representatives Alice Williams, Gary Carson-Hull, and Todd Peterson. Also present for the donation was Eric Judish, Marketing Manager for Jackson Rancheria. Habitat Calaveras is very proud of our long association with the MiWuk Indians and wish to thank them for their continued support.



## Meet our new Executive Director, Denise-Marie Gibbs

After a long and exhaustive search, the Habitat Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Denise-Marie Gibbs as our new executive director. A graduate of California State University Chico, Denise-Marie has many years of executive level employment, including Assistant Executive Director at ARC Stanislaus, CEO of the Oakdale Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director of CICV, an organization in Modesto that helps people with transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and neighborhood stabilization. In addition, she has recently served as Executive Director of Emeritus Senior Living and Prestige Senior Living, dealing with the issues of senior living and community care.

Denise-Marie brings her talents and skills to Habitat Calaveras to bring more community presence and help Habitat develop, implement and maintain activities designed to increase our membership and further our mission of providing affordable housing in Calaveras County.



Executive Director Denise-Marie Gibbs and President Todd Peterson at recent home dedication in Copperopolis



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I would like to volunteer. Please send me information.

I would like a speaker to make a presentation to my church/club/business/organization.

I am interested in donating or supplying property for building sites or a ReStore.

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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