

... I was hungry
and you gave me
food,
I was thirsty
and you gave me
drink,
I was a stranger
and you welcomed
me ...



Over 800,000
meals served.

ODB Volunteers Enjoy Picnic and Give Tribute to Leona

by Jan Camp

An ODB volunteer picnic and a tribute to Leona Beattie took place in Washington Park on Thursday afternoon, September 16th, with approximately sixty people in attendance. David Barnes, coordinator that he is, planned the event, grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs, and provided the drinks and basic picnic essentials. A number of volunteers brought their favorite homemade salads and desserts for the occasion.

During our tribute to Leona, a video, sent by her daughter Linda Kessler, showed photos of Leona with her various family members and some of ODB's volunteers. A number of us told special remembrances and stories involving Leona and how special she was to both volunteers and diners. She knew all of our names and many of the diners and especially their children's names and would make afghans or sweaters for them. Her smile was beautiful as well as sincere, and we appreciated her friendly motherly concerns about us. She often told me or motioned to me to slow down as I'd serve meals. She repaired our tee shirts and aprons with cute sewed on cut-outs when stains refused to disappear when washed. She loved working at ODB and hated getting lame and rickety. She tried sitting down to scrape dishes, but kept getting to her feet so she could be more efficient. Scraping dishes was probably her favorite job at ODB because she loved greeting and seeing everyone. Lots of fans of hers

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OUR DAILY BREAD serves hot nutritious meals to hungry people three days each week. Anyone is served without regard to race, color, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, or disability. Regular serving hours are 11:15-12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

BREAD LINES

eScrip REMINDER:

Did you renew your Safeway card at eScrip? Your previous registration expired on October 31. So if you haven't already done it, please renew TODAY so that ODB will continue to earn money when you shop.

(While you're at it, you may want to update the expiration dates on any credit cards you have signed up.)
Questions? Call us at 408-736-4108.



Picnic (cont'd from page 1)

continue working as volunteers or still come as diners, so she's continuing to be fondly remembered.



David Barnes shares a favorite Leona story

A special thanks to David for all of his time and effort treating us to a fun and meaningful afternoon.

BREAD LINES



It's That Time of the Year Again!

by Jan Camp



First call for toiletries, socks, and candy for our diners' Christmas bags. Traditionally, we've given every diner a practical gift bag of useful items that you help us collect. To add some candy makes for extra happiness. Your Halloween left over candy works just fine, or buy some chocolates and our Santa helpers will include them.

Dr. Randy Waters will be providing travel size toothpaste and tooth brushes, which he has done for many years. All bags receive them and other toilet-

ries, like soap, shampoo, and lotion. Homeless people are given extras, like the shirts, deodorants, razors, and socks.

Please bring your contributions to David Barnes' ODB office or the St. Thomas office by Wednesday, December 8th. If you'd like to help fill the bags, contact David or me.

We know how happy our diners are receiving these presents. Many of them badly need the items, so please help us bring them some joy.

Many Thanks to **ਚਿਨਮਯਾ ਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਫ਼ਾਓਂਡੇਸ਼ਨ ਫ਼ਾਓਂਡੇਸ਼ਨ**

Our Daily Bread wishes to thank all of the volunteers from the Chinmaya Mission who gather each Sunday and prepare 150 lunch bags for our program. The lunch bags contain a sandwich, health bar, fruit, and beverage. All items are graciously donated by the Chinmaya Mission. These lunches are distributed to the needy and homeless diners every Monday after they have eaten their hot meal. It is wonderful to see the smiling faces of our diners as they receive their lunch bags. For many of them, this lunch bag represents the only food they will have to eat on Tuesdays. ODB extends our thanks and appreciation to the Chinmaya Mission for all of their work!

Art Petersen Celebrates 95



Saturday, September 11th at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, ODB's "home", we celebrated Art's 95th birthday with a reception of his family, friends, & neighbors all present to honor this outstanding man who has volunteered at ODB for twenty-four years.

David Barnes, ODB's Program Manager, catered the affair, with the family planning & helping make it the success it was. Approximately one hundred people attended, including multiple generations of Art's relatives, ODB volunteers, and his church, neighborhood, and Cupertino Host Lions friends.

Tributes were given by his sons-in-law John Gerhardt and Bob Greene, ODB's David Barnes and Donna Beres, and Cupertino Host Lions Club officer and district vice-president, Bob Ferber. Many photos were taken, especially featuring Art surrounded by his grand- and great grandchildren, culminating with them singing to him.

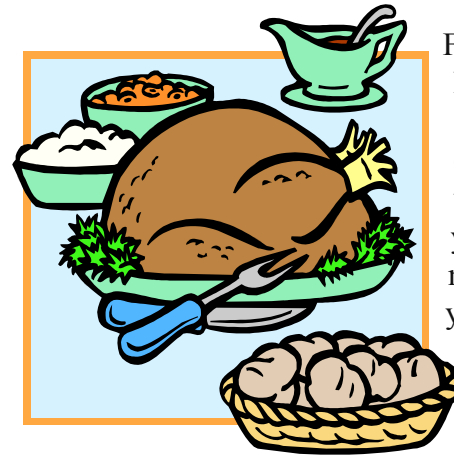
The weather contributed to the event with sunshine and warmth so the large patio between the church and Cowans Hall had an area for sitting under gazebos and easy access to tables laden with food and drink under the overhanging eaves of the dining hall. Loads of balloons and a huge banner with his name and "95 years young" emblazoned in bright colors added to the celebration.

Art's big smile stayed continually on his face as he greeted his guests and chatted with his many friends and relatives. This definitely was his day, though his actual birthday was on Monday the 13th, a regular serving day when he worked, as usual, along with daughter Lin and son-in-law Bob from Maine who were in town. His daughter Sandy and John Gerhardt live nearby in San Jose. "Happy Birthday" was sung both days by his many admirers.



Thanks to **Sunnyside Gardens**, located on Carson Drive near Mary Avenue in Sunnyvale, for their wrapped peanut butter and honey sandwiches that go to diners as part of the second helping every other Friday. Many diners tell us they save that sandwich for their evening meal.

Our Daily Bread's Annual Fundraising Drive



For the past 27 years, Our Daily Bread has served hot meals three times a week to the aged, homeless, unemployed, disabled, and working poor in our community. We are thankful to all of you who, through your generous donations over the past years, have enabled us to keep our program running. However, in these difficult times, we need your help more than ever! The number of unemployed and hungry people continues to grow. In 2008, we served over 47,000 meals; in 2009, we served over 51,500 meals and our numbers for 2010 are still climbing!

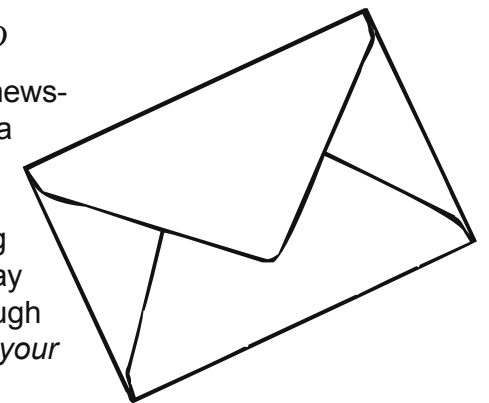
A gift of \$27 will serve a homeless person for one month!


A gift of \$165 will serve an unemployed mother and her two children for three months!

We graciously thank you for your generosity!

CONTRIBUTOR'S ENVELOPE ENCLOSED

Each year at this time we enclose an envelope in the newsletter for the convenience of those who want to make a financial contribution to ODB. Though ODB receives support from business and civic organizations, the majority of our financial support comes from caring individuals. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's day we hope to receive the funds that will carry us through most of 2011. *To increase your gift, please enclose your company's "matching gift" form, if they have one.*

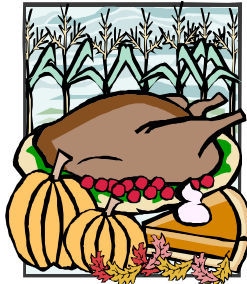


If you prefer to donate online, please visit our website at <http://www.stthomas-svale.org/odb/> and click on the  button.

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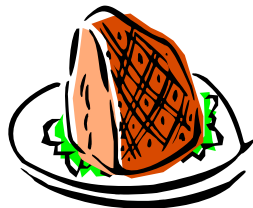
Thanksgiving Needs

We are in need of frozen turkeys (16-22 lbs each) for our Thanksgiving meal which will be served on Wednesday November 24. As we have limited storage, we are requesting that all donated frozen turkeys be delivered to ODB on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM from November 12th - 17th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call ODB at (408) 736-4108. Thank you for your generosity!



Holiday Needs

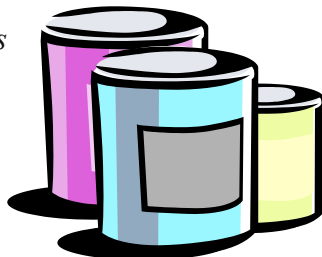
We are graciously requesting donations of boneless or canned hams for our holiday meal in December. We need the hams by December 17th and will start collecting them November 29th. Please make this holiday season special to someone in need by donating a canned ham.



Pantry Needs

The following food donations are greatly appreciated *and always needed for our pantry*:

- Large #10 size cans of mushroom soup, tomato products, pork & beans, chopped mushrooms, and beef ravioli
- Mayonnaise and salad dressing
- Large cans or packages of gravy
- Coffee (we serve 600 cups per week!)



Please note that ODB can accept any foods that are commercially packaged or prepared as well as garden produce. Health regulations prevent us from accepting food that has been prepared at home. The preferred times to drop off contributions are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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Recipe of the Season – Persimmon Pudding

(submitted by Melanie Thomas)

- 1 Cup Persimmon Pulp (no peels or core)
- 1 ½ Cups White Cane Sugar
- ½ Cup Packed Brown Sugar
- 2 Tbs. Melted Butter
- 1 Egg
- ¼ tsp. Salt
- ½ tsp. each: Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Ground Cloves, Ginger
- 1 ½ Cups Sifted Flour
- 2 tsp. Baking Soda
- ½ Cup + 2 Tbs. Milk
- 1 Cup Chopped Nuts (or Raisins)

Mix ingredients together in the order given. Pour into a well greased mold (bundt cake or 2 loaf pans). Bake at 350° for 45 min. Serve warm or cold – plain or with whipped cream, rum, or brandy.

ENJOY!

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Upcoming board meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 14, at noon in the Disciples Room at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.



REMINDERS

Important Dates

Wed., Nov. 24Thanksgiving Meal
Tues., Dec. 14Board meeting
Fri., Dec. 24Christmas Meal
Tues., Feb. 8Board meeting

Donations

Please consider ODB in your holiday giving — see **page 5** for our annual “Contributor’s Envelope.” See **page 3** for donating Christmas gift items to our diners and **page 6** for donating food items. Your support is always needed and greatly appreciated.

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