

... 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 1,000,000
meals served.

Our Daily Bread's 29th Anniversary Dinner

Come Celebrate and Honor the Volunteers

by Chris Schmidt

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 28th**, our party to celebrate twenty-nine years of ODB, and to honor the volunteers who have made more than a million hot lunches possible.

We're again hoping for excellent springtime weather as we gather outside, maybe even with a soft Hawaiian breeze.

We'll start with appetizers and drinks on the patio at 5 p.m. while we listen to the banjo band we enjoyed so much two years ago. Plan to sit down for

dinner around 6:15 p.m. Our menu is again being planned by The International Culinary School at the Art Institute of California-Sunnyvale and will have a Hawaiian theme. This is a class project for them and the students are already looking forward to amazing you with their creations.

The program will include honoring volunteers and culminate with the Bread Loaf awarding ceremony by David Barnes, our Program Manager.



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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.


We sincerely thank you for your generosity!

For the past 28 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, have enabled us to keep our program running. And to those who are considering making a gift:

A gift of \$26 will help us feed a homeless person for one month!

A gift of \$117 will help us feed a hungry mother and child for three months!

A gift of \$312 will help us feed an unemployed worker for one year!

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

CALLING IN ALL APRONS



All those who have red or maroon aprons who no longer volunteer at ODB, we'd greatly appreciate you bringing us those aprons. We need both the printed Our Daily Bread aprons for "regular" volunteers and those generic types (with pockets are especially useful) that temporary volunteers can use. The two apron washers keep busy washing and bringing them back to us, but often there is a shortage.

Special thanks to **Alice and Vi** who wash, dry, and fold aprons!

Anniversary Dinner (cont'd from page 1)

Please save the date on your calendars, fill in the accompanying dinner reservation form, and be a part of this important occasion for all of us connected to Our Daily Bread.



"Goodies" Bag THANKS!!

by Jan Camp

Once again we provided a "goodies" bag to our diners as a holiday gift during the Christmas weeks. Thanks to all of you and many others, we had enough toiletries and candy for three hundred (300) bags. And each bag looked very attractive because we received a donation of small and very useful cloth bags. A cadre of St. Thomas women sorted and set up our boxes and containers of toiletries and candy the morning before filling the bags, plus prepared the special homeless bags. Most of these women also volunteer at ODB and help out often. Our thanks go to Peg Shaffer, Violet Fugate, Margaret Jungling, Mildred Lincoln, LaVerne Martin, and Jane McMahan.

St. Thomas parishioners filled these bags in a unique round-about rotation in Cowans Hall (dining hall for ODB) between services a week before Christmas. They have done this almost from our ODB beginnings in 1983. Of course it was quite easy in the early years because we filled fewer bags and the diners received lots of extras like scarves and cosmetics. We now fill a generic bag so we don't have a women's bag and a men's. Children receive a Beanie Baby or toy and homeless receive an extra gift bag at a different time that contains some additional

items that they often need, like razors, deodorant, socks and a tee shirt.

Special thanks once again to Dr. Randy Waters who gave toothbrushes and toothpastes for the bags, plus some extras we can give out during the year. Dr. Waters has been doing this since the 1980s and has increased his donations as we've added diners.

Another special thank you goes to St. Andrew's "Giving Tree" that had requests for McDonald's and Carl's Jr. gift cards that we can give to the diners on special occasions, like we did between Christmas and New Year's. ODB board member Alan Purchase from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Saratoga has been the force behind this and the diners are overjoyed with these gift cards.

We frequently are asked, especially by homeless, for items we can help them with, like the toiletries, socks, razors, hoodies, and tee shirts (large and extra large and preferably dark colors – but not red, please). Because of your generosity we can provide these items for those in need.

On behalf of ODB's diners, volunteers, and Program Manager David Barnes, we thank you for the donations and efforts you showed in providing these goodie bag items.

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Looking at Our Daily Bread through New Eyes

*by the Rev. Deacon Brian Nordwick, Canon for Administration and Finance, Diocese of El Camino Real
placed by the Rev. Wendy Smith*

I had the honor to visit and have lunch at **Our Daily Bread** on Monday November 7th with our **Indaba partnership dioceses** of Gloucester in England and the Western Tanganyika.

While I have visited St. Thomas and had a tour and explanation of Our Daily Bread with Wendy in the past, **I had never broken bread with the guests that you serve.** One of the men sitting at the table with me shared that for the last 3 years he has been coming to have lunch 3 days a week, and that he only ate every other day when you served him. He said that **ODB has sustained his life** over the last 3 years and that he wouldn't be alive without the generosity of this ministry. He said that one day he hopes to have funds to write a check for all the meals that you have served him. My experience with this man and others—including those who served us—was one that **spoke to the core of my diaconal ministry.**

The **Indaba teams** had a meeting to **de-brief** from Monday's activities—that included bible study, ODB, conversation on resourcing our ministries, a visit to EBAY/PayPal, and an evening at a Sharks game. When asked what their experience was like, **most people shared their time at ODB as having the most impact.** We had to encourage them to talk about the other events/visits. Their main comment was that they were not aware that in all the abundance, technology, and knowledge that they experienced would they expect to find people in such need of basic necessities. The Tanzanians spoke that in their culture when people are hungry that they just share what food they have with them. **What impressed our visitors is how organized the ODB was,** and how long St. Thomas has supported this ministry to feed people. **It has motivated our guests to look at doing something similar and more intentional in their own Dioceses.**

I wish to thank the people of St. Thomas and all those in your community who support and serve at Our Daily Bread for your love, care, and service to those in your community in need of your ministry. May God continue to richly bless you and this meaningful ministry.

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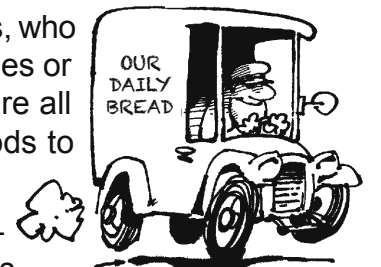
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BEHIND THE SCENE

by Jan Camp

ODB is thankful for the many contributors who provide food for our program. Most of the donated food must be picked up at the store or restaurant and delivered to us. All that work behind the ODB kitchen each morning seven days a week is performed by our volunteer drivers. Without them we would not have all the great food that supplements what David Barnes has to buy for our hot lunch program.

These drivers keep David Barnes and Monique Kachulis, who coordinates this process, informed of any schedule changes or updates. By communicating with each other, they make sure all pick-ups are covered so there is a continuous flow of foods to ODB.

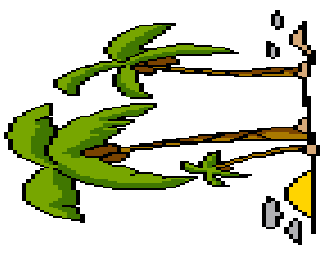


There are sixteen drivers who put in a total of approximately forty hours per week picking up food at eight stores or restaurants. These dedicated volunteers are: Doug Steed, Terry Stone, Chris Schmidt, Leon Kachulis, Monique Kachulis, Young Kim, Dave Ferrell, Joe Schmidig, Carol Done, Ben Powell, Chris Munson, Karen Ferguson, Jim Annis, Doris Pfiffner, and Danielle Towner. David Barnes often substitutes when needed and anyone who can help in this way is urged to let David know.

A huge “thanks” to all our dedicated drivers who provide a major service in our on-going need to feed the hungry in our community.

Thanks

Our Daily Bread
29th Anniversary Dinner
"A Taste of Hawaii"



Saturday April 28, 2012
Cocktails and Appetizers at 5:00 PM
Dinner Served at 6:15 PM

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
231 South Sunset Avenue, Sunnyvale

Entertainment by
Peninsula Banjo Band

Dinner Catered by
The Art Institute of California-Sunnyvale

Dress Attire:
Hawaiian Shirts and Casual Resort Wear



Reservation: Please return this section by April 16, 2012

Amount Enclosed: ____ (\$15 Per Person - Volunteers Free)
Please make checks payable to: **OUR DAILY BREAD.**
 Please check if making a donation and NOI attending.

Names (list all who will be attending): Contact Phone # _____

If Possible, seat with: _____
Please return reservation to **David Barnes at Our Daily Bread or mail to:**
Chuck Thompson
19742 Bixby Drive
Cupertino, CA 95014

Our Daily Bread's "Bread Loaf Award"

The Story of Our Daily Bread's "Bread Loaf Award"

by Gage McKinney

Our Daily Bread's bread loaf award was created after the anniversary dinner, which had been held since the program began, was revamped in 1987. The focus changed from fund-raising to volunteer recognition. Diane McKenna, Chair of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, was the keynote speaker that year.

The climax of the evening was the presentation of the new award, a loaf-shaped walnut plaque, designated by the ODB board of directors for an individual who "represents the spirit of all the volunteers." That has been the only criteria for the award. Members of the board of directors are usually disqualified.

The first recipient was Bonnie McWhinney, who was responsible for arranging the parish hall for the day's meal. Headwaiter Ed Rogers said: "She usually works in the cold parish hall early in the morning before other volunteers have arrived." Bonnie said: "I'm very humbled."



St. Thomas parishioner Carol Morris, a dishwasher since the program began, received the second Bread Loaf in 1988. Ed Rogers called her "an inspiration to other volunteers." Along with her plaque, Ed presented Carol with a pair of rubber gloves. Carol quipped: "I only come to protect the new dishwasher." (ODB had recently installed a new industrial-scale dishwasher.)

The bread loaf was one of several initiatives at the time, including the ODB newsletter and lapel pins, designed to recognize the volunteers as the life-blood of the program. The early newsletters included features on individual volunteers, including Betty Hansen, a cook from St Martin Catholic Church; Ann Shepherd, a clean-up person from St. Jude's Episcopal Church; and Marjorie Webster, a dishwasher and ODB board member from Raynor Park Christian Church.

Since then ODB has awarded its bread loaf
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Bread Loaf Award (cont'd from page 8)

every year. Ed Rogers made the presentations as long as he lived, and more recently the Program Manager has done the honors. The award usually recognizes an individual, though it has also been given to teams of volunteers and to a family. In 1993 twenty-nine people who served through ODB's first decade received bread loaves.

Only one bread loaf was awarded outside the anniversary dinner. Ed Rogers with his wife Helen drove to Merced to present the award to Rae Boardman, who was aged. An original volunteer, Rae donated the money to build the ODB pantry.

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The following are Bread Loaf Award recipients:

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| 1987 Bonnie McWhinney | 1994 John Russell | 2003 Dorothy Ames & Arnold Siegel |
| 1988 Carol Morris | 1995 Art Petersen | 2005 Headwaiters Dan Alcock, Jan Camp, Pat O'Connor, Jack Thorne, Bob Williams & Chuck Thompson |
| 1989 Marilyn Shaver | 1996 Leona Beattie & Ralph Ritucci | 2006 Tarsus Cooper |
| 1989 Rae Boardman (Merced, CA) | 1997 Joe Puzar | 2007 Evelyn Comstock |
| 1990 Rita Henry | 1998 Alice Brownie & Marjorie Webster | 2008 Gage McKinney |
| 1991 Certificates presented to 60 original volunteers | 1999 Hedi Weber | 2009 Barbara Grevera & family |
| 1992 Agnes Allison, Ken & Rose McKinley | 2000 Leona Beattie, Al Salz, Betty Martin | 2010 Bob & Lolita Rolufs |
| 1993 Twenty-nine original volunteers | 2001 Sam Doong | |
| | 2002 Leo Pfeifer | |

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How Our Diners Count on Us

by Jan Camp

Many of you said our last issue of *Bread Lines* was informative and that you appreciated hearing about the diners we get to know at ODB. Here are a few more stories about individuals who consider Our Daily Bread their lifeline. Names have been changed to protect identities.

Ches, a musician and long time diner who considered Ed Rogers his friend, now comes all three serving days because he can't cook any more and he can't afford gas for his car. He used to play sax at a senior center Mondays in San Jose and enjoy lunch and camaraderie with his fellow band members. His fixed pension limits any extras nowadays.

Gustavo is an extremely likeable mild-mannered man who lives with a friend or two at a campsite and comes to ODB for a hot meal, a bag lunch, and a razor so he can look presentable when he goes job hunting. He can do various jobs and gets around on his bike.

Looking at **Krista**, you'd never guess she's homeless. However, she has her possessions in a grocery cart and comes to ODB all three days so she can have a nutritious meal. She often stays at the Armory and worries about where she can sleep when it closes. She dresses well and hasn't been homeless for very long.

Elise, a single mother who has no car but can walk to ODB, eats with us when she is down and out. She considers us her angels. She tries to find work cleaning houses to supplement her income.

Can you imagine being homeless and going to college at the same time? At least two of our diners do. Both camp out year-round and spend a lot of time at the library, both Sunnyvale's and their community college's. One diner is now going to nursing school and has his certificate as a CNA. He wants to be a RN eventually. Some of us remember when he wasn't clean and sober and feel thankful we've had the opportunity to see his present success. Having a place to eat where they are welcomed has been important to both of them.

These people and many more count on us to be at Our Daily Bread serving a hot nutritious meal three days a week. They appreciate what we do and realize that volunteers and donors like you keep our doors open. Thank you all!

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Pantry Needs

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

- Large packages of powdered milk
- Mayonnaise
- Salad dressing
- Jam and/or jelly
- Sliced cheese



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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Important Dates

Tues., April 10.....Board meeting
Sat., April 28Anniversary Dinner
Tues., June 12.....Board meeting

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