

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

BREAD LINES

OUR DAILY BREAD NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2011

Over 900,000
meals served.

A Touch of Class

by Chris Schmidt

A party commemorating twenty-eight years of Our Daily Bread will be held on **Saturday April 30th**. Please join us as we honor the volunteers who have made this program possible. We'll start our evening at 5 p.m. by enjoying appetizers and drinks on the patio.

For the last few years we've been celebrating this event in Spring instead of the actual March anniversary date because this almost guarantees us lovely weather so we can gather outside.

This year's entertainment will be more refined as we are serenaded by a classical trio, starting at 5:15 p.m. This sets the theme for the evening – a touch of class! That is how we see all the volunteers, a class act! Our volunteers do amazing things because they are outstanding people.



The International Culinary School at the Art Institute of California - Sunnyvale will once again prepare a delicious anniversary meal for ODB volunteers.

Plan to sit down to dinner around 6:15 p.m. and be served an outstanding meal by The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of California–Sunnyvale. We will start with a shrimp/scallop

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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.

WELCOME BACK LOYAL VOLUNTEERS

by Jan Camp

2010 seemed to be a rough one for getting injured or needing medical procedures for our normally hardy ODB volunteers.

Any day now we'll be seeing Art Petersen working at his usual jobs, but having to scoot around in his wheelchair. What happened? On Christmas Eve 2010, he suffered a fall in his own kitchen, and unhappily found he needed wheels.

These are our spunky volunteers who are back: Agnes Allison, Monique & Leon Kachulis, Ana Komoto, Mary Jane Larson, Norma Maraschin, Leo Pfeifer, Jim Rowe, Chris Schmidt, Donna Stadtfeld, Terry Stone, Elaine Timm and Marge Webster. If I missed someone, I'm very sorry.

We've been overjoyed having them return to us one-by-one because they were truly missed. They clearly show their dedication to ODB's mission to feed the hungry.



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ceviche over mixed greens and proceed to grilled steak, mashed potatoes, and assorted vegetables, followed by a fancy dessert of poached pears drizzled with dark and white chocolate.

Please mark your calendars, fill in the accompanying reservation form, and be part of honoring the volunteers of ODB - A Class Act!

Thanks for the Christmas "Goodies"

by Jan Camp



Each year ODB asks you to bring us toiletries and candy, buy socks, etc. and then sort and distribute these items so our diners have presents. This year, less went into the bags than in previous years, but the main toiletry items were still present.

Three hundred bags were filled and given out the week before our ODB special holiday meal. All diners received one. In addition, thirty-five larger bags were filled with special-need items for homeless men and women. They contained socks, deodorant, razors, T-shirt, small chocolate bars, a mending kit, comb, handkerchief, and packet of tissue. I've learned that all the items we might think they need and want don't fit into a backpack, so a little less is better, and these people can always ask for needed items throughout the year.

Special thanks to Dr. Randy Waters

who again gave toothbrushes and toothpastes to fill the bags plus more for the coming months, and the cadre of St. Thomas ladies who sorted and set out all the items Saturday morning that were then bagged on Sunday between services. Margaret Jungling, Mildred Lincoln, Helen Nowicki, and Peg Shaffer were these Saturday workers who accomplished so much work.

More thanks to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga, who had requests for McDonald's and Carl Jr. \$5 gift cards for our diners on their "Giving Tree". These have been discreetly given out.

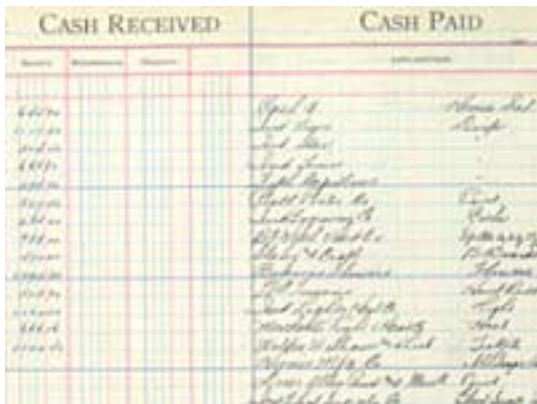
On behalf of our diners, our volunteers, and David Barnes, our program manager, we thank you for the donations and efforts you showed in providing thoughtful presents for so many people in need.

The Invisible Side of the ODB Ledger

by Gage McKinney

During the past year ODB served about 54,000 delicious hot meals at a cost of about \$1.50 per plate. That \$1.50 represents costs that can be explained by examining the ODB financial report – the costs of food, a modest salary (the program manager’s), equipment and maintenance, and table and kitchen supplies.

But each meal has a retail value that exceeds \$10. Most of that value can’t be accounted for by ODB’s budget – it can only be explained by “the invisible side” of the ledger.



No one can precisely calculate that side of things, but it includes about \$2 worth of food donated by Trader Joes, local markets, bakeries, restaurants and other commercial establishments, or provided at a steep discount by Second Harvest Food Bank. (This estimate doesn’t include the loaves of breads and other perishables that ODB gives away.)

ODB’s volunteers probably add about \$5.50 to the value of a meal. This includes the cooks, servers, headwaiters, clean-up people, dishwashers, buyers and food-pickup

drivers. It includes volunteers who manage the inventory, who perform maintenance chores in the kitchen and dining room, who scrub, clean and paint and perform hundreds of other tasks.

The balance of the value would be a commercial venture’s general overhead, profit, taxes, advertising and promotions – things that don’t concern ODB. The program’s overhead, including facilities, utilities, water, garbage and some maintenance, is paid by St. Thomas Church. So is the publication expense of this newsletter.

The result is that when you contribute \$50 to the program, ODB uses your money to serve nearly \$300 worth of meals. That’s a tremendous investment. It’s possible because ODB measures its success in the quality of its meals and the spirit of its hospitality. The dividends are satisfaction to our diners, volunteers and supporters.

2010 Annual Financial Report

by Chuck Thompson

Some of you have asked about our financial position, especially in these days of rising costs and increasing numbers of diners. (A new one-day record was recently set – 321 diners!) Here is our annual report.

OUR DAILY BREAD		
Balance, Checking account, January 1, 2010		\$ 26,588.68
Balance, Savings, January 1, 2010		101,456.00
Subtotal – Cash balance, January 1, 2010		<u>\$ 128,044.68</u>
Gross income in 2010:		
Donations:		
Businesses	\$ 4,272.46	
Churches	23,300.02	
Grants	22,800.00	
Individuals	33,805.00	
Memorials	1,810.00	
Subtotal - donations	<u>\$ 85,987.48</u>	
Anniversary dinner income, net of expenses	996.29	
Total gross income	<u>\$ 86,983.77</u>	
Operating expenses in 2010:		
Program Manager salary and benefits	\$ 26,622.77	
Food	27,058.02	
Linen service	4,397.33	
Maintenance (other than janitorial)	9,003.67	
Maintenance - janitorial	7,500.00	
Newsletter	430.19	
All other	4,336.39	
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 79,348.37</u>	
Net operating income	<u>\$ 7,635.40</u>	
Interest income - checking account	\$ 2.01	
Interest income - savings	378.00	
Total interest income	<u>\$ 380.01</u>	
Net income	<u>\$ 8,015.41</u>	8,015.41
Cash balance, December 31, 2010		<u>\$ 136,060.09</u>
Checking account balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 20,348.59	
PayPal account balance, December 31, 2010	679.50	
Savings balance, December 31, 2010	115,032.00	
Total, as above	<u>\$ 136,060.09</u>	

The most significant element in this report is the strong continued support from our community. We are truly grateful for the generosity that enables us to feed so many hungry men, women and children.

Buried in the numbers is one unusual item – a ‘stop-gap’ \$22,800 Emergency Food and Shelter Program grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). ODB sought this grant early in the year, when ODB’s

board of directors was faced with the potential of declining donations and rising costs. While donations did decline (-21%) and costs did rise (+8%), the gap did not pose an immediate threat. Therefore similar funding is not being sought in 2011.

Adding to ODB's Mission of Feeding the Hungry

by Jan Camp

At a recent Challenge Team Sunnyvale meeting, Sonny Lara, an expert on gang prevention, spoke to our community-involved group that meets at 7 a.m. once a month at the Public Safety classroom. Sixty or more of us listened intently to Sonny telling us, "It's not a shortage of fathers, but a shortage of role models."

As a junior high/middle school teacher for many years here in Sunnyvale, I know how important it is for all children and young people to have adults in their lives who show they truly care about them. I've been told that if every child had at least nine of these adults, the gang problem would lessen dramatically. Many a time I'd attend a wrestling match or track meet that I didn't have to be at just to fulfill the request a student would make to me. "Can you come watch me?" they'd ask. I'm sure their mom, dad, or uncle would have been preferable, but I was the one they asked.

Here at ODB, we volunteers have the unique opportunity of being one of those people who show they care. We are mentoring young adults and students who come, either as volunteers because of their school's community service requirement, or because NOVA places young adults with us who need both a job and more training than what they can provide. Yes, the NOVA people do attend classes and counseling, but every day they work with us we are acting as their trainers and in so doing, role models.

What does this have to do with our providing a nutritious hot meal to those in need? We are showing that we care about other people, and we do that by working at jobs that aren't always pleasant, but we're there to make it all happen.

Please don't think you have to be trained as a teacher or counselor to be effective as a role model. The way we act with each other and our diners can provide the key to all of us learning to respect and appreciate each other.

Pantry Needs

The following donations would be appreciated:

Sugar

Salad Dressings

Mayonnaise

Jam or Jelly

Cream of Mushroom

Powdered Milk

Soup (50 oz cans)

(using 30 gallons/week)



ODB can accept any foods that are commercially packaged or prepared, as well as garden produce. (Health regulations prevent us from accepting anything that has been prepared at home). The preferred times to drop off contributions are Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings from 8:00 AM until noon. If other arrangements are necessary, please call ODB at (408)736-4108.

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Upcoming board meeting: Tuesday, April 12, at noon in the Disciples Room at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.



REMINDERS

Important Dates

Tues., Apr. 12Board meeting
Sat., April 30Anniversary Dinner
Tues., June 14.....Board meeting

Donations

Please see **page 7** for donating food items. For cash donations, please mail us your check or visit our website at <http://www.stthomas-svale.org/odb/> and click on the donate button. Your support is always needed and greatly appreciated.

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5:00 PM*

*St. Thomas Episcopal Church
231 South Sunset Avenue, Sunnyvale*

*Entertainment by
The DeAnza Trio*

Menu



*Elegant Appetizers & Beverages on the Patio
Shrimp & Scallop Ceviche on Mixed Greens
Grilled Butterflied Steak topped
with Herb Butter & Mushrooms
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Assorted Spring Vegetables
Poached Pears drizzled with Dark & White Chocolate*

*Dinner Catered by
The Art Institute of California-Sunnyvale*

Please return this section by April 18, 2011

Amount Enclosed: ____ (\$15 Per Person - Volunteers Free)

Please make checks payable to: OUR DAILY BREAD.

Please check if making a donation and NOT attending.

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

If Possible, seat with: _____

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