

Mission Viejo Madness Newsletter July 6, 2020



LaVal Brewer, South County Outreach CEO, accepts a \$500 check from President Jeff Badrtalei to buy supplies for the food pantry. The presentation was attended by Steph Tanton, who wrote the grant application, and by Pete Zimmerman, Membership Co-chair.



COVID-19 GRANT RECEIVED

South County Outreach food pantry recipient of \$500

An application for special grant funds submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo to the Children's Fund of the Cal-Nev-Ha District of Kiwanis has been approved in the amount of \$500.

President Jeff Badrtalei delivered the check to South County Outreach CEO LaVal Brewer on Monday. The donation will be matched by a separate organization which supports SCO and will be used to purchase a pallet of food which will feed 50 families for a week.

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- *Tattered, faded flags can be deposited in a container in the lobby at Mission Viejo City Hall. Warren didn't know, but Steph did.
- That household batteries can be disposed of in a bucket in the lobby at Mission Viejo City Hall? Warren didn't know, but Rod did.
- The idea that eventually became Zoom was from the creative mind of a freshman college student in China who tried to envisage a way to stay in touch with a girlfriend who was a 10-hour ride away. Today Zoom has 20 billion meeting minutes per year. This from Jeff.
- Life is the magic you enjoy, Larry reports, after reading a report that a great many people avoid talking about death and have no plans for it like creating a living will, naming an executor, making an inventory of possessions, signing healthcare directives and making funeral arrangements, to name a few.
- *Warren learned that mockingbirds, true to their name, have as many as 200 tweets in their repertoire including a bird in his backyard that has learned to mimic his cellphone timer alarm.

WORDS OF WISDOM/MARCEL PROUST



"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

--French Novelist, 1871-1922





ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Pat Griggs-Hugh Jurkewicz

Steph and Russ Tanton

Mary and Jim deLeo

A MESSAGE FROM JOAN MCKINNEY, VOCATIONAL VISIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



We continue to be closed and will not be opening before the end of July. An actual reopen date is yet to be known as we await guidance from Regional Center of Orange County, The Department of Developmental Services, Community Care Licensing and local authorities. We are planning our reopening and all the protocols we will put in place to ensure the safety of our clients and employees. As soon as we know when and how we can reopen we will share that information with all of you.

The best news for Vocational Visions came last week when Governor Newsom agreed with the legislature and removed from the state budget the proposed funding cuts that would have had a devastating impact on people with disabilities and the organizations that serve them. I truly appreciate those who responded to the call to action to contact legislators and the Governor's office to voice their concern. We were heard loud and clear! Thanks also to those of you who emailed me to let me know that you did so.

MEANWHILE...Debbie Watkins reports that the annual bowling event is still on hold since Vocational Visions is closed and is currently staying in touch with clients by Zoom. Maybe bowling in August, she suggested.

TUESDAY CONTACT WARREN IF YOU DIDN'T GET A LINK IN YOUR EMAIL

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MONTHLY DUES INVOICES HAVE BEEN SENT BY KATHY

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Working on a jigsaw puzzle can be exhausting, as Ziva and Abigail Esterline discovered this weekend.