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"Pathways to Hope"

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.

We welcomed Janette Thomas, Executive Director, Pathways to Hope, and her furry companion. She talked about the Prison Dog Program.

GUESTS

Gloria C. Rull, Asian Business Association OC (guest of Penny)

RECOGNITION

Charles – Wedding
Penny – Asian Women Entrepreneur of Year
Mel – Family Wedding
Ali – For not being in Oregon

BOARD REMARKS

Fundraiser (Lisa)

- **1. Sell tickets** Over 300 paper tickets distributed and online. THINK created postcard and mailed to database 8/26.
- **2. Solicit Vendors** Ali, Lisa M, Dixon working list. Stone Brewing cancelled.
- 3. Sponsors Crystal Mora (FirstAm) and Penny District. Patrick secured program underwriter, Bruce paper tickets and water/sodas, and Jim M face painter from last year. THANK YOU!

4. Silent Auction – Bruce donated many kitchen electronics again this year!
Janette, our speaker, donated photography session. Already in hand!
Each member to secure at least 1 item.

5. Logistics – Members will receive event details, assignments Sep 4. Sep 11 will be game day rehearsal.

Membership (Ali)

Crystal Mora induction will be Sep 4.

Community Service (Denise)

School Uniform Distribution had a few logistically mishaps, but many kids received uniforms and school supplies. We thank those that took the time to donate their time that day to help.

What: Ocean Institute – Hoover Elem

Principal asked for research vessels.

When: Wed, Sep 25, 9:30, 12

Where: Dana Point

Info: 5 Rotarians/trip. Sign up.

Youth Services (Lisa)

First board meeting week of Sep 2.



Wednesdays 12:15 PM Antonello Ristorante 3800 S Plaza Drive, Santa Ana, CA

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

September 4 – Jeff Bolt, Toll Roads September 11 – TASTE Prep September 18 – Dark September 25 – Crystal Mora Craft Talk October 2 – District Governor Visit

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 4- Crystal Mora New Member Induction Sep 7 - Angels Game - End Polio Now Sep 14 - Interact Quarterly Meeting Sep 14 - Discover the Taste, Heritage Museum of Orange County, 5-8pm Sep 25 - Ocean Institute Field Trip Oct 2 - SAN Board Meeting THE ROTATIONS Issue 8

Janette Thomas and her furry chocolate lab companion joined us for lunch today. She told us about the organization and how the Prison Dog Program is changing lives.

The prison dog program was started by Sister Pauline Quinn in 1981 at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor, WA. Prison dog programs are now in nearly every state in the US and in many other countries.

With a staff primarily comprised of volunteers, Pathway's focus is on building and maintaining prison dog programs, saving shelter dogs from "death row", helping to rehabilitate inmates and assisting the disabled community.

In our society, the inmate is a throw away person because they did something bad. Likewise, an abandoned and unwanted dog is a throw away animal sometimes because it did something wrong. The inmates learn skills to teach dogs to become 'good citizens' in the community and this is exactly what the inmates will learn to do with their own lives.



Pathways to Hope Objective

We are dedicated to starting and maintaining Prison Dog Programs which provide training and education for both inmate and dog participants.

Results

- Forever homes for the dogs
- Quality service dogs for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Viable job & life skills for the inmates in order that they may lead productive law abiding lives upon release
- Community collaborative working others who have similar goals and purpose

Programs

- Orange County Probation Department, Juvenile Hall PAW (Pups & Wards) – Launched in 2009
- California Institution for Women Autism Service Dog Program – Launched in 2012
- Orange County Sheriff's Department COLLAR (Canines Offering Life Lessons and Rewards) – Launched February 2013



Prison Program: How it Works

Step 1: Finding the Dogs

Janette and team visit local shelters to identify candidates. The Orange County Shelter is the largetes one west of the Mississippi River. About 80% are males (90% not neutered). The male dog can locate a female up to 6 miles away – their sense of smell is 10,000 times more sensitive than humans. The males aren't neutered until someone has signed adoption papers and paid fee.

She must ensure that he dogs can play with other dogs and function before she will take them back to be trained. Dogs are usually 3-10 $\,$

years of age.

Step 2: Training the Dogs In 8-10 weeks, the dogs have basic obiendence training and are fully house-trained.

Step 3: Placing the Dogs in the Prisons Over 115 dogs have been placed. Teach inmates: responsibility. empathy, and patience.

More information/volunteer visit: www.pathwaystohope.org



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Extra

Penny & Guest Gloria



Bruce and donation for Discover the Taste





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