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**SINCE 1998...
FOSTERING
INTERRACIAL
RESPECT AND
ACCEPTANCE**

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Why a Human Relations Council?

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Serving Southwest Riverside County

By Charles E. Knox, Sr.



Over the past Winter, several African American residents of Hemet and San Jacinto met at my home to explore how we might take action to help the assimilation of ethnic minorities in the Valley as our numbers increase, and to alleviate fears and hatred often associated with such demographic change. Our concern is prompted by significant demographic changes in recent years, growing opportunities in the Temecula/Murrieta areas, proposed Highway 79 expansion, a growing supply of moderately priced housing, and construction of the

Eastside Reservoir.

Such changes bring both problems and opportunities. Evidence of socioeconomic problems, i.e. homelessness, unemployment, racial conflict, cultural insensitivity, gang activities, and poor school adjustment, offers a challenge to seek prevention as well as solutions. The promise of a richer cultural diversity for our community equally challenges us to seek its fulfillment.

Our children are a central concern. As responsible citizens, many with children in local schools, we believe we should do our part to provide all our children with an environment in which they feel welcome, and with every opportunity to become educated, contributing citizens. We need to attend to the potential problems of relocation from urban to (relatively) rural lifestyle, racial intolerance, poor inter-ethnic communication, and resistance to change. These are problems especially difficult for African American and Hispanic youth.

In the belief that these concerns are important to us all, an appeal was made on 2-10-98 to the broader community to help create a Human Relations Council to foster racial harmony. Our hope is that the Council will seek efficient and equitable ways to addressing social problems and serving the citizenry. Further, the Council will

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GOING AROUND THE LAKE IN HEMET

By Virginia Green

Well, here it is Saturday January 24, 2009 at 5:45 a.m. and I am at Diamond Valley Lake for the Habitat for Humanity Marathon again. It is close to sign in time for all the volunteers.

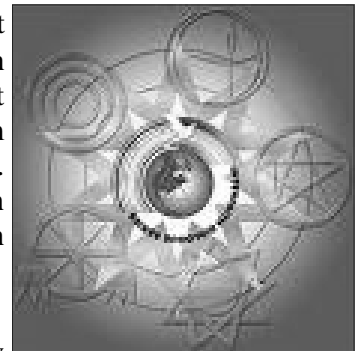
It is the Human Relations Council's second year now to sponsor an aid station for this Habitat Fundraiser. We signed in and picked up a bright orange tee-shirt. Then I asked for helpers for the Human Relations Council aid station. We boarded the shuttle bus provided by EXCEED at about 6:30 a.m. We were on the last of three buses and heading to aid stations 8, 9 and 10.



Four of us were left at station 10 which turned out to be the last one on the marathon! There was Eugene from **RACES Communications**, Morgan Klink and Christopher Zelle, both San Jacinto High School students. Both are members of ROTC (AFROTC-CA20016) and me, HRC Board member, Virginia Green.

It turned out to be an almost perfect day for running. Again this year, so many of the participants were very appreciative of our aid station, especially it being the last one before the finish line! Many took a quick stop off and we much enjoyed our short visits with these wonderful runners. Looking forward to next year's fundraiser for such a good cause.

Religious Understanding Day was held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Mt. San Jacinto College at the San Jacinto Campus. The theme was "Unity in Diversity", exploring the concept of one community with many faith expressions. It was an exciting day of interfaith dialogue and cooperation, with presentations from the Hindu, Quaker, Salvation Army and Christian Peacemaker Team points of view. There was also a panel representing Roman Catholics, Native Americans, Sikh tradition, Baha'i faith, Unitarian Universalists and the Reconciliation Christian Assembly. The day ended with a closing ceremony at the college's Peace Pole.



The annual event was sponsored by the Mount San Jacinto College Diversity Committee in cooperation with the Hemet-San Jacinto Interfaith Council and the Human Relations Council of the Greater Hemet, San Jacinto and Menifee Region.

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support the communities in crisis. Race, and racial intolerance, are sensitive topics in our communities, and need careful sensitive attention. Believing strongly in the enormous value of ethnic diversity, the founders of the H.R.C. commit themselves to promoting activities that will improve communication between ethnic/cultural groups and foster understanding, respect and appreciation.

At the Council's second general meeting on 4-27-98 it adopted a mission statement as follows: "The purpose of the Human Relations Council is to provide information and create a forum for mediating specific problems and sponsoring events which foster harmonious interaction." It can be an invaluable tool in guiding all groups peacefully through future growth.

We believe our community can benefit from the creation of a human relations entity as have similar communities nationwide.



10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Saturday
April 4, 2009
2:00 PM to 8:00 PM*

Honoring our founders:

*Charles E. Knox, Sr.
Joseph Diaz
Rebecca L. Gunn
Darleana McHenry
Michael Madrigal
Anne Parsons-Greer
Ajit Singh
Dorothy Trammel*

Honoring our Community Service Awardees:

*Soboba Band of Luíseno Indians
Mt. San Jacinto College Diversity Committee*

The Pyramid

by K.P.D. Tim Chowdhury



The very name of the Pyramid has been reverberating amazement, wonder, mystery and vastness in the human mind for generations. The list of the Seven Wonders Of the World is topped by the Great Egyptian Pyramid of GIZA. The Pyramids are the oldest and largest standing constructions of men from the distant past. A Greek writer named, Antipatros about 100 B.C. first made the list of The Seven Wonders of the World as follows:

1. The Great Pyramid of Giza
2. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
3. The Statue of Zeus by Pheidias at Olympia
4. The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus
5. The Tomb of King Mausolos of Karia at Halikarmassos
6. The Colossus of Rhodes
7. The Pharos, or Lighthouse, of Alexandria

The name of the Pyramid has a mysterious inception. The English word 'Pyramid' is derived obviously from the Greek; Pyramis (plural, Pyramides). It does not appear to be derived from the Egyptian word; 'mr' which is pronounced 'mur' and this word means a

four sided ,triangular-faced, square-based structure. The explanation that 'pyramis' is derived from 'per-em-us' would imply that the Greeks by the linguistic process known as synecdoche, named the entire Pyramid after the Egyptian word for a part of it. Egyptologists, finding this explanation unacceptable, have accepted the term 'pyramis' as a purely Greek word without any connection with Egyptian vocabulary.

By research it has been found that the Great Pyramid of Giza has originally been 481.4 feet high eroded to its present height of 450 feet by centuries of erosions .It spreads over 13.1 acres ,and each side measures approximately 51 degrees, 52 minutes to the ground and the entire structure was initially oriented with true north and south.

The colossal Egyptian, Mayan, and Peruvian Pyramids have mysteries and enigmas in the perspectives of perplexing and inexplicable powers emanating from the pyramidal structures. It seems to be true that the Egyptian Pyramids are more focused than the Mayan and Peruvian Pyramids because of their vastness and greatness. The knowledge of an entrance of the Pyramid of Giza was lost in the remote past as it remained sealed for centuries. In 820 A.D. the young Caliph of Bagdad, Abdulla Al- Mamun, son of Caliph Harun Al-Rashid whose chivalries and feats were to be wonderfully commemorated in the "Arabian Nights " succeeded in finding the entrance to the Pyramid after colossal efforts.

The Mayan and the Peruvian Pyramids have more or less the same histories of gigantic efforts to find the inner entrances. Let me quote the famous Egyptologist Mr. Peter Tompskins pointing out that, "Recent studies of Egyptian hieroglyphs and cuneiform mathematical tablets of the Babylonians and Sumarians have established that an advanced science did flourish in the Middle East at least three thousand years before Christ, and that Pythagorus , Eratosthenes, Hipparchus, and other Greeks reputed to have originated Mathematics on this planet merely picked up fragments of an ancient science evolved by remote and unknown predecessorsThe great Pyramid, like most temples of antiquity was designed on the basis of a hermetic geometry known only to a restricted group of initiates, mere traces of which percolated to the Classical and Alexandrian Greeks." It has been proved by systematic and scientific enquiries and investigations that the very shapes of the Pyramids have some enigmatic, unusual mysterious energies and powers which in short are reflected in the following phenomena:

- (a) Living plants survive within the Pyramids.
- (b) Water can be purified within the Pyramids.
- (c) The Energy found within the pyramidal shapes has influences such things as razor blades, metal screens, aluminum foils.
- (d) The Possibility of rejuvenation through the Pyramids has been established.
- (e) The Pyramids may improve the sex lives of deserving persons.
- (f) The Pyramids help to heal and control pain.

The Pyramids are historical enigmas and mysteries for all time to come. To know the past is to understand the present and to project the future. In this context the Pyramid is the open window to both the past and future in the perspective of the present.

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