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A Twist on the Christmas Parade

Submitted by: Jenois "Lois" Harris

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL (HRC) members who participated in the annual Hemet Christmas Parade held December 5, 2009, unanimously agree that "it was fun" to celebrate Winter Holidays



around the World.

The spirit of camaraderie among parade participants

and the general air of excitement generated by the enthusiastic crowd of on-lookers appear to be the contributing

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La Vista Prevention Services



On September 9, 2009, Kati Ford, Supervisor of Prevention Services, and Linda Frazier, Environmental Prevention Coordinator, spoke to HRC about La Vista Prevention Services which provides information services to the community. They let persons, especially seniors in the community, know the effects of combining medications with each other and/or with alcohol. They suggest that you work with your doctor and make sure that your doctor listens to you.

Men and women metabolize alcohol differently, with a man's 1 to 2 drinks the equivalent of 1/2 to 1 drink for a woman. However, as a person ages, the absorption, distribution and digestion changes, so alcohol will metabolize differently and it may take much less to have a negative effect. They also warned against energy drinks and the danger to our youth. For the most part, these are non-alcoholic drinks, but they are often placed in the convenience store in the same area as the alcoholic drinks that look very similar. In fact, many store clerks don't even realize that some of these have alcohol in them. Ms. Ford and Ms. Frazier also reminded us that adults who are social hosts for minors who drink alcohol are responsible for the minors' intoxication and can be charged with a crime.

Hemet Christmas Parade *(Continued from page 1)*

factors which made the event enjoyable for all who participated.

The HRC float, skillfully maneuvered by Board President Mary Morse, and co-piloted by Board Treasurer, Diane Wunsch, decorated with posters depicting various religious holidays around the world, was favorably received by waves and calls of holiday greetings from exuberant on-lookers as the float made it's way along Florida Ave, from the Albertson's Parking lot to Kirby St, at Gibbel Park.

Riding atop the float, attired in regalia depicting the various religious holidays were Ajit Singh, representing Diwali, Festival of Lights, Ellie Norton, representing Hanukkah, and Lois Harris, representing Kwanza. Also riding atop the float, carrying a mighty sword and dressed in garments of his native India, was a very special white-bearded gentleman, Bahadur Singh, who flew in from Union City, CA, on that very morning just to lend support to HRC's theme of religious holidays around the world.

Board Member, Michael Madrigal, representing Winter Solstice, walked the distance of the parade handing out candy to eager children and adults as well.

Also traveling the distance on foot, some dressed in colorful traditional East Indian garments, were members and friends of the Ajit Singh family, including Ajit's wife, who also handed out candy to cheering spectators.

Carrying a cross is a burden indeed, however, our "Monk" representing Christianity, a young HRC supporter, dressed in a Monk's garment fashioned by HRC member Nancy Austin, ardently traversed the distance along Florida Ave., carrying a heavy steel, nail-laden Cross made by his brother.

To sum it up, HRC members who participated in Hemet's Annual Christmas parade are proud of their involvement in this auspicious event and look forward to participation in other such events offered in the future.

Our Website is Up 'n' Running

Part of it is still under construction
but come visit us at
www.humanrelationscouncil.com
Great job—Nelson Ramos!!

The Fall

by Virginia Green

In October 2009, Human Relations Council had a booth at the Chamber of Commerce Harvest Festival. We took turns going to visit at the ever so many other booths. We had the opportunity to meet so many nice people from our valley and Chamber. It turned out to be a wonderful day for all that participated and we are looking forward to next year which is Hemet's Centennial!

The Salvation Army Pearl E. Rogers Corps Community Center



Groundbreaking Ceremony Sunday, November 8th, 2009



FINALLY HAPPENING!

By Virginia Green

On Sunday, November 8, 2009, was a day long waited for in Hemet. It was the groundbreaking



ceremony for the Salvation Army's Pearl E. Rogers Corps Community Center! Arriving early, I had the pleasure of sitting with Captain Susan Gibson's mother. The groundbreaking was well attended by the community. Michael Madrigal, a HRC board member and head of the Interfaith Council was there with his dad, Luis. My friend Kati Ford was one of six people with a shovel. Music by the Salvation Army Band was enjoyed by those attending.

The new center is one story and will have areas for teen night, drama, music night for younger people. The adult programs include the exciting XYZ Club for Seniors, some Bible studies plus a Women's Ministries Group with diverse activities. Of course, there will be some family services for our communities.

Salvation Army is always looking for new volunteers as it grows. This new center will be a wonderful addition to the area. The location will be at Palm and Acacia in Hemet. For information, call 951-925-7176.



HRC Calendar

Saturday, January 23, 2010

City of Hemet Centennial Celebration

Harvard Street Area, Hemet

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

6th Annual Black History Month Essay Contest Awards Ceremony

San Jacinto High School Theater

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Community Forum on Hatred and Violence

Pilgrim Congregational Church, 41861 Acacia Ave., Hemet, CA

1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

HRC General Meeting

Program: TBD

Sunwest Village, 1101 N. Lyon, Hemet, CA

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, March 20, 2010

Religious Understanding Day

Mt. San Jacinto College, San Jacinto Campus

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday, March 27, 2010

First People's Day Holiday

Farmers' Corner, San Jacinto

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM



It's an Actor's Life!

by Virginia Green

Again this year on Saturday, October 17, 2009, HRC had a great fundraiser at the Ramona Hillside Players Theatre. We had an almost full house to see Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit, a ghostly comedy. This is a very charming 204 seat theatre with an exceptionally talented cast doing the plays. If you have not had an opportunity to enjoy their productions of various plays, call this number for upcoming plays and reservations: 951-658-5300.

please join us!

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 41861 Acacia Ave., Hemet, CA
 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

* WIECAH * MSJC BEAR Program *
 * Stop Hate * Southern Poverty Law Center *
 * Riverside Sheriff's Office * And more *

Saturday, March 27, 2010
**First People's Day
 Holiday**
 Farmer's Corner
 2479 S. San Jacinto Ave. San Jacinto, CA
 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

* Dancing * Music * Costumes *
 * Fashion Show * Food * Arts *
 * Crafts * And more *