

# COMMUNITIES OF JOY

MONTHLY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES STAKE

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## \*\*\* CALENDAR \*\*\*

*Apr 17 - Canoga Park Barbeque*  
*Apr 24 - "Tools to Transform" - training event for children & youth workers in Ontario*  
*May 1 - Transformation 2000 Regional Conference*  
*May 15 - Evangelists Meeting w/Everett Graffeo*  
*May 15 - Priesthood Retreat @ Buckhorn Camp*  
*May 17 -21 - Adult Work Week @ Buckhorn Camp*  
*May 22 - 23 - Youth Work Weekend @ Buckhorn*  
*May 30 - Ministries Fund Offering*  
*May 31 - Memorial Day Holiday-Stake Office closed*  
*June 5 - STAKE CONFERENCE*  
*Children/Youth Activities @ Conference*  
*June 28-July 1 - Burbank Vacation Church School*

## LEADERS OF TRANSFORMATION 2000

Southern California's participation in the World Church event entitled "Leaders of Transformation" will take place at the Ontario, California Convention Center, on **Saturday, May 1, 1999**. All members in the area, including those from the Greater Los Angeles Stake, San Diego District, and Mojave District, are invited to participate. Presiding Bishop Larry Norris will be the special guest.

The event objectives include providing an update on Transformation 2000 activities, facilitating dialogue on Transformation 2000, providing instruction in leadership roles, and equipping pastors. A significant aspect of the event will include a live satellite-transmitted session with President Grant McMurray. See the Leaders of Transformation flyer for additional details or call the Stake Office. **Plan now to attend this exciting event.**

## SOUTHWESTERN BARBEQUE

Plan to attend Canoga Park Congregation's spring event on **Saturday, April 17** from **noon to 4 pm**. Lots of "finger lick'n" good food and great fun, including water balloon tossing, volley ball, contests, etc.

The church is located at 6610 Shoup Avenue. For more information call Herb Williams - 818/708-2143, Sharyl Beebe-818/986-9155, John Hatton-818/710-8756, or Diane Sloan-805/257-8063. See the enclosed flyer about the event. Hope to see many of you there.

## REUNION REGISTRATION COSTS ROLLED BACK

Planning has begun for the 1999 reunions at Buckhorn Camp. This year there will be three reunions: **So. Cal. Reunion I (July 10-17, 1999)**, **So. Cal. Reunion II (July 17-23, 1999)**, and **So. Cal. Mini Reunion III (July 23-25, 1999)**. Members of the Stake are welcome to attend any of the events. So. Cal. Reunion I is being organized by San Diego District and is a Saturday through Saturday event. So. Cal. Reunion II is being organized by GLAS and is a Saturday through Friday event. Norio McClellan and Scott Sinclair are the co-directors with Bill Dodds (specialist in congregational growth) as the guest minister. So. Cal. Mini Reunion III is also being organized by GLAS and is a Friday through Sunday event. This event is designed for people who want the Buckhorn experience during the summer, but can't take off work for the week. Diane Shirota and Henrietta Kaleikau are the co-directors.

We strongly encourage members of the Stake to come to one of the events this summer. Registration for Reunion I is through San Diego district. Registration for Reunions II & III are through GLAS. Registration fees for these two reunions have been rolled back from the fees of recent years. The resulting registration fees will only cover approximately 70% of the total reunion costs, so we also are encouraging participants to come prepared to make offerings during reunion. If it has been a while since you have been to Buckhorn, please consider renewing your and your family's experience at this place which has touched the lives of many during the years.

## BUCKHORN WORK WEEK MAY 17-21

Plan now to participate in the annual Buckhorn Camp Work Week scheduled for **May 17-21**. We also encourage families and youth to participate on **Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23**. We hope that many of you can come up for the week or at least a few days. Members from the districts of San Diego and Mojave will also be sharing in the activities.

You will receive work vouchers which will reduce the costs for Buckhorn Camp youth events or reunion.

Come and be a part.

**BUCKHORN CAMP UPDATE**

The Buckhorn Camp Board met in December, January, March, and have set another meeting for April.

The Buckhorn Board had created a Project Management Team in early 1998 to implement the Buckhorn Master Plan which had been developed over the last several years. However, this team was not successful in agreeing on how to proceed. Consequently, the team was disestablished until such time that there was a clear consensus by the board on how to best allocate the funding which could be reasonably expected to be raised through the jurisdictions and membership commitments.

The relatively frequent meetings have been utilized to help build a consensus. Although the process has not yet resulted in a final decision, it appears that the Board is getting closer to a conclusion on how to best meet the campground needs of the church in Southern California.

The 1999 Board president is Scott Sinclair, with the executive committee being Ted Mueller (Mojave District) - President, Tom Hawthorne (San Diego District) - Vice President, Don Pike - Chief Financial Officer, and Anita Rasmussen - Secretary. J.R. Sutton, campground manager, recently announced his intention to leave Buckhorn in order to become the campground manager at Deer Haven, Florida. We are grateful for his outstanding work at Buckhorn which resulted in positive yearly income/expense operation, with 1998 auditor's report substantiating a nearly \$20,000 surplus. The executive committee has been recruiting cooking and kitchen supervisory positions and will begin the search for a new campground manager in the near future. Bruce Bridenbecker (Mojave District) has agreed to serve as the interim campground manager for the 1999 summer camping season.

**BAPTISM**

Alana Marie Charles

Hemet

<b>Financial Facts through 12/31/98</b>		
<b>World Church</b>		
Contributions		\$285,610.89
<b>Stake</b>		
Expenses		\$552,187.33
Budget expended		92%
<b>Congregations</b>		
Income		\$410,198.78
Expenses		\$371,734.87
Accounting Stewards		229

**TEMPLE CITY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

At the May 30, 1998 GLAS Conference a resolution was approved for renovating the Temple City facility. We are pleased to report that a loan from the World Church of \$800,000 has been approved, the architectural plans and specifications have been completed, and the contractor bids were received on March 16, 1999. The successful bid was slightly over \$1,000,000, but it is well within our ability to fund the project through the Stake's reserves.

We look forward to the initiation of this project in the very near future after the few remaining governmental clearances are finalized by the contractor. It is estimated that if a totally new building had been constructed, instead of this renovation, that the cost would have been upwards of \$4,000,000.

**AARONIC/MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD RETREAT SET**

There will be an Aaronic/Melchisedec priesthood retreat on May 14-16, 1999 at Buckhorn Camp. Barbara and Bill Higdon are the guest ministers. Although more exact details will be forthcoming at a later date, the retreat will consider the general topic of peace and justice. Frank Woodson is the retreat planning committee chairperson. Priesthood from Mojave and San Diego districts are also invited to share in what is hoped to be an excellent experience. Plan now to attend.

**REPORTS ON ISRAEL**

Reed Holmes (former member of the Council of Twelve Apostles) and his wife Jean were recently in Los Angeles for the Older Adults "Spring Renewal" in Hemet. They also presented a paper on Jewish Christian relations to interested members at Temple City. Their knowledgeable presentations on Jewish Christian relations and Israel were warmly received by those in attendance.

Since Scott Sinclair will be vacationing with the Holmes in Israel for three weeks (**March 22 - April 9**), he has agreed to present a slide presentation on Israel at **Temple City at 2:00 pm on April 25**. In addition, there will also be discussion about a possible resolution on Jewish-RLDS relations for the Stake.

**NOTICE TO HISTORIANS**

Historians, please send **two (2)** yearly congregation

reports to the Stake Office, one for the Stake and one which will be sent to World Church. Thank you for your assistance.