



ALAMEDA MEALS ON WHEELS

Alameda Friendly Visitors

Newsletter

Fall 2007

Highlights of Our 2007 Wine Tasting and Community Faire Sunday, July 22nd



Richard Kim & Mel Sanderson greet guests



Sampling foods donated by local restaurants

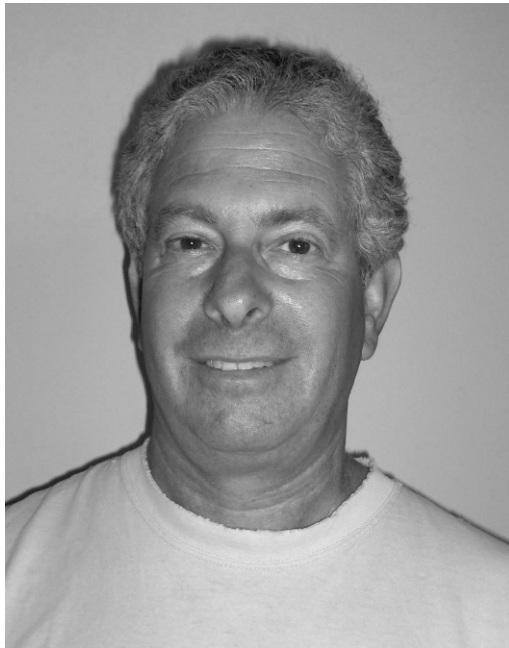


Great variety of silent auction items!



Face painting fun

New AMOW Board President BRUCE GORDON



Seven years ago George McDonald asked Bruce to join the MOW board. Little did Bruce know that seven years later he would be our board president. Already, he is bringing his personal style to that position, sitting with both program directors to get a working sense of each program (AMOW and Friendly Visitors).

Bruce came from a family where supporting good causes was part of everyday life. He continues this tradition and always looks for ways to give back. A resident of Alameda for 35 years, Bruce raised a family here and has lovingly restored two Victorian houses. At one time, he was president of the Alameda Victorian Preservation Society.

Today, Bruce is very committed to supporting the work of both programs of Meal on Wheels. He believes the personal contact not only can improve the quality of life but, on occasion, actually save lives. This has proven to be true.

His commitment was also very evident at our recent Wine Tasting Fundraiser where he and his wife, Susan, worked tirelessly to make this a successful event. It surpassed all expectations!

The AMOW board is delighted to welcome Bruce as our new president.

Alameda Soroptimist Donate to Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels depends on and appreciates the support of local service organizations. Soroptimist International of Alameda recently presented MOW with a check for \$1,500. This generous donation will adopt a recipient for eight months. Elizabeth Koopen, Soroptimist president, presented their donation to MOW's president Bruce Gordon and director Rosemary Reilly.

In Memoriam



In May of this year, we lost our dear friend Hugh Tebault. Hugh was a founder, a former board member, a weekly volunteer and dear friend of Alameda Meals on Wheels. Hugh loved his community and was committed to our program for the past 25 years. He and his wife, Connie, delivered meals every Tuesday morning. Hugh was pleased when our Friendly Visitor Program began three years ago.

We appreciate Hugh's support all these years and he will never be forgotten.

New Business Sponsors for Alameda Meals on Wheels



Bruce Gordon, AMOW Board President, presenting recognition plaque to Dean Dier, Manager of Peet's Coffee in Alameda

Since the beginning of this year, Walmart, Comcast, Walgreen's, Peet's Coffee, Thomson Properties, Soulages Properties and Alameda Advertising & Recognition have joined with us as first-time Business Sponsors.

Business sponsors are vital to our efforts as they provide an important way to help cover the \$9,500 shortfall we have each month covering actual costs of meals delivered to recipients.

Alameda is such a unique community and this support from our business neighbors reminds us how fortunate we are to live here. Should you wish to join us as a business sponsor, please contact Jean Parrington at 510-865-5158. These sponsorships provide both support for this community service and public recognition for your company.

2007 Business Sponsors

PLATINUM LEVEL

(\$2,000 and above)

Alameda County Industries – Bank of Alameda – Cardinal Point at Mariner Square – Comcast
Harbor Bay Companies – Janice Lee Edward Jones – La Pinata #3
Sushi House – Tucker's Ice Cream – Wal-Mart

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(\$1,000 and above)

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Kelly Lux State Farm Insurance – Ole's Waffle Shop – Peet's Coffee and Tea
Premier Apartment Advisors – Safeway Foundation – Walgreen's

SILVER LEVEL

(\$500 and above)

Alameda Advertising & Recognition – Harsh Investment Properties
Thomson Properties – Soulages Properties – South Shore Car Wash

IN KIND DONORS

Alameda Hospital – Alameda Car Rental Center– Excel Graphics
Gallagher and Lindsey Realtors – Jiva Creative – Waters Edge Nursing Home

Meet Our Youngest Volunteer...



Meal on Wheels welcomes volunteers of all ages. Pictured here is our youngest volunteer, one-year-old Allison Noble, who comes in every Monday morning to deliver meals with her Mom, Sarah.

Allison and Sarah also volunteer for our Friendly Visitor Program. This little girl has learned the spirit of volunteerism since day one!

Both programs are always looking for new volunteers.

Please contact us:

Alameda Meals on Wheels (510) 865-6131
Alameda Friendly Visitors (510) 748-0342

Create a Legacy in your Estate Plan

You can make a lasting impact on Meals on Wheels, Friendly Visitors and our community by naming us in your will.

Imagine how much good you can do by remembering Meals on Wheels as we continue to make a significant difference to so many lives in Alameda. We recommend you work with your attorney to ensure that your wishes are carried out. For the purposes of a bequest our legal name is Alameda Meals on Wheels.

Gifts large and small are important! For more information please call Rosemary Reilly at 865-6131.

Vehicle Donations Making a Difference

Alameda Meals on Wheels has introduced a new vehicle donation program that can benefit both the donor (100% tax write off selling price, if taken) and Alameda Meals on Wheels. Already, these donations are coming in and helping us continue our much needed services. If you have an unwanted car, truck, RV, boat with trailer, or motorcycle, simply call Chris Oliphant with *Vehicles for Charity* at 1-800-574-0888. Vehicles will be picked up, paperwork taken care of, and a check will be sent directly to AMOW. Please feel free to call the AMOW office at 510-865-6131 or go to www.VehiclesforCharity.com.

THANK YOU ALAMEDA!

A big "Thank You" to all the wine vendors, local restaurants and businesses who contributed to the great success of this year's Wine Tasting and Community Faire at Rosenblum Cellars.

Special thanks to Mark Sorensen, chairperson, and his committee for all their time and hard work. We couldn't have done it without you!



Art Lenhardt and Jim Miranda toast to a successful event!