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Member Dispatch

Making a positive impact on the lives of children and their families.

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Your 2012-2013 SBCO board of directors. Sleeves up. Poised and ready for our 2012-2013 program year. Photo by M.K. Stein.

Your Bulletin has been “Dispatched”

If you think you are seeing this publication for the first time, you are. This Member Dispatch has been created to replace the former SBCO Bulletin. For years the Bulletin has been SBCO’s internal publication for communicating with and among members and volunteers. Your board of directors has come to believe that the Bulletin, posted to our website, is not reaching its intended audience – YOU. So, in its wisdom the board decided to create a simpler document that can be readily e-mailed directly to you. The Dispatch will be published each September, November, December, January, February, April, and May. Each October and February SBCO’s more formal Newsletter will be published and mailed to every SaddleBrooke household. Here is your Dispatch. Check it out. Send your feedback or suggestions to Rick Cato, richardcato48@yahoo.com or to Doris Clark, desertdoris@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars

- October 8.....SBCO general meeting, 3:00pm, MVCC,
- October 13.....Walkathon, 8:00am, SaddleBrooke One Clubhouse
- November 12.....SBCO general meeting, 3:00pm, MVCC
- December 10.....SBCO general meeting, 3:00pm, MVCC

In case you are wondering, we are not having a Holiday Home Tour and Boutique fundraiser this 2012.

Things You Might Have Missed

Do you know that since opening in 1997 Kids' Closet has provided 25,000 students over 30,000 wardrobes?

WELCOME TO THE BOARD! Recording secretary Stef Modos, Education VP Steve Groth, and Membership co-director Willie Reich joined our board this past summer. Can we really say Willie joined the board? Willie and Joe have been mega-involved SBCO members since 1997...the longest serving members, ever.

In July your SBCO board held a management-leadership retreat to address agency program planning and evaluation.

Did you miss September's SBCO general meeting? Oh man, it rocked. Seeing the slide show of the Kids' Closet's interior was great. Check out October's meeting October 8th.

Our "Kickoff Campaign 4 Kids' Closet" (KC4KC) raised \$20,007.00 – thanks to the generosity of 200+ donors and to the leadership of Nan Nasser. The funds raised are being used for our new building's interior design and furnishings.

July was witness to another successful SBCO Teen Closet event. Teen Closet shopping was completed at Target and Ross. Twenty two students were accompanied by SaddleBrooke volunteers who assisted them in selecting school clothes and supplies. Teen Closet coordinators Doris Clark and Mimi Sander organized the three-night event. What is Teen Closet? Ask Doris Clark desertdoris@gmail.com

Bashas and SBCO have devised a way for us all to donate to SBCO while purchasing groceries. When we use our Bashas'-SBCO prepaid (gift-like) cards 6% of our purchase price will be donated to SBCO. You fill the card with cash, check, or credit card and then use it at the store like a gift card. Cards are available (\$5.00) at Suite L in SaddleBrooke's commercial center.



Figure 1 A birds-eye view of our new Kids' Closet. Photo by Rick Cato

SBCO awarded 16 higher-education scholarships to graduating seniors from San Manuel, Ray High, and Hayden high schools. Since 2001 we've awarded 140 scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on academics, attendance, faculty recommendation, and financial need.

SBCO also operates math and reading tutoring programs in San Manuel Jr/Sr, Mountain View Elementary (Oracle), Coronado K8 (Catalina), and Ironwood Ridge High School (O.V.). Generally tutors volunteer one day a week for six weeks. Would you like more information? Contact either of our VP's Mike Moore (825.1263) or Stephen Groth (385.6686).

Things You Don't Want to Miss

Oh, by the way. We built a BIG RED building in Mammoth. We think we will use our new building for our Kids' Closet program. Our grand opening and open house will be Saturday, 22 September, 10am – 1pm. Join us. Walkathon – October 13th. We have t-shirts, raffles, walking, and oh yes, breakfast. Stretching at 7:30am, walking at 8:00am. Tickets are on sale in Suite L (825.3302). **Special thanks to Anne and Bruce Everett (SaddleBrooke Realty) for donating a 37" flat screen TV to the Walkathon raffle.**

It's time to start thinking about our Holiday (Thanksgiving) Food Basket program. Food and cash donations will be accepted at our October and November general meetings.

Our Clothe-A-Child Campaign is kicking off next month. For a \$75.00 donation you can provide a Kids' Closet child with a complete seasonal wardrobe. Donation forms will be found in October's SBCO newsletter (mailed to your home) or in Suite L (in October).

Have you visited our website recently? www.community-outreach.org

How about that Golden Goose! Are you aware that 54% of SBCO's annual revenues come from the Goose? Visit its website www.goldengooseaz.com. Donate generously and shop extravagantly. Do both often and early.

Classifieds

Help Wanted! Our newly formed SBCO finance committee needs volunteers.

Help Wanted! Volunteers to sort or deliver SaddleBrooke phone books in early October. SBCO receives 50 cents for every book it delivers in SaddleBrooke. Two or three hours, at most. Give us a hand.

Help Wanted! Adopt-A-Family holiday (Christmas) program. It's a little early but if you helped last year or would like to help this year, contact Ellen and Ken Perkins (ellenperkins@juno.com).

Help Wanted! Math and reading volunteers. See page 2 (above) for details.

Help Wanted! Suite L volunteers. We are always looking for folks to staff our Suite L. Shifts are three hours, 9am to noon or noon to 3pm, Monday through Wednesday. Every shift the phone rings once and maybe one person walks in with a question. It's pretty quiet, peaceful, and non-strenuous. Volunteer, but bring a book, your iPod, or your knitting.

For Sale! Tickets to our Walkathon fundraiser. On Sale in Suite L.

For Sale! Bashas-SBCO community support cards. On sale at Suite L. See page 2 (above) for details.

Your SBCO Officers

President Maggie DeBlock; Executive VP Joan Roberts; Treasurers Anne Everett & John Young; Recording Secretaries Judy Kany & Stefanie Modos; Corresponding Secretary Joan Coyne; Kids' Closet VP's Pat Ford and Paula Morgan; Education VP's Mike Moore & Stephen Groth; Special Events VP's Judy Williams & Joe McGowan; Directors of Membership Ken Siarkiewicz & Willie Reich; Directors of Communication Doris Clark & Rick Cato; Past President Nan Nasser; Golden Goose Representative Ann Coziahr.



Figure 2 A prior Kids' Closet moving day, but before many of us were born.