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# Member Dispatch

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

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Education committee members (L-R) Jim Fink and Elise Grimes meet with Jamie Wolgast, Director of the "Kids for College" program at Central Arizona College. This is an exciting and most worthwhile program that gives 40 kids an exposure each year to a different science discipline. This is a program the Education Committee has now supported for several years and look forward to supporting again.

## Mark Your Calendars

**Mark your GPS, too.** Due to MountainView construction the locations for our general programs will vary this fall.

September 9<sup>th</sup>: Double Header!!! Our first of the new season general meeting and program will feature our annual SB CO-Golden Goose Fashion Show. That's 3:00pm, September 9<sup>th</sup>, *at the Desert View Theater*.

October 14<sup>th</sup>: General meeting and program in Desert View's Maricopa Room, 3pm. Join us for a talk with John Ryan, school superintendent for San Manuel/Mammoth schools.

October 26: Save the Date for the Walkathon: October 26, Saturday morning, SaddleBrooke One Clubhouse.

7:40am warm-up exercises and 8:00 start. Enjoy a fabulous hot breakfast and take home our signature-designed tee shirts.

### Education Committee Summer Activities



Education committee Co-vice President Steve Groth presents scholarship award certificates to Ray High School recipients. This year we selected 16 students from among qualified applicants for the awards.

Education Committee members started the summer by attending High School awards ceremonies at San Manuel, Canyon del Oro, and Ray HS in Kearney to present scholarship certificates to our 16 new scholarship recipients. This year's new students are planning to attend the University of Arizona, Arizona State, Pima College, Central Arizona College, Lipscomb University and the US Air Force Academy.

We followed that up with our second annual Student Orientation Pizza Party for our

scholarship students new and old held at the Kids Closet in Mammoth. It was a great opportunity for the older students to get together and for the new kids to hear from the older students some "do's and don'ts" for success at school.

Lastly our committee members visited our summer enrichment programs including Kids for College at the CAC campus, the Triangle Y Camp in Oracle, swim program in San Manuel, and our reading/bookshelf program in Kearny. We checked on and followed up on the efficiency and worthiness of the programs that receive our support. We were pleased that all programs are working and succeeding in our mission of "helping the kids" through education programs. See related photos on the following pages.

### Summer at Kids' Closet

This summer SBCO completed a pilot program designed to provide school supplies to needy children in our service area. The kids selected to receive backpacks filled with school supplies were prescreened by the schools as students that qualified for the federal free and reduced lunch program.

The school supplies, pre-loaded in the backpacks, were core items that were on the supply lists for all six schools participating in the pilot program. There were backpacks loaded for the Kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grades and 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. The pre-loaded supplies included pencils, erasers, sharpeners, college

and wide ruled paper, file folders, crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, etc. A total of 1,400 backpacks were delivered directly to the schools in July, in time for kids to pick them up when registering for school. SBCO has received numerous letters from students thanking us for their backpacks and school supplies. The program was a smashing success!



### Annual SBCO-Golden Goose Fashion Show

SBCO is kicking off the year with a fashion show presented by the Golden Goose. Time of the event is 3:00 PM, September 9 at the Desert View Theater. Come support your friends, neighbors and fellow volunteers as the Goose presents fantastic fashions for the fall. In addition to this popular event, SBCO participants will have the chance to register for the upcoming October 26 Walkathon. For future events, we would love to solicit ideas from the membership in regards to programs that would be of interest. Please submit your ideas to the board or drop it by Suite L. Let's have a fantastic 2014 SBCO year.

### Walkathon XVII Set for October 26<sup>th</sup> Registration Begins September 9<sup>th</sup>

Save the date October 26 for one of SaddleBrooke's most popular Fall event. Warm-ups begin at 7:40 a.m. followed by the traditional walk around Ridgeview Avenue. A shorter route is available for

those who prefer. This year's Grand Marshal is Marcia Van Ommeran.

The event's cost remains at \$25 per person, which includes a Tee Shirt and breakfast. Remember the Tee Shirt is the required admission to the sumptuous breakfast after the walk. Breakfast raffle prizes will include \$100 gift certificates to Bashas', WalMart, and Valero Gas Stations.

Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Long Realty. Long's corporate office is sharing the cost with realtors from the Golder Ranch Office at 15250 Golder Ranch Road.

Registration will begin September 9 at the Community Outreach Meeting in the Desert View Theater, which will feature the annual Golden Goose Thrift Shop Fashion Show. Registration after September 9 will be available at the Community Outreach Office in Suite L at the local shopping plaza or online at [www.community-outreach.org](http://www.community-outreach.org).

Proceeds from the Walkathon support the programs of SaddleBrooke Community Outreach. These include Kids' Closet, various educational and enrichment programs, support for Tri Community Food Bank, and other worthwhile charitable endeavors. Your participation will help us do a lot of good.

### A Dues Story

**Why are there annual dues?** Every organization has behind-the-scenes expenses, such as utilities, insurance, printing, and other such items. Think about the costs associated with your home bill-paying, home computer, electrical/gas/water usage, and more. Our annual dues pay for a great percentage of these administrative costs--costs which would siphon off funds that would clothe and educate our kids.

**What is the cost and is it tax deductible?** The amount has not changed for many years. It is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a household. Since you receive no goods or services in return, the amount is fully tax deductible since Community Outreach is an IRS-recognized charitable organization.

**I volunteer my time. Isn't that enough?** Without the volunteers Community Outreach could not do anything. Thank you for sharing yourself and your time to support our kids and their families. You and your time are the two most precious and personal gifts you can give. Your financial support in the form of dues is an added bonus which allows Community Outreach to help more needy children in more ways.

**How do I renew?** The most convenient way is to go to the website at [www.community-outreach.org](http://www.community-outreach.org) and follow the instructions after you click on *Join*. You can safely use your credit card at PayPal and immediately obtain a printed receipt for your tax records. You can drop by Suite L in the Minit Mart shopping center and drop off a check made out to SBCO any Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Your cancelled check will serve as a receipt for your tax records. Or you can come any monthly general meeting to drop your check

**You make a difference.** Thank you for your previous support of Community Outreach and its programs which benefit around 2,000 children and their families. Because of you many children and their families have a greater opportunity to laugh, learn, eat, and have the hope of a better future.

### Don't Forget the Goose

September is spectacular at the *Goose*! With the kids back in school and the temperatures falling, it's time to get those home and yard projects going. The *Goose* has everything you need for your extreme Fall Makeovers, (wardrobes included), for a fraction of the retail price. A trip to the *Goose* paired with lunch at one of the many fine Catalina restaurants makes for a fun and unique outing. The *Golden Goose* Thrift Shop is the only one of its kind anywhere! Shop, Donate and Volunteer at the *Goose*.....the major funding source for all of SBCO's charitable programs!! Be sure to put the *Goose* on your Fall shopping calendar!

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](http://www.goldengooseaz.com) . Donate generously and shop extravagantly. Do both early and often.

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## Classifieds

Help Wanted! Math and reading volunteers. Contact Steve Groth or Julie Goodman 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. It's quiet, peaceful, and non-strenuous. Contact Joan Coyne at [jhcoyne@att.net](mailto:jhcoyne@att.net).

For Sale! Bashas-SBCO community support cards. 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. The cards are free since each new card has \$5.00 of purchasing power [already] on it.



Education committee member Jim Fink looking on as students at "Kids for College" work on their research projects on weather at the Central Arizona College campus.



The climbing tower and zip line at the Triangle Y camp in Oracle. SBCO's Education committee sponsors 10 local kids to attend the camping experiences and the chance to meet new friends.



This is a picture of a swim race at the Mammoth/San Manuel summer swim program that we sponsor as part of our enrichment programs. Kids learn to swim, water safety and life saving techniques at the local pools.

### Your SBCO Officers

President Maggie DeBlock; Executive VP Joan Roberts; Treasurers Anne Everett & John Young; Recording Secretaries Stefanie Modos and Gayl van Netter; Corresponding Secretaries Joan Coyne and Mary Britton; Kids' Closet VP's Paula Morgan and Judy Williams; Education VP's Stephen Groth and Julie Goodman; Director of Special Events Joe McGowan; Director of Membership Willie Reich; Directors of Communication Nan Nasser and Tim McCauley; Golden Goose Representative Ann Coziahr.