

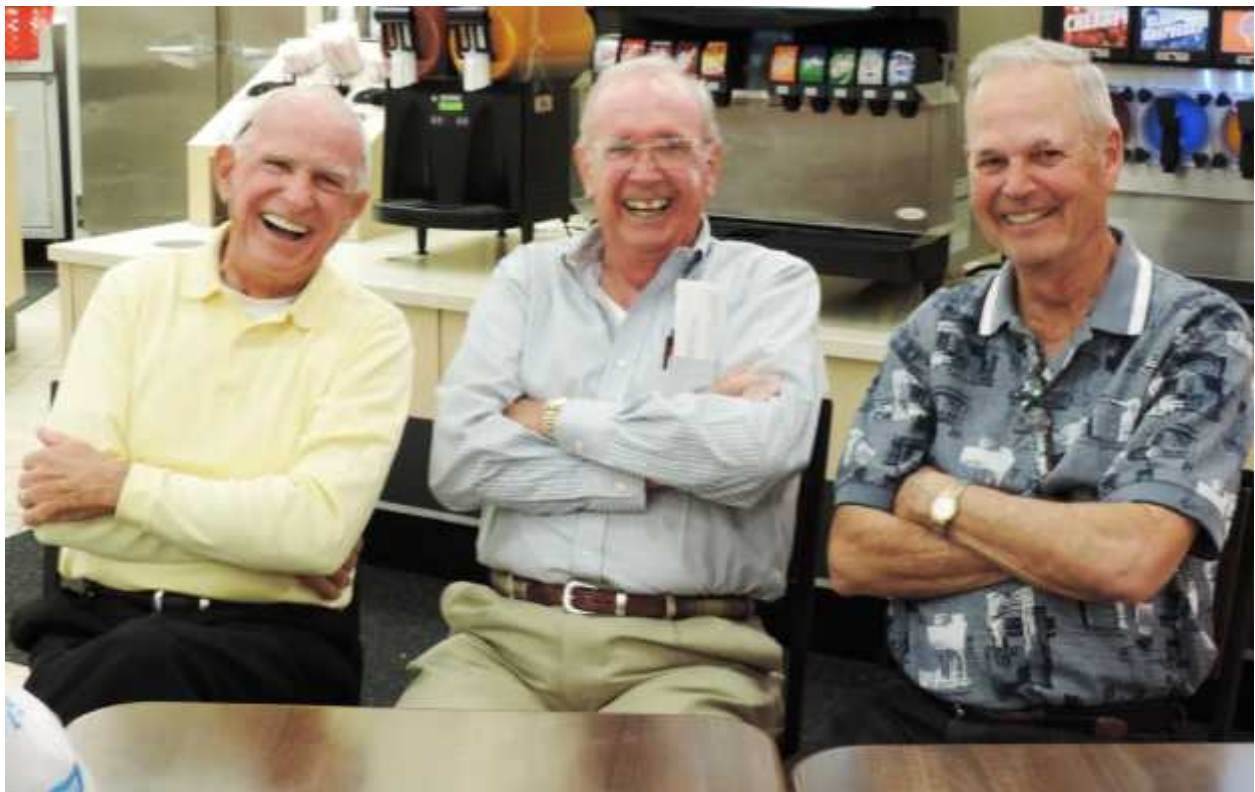


March 2014

Member Dispatch

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

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Larry, Moe, and Curly. Oh no, sorry. This is Larry Clark. Bill Summers. and Budd Stott. Teen Closet volunteers, all.

Mark Your Calendars

April – General meeting & program, Monday April 14, 3:00pm, MVCC ballroom.

April's meeting will celebrate volunteer appreciation and the installation of 2014-2015 officers

April - Garden railroad tour, April 13th, 1pm-5pm, see article on page four

Final Call to Help Feed the Poor

SaddleBrooke Community Outreach will host its annual food drive on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 8:00AM. This once-a-year food collection of nonperishable items is given to the Tri Community Food Bank, based in Mammoth and serving families from Oracle to Aravipa. Each SaddleBrooke unit has a food drive captain who will pick up your donations at the foot of your driveway on that morning, and take all the bags to the Mountain View Country Club parking lot. There it will be sorted, boxed, and placed on trucks to go to the food bank. Lots of volunteers do a splendid job of working with the food items in that parking lot, checking for expiration dates and open packages, putting similar items into boxes that can then be stocked easily at the TCFB. For more information please call Rich & Joan Roberts, 825-7577. How can you participate? Place your bag(s) at the end of your driveway. Think "protein" when you select your donations; please no glass, no open containers, and no expired items. Can't shop for food? The food bank, and SBCO welcome monetary donations. Checks can be made out to SBCO and will be forwarded to TCFB. Let your unit captain know about the checks! Thank you, from SBCO and from all the people who will benefit from your participation! Want a preview of the food drive? The March SBCO program will



feature guest speakers talking about the food needs in the Tri Community area. Speakers include Dr. Cynthia Chevalley, Director of Tri Community Food Bank; Jan Patton-Martinez, Director of Mountain Health and Wellness and Theresa Rodriguez, Preschool Instructor, Oracle School District .

SBCO food drive volunteers take on the painstaking task of checking for expired food.

Volunteer Appreciation - SBCO says thank you

SaddleBrooke Community Outreach will host its annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Monday, April 14th, beginning at 3:00PM in the Mountainview Clubhouse ballroom. We will honor volunteers from Kids' Closet, Teen Closet, Education and more. We will recognize volunteer(s) of the year, and Sponsor of the Year. In addition we will celebrate our successes, share plans for the future, and elect our officers for the program year 2014-2015. Refreshments will be provided, and a no-host bar will be available. This event is open to everyone who is part of SBCO and anyone who would like to learn more about this 501c3 charity that devotes its time and energy to improve the lives of kids in neighboring communities. Want to know more about SBCO? Check our website: www.community-outreach.org. Then come to our recognition party.



Teens volunteer at Kids' Closet

Sycamore Canyon Academy is the newest school to receive assistance from SaddleBrooke Community Outreach's program Kids' Closet. Located in Oracle, this school has 12 male teens between ages 12-18 who have been underperforming in their personal and academic lives. The curriculum includes academic education, recreational activities, cultural events, and community service projects. The boys are eligible to receive clothing from the Closet as needed.

Their community service was recently offered to Kids' Closet. There has been a parking lot ground erosion problem near the front entrance parking lot of the Closet. Sycamore Canyon Academy offered the services of the boys to alleviate the problem. Closet volunteer Patrick Polenchek went to work to get 20 tons of rip rap stone delivered to the Closet in Mammoth. The Mammoth Volunteer Fire Department sprayed the area with several gallons of water to loosen the soil.

By hand the teens had to dig and level the area, and then move the rocks to the erosion area. After completing their task the students were treated to pizza at Kids' Closet. The SBCO volunteers were impressed with the excellent behavior, hard work, politeness and respect exhibited by all of the students involved in the project.

SBCO applauds the efforts of Sycamore Canyon Academy in seeing that all the participants learn to care about their community and how volunteering helps to build leadership and responsibility in each student. Want to make a difference in a child's life? Volunteer your time with us!

Your SBCO Officers

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



Spring Garden Train Tour

The Spring Garden Train Tour fundraiser is ready to run on Sunday, April 13, 1-5pm at five homes in SaddleBrooke. These garden sized trains have diesel and steam engines, trolley cars, a model steam donkey, and lots of overpasses, underpasses, towns, tiny people, sounds and smells of a real railway.

The layouts cover almost 100 years of true railroad history, have anywhere from 300 to 750 feet of track, run all around backyards, and in one case, take up an entire casita. No two train set-ups are alike.

This fundraiser is for the programs of SaddleBrooke Community Outreach which include Kids' Closet, Teen Closet, tutoring, enrichment opportunities, college scholarships, and support of the Tri Community Food Bank, in addition to providing holiday food baskets and supporting Christmas Adopt A Family programs.

The cost is \$15 per person, \$10.00 for kids under 12. You may purchase tickets at any time either through Suite L in the Minit Mart shopping center on SaddleBrooke Blvd, or via Pay Pal. The actual tour booklet will be available at 12:30 pm on April 13. It includes maps to every home and write-ups on the individual layouts.

And there is more! Raffle prizes have been procured from the Hobby Place at Ace Hardware on 22nd street in Tucson. The main prize is a complete HO freight train set, and two other prizes include an engineer's cap and a ceramic trivet. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 tickets for \$5.

Hop aboard and enjoy an afternoon of fun, refreshments, and a few trips back in time. But first – we need help!!

Wanted – Bakers, batches of cookies for the Garden Train Tour, bake one batch and deliver on April 12 - place to be announced. Tip of the Day - avoid chocolate chips which melt in the warm weather.

Respond to Nan Nasser, nannasser@aol.com

Wanted - Docents/greeters for the Train Tour, these are two and one-half hour shifts for greeting people arriving at the homes, and checking for tickets or booklets as proof of payment, Shift A = 12:45-3:15; Shift B = 2:45-5:00PM Contact Nan Nasser, nannasser@aol.com

You Could Win A Car!

The Jim Click Automotive Team is offering a 2014 Jeep Cherokee as a raffle prize that benefits local 501c3 charities in the greater Tucson area. SaddleBrooke Community Outreach is one of these charities, and now has a limited number of raffle tickets to sell. The cost of the tickets is \$25 each or five for \$100. The total amount of your



purchase goes directly to SBCO and will be used for our programs of Kids Closet, Teen Closet, education which includes scholarships, tutoring, and support of enrichment opportunities, as well as food programs. While color and options on the Cherokee are at the discretion of the Jim Click Automotive Team, you could still drive away with a new car for a \$25 ticket. A total of 50,000 tickets will be sold in the Tucson area. If you wish to take part in the raffle and support needy children in neighboring communities, you are welcome to contact SBCO President Maggie de Block 818-7835 or Treasurer Anne Everett 850-1365. The drawing will take place in the fall, but remember, the number of tickets is limited. Step right up.

Robson to Honor SBCO

Want to sample food and wine? Want to listen to Blue Grass music? Then mark your calendar for Saturday, March 15, and come on out. Robson Communities will be holding a Desert Fest at SaddleBrooke Ranch in Oracle on March 15 from 9AM until 4PM. SaddleBrooke Community Outreach has been named the volunteer organization to be honored at this event. During the day there will be food, music, and craft vendors. Opportunities to see the Ranch facilities will be available. All this will take place under outdoor tents, with ample parking.

If you wish to support SBCO you are encouraged to bring five cans of nonperishable food items for our March food drive, or make a minimum donation of \$10 to SBCO. In return you will receive a Robson Desert Fest tote bag.

Education:

SBCO's Education chairs and committee have begun looking at applications to fund enrichment programs planned for this coming summer. The priority is on those programs with the most academic pursuits. In addition, college scholarship applications are coming in, and tutoring continues until the end of the academic year.



Tutor Art Schweitzer plies his trade. Tutoring is fun and rewarding.

Classifieds

Help Wanted! Math and reading volunteers. Contact Steve Groth or Julie Goodman for details.

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.

Help Wanted! TEEN CLOSET - Our next teen shopping trip will be the end of July. We will be shopping with students who have successfully completed the requirements of the program: passing grades, class attendance, six hours of community service completed, and have met regularly with their guidance counselors. If you would like to volunteer as a shopper with one of the students, please contact Mimi Sander at 825-4557 or sanderlm27@msn.com.

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 jhc2010@wbhsi.net

SBCO appreciates you.