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Colton SDA Church NEWSLETTER



Men's Ministry Service Project

A team of volunteers from the Colton church's Men's Ministry department joined together on Sunday morning, March 21, to bring some cheer to a sister in our congregation,

Erlinda Kates. While most of the group concentrated on lawn and garden tasks, Carlos "the Pro" Lemos tackled some pressing mechanical issues around the house. Upon completion, Pastor Mataafa offered a prayer of blessing, and then the team retired to the nearby Baker's restaurant to celebrate a job well done.



Author and Photographer Jerry Johnson

Mark Your Calendars

- Mar 27 (Today) 11:00 AM – Communion Sabbath
- Mar 31 (Wed) 7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting: Pastor Art Bell
- Apr 2 (Fri) 6:30 PM – Dress Rehearsal: Easter Musical Presentation
- Apr 3 (Sat) 11:00 AM – Easter Musical Presentation
- Apr 3 (Sat) 4:00 PM – Sabbath PM Walk: Mt. Rubidoux Park
- Apr 7 (Wed) 8:00 PM – Board of Elders meeting
- Apr 10 (Sat) 7:30 PM – Sat. Evening "Night On the Town"
- Apr 11 (Sun) 8:00 AM – Work Bee
- Apr 11 (Sun) – Youth Yard Sale & Car Wash
- Apr 17-18 (Sat-Sun) – Personal Finance Seminar
- Apr 24-25 (Sat-Sun) – Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend
- Apr 25 (Sun) 11:00 AM – Church Board meeting (new day and time)
- May 16(Sun) 9:00 AM – International Breakfast Fundraiser
- May 16(Sun) – "Spring Fling"
- Jun 27 – Jul 2 – Vacation Bible School

Verse of the Month

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

Psalms 92:12-15

Editor's Note

The mission of this newsletter is to provide communication and inspiration for our church. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kristi Cruise at jrkljrcruise@sbcglobal.net or phone (909) 872-0394

Community Services Corner (Update)

International Breakfast

Sunday, May 16, 2010, @ 9:00 AM

Cost \$5.00 a plate. Tickets will be given once payment is made.

Sign-up is important as we need to know how many people to prepare for.

Look for a flier in the bulletin, and sign up sheets, over the next week or two. Mark the date on you calendar. Plan to come for a fun filled day of enjoyment as Breakfast will be followed by the "Spring Fling" for outdoor fun and games.

Thought for the day: "This is what the Kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain, first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it because the harvest has come."

Mark 4:26-29

Laura Bauchert

Crafton Hills Hike



Pictured above is the group that "made the summit" of Zanja Peak (elev. 3,543 ft.) in the Crafton Hills nature preserve near Yucaipa on Sabbath afternoon, March 20. Among the other diverse aspects of this group of Summiteers, the ages vary from 16 months to 79 years (we won't name any names!). This represents the majority of the 27 people, and 5 canines, who took part in this group activity.

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The Mountain Story

A son and his father were walking on the mountains. Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams: "AAAhhhhhhhhh!!!"

To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain: "AAAhhhhhhhhh!!!"

Curious, he yells: "Who are you?"

He receives the answer: "Who are you?"

Angered at the response, he screams: "Coward!"

He receives the answer: "Coward!"

He looks to his father and asks: "What's going on?"

The father smiles and says: "My son, pay attention."

And then he screams to the mountain: "I admire you!"

The voice answers: "I admire you!"

Again the man screams: "You are a champion!"

The voice answers: "You are a champion!"

The boy is surprised, but does not understand.

Then the father explains: "People call this ECHO, but really this is LIFE. It gives you back everything you say or do. Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart. If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence. This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life; life will give you back everything you have to give to it."

Your live is not a coincidence. It's a reflection of you!

Author Unknown
Contributed by Lisa Cairus

Men's Ministry Recreation Day and Picnic



On a warm sunny day at the start of spring,
What inspiration fellowship can bring,
Meeting up with the fellows in the open air,
With tennis, and Frisbee, and good food to share.
It was Sunday, March 14, at Hulda Crooks Park,
Atop Loma Linda's panoramic arc.
Twelve gentlemen joined to make a fine party,
Thanking God for the blessings of friendship hearty.
(Oh, Mary Lou and Netanya also added to the cheer.)
Let's all do this again next year!

By Jerry Johnson – A poetic commemoration (if this counts as poetry!)

Just for Fun: Contest Winners

Last month we had an "Identify The People" contest. Here is a picture of the winners who turned in their entries at the same time. Do you know who they are? You will have to ask them what the prize was if you want to know.



Just For Fun

THE TRUE VINE
(JOHN 15:1-11)

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ABIDE	FIRE	TRUE
BRANCH	FRUIT	VINEDRESSER
BURNED	JESUS	VINE
CLEAN	JOY	WITHERED
COMMANDMENTS	PRUNES	WORD
FATHER	REMAIN	