

Carolyn Livengood: San Carlos and Chamber to present Good Living Home Improvement Marketplace

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Safe Harbor shelter seeking toiletry, food donations

Safe Harbor, a 90-bed emergency homeless shelter in South San Francisco operated by Samaritan House, is seeking donations of toiletry items for its residents who are 18 and older and from San Mateo County.

While the residents especially need body soap, shower gel, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, and conditioner, a complete list of their needed supplies, including food, are listed on the Safe Harbor website: www.samaritanhousesanmateo.org.

Donations may be brought to the main office of Samaritan House on the 3rd floor at 4031 Pacific Blvd. in San Mateo from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Donation receipts are available.

Church or service groups are urged to organize a toiletry drive. To learn more, call 650-341-4081.

First Multi-Chamber Business Expo a success

The Brisbane, Millbrae, Pacifica, San Bruno, San Mateo, and South San Francisco chambers of commerce successfully collaborated to present their first Multi-Chamber Business Expo on Aug. 1 at the South San Francisco Conference Center.

More than 300 people attended the business-to-business event where they had the opportunity to learn about nearly 90 various businesses, meet their owners or representatives, network with each other, and participate in a raffle for great prizes.

Chevron Corp., First National Bank of Northern California, Kaiser Permanente, Provident Credit Union, Recology, San Francisco Examiner, San Mateo Credit Union, San Mateo Daily Journal, Seton Medical Center, South San Francisco Scavenger Co., U.S. Healthworks, and Universal Paragon Corp., along with the six chambers of commerce, were gold sponsors of the event.

Dial Glass and Window Co., Focal Pointe Media, Foster City Chamber of Commerce, Nick's Rockaway Beach Seashore Restaurant, Peninsula Progress, San Carlos Lions Club, San Mateo County Times, and Towne Ford were silver sponsors.

The chambers are already planning their 2014 Business Expo. To be an exhibitor or a sponsor next year, call one of the chambers: Brisbane 415-467-7283, Millbrae 650-697-7324, Pacifica 650-355-4122, San Bruno 650-588-0180, San Mateo 650-401-2440, and South San Francisco 650-588-1911.

Hillsborough Auxiliary to Community Gatepath raise \$10,000

The Hillsborough Auxiliary to Community Gatepath hosted the sixth annual Inside & Out Sale -- which successfully raised more than \$10,000 to benefit children and adults with disabilities served by

Community Gatepath -- on Aug. 3 at the Auxiliary's Resale Shop in Burlingame.

Shoppers and antique dealers found unique treasures and bargains amidst the antique furniture, jewelry, luxury linens, accessories, and designer clothes donated from homes and estates in Hillsborough and along the Peninsula.

Established in 1950, the Hillsborough Auxiliary is an active group of philanthropic women dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities. The 169-member Auxiliary has raised millions of dollars for Community Gatepath and has volunteered countless hours through its fundraising activities and its Resale Shop. Its history includes some of the most notable names from the Peninsula, such as Catherine Hearst, who was the group's first president. She was the wife of Randolph Hearst, the son of media mogul William Randolph Hearst.

In 1964, the Auxiliary members held The Christmas Bazaar Extraordinary, a three-day fundraising affair at the San Mateo Fair Grounds. Hosted by socialites of that time, the bazaar was the event of the year.

In later years, the event was moved into the lavish private homes of Hillsborough families including Norma Delehanty, Tony Edwards, and Bernice Fritz. Shoppers could shop throughout the home as each room was set up as a different department -- shoes in the dining room, coats in the living room, accessories in the den -- and they were allowed to tour the property.

Eventually the Resale Shop was developed in a basement with a slanted dirt floor; however, in spite of the less than ideal location, the Auxiliary made the sale a success. In 1995, Karen Key (a former society columnist for the San Mateo County Times) transformed the event into the Antiques, Collectibles, and Elegant Junque Sale, now known as the Inside & Out Sale.

"How wonderful it was to be doing something that benefited the donors, members (workers), purchasers, and, most importantly, the participants of Community Gatepath," Stephanie Stockton wrote in an email about her experience as an Auxiliary member.

Since 1920, Community Gatepath has been "Turning Disabilities Into Possibilities" by providing programs and services to children and adults with disabilities, such as autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome.

The Hillsborough Auxiliary's Resale Shop, at 1606 Rollins Road in Burlingame, is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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