

TEEN CENTER TIMES

A PLACE WHERE YOUTH ARE EMBRACED BY COMMUNITY

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Supervisor Spotlights

Heidi and Jody Pfeifle

Two of our charter supervisors, Heidi and Jody Pfeifle, have committed themselves to the Teen Center as it has developed over the past two years.

Heidi is an occupational therapist at St. Helena Hospital Home Health with a mission of keeping her patients in their homes as long as possible in a safe environment. And Jody is working toward his nursing degree and works as a St. Helena Hospital nighttime security officer.

Together they make a dynamite team as they demonstrate a wonderful marriage relationship and interact with our youth by helping them with their home work, playing games with them, and sharing and listening to the events of the day. Both have their special niche as Heidi zeros in on academic support and Jody upholds "supervisordom" at the pool table as teen after teen take him on.



Lori Culbertson

Lori Culbertson is another of our dedicated and cherished supervisor team, who brightens the world by her presence.

Lori is a long time resident of the Napa Valley, PUC Prep School graduate, owner of Lori's Shear Style Beauty Salon in Deer Park, and stylist extraordinaire.



Lori has been quite an addition to the Center from the moment she stepped through the door. Nothing has ever been the same since. Whether she is playing a game with the teens, painting their toes or fingernails, or making muffins or nachos, we always know that there is never going to be a dull moment. Where Lori is, an experience is about to take place.



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Recent Events

- March 4 St. Helena Youth Art Show
- March 15 After School Summit in Sacramento
- March 27 St. Helena Town Hall
Ralph Cantor
- April 26 Denise Pope—Doing School
at Stanford University
- April 27 Gary Lieberstein, County
District Attorney, at Prep
- May 4 Internet Safety-Mike Parsons
- May 6 PUC Spring Festival
- May 8 St. Helena Partnership
on Youth Substance
Abuse Meeting
- May 12 Stressed Out Student
Conference at Stanford
University
- May 17 Internet Safety-Mike Parsons
- May 27 St. Helena Youth Art Show
- June 20 San Francisco Giants Game

Upcoming Events

- June 27 Pool Tournament Begins
- June 28 Block painting with Edee
- June 29 Tourney prizes awarded
- July 4 Teen Center Closed
- July 5 Air Hockey Tournament
- July 6 Tourney prizes awarded
3 on 3 Basketball
- July 7-9 Camping in Fort Bragg
- July 18 Scandia-Teen Center Closed
- July 27 Ice Cream Outing
- August 7 Waterworld Water Slides

Come Join The Fun

DIRECTOR'S CORNER TOM AMATO

Recently I was asked to give the PUC Prep School Class of 2006 graduation address. The class motto was, "In order to be irreplaceable, one must be different."

In contemplating my thoughts, I was amazed at the sense of freedom that goes along with such a motto. The class had spent the last four years giving themselves the liberty to be different, and in doing so, had given the same gift to me. As a result, the talk would not be a challenge, or a pontificate speech on the results of future attainment, but instead "seeing" who they are and decoding the language of their past "4-year" message.

What was the class trying to tell us? What did they see? What was so meaningful to them that they were willing to risk the appearance of failure to achieve it? I listened and watched as the weekend events unfolded and pieces were shared. Ryan talked about fun in the serious and the little things, and Hannah shared that "wasting time" isn't time wasted. I watched carefully as Macho Ben communicated in the language of tears, and others expressed the impact of being accepted for who they were, the joy of time, an open door, and an open refrigerator.

It was most interesting to observe this strong-willed, somewhat rebellious class reemphasize friendship, time, love, freedom, and family as the greatest gifts someone could give them. I wondered if what some defined as rebellion could actually be a plea for us to focus on the values that they had been taught are most dear.

As I contemplated, I was flooded with experiences of the past that exemplified this most distinguished class. I thought about my childhood spherical "shape toy," where I matched the shape to its corresponding hole, and the futility of trying to cram a star into a square hole. I thought about my two favorite Harry Chapin songs, "**Cat's in the Cradle**," a song about a little boy who wanted to spend time with his dad, who was just too busy, and "**Flowers are Red**," that tells the story of another little boy who came to school so excited and creative because of all of the beauty, expression, and excitement that he had inside, to be met by an experience that eventually confined him and standardized his vision. As he colored all over his paper, a dialog unfolded "What are you doin' young man? 'I'm paintin' flowers." "It's not time for art young man, and anyway flowers are red and green leaves are green." "There's no need to see flowers any other way than the way they always have been seen." But the little boy said, "There are so many colors in the rainbow. So many colors in the morning sun. So many colors in a flower and I **saw** every one."

Unlike the little boy, the Class of 2006 still sees the rainbow and colors outside the lines, and I concluded that their "message" might look like this. "With knowledge, expectations, and competition multiplying exponentially, don't allow the hype and flow to distract you from your core values. Remember real success is the attainment of that which is most dear and important in life – connections and time together. Be different, take time to develop relationships with those you love and cherish. For although production and achievement are great, the happiness and joy we share with each other is the best of all."

Simple, profound, condensed, and highly accurate. Thank you Class of 2006.

You are different, irreplaceable, and as a result **you have made a difference.**

TRIANGLE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



The photo above shows what the triangle at the corner of Deer Park Road and Sanitarium looked like earlier this year, prior to the wild-flower beautification project. The flowers are in full bloom now (photo below) making the entrance to the community a joy to behold! Thank you Dick Maher, Spencer Handly, Tom Amato, and KATS



NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Beau Van Deren

We are proud to introduce Beau Van Deren as our newest Board member. As a Certified Public Accountant and attorney, Beau brings a vast financial and management background, as well as, a wealth of passion, success, and knowledge to the Teen Center. Since changing his career emphasis in 1991, he has been involved in the acquisition, financing, operation, and disposition of a multitude of businesses internationally from North America and China to the Pacific Rim and Australia, where he met his wife Helen.

Beau's work with community service activities is extremely broad with his most recent commitment being the Phoenix Children's Hospital where he served as several chairs on the operating Board of Directors for over a dozen years. He is also currently serving as a Board member of one of our partnering organizations, the St. Helena Family Center.

We look forward to Beau's impact on our community youth as we turn vision into reality.

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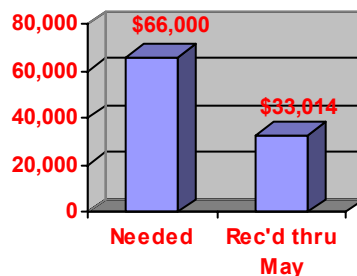
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Community Foundation of Napa Valley Awards \$ 5,000 Grant

Thanks to the generosity of Napa Valley Donors affiliated with the Community Foundation of the Napa Valley a \$5,000 grant was awarded to supplement after school staffing. We are also most grateful to the donor advisory committee and Terrence Mulligan and Marla Tofie of the Foundation.

Your Help is Needed to Make a Difference

2006 Funds Needed/Received



FUN AT THE CENTER



The Teen Center Clarifies It's Mission and Name Community Teen Alliance

At a recent meeting of the ACTC Board, the Mission Statement and name was reviewed, evaluated, and discussed. The Board clarified three primary operational elements of the organization that set it apart.

1. Teen support and crisis prevention and management
2. Parent and family education, coaching, and relationship development
3. Community mobilization around youth initiatives

During the discussion it became apparent that the word "center" limited the scope of current practice, suggesting "bricks and mortar", and did not adequately align itself with or describe the evolution of our current outreach. The name **Community Teen Alliance** was unanimously agreed upon, as "alliance" represents the "union of relationships and the joining of efforts" and clearly speaks to our broader mission.

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DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE? PEDRO, AGE 15

Do you know what it's like to be emotionally or physically hurt, have your mom hurt, or be afraid of your own dad?
Do you know what it is like to see a sensitive brother and sister harden before your eyes?
Have you ever felt that someone you loved wasn't proud of you?
Have you ever had to cook and fend for yourself at 3 years old 'cause your dad drank and your mom was working to support you?
Have you ever had to lie to protect yourself from another beating?
Do you know what it is like to have your heart broken?
Do you know what it is like to get jumped and have to choose a gang for protection?
Do you know what it is like to fight to keep up?
Do you know what it is like to not to speak to your dad for 10 years and then hear that he died?
Do you know what it is like to not remember any good times?
Do you know what it is like to feel that you keep falling into a deeper and deeper hole. I do!!!!!!! I was angry, hurt, and always in trouble.
Have you ever wondered why a kid like me needs you?
[Our Teen Center has made a difference in my life.](#)
Now I see. Now I can change, and I will.
I appreciate the friends I have to hang out with and the adults that care and spend time with me .
I desire respect from adults, and someone who will teach me the steps and be proud of me.
Thanks for caring.
One day I'll be back to pass it on. You can count on it.

Pedro



The San Francisco Giants Win One for the Teen Center

June 20 was a great outing as supervisors and kids alike got to be young at heart. Nothing keeps one young then taking a car load of kids on an outing. It is a wonder what conversations will bring forth, and the extreme perseverance of the teens regarding a particular desired radio station. It is also most interesting as to what brings the excitement. For many it's the game, for others it's the giant slide in center field, for others it is just the opportunity to roam and buy junk food, or simply the joy of the ride itself. Whatever the reason, fun is had by all.

A special thank you to John Dalen for donating the tickets.