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NEWSLETTER OF LAGUNA BEACH COMMUNITY CLINIC

The mission of LBCC is to offer excellent medical care, regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Clinic!

Come to our Sunset "Fiesta" Sunday, May 2 4:30 ~ 7:30 pm

Experience the Park-like Grounds of the Spectacular North Laguna Oceanfront "Twin Points"

From the hand-built teak entrance gates to the two palm-tree lined points forming a cove with tidepools, this is one of the most dramatic gardens in Laguna. Stroll amongst the lush Hawaiian landscaping on the two tropical points standing between Shaw's Cove and Crescent Bay.

Enjoy authentic, hand-crafted Mexican food and live entertainment in a Fiesta Village atmosphere.



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LBCC helps Jim who now helps others

"Jim" is a 52-year-old man who came to LBCC 10 years ago with pneumonia. It turned out he had an AIDS-related infection. As he recovered, it became clear that his job as a hairdresser was no longer possible — he couldn't stand for very long, and he'd get so tired he simply couldn't make it through a work day.

He was able to make ends meet after he was approved by the State of California for disability payments. but he wasn't happy about "living on welfare." Following a treatment regimen prescribed by staff at LBCC, his health and endurance improved. He realized he had to think about the future.

Jim focused on a physically less demanding job; he retrained as a domestic helper. Over the years, he became adept at coordinating home maintenance, health assistance for the elderly, and the care of pets. He currently works, earns money, and pays taxes. His duties include house sitting, scheduling the pool and garden maintenance, shopping and housekeeping when needed. His employer, a financial consultant who travels internationally, says, "Without Jim, I don't know what I'd do. He has helped me keep my Mom at home, and maintain my house and my lifestyle."

Thanks to LBCC's care for Jim, he is another example of people helping people.

-Korey Jorgensen, MD



Word went out late last year that LBCC needed help refurbishing the garden fronting our handsome building, Laguna Garden Club quickly stepped forth with two energetic members, Janene Freitas and Synthia Scofieldd, both of whom took on the task with avid enthusiasiasm.

One glance at the remarkable results of their labor and bystanders immediately admire the beautifully arranged flora and greenery which flank the front stairway. Keeping low maintenance a priority, the enthusiastic duo focused on a tropical approach. Tree ferns were augmented for flair, day lilies and white azaleas were added for contrast to the bright orange and red flowers which complement the bricks, and the pleasurable presentation was completed with simple succulents

It is with fond appreciation that the entire Clinic staff, as well as our grateful patients, extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to this keenly dedicated duo who have so generously represented the devoted Laguna Garden Club.

—Glori Fickling

Community Clinic

inic...People helping people

The Clinic's Board of Directors—Lifelong givers continue to give

Chris Loidolt is the Business Center Manager at the Montage, and serves on the Hearts of Montage Board. "The Clinic has a special place in my heart not only because of the miraculous ways the staff enriches lives, but also because of the place the Clinic holds in my memories. I first volunteered at the Laguna Beach Free Clinic as a new Laguna resident in 1974. I became the Thursday night manager, and passed the jar around the room to collect donations to keep the doors open. How far the Clinic has come! I'm honored to be able to help such a vital organization serving the needs of so many in our community."

Vera M. Martinez, PhD concluded her 40 year career in higher education administration as President of Fullerton College. "Serving on the Board of LBCC offers many opportunities to directly impact the quality of life in our community. Keeping Laguna healthy is the core purpose of the Clinic and one which I very proudly support."

Jay McDonald is a principal at an Irvine-based private equity firm, The Watermark Companies. "It's an opportunity to work alongside a talented group of leaders that cares about this community and to support an organization that makes a positive impact on thousands of lives each year."

Ann W. McDonald was a Real Estate Broker for many years. "I am on the Clinic's Board because God has been very good to me and I strongly believe in giving back to my community."

Anne Elizabeth Johnson is retired after teaching college, and is the Chair of the Laguna Beach Planning Commission. "We must make sure our services to our neighbors who lack insurance are met in the interest of social justice as well as in enlightened self-interest."

Richard Kain spent over 45 years in senior management positions at high tech companies. "I am a great admirer of the work the LBCC performs belping the disadvantaged in our area maintain their health. This service is especially important today during these uncertain economic times."

Susan Neely is a Prudential California realtor working in South Laguna. She previously worked in New York City for 15 years as Director of Pension and Benefits for Fortune 500 companies. "I am impressed with the Clinic's community involvement and the vital services the Clinic offers."

Pamela A. Lawrence, MD is a Clinical Professor of Medicine, UCI, Emerita, and a Clinic volunteer physician. "Everyone benefits from a healthy community, and Laguna Beach is extremely fortunate to have the Clinic. It is a source of pride to be affliated with a health care organization that has, in forty years, never turned a patient away when unable to pay for their care."

George Heed co-owns Office Furniture Unlimited and has a long history of working with Laguna non-profit organizations. "I am a new board member. As I work with the outstanding board members and staff, the greater my respect and passion grows for the necessary and invaluable work done by the Clinic. It is an honor to serve with this group."

Barbara Hamkalo was Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology and Associate Executive Vice Chancellor at UCI. "I serve on the Board and support the Clinic because it provides a critically valuable service to our community."

Ginny Linting has an academic and teaching background in Fine Arts. "Volunteerism has always been an important part of my life. I was drawn to the compassion, talent and professionalism demonstrated by those who serve the needs of many at the Laguna Beach Community Clinic."

Orson R. Dee, MD spent 32 years in private cardiology practice in Santa Monica, and volunteers as the Clinic's cardiologist. "Tve been volunteering at the Clinic since retirement to be able to help people who do not have access to care otherwise. This Clinic is extremely well run and gives really excellent quality care."

Roya Cole is a First Vice President/Wealth Advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. "I am dedicated to the great cause that the Clinic serves. My goal is to increase awareness of the great services that the Clinic provides for both Laguna Beach and surrounding areas."

John Link is a founding partner in Link, Murrel & Company, a 24-year-old, Irvine-based private client public accounting firm. "*I'm proud to serve as the Board President of the Clinic because of its mission, history, great people and its service to the community.*"

Susan Mas is the Executive Director of the Design High School, a charter school, and served on the Laguna School Board for 17 years. "We at the Clinic have seen the need for our medical services increase on a daily basis. The newspaper headlines that tell of millions without healthcare across the country apply to many of our neighbors who have always had good medical care. We all know someone who is affected."

Jakki Tonkovich, a graduate of LBHS, University of Colorado, and USC, works as a urban planner for Vista Environmental. "I serve of the Board of Directors because everyone desires to get the best treatment out there and the Community Clinic offers this to its patients."

Elaine Lawson retired from Raytheon Corporation where she managed advanced technology upgrade programs for military systems. "I am on the board because I believe it is an invaluable community resource and I want to do what I can to further its mission. I have maintained the Clinic's website on a volunteer basis for the past four years."

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May 2, Sunday

Fiesta Cinco de Mayo

Clinic's 4th annual party—see article on front page

May 22, Saturday 9 - 1

Womens Health day

Main Beach cobblestone area

Offering free health screenings for high blood pressure, anemia, diabetes, cholesterol, HIV & bone density.

Double your money, double the care!

Generous Clinic supporter will double your donations

Ron Beasley, part-time Lagunan and full-time Clinic supporter, has offered to double your donation to this issue of "Caring Connections." Ron will match ALL donations up to a total of \$5000. So if you donate \$50, the Clinic will receive \$100, if you donate \$100, the Clinic will garner \$200!!!

Ron says, "the Clinic is a wonderful model for community care and I have been impressed by the hardworking, enthusiastic and dedicated staff who have as their top priority patient care and preventive education."

Supporting the scope of services the Clinic provides is essential to the well-being of those in our community struggling in these difficult economic times, according to Ron.

Laguna Beach Community Clinic's "Safety Net" for the uninsured continues to widen. We ask that you help us provide treatment and ongoing care to those in need. You will be a part of the solution to a real crisis faced by many in our community.

As the need for medical services continues to grow, we ask for your help in supporting our mission to provide affordable health care to those in need.

THANK YOU!

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