

Letters

HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY

They say children learn by example. This past weekend (September 26th) was an example many will long remember. In less than a week, Mira Costa High School Baja Club, with the help from Manhattan Beach’s Sister City Committee, was overwhelmed with donations from around the South Bay. The Collection Drive for Manhattan Beach’s Sister City, Santa Rosalia devastated in a recent hurricane, was incredible. It is so wonderful to live in a community that understands the true meaning of giving back to those less fortunate. The success of the collection would not have been possible without the help of many, including: Mayor Portia Cohen and Councilman Wayne Powell and the M.B. City Staff; The Rotary Club of Manhattan Beach and Mexico; Manhattan Beach Fire Department; The local papers – Beach Reporter, Daily Breeze, Easy Reader and Manhattan Sun; Chevron, Cozymel’s Mexican Grill, Continental Development Corporation, South Bay Ford, The El Segundo and Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, MCHS & MBUSD; Waste Management and countless others.

A Proud Mother & Resident
Sherry Kramer

A Special Thank You

DUNK TANK SURVIVORS 2009

Well, we did it again, another successful ‘Dunk Tank’ fundraiser. With Saturday and Sunday combined we made a total of \$18,236 for Jeff Goodrich and his family. On Saturday, we received a donation from a Manhattan Beach resident, which presented us with a check for \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars).

We started off Saturday at 10 a.m. with Detective Rich Hatten in the tank. It started a little slow but, it picked up quickly and before Rich had a chance to catch his breath he got dunked enough times to feel water logged. Thanks, Rich. At 11 a.m. Detective Jason Knickerbocker took over, with family members lining up to dunk him and his mom in the front of the line, “you go mom.” Thanks, Jason. Detective Steve Kitsios jumped in at noon and the kids kept lining up to get at their former School Resources Officer. Steve, whatever did you do to give them such enjoyment out of dunking you? Thanks, Steve. At 1 p.m. Officer Tim Magdaleno step in and we soon lost count of how many times he got dunked. Great job Tim. When 2 p.m. rolled around Detective Joe Aiello took center stage, I don’t think he was seated properly before he was in the water. City Council Member Wayne Powell came on board at 3 p.m., took his seat, waved to the crowd and was under water before he knew what hit him. Great job Wayne. Officer Tim Magdaleno didn’t have enough at 1 p.m. so he came back at 4 p.m. to start it all over again. What a trooper, Tim. I think second time around was worst for him then the first time but, regardless, he hung in there. Thanks Tim. Due to work commitments, Officer Rob Schreiber wasn’t able to take a break and sit in the tank at his appointed time of 5 p.m., so the ever dependable Vince Delmonico stepped in and filled the void. Great job Grandpa.

On Sunday we started with Detective Matt Sabosky who gathered a crowd early on and spent quite a bit of time in the tank. His son Jack wasn’t too happy to constantly see his dad disappear from sight. It’s ok Jack, he’s safe now. At 11 a.m. came an unidentifiable Dunkee, I was told it was Detective Scott Combs but, he was unrecognizable behind a hugh diving mask. When I post the pictures you’ll be able to see him, just hope you can recognize him. Great job, Scott. At High Noon came Detective Andrew Enriquez, long hair and all. His daughter, Daylin, was jumping for joy, she couldn’t wait to ‘Dunk Daddy”, and dunk him she did. Thanks,

BEACH CLEANUP SUCCESS

Thank you very much Manhattan Beach Sun for your timely article about Coastal Cleanup Day in the September 17 issue. I’m happy to report that the Manhattan Beach site had more than 900 participants, beating our previous record by at least 300%! This incredible turnout resulted in roughly 344 pounds of debris and trash being removed from our beach, preventing this material from entangling and being ingested by marine life or carrying toxins into the ocean.

The Roundhouse Aquarium staff and board would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who spent their Saturday morning cleaning up our beach. I hope everyone will remember to make every day a coastal cleanup day by keeping litter and toxins out of the storm drains and out of our marine environment. Readers who want more information about marine pollution prevention can stop by the Roundhouse Aquarium at the end of the pier or visit our website at www.roundhousemb.org.

David Lloyd
Coastal Cleanup Day Manhattan Beach site captain

Andrew. Detective Sergeant Brian Brown came on the scene at 1 p.m. along with the cheers from all the ladies, they wanted to know, who was the hunk in the tank. Sorry to embarrass you Brian but, that’s what they were asking me. Our only female Dunkee, Police Records Technician Rachael Parker, jumped in at 2 p.m., wet suit and all. From the expression on her face after the first dunk, I don’t think her wet suit was very helpful however; she stayed tough for the duration. Go Rachael. Girl Power!! Ok, stand back because if you don’t you’re gonna get wet. At 3 p.m., with the wind blowing, came Lieutenant Andy Harrod, a crowd favorite. He had to be the favorite, because even the smallest kids were saying they wanted to dunk Andy and dunk him they did, repeatedly. Thanks Andy. At the coldest hour of the evening, 4 p.m., Sergeant Bryan Klatt took his turn and braved the elements. It wasn’t long before he started turning blue, fortunately for Bryan, we ran out of t-shirts and we let him go after about 45 minutes, just before he turned into a popsicle. You’re a great sport Bryan. All of the ‘Dunkees’ were phenomenal, you were all great sports and everyone had a good time dunking you. I would like to give special kudos to the Detective Bureau for your outstanding support, eight of the Dunkees were from the DB, I couldn’t have done it without you. A ‘Big Thank You’ to all the Dunkees!

Let us not forget our support staff. Nothing would have been accomplished without your help. I would like to start at the top, Vince Delmonico, this would not have been possible without your time, effort, support and organization. At the last minute we were afraid we might have to cancel the dunk tank because our vendor didn’t have insurance. Vince went to work, two days before the Hometown Fair, and was able to find us a vendor, with insurance, who would deliver a tank to us with one days notice. Thanks Vince, you saved the day. And let’s not forget the Angel behind Vince, his lovely wife Jan. You’d have to be an Angel to keep up with all the Charities Vince is involved in. We are blessed to have both of you on our team.

Thank you Linda Larson, (Rick’s wife) for starting the ball rolling on Saturday morning, it was so nice of you to join us again this year. Tim Magdaleno, not only was he a Dunkee, but he also spent the day, Saturday,

Calendar

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

• The Roundhouse Marine Studies Lab and Aquarium holds public 30th Anniversary celebration from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Food, music, a raffle of gift certificates from local businesses and more. Free event at the Aquarium located at the end of the Manhattan Beach pier. Information www.roundhouseaquarium.org 310-379-8117

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

• “The Jimmy” 5th Annual Jimmy Miller Memorial Surf Fiesta at Rosecrans Beach in Manhattan Beach beginning at 7:30 a.m. Five-person teams consisting of one surfer from each skill level from “ripper” to beginner will ride a variety of surfboards in this one-of-a-kind competition. Beach sign-ups are based on first-come, first-serve. Following the contest, an after party, auction and awards ceremony, open to the public, will be held at Sangria Restaurant, 68 Pier Avenue in Hermosa Beach. Proceeds benefit the Jimmy Miller Foundation’s efforts to heal mental and physical illness through surfing and ocean related activities. For further information call Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation, Nancy Miller 310-266-0400 www.jimmymillerfoundation.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

• Manhattan Beach Farmers Market offers fresh, locally grown, fruits, vegetables, flowers, artisan foods, etc. located on 13th Street between Morningside and Valley Drive 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Sponsored by the Downtown Manhattan Beach Business Association 310-379-9901.

• MOMS Club of Manhattan Beach Open House at 1pm. Meet local at-home mothers for friendship, fun playgroups, support and more! For membership info and meeting dates/locations call Michelle at (310) 489-3927 or momsclub90266@hotmail.com

UPCOMING

• Community Events benefiting Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and El Segundo Educational Foundations. Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk “Go the Extra Mile for Our Children” Sunday, October 25, 10:00am–11:30am at Manhattan Beach Pier, Join us for an afternoon of family fun and community solidarity as we walk hand-in-hand to benefit local school districts, and an organization that brings joy, cheer and respite to children with special needs and their families. The walk will occur on the strand, registration begins at 8:30am. Friendship Walk 10:00a.m–11:30a.m. After the walk all walkers will be invited to take place in the Pumpkin Races on Manhattan Beach Blvd.

directly above the pier at 12:00pm “Join us in the Race to Keep Our Public Schools Strong” The festivities will also feature a Kids Zone with bounce houses, games and booths. Manhattan Beach Educational Foundation 310-303-3342 www.pier2pierwalk.com www.pumpkinrace.com

• Excellence in Healthcare Gala. South Bay Family Health Care (SBFHC) Fourth Annual “Excellence in Healthcare” Gala and 40th anniversary celebration Thursday, October 29, 6 pm at the Manhattan Beach Marriott. Honoring Visionary of the Year, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Leadership Award recipients Trish Anderson, Joe Graziano, and Ian Kramer, M.D.! All funds raised will be put toward SBFHC (formerly South Bay Free Clinic). Tickets \$150, table sponsorships are available for \$1,500. For more information call West Enterprises 310-227-8100 or lwest@westenterprises.info.

ONGOING

• A beginner class in Scottish Country Dancing is starting in Manhattan Beach on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The class meets at the Knights of Columbus Hall 224 1/2 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Manhattan Beach. The first two lessons are free. For further information contact Willma 310-546-2005.

• Sea Story Time at the Roundhouse Aquarium 11:30 a.m. each Sunday the Aquarium features a unique interactive experience for children that involves listening to a story about ocean animals, exploring real animal artifacts, and doing a craft that they can take home. Afterwards, they can enjoy all the wonderful displays the aquarium has to offer. This program is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. The Roundhouse Marine Studies Lab and Aquarium is located at the end of the Manhattan Beach pier. For more information call 310-379-8117 visit roundhouseaquarium.org

• Recovery International offers effective self help method, allowing personal control over anxiety, depression, anger. (Free, but donations accepted.) Meetings are Mondays, 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Religious Science, 907 Knob Hill Ave. (at Prospect), Redondo Beach. Back Entrance. Call (310) 322-6373 for more information.

• Older Adults discussion group. Come discuss current events, movies, topics of local and national interest, whatever is on your mind. The discussion group meets every Monday from 9:00 a.m. – noon at the Joslyn Community Center, 1601 Valley Drive. For more information please call The Older Adults Program (310) 802-5447. •



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