



# Little Sisters of the Poor Time & Life

Jeanne Jugan Residence, San Pedro, CA

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## Fritz B. Burns Medical Wing is Dedicated

### Capital Campaign Receives Weingart Challenge Grant

On Sunday, March 19, 2006, the Little Sisters of the Poor held the dedication and grand opening of our new medical wing. Bishop Joseph Sartoris presided over the ceremonies, which included a blessing, tours and a reception.

We have named the facility in honor of the Fritz B. Burns Foundation in recognition of their \$500,000 leadership donation to the Capital Campaign.

“The Fritz B. Burns Medical Wing is a major modernization and expansion over what was previously available,” said Mother Marguerite. “The added space will allow for new services and provide greater efficiency for the medical and nursing staff. We are extremely grateful to our benefactors for making this possible.”

Sister Clotilde, Director of Nursing, notes that “there are fifteen regular doctors coming to the



Home to volunteer their time and services. We thank them for the loving and quality care they provide for our Residents. We hope our modernized facilities will assist them in completing their tasks and encourage them to visit our Home for many more years to come.”

The Medical Wing includes a doctor’s office and two exam rooms, a dentist office, a vision/hearing office, a Rehab Therapy room, a waiting room and administrative space for charts, medical records and nursing personnel.

By maintaining a Medical Suite on-site, we strive to provide excellent medical care to both support and improve the health status of our Residents. The Medical Wing is Phase I of the Capital Campaign, which includes the Convent Project as Phase II. The combined effort has a budget of \$3,600,000. (See page 8 for an update on the Capital Campaign and the Weingart Foundation challenge grant.)

1. Bishop Joseph Sartoris; Dr. Peter Sliskovich, Medical Director; Mother Marguerite; Sr. Clotilde; Ken Skinner, Fritz B. Burns Fdn. V.P.; Joe Nally, LSP Advisory Board Pres.

2. Mother Marguerite; Advisory Board members, Regina Leimbach & Mary Centofante; & Linda Wenglikowski.

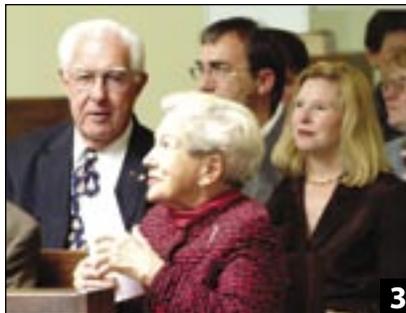
3. John Watkins, Advisory Board member; Joyce Skinner; Bob Miller, Illig Construction; & Rita Illig Liebelt, Illig Construction Company Pres.

4. Ken Olsen, Advisory Board member, & wife Dickie.

5. Sr. Clotilde with volunteer dentists, Dr. Carl Mossberg & Dr. Guillermo Rubiano & wife Gabriella.

6. Alvin & Mary Ann Schoellerman, Donald Schoellerman & Sr. Genevieve.

7. Kathleen Aikenhead, William H. Hannon Foundation Pres., & husband David.



# Grand Getaway: Fundraising Fun and Friendships



We prayed to St. Joseph for his help to make our Auxiliary's *Grand Getaway* event a success and he heard our prayers! We are glad to announce that the underwriting, auction, raffle, and dinner dance combined to raise \$280,000. The Auxiliary proudly presented a check to Mother Marguerite for the operating needs of the Home. *Thanks be to God for blessing us with our hard working Auxiliary and so many dedicated and generous friends.*



The *Grand Getaway* was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Long Beach Hilton Hotel. During the event, we honored the Fritz B. Burns Foundation with the Jeanne Jugan Medallion in



**SAVE THE DATE: Sat. June 23, 2007**  
10<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Event to be held at the NEW Palos Verdes Country Club

## Page 2 Captions

1. Sr. Patricia made the presentation of the Jeanne Jugan medallion which was accepted by Joseph E. Rawlinson, Fritz B. Burns Foundation President.

2. The Jeanne Jugan Medallion.

3. The Fritz B. Burns Foundation table. Back: Sr. Patricia; Rex & Maureen Rawlinson, Joe & Elaine Rawlinson. Front: Ken & Joyce Skinner, Patricia & Ed Slattery.



4. Fr. John Winnenberg with Auxiliary Co-presidents Shirley Lenihan & Timmy Kelly.

5. Jan Werneid, Auction Chair; Sr. Emma; & Event Co-chairs Alexis Ulrich & Dolores Sharp.

## Page 3 Captions

1. From Holy Trinity Parish, Msgr. Joe Brennan and Fr. Jim Bevacqua with Kathy Gordon, Event PR Chair.

2. Fr. Joe Hernandez, Vice Chancellor (Archdiocesan Leadership Team); Maj Vilich, past Auxiliary president; & Mary Arndt.

3. Sr. Mary Anthony, Sr. Clotilde, & Fr. Larry Lorenzoni with the Salesians of Don Bosco in San Francisco.



gratitude for their generous contributions over more than thirty years toward the capital and operating needs of our Home.

Our chaplain Fr. John Winnenberg was recognized for his fifty years as a priest. The Auxiliary presented him with a Notre Dame jacket which he accepted with enthusiasm while teasing the USC fans in the audience to "eat their hearts out".

The Auxiliary membership is composed of over 200 outstanding women from the South Bay and Long Beach areas. New members are always welcome. For information call 310-548-0625.

4. Carole LaCaze, Event Decorating Co-Chair, with husband Norm.

5. Guests enjoyed the silent auction.

6. Back: Pat O'Brien, Alanna Kennedy, Diane Wilson, Mike O'Brien. Front: Ginny Malone & St. John Fisher Parish Pastor Msgr. David Sork.

7. Bill & Joannie Lenihan & Don Swartz.

8. From St. Basil's Parish Fr. Frank Hicks, Administrator; Rita Swartz, LSP Development Director; & Joe Gordon.

9. Kevin & Cathy Coleman with Mary Ann & George Leal, Advisory Board member.

10. Sr. Genvieve & Linda Dillion, winner of the trip to Montreal.

11. Winner of the Washington DC trip, Aphram & Barbara Homsis.

12. Winner of the Boston Trip, Joe Hagan, Advisory Board member.

13. Sr. Paul with Advisory Board Member Regina Leimbach.

14. Winner of the dinner for 12 by Chef Christine is Marie Tracy, arms in the air, with Marilyn Kupts, Mary Arndt, Corrine Speltz & Tom Trujillo.

15. Enthusiastic center piece winner is Josephine Valdez.



# ***Little Sisters of the Poor Holiday Boutique***

**Saturday & Sunday,  
Oct 28-29, 2006**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
2100 S. Western Ave, San Pedro  
310-548-0625**



**Plants  
Ceramics  
Collectibles  
Santa's Toyland  
Granny's Attic  
Crafts  
Jewelry**



**Raffles  
Coffee Shop  
Fresh Kitchen  
Goodies  
Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs  
Sandwiches**



The Little Sisters of the Poor offer humble service to the elderly poor of all faiths and nationalities by providing a warm home and loving care. Their Residence provides Independent Living Apartments, Residential Living, Assisted Living, and Skilled Nursing Care.



When **Elizabeth Moser (1)** came for a visit to the Little Sisters of the Poor four years ago, she loved the place right away. “I begged to have the Sisters take me,” she said. Today, at the age of 101, Elizabeth says there is no other place she would rather live.

One of her favorite daily activities is taking a walk in the garden. “I just love to go under the arches and follow the path around by the chapel,” she explains quietly. “Then I relax on the bench. The sun feels so good on my knees and joints. But I wear a hat so I don’t get sun on my face.”

Elizabeth holds the honor of being the senior Resident at the Home. And in September two others, who will reach their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays, are joining her as Centagenarians.

**Antoinette Marapese (2)**, who is approaching her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, was born in Southern Italy. As you might expect, she recently joined other Italian Residents and friends to celebrate the Italian soccer team World Cup victory.

“You know, I play kickball every-day,” she said with visible pleasure.

“It’s part of our exercise class and I’m the goalie. I keep the ball from going out the door and into the hall. We have great fun.”

When Antoinette’s granddaughter heard that she played kickball, she sent her an Italian jersey, which Antoinette now wears with even more pride.

Antoinette is quite fond of reading and is often seen with a book in her hands. She loves to visit with the other Residents and never misses a party. On New Years eve, she delighted everyone by dressing up as the “New Year’s Baby”



**Marie Meade (3)**, who turns 100 on September 24<sup>th</sup>, has known the Little Sisters since they moved to San Pedro in 1979. “I met two Sisters in the market and told them I was a nurse and asked if they needed a volunteer,” she said. “They stopped shopping and took me directly to meet the Mother Superior. I volunteered for ten years.”

Recently Marie has become a bit of a celebrity at the Home having just published her first book entitled *Letters from Jeff*.

While living in Santa Barbara, she had a family of raccoons living in her back yard. She talked with them, fed them and named them. Jeff was the main attraction. Over twelve years, there were as many as fourteen raccoons residing in her yard.

She shared the antics of Jeff and the raccoons with her friend Mable. When Mable moved away, Marie wrote her stories about Jeff and Mable’s son saved every letter. Today the letters, about 200 in all, have been organized into a book with the help of her friend Joe, who believed in the idea as soon as he heard it.

The San Pedro Library, where Marie is a regular visitor, has a copy of the book which can be purchased for \$20 at the Home. “The proceeds are for the Little Sisters. I’m happy to do this,” said Marie with the biggest smile.

*Congratulations to all three of these inspirational Residents. We thank you for your energy, kindness and continual smiles. May God bless each of you in a special way as you celebrate your important birthdays.*



*There is always a reason to party at Jeanne Jugan Residence and we are most grateful to the many generous and creative individuals who help to make each and every event a joyful and festive occasion for our Residents.*

**Chinese New Year** Ushering in the Year of the Dog was made extra special by the work of (1) Sr. Marie Alphonsine, Chef Frank Mancebo, Florita Fabunan, and others in the kitchen who prepared an authentic Asian feast. (2) “Gung hay fat choy” was the wish for Resident Kathryn Ladimir by employee Lilly Ho. (3) Employee Ricardo Josafat and Resident Betty Lebbous enjoyed the meal together.

**St. Patrick’s Day** The smiling eyes of Irish were everywhere as Residents enjoyed the wearin’ of the green, Irish folk music by BJ the DJ, and Irish dancing by students of St. Margaret Mary Elementary School. (1) Keeping with the theme of the day and adding to the fun, Residents Blanche Tysol & Ralph Patalano were again among those most festively dressed for the celebration. (2) Residents Fr. Lucian LoMello, Tom Laz, and Loretta Walsh sang along to “Oh Danny Boy”. (3) Mary Dunne & Dora Heck enjoyed their Irish coffee following the amazing meal of beef, potatoes and cabbage prepared by the kitchen staff.

**Cinco De Mayo** Mariachi music filled the auditorium with energy and emotion. Dressed for the occasion, Residents and employees performed traditional dances to the inviting music. (1) Resident Conchita Hernandez was one of the first to take some serious swings at the piñata. (2) Her sisters Carmen & Paula Hernandez soon followed hoping to be the one to smash it open. (3) Residents Varie Davison & Vernie Meagher were thrilled to commemorate the Mexican victory of 1862.



## Association Jeanne Jugan

From the very beginning of our congregation, our Foundress Jeanne Jugan relied heavily on her close association with the laity who admired her spirit, believed in her work and understood its many needs. Today, the Catholic Church officially recognizes this relationship. Approved in 1998, the Association of Jeanne Jugan (AJJ) formalizes this unique relationship between Little Sisters and lay people who desire to make a unique contribution to the lives of the elderly.

The Association Jeanne Jugan members commit themselves to give greater vitality to their faith, to be witnesses of a profound Christian life and to promote respect for life, including the inviolable dignity of every person.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the feast of St. Joseph



the Worker, three new members were inducted while ten members renewed their promises. Our congratulations and gratitude are extended to these individuals who care for others with joy and humility as they join the spiritual and apostolic mission of Jeanne Jugan and the Little Sisters.



## Ginger Andrie Retires after 27 Years of Service

There wasn't a dry eye in the house as Ginger Andrie said her farewells.

"To Mother and the Sisters: I have been utterly amazed at the many skills that you have brought into the Home. I admire you for your care and devotion for the Residents. As employees, we work 8 hours a day and you continue for 24 hours each day. I have known times a Sister was very ill or recovering from a surgery and she put herself aside to care for a Resident in need. You are always ready to make things better for the Residents and I really respect you for this.

To the employees: The golden word is communication. I think this is one of the best groups we have ever had. All partners get along and help one another. Our last [state] inspection was outstanding with no discrepancies. That goes to show that it's all about teamwork. I congratulate you for a job well done and my hat goes off to all of you.

To the Volunteers: God bless you for all of your long hours of work for the Residents. Helping us in all of our departments has made our jobs a lot easier. I know the Residents look forward to seeing you, responding to all the kindness and respect you give them.

To the Residents: You have been my second family; they say you learn a lot from reading books, which is true, but my best teacher has been listening to all of your experiences in your own lives. I feel blessed that I was able to share this with you. I'm going to miss you all very much."

*Congratulations and best of luck to Ginger. We will miss you and your beautiful smile and friendship. Please don't forget us on Halloween. Your surprises over the years have been priceless treasures. God bless you for your many kindnesses.*

(1) AJJ Members: (Back) Rosemary Mossbarger, Jim McCue, Clara Ann Hawkes, Mary DiLeva, Vince DiLeva, Kathy Xitca, Alexis Ulrich, Bosa Marinov, Tony DeGirolamo. (Front) Gloria Aispuro, Anne Coyne, & Barbara West. Joining them are Fr. Edward Dober, Mother Marguerite, & Sr. Patricia. Missing is member Christy Corpus & Sr. Mary Anthony, AJJ advisor.

(2) Father Edward Dober blesses the AJJ pins and presents them to the new members: Gloria Aispuro, Alexis Ulrich and Kathy Xitca.

(3) Ginger Andrie with her husband Norm at her retirement party on May 11, 2006.



## Weingart Foundation Challenge Grant Gives Boost to the Capital Campaign!

We were thrilled to learn that, during their June meeting, the Directors of the Weingart Foundation approved an increase of \$50,000 to their previous grant toward the Medical Suite Project. This increases their total grant to \$200,000 for which we are most grateful. The foundation has challenged us to raise \$200,000 from other sources to receive this increase. "It's like having a 25% bonus attached to every new gift," explains Rita Swartz, Development Director. "If you have been considering a gift or pledge to the campaign, now is a perfect time to do so."

### Please join our benefactors by making a Capital Campaign gift or a pledge over time.

(An example of a pledge over time: \$5,000 / year for 5 years)

Call 310-548-0625 and ask for Sr. Patricia or Rita Swartz

Fritz B. Burns Foundation	
\$500,000 Gifts	
Dan Murphy Fdn.	Norman & Carole LaCaze
Carrie Estelle Doheny Fdn.	Donald & Georgette Mareina
Weingart Foundation*	✓Your name
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Riordan Foundation	Bannan Family
✓Your name	✓Your name
\$25,000 Gifts	

\* Restricted for the Medical Suite Project



### The Convent Project

For some years now, our eleven Little Sisters have faced living in the old Retreat House without proper community space and at considerable distance from the Residents. Thankfully this is about to change! The east wing of the Administrative Building is being renovated as the new Convent space. The framing is complete and the drywall is beginning to be installed. Photo Below: Jess Roberts of Illig Construction, Mother Marguerite and Sr. Patricia reviewing the progress.



\$3.6 M

\$2.8 M

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