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Inside the Y Family

Summer time at the Y is always a fun time. Inside this edition you will read about all the exciting field trips and fun activities the children in our various programs are experiencing. The older children in our programs have been volunteering their time to help

out in our community. We had six pre-school classes graduate. Our teachers and staff are busy preparing for the start of the new school year.

The Y would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and grati-

tude to our accountant, Jan Rudman, who retired in May. We would like to welcome Debra Adams to the teaching staff for General Preschool at City Park, and Melody Fischetti, the new accountant for the Y.

The Ira D. "Cal" Calvert 13th Anniversary Distinguished Service Awards Dinner



John Coutts, Distinguished Service Award



Cynthia Schneider Distinguished Service Award



April Smith Volunteer Recognition



Aaron Hake Volunteer Recognition

On Saturday, May 17th, the YMCA hosted their annual Ira D. "Cal" Calvert Distinguished Service Awards dinner at the Victoria Club in Riverside. These awards are given annually to individuals who, over time, have shown exceptional devotion to developing voluntary community action within the YMCA service area. The Distinguished Service Awards are named in memory of "Cal" to commemorate his outstanding philanthropic accomplishments, to recognize his fine example and to encourage others to serve their community. The Honorable Congressman Ken Calvert presented the awards in his father's honor.

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The Y Board Member Spotlight is on Mary Ybarra

Mary Ybarra is the current secretary of the YMCA executive board. She joined the Y family over 10 years ago, because she wanted to help make a better place for the youth of this community. When asked why she got involved, Mrs. Ybarra said, "Being a part of the YMCA executive board gives me the opportunity to be involved in making plans and decisions that would bring more enriching programs which in turn, would build opportunities for the children of Corona-Norco."

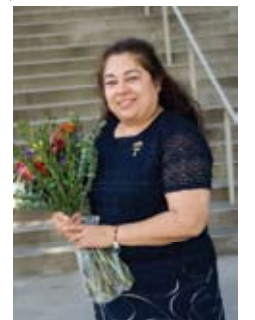
Mary has been instrumental in assisting with the sales of tickets for the annual Outback fundraiser, being one of the top sellers for 2 years in a row. When asked what has kept her involved with the Y, Mary said, "My love for the children, seeing their smiling faces when they graduate from pre-school is such a wonderful

milestone in the lives of these little ones."

Mary has been a physical therapist for the past 30 years. Her profession may be physical therapy, but she is known in our community for her passion for volunteering. She is involved in the following: Corona Norco American Cancer Board, Corona Police Activity League "PAL", Corona Public Library Trustee, Cinco de Mayo Scholarship Committee, Cinco de Mayo Parade Judge, Corona Norco PTA Council Public Relations, Corona Norco PTA Community Affairs Chair, Corona Norco PTA Council '09 Community Safety Expo Chair, Co-chair Cancer Walk "Sharon's Friends Team", and Campaign Manager for Dave LaVelle for Western Municipal Water Board. Mary is

always ready to jump in and help wherever she may be needed.

Mary's advice to a young person wanting to start his or her own business would be "Don't give up, do your homework, fill the need in your community, perseverance, determination, and positive attitude will take you far. Never give up, you are OUR FUTURE!"



Mary Ybarra, Secretary

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Save These Dates:

- 6/30/08— Last Day of School
- 7/3/08— Red, White, & Blue Carnival Main Y
- 7/4/08— Holiday YMCA Closed
- 7/17/08— Home Gardens Field Trip to the Movies
- 8/8-10— Adventure Guides Family Camp
- 9/9/08— State Pre-school begins
- 9/12-14— Y&G Advisor Conference
- 9/12-14— Adventure Guides Fall Camp

YMCA Community Center



YMCA booth at the Code Enforcement Grand Opening

The teens at the Community Center in Home Gardens have been keeping busy with lots of fun activities. They're learning to bake in their cooking class. Every Tuesday they enjoy spelling games and bingo every Wednesday. On July 3rd they took a field trip over to the Main Y to join in on the fun for the Red, White, and Blue carnival. The teens also had a booth at the City of Corona Police Department Code Enforcement's grand opening. The dance class also performed at the grand opening ceremony.



Super Star Certificates of Appreciation

State & General Preschool Activities



State Pre-school students anxiously waiting.



Congratulations! You did it!



Lining up before the ceremony.

June was a very busy month for both State and General Preschool. We had four graduation ceremonies. This year, we held our ceremonies at Corona City Park. The students were dressed in red, white, and blue cap and gowns. Several of our parents volunteered to make this year's graduation ceremony a huge success. General Pre-school is back in session. Our teachers and staff are working hard to get ready for September when our State Preschool session begins.

YMCA at Home Gardens



Enjoying outdoor playtime.

The YMCA at Home Gardens has been exploring the summer with the introduction of our new out door equipment. We have been bowling, playing Shuffle Board, Caroms, and basketball, to name a few. We are looking forward to learning to run hurdles and play yard hockey.

Inside our classroom we are growing a herb garden. We will be preparing recipes using our herbs. Our summer also consists of several trips, to the movies, to the park for picnics, and to community museums.



Outdoor fun and games YMCA Home Gardens

Adventure Guides



Mother-Daughter Picnic

In June, the Adventure Guides had a mother daughter picnic at the beautiful Lake Noronian Conference Center picnic grounds to celebrate their annual Pow Wow change of office ceremony. Several moms and daughters of the Trail Maidens also took a field trip to the Ocean Institute in Dana Point to participate in a beach clean up and enjoyed an afternoon exploring sea life at the institute. They also visited the Botanical Gardens at the University of California Riverside to work on their flower badges. Another fun field trip was to the Griffith Observatory. To teach the girls about public transportation, they rood the metrolink train to Union Station in LA, they hopped on the subway, and took a shuttle bus up

to the observatory. In August, they will be hosting Family Camp at Caspers Wilderness Park in San Juan Capistrano. Activities planned for Family Camp are; family skits, pie eating contest, chili cook-off, and movie night. The children have been busy working on various community service projects; collecting supplies for the Norco Animal Shelter, care packages for our troops serving in the Middle East, and will be having a book drive to celebrate literacy awareness in September.



Tail Maidens participate in beach clean-up.

School Age Program Activities



Red, white & blue carnival.



Chick-Fil-a Field Trip



Field Trip to local park.

The Off Track Group at the Main Y have been busy too! They've gone to the park, had a cook out and toured the library. On President's Day all of the children (including Home Gardens) went to Pepperglen Farms to see, pet, and learn all about horses. They have had Cooking classes, Jewelry Making classes (thank you Miss Lynn!) and a yummy Taco Salad & Hamburger Party! One day, they made awesome tasting smoothies to share with the whole building! Pajama Day was a wonderfully cozy day and in May they kicked off the warm weather days with a picnic and water play day. June 23rd, kicked off the Free Family Movies program at our local theatres. We get to take the children to see a choice of movies once a week. The rest of the week they were lucky enough to be invited to two Kindergarten graduations! The graduation ceremony here at the Main Y for our Preschool was wonderful! On July 3rd the Teen Center and Home Gardens joined us for our Red, White and Blue Day. Everybody had an incredible time! They ate, danced and enjoyed an assortment of Carnival games. It was a blast. Even Miss Lorena joined in by squirting everyone with water! July 11th Chic-Fil-A on Hidden Valley Parkway invited us to their restaurant for Cow Appreciation Day. Our group of "cows" had a fantastic time eating, jumping, and learning.

Ira & Marsha Pre-school at Main Y

The pre-school graduation at the Main Y was a great success. The graduates looked very nice in their red, white, and blue caps and gowns. Everyone who attended had a wonderful day. In July, Honda of Diamond Bar came to the Y with ice creams for all the children. It was a warm day, and the ice cream was a great way to cool off! Our goal at the YMCA is for our children to really feel welcome and love coming to school. So, our teachers have been busy redecorating. Marsha's pre-school has been given a new look! This year will be a time for great curriculum, wonderful activities, and lots of great fun.

YMCA Youth & Government

The YMCA Youth & Government will begin recruiting new delegates in August. Their meetings will pick back up in September. The Advisor's conference is scheduled for September 12-14, 2008 in Bakersfield. The weekend of November 8-10, 2008 they will go to Paso Robles to Camp Roberts aka: BOB1 for training and elections 1.