



REST

REGIONAL EMERGENCY SHELTER TEAM NEWSLETTER

REST 2012-2013 Winter Season Starts November 24th!

The REST Board has set November 24th as the start date for the 2012-13 winter shelter season. The Board has been working this summer to get ready for our third season of providing emergency winter shelter to homeless families and single women in the Yuba-Sutter region. During its first two years of existence, REST has filled over 4,500 beds and provided many more meals to those in need. If you volunteered last year, you will be contacted in the near future concerning your involvement this winter. If you are new and want to help, contact Val Loewen dvloewen@hotmail.com or Leah Ewen leah@cip-ca.com to find out how to get plugged in.

Annual Luau Dinner a Smashing Success!

Mahalo nui loa to our REST *Ohana*!! Our only major fundraiser was a huge success, raising just over \$12,000 in vitally needed funding for REST. The food was amazing along with the fellowship. In short, a real *Le'ale'a pa'ina*!

Many thanks to Dan and Brenda Wong, Lynn Jepsen and a host of other volunteers that made this event possible. Special thanks to the Yuba City Rotary Club and our other extremely generous sponsors (see *below*) plus all of you who

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Volunteer Appreciation Rally October 13th

(Please note the date change! And a new location!)

Make plans to join us for our annual volunteer appreciation rally on October 13th. This our chance to say "Thank you!" to all of our volunteers. We share our experiences, pass along some new information for the coming season, have a gift raffle, satisfy our sweet cravings with some delicious dessert dishes and give thanks for our many blessings. This event is always great fun and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

WHEN: Saturday,
October 13th, 7 p.m.

attended.

REST LUAU SPONSORS:

\$500

Rotary Club of Yuba City
Bi-County Ambulance Service

\$300

Les Schwab of Yuba City
Dennis & Dianne Green
Sutter Lions Club
Sutter Rice Company

\$100

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IT WAS QUITE A PARTY!



Terrific raffle prizes filled the back of the auditorium.

WHERE: Cornerstone Church at 700 Washington Avenue in Yuba City.

Media Techies Needed!

REST needs volunteers who are skilled in web site design and maintenance, as well as any creative video gurus. If you have these skills and wish to REALLY help the REST mission, contact Dennis Green at 701-1585. Thanks!!

**Volunteer Spotlight:
RON CRITES**

As we get ready for another winter shelter season, the work of Ron Crites truly deserves our acknowledgment. Ron is one of our most active volunteers, spending dozens of nights each year, caring for the homeless.

During the first season of REST, Ron worked 27 nights over a four month span reporting for duty at 6 pm and leaving around 7 am. Last season he did even more, volunteering to work 35 nights.

Ron joined the Air Force after completing high school in Los Angeles. Assigned to Beale AFB, Ron met his future wife,



There was a great turnout!



**The master Hawaiian Chef
roasted and cooked up a storm.
Delicious!**



Smiles all around...

Darlene, which soon led to the start of their life together -- now surging past 42 years. That union has resulted in two grown children and three grandchildren. After his time in the Air Force, Ron started his career with the California Highway Patrol. As the low man on the totem pole in terms of seniority, Ron was first assigned to the Watts-Compton area of Los Angeles but moved up and spent time working out of the San Jose/Gilroy offices and ultimately in Woodland. After 30 years of exemplary service in the CHP, Ron retired and decided it was time "to give back to my community".



Ron's passion to serve people in our world who are undergoing hardships is part of his DNA. On more than a couple of occasions, Ron brought accident



The tables soon filled up with food.



Many wore colorful Hawaiian clothing.

**A GREAT TIME WAS
HAD BY ALL!
OUR THANKS TO
EVERYONE WHO MADE
IT SUCH A SUCCESS.**

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victims to his home to recoup. One example involved a couple who had their car mostly destroyed and their travel trailer burned to the ground following a collision. While they manage to escape the inferno without major injury, everything they had including personal effects, clothes, credit cards and cash were destroyed. Ron and Darlene opened up their home, purchased clothes and gave them time to regroup. After a few days, they were able to contact relatives who eventually got the couple to their destination in Los Angeles. Just another CHP officer? Not quite. Shortly after his retirement, Ron was inspired by a fictional account of an unemployed professional man who challenged attorneys to look at what they contributed to the public good. Ron decided to look into opportunities to volunteer. That very Sunday at Cornerstone Church, Ron listened as Dave and Valerie Loewen gave a presentation about

NOURISHMENT COMPASSION

If you know some one who might be interested in learning about REST and homeless issues, you can help by forwarding this newsletter to them. Just click the "Forward email" link below. REST is a non-profit corporation. All donations are tax deductible. Donations can be sent to REST, P.O. Box 688, Yuba City, CA 95992.

THANK YOU!

REST. The pool of opportunity that he was seeking was there in front of him and Ron jumped in head first. Like many of our volunteers, Ron would like to see REST grow into a year round shelter operating from a fixed facility. He sees the need for REST to partner with Hands of Hope and the River Bottoms Ministry to consolidate their efforts. After 30 years protecting communities in California, Ron is still giving back. He is a great inspiration to all of us at REST.

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