

Craig's Corner



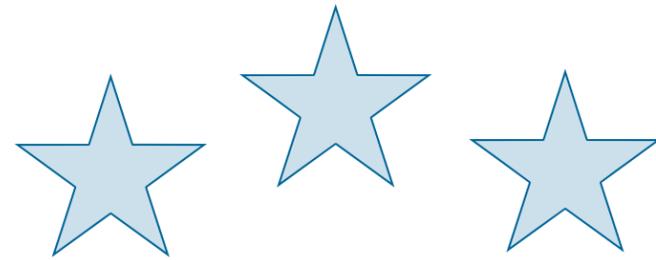
Whew! The busiest time of the year is over! Jammed full of holidays, parties, and a myriad assortment of related events kept us hopping with excitement! Add to that, the November 5th opening of the Graton Rancharia casino just down the street from us and you had a formula to keep us on our toes!

That November opening of the casino brought increased traffic which heightened our vigilance for consumer safety as we traveled back and forth between buildings.

Of course, we celebrated Halloween, made a grand Thanksgiving lunch, produced the centerpieces for the consumer holiday party, decorated for Christmas, and made New Year resolutions in what seemed to be whirlwind of activity all in a three month period!

On top of all that we brought in a number of new consumers to this program, preformed paid work activities, planted our winter garden, the Culinary Academy cooked and cooked, and ran a full slate of fun activities! Everyone involved had a great time! As I said, Whew!

Now we are all looking forward to the new year and what challenges and changes lie ahead. All of us here wish you and yours the best and happiest new year and hope that what lies ahead will be wonderful for everyone! Have fun!



Community Day Program

Lowe's by David Long

I've worked at Lowe's for seven years. The people I work with are very nice. My favorite jobs include the carts and picking up trash with a nifty grabber into my trash cart. Ted likes doing carts and keeping the garden clean. He also likes cleaning up the bull pen, shipping and helping customers. Ted and Kevin work with me at Lowe's and we like working with our coworkers at Lowe's.

We like our jobs and hope to see you when you shop there.



Lowe's Cotati crew: Kevin Huskey, David Long & Ted Copus

Kevin likes to sweep the garden in front of the building. Kevin and Ted also do carry outs where they help a customer get their purchases in their car. Ted's jobs include breaking down the cardboard and putting them in the bailer. Kevin and Ted sweep the isles in the receiving area. We also clean the men's and unisex bathrooms.

Mrs. Grossman's by Jared Bronzan and Kimberley Jeffries.

We work at Mrs. Grossman's in Petaluma, California. In October we did a lot of sticker packs for the employees and the store for Halloween. Our job consists of checking the stickers and putting them in packing. We also add the

bar codes for the stores. In December, we did many greeting cards for the Grossman Family. We mailed 600 of the greeting cards. We were all busy. We also had a Christmas Party at Mrs. Grossman's.

This month we are going to be doing 1,200 sticker packs for the employees and the store. Make sure you look for our work whenever you buy stickers.



Mrs. Grossman's crew: Andy McFetridge, Kim Jeffries & Jared Bronzan



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The Enterprise

Our voice, our thoughts, our choice.....

All interviews, opinions and ideas brought directly to you by NBI Activity Center Participants.

What Have We Been Up To?

It was a holiday and event filled quarter! We celebrated National Disability Employment Awareness Month with an Open House & BBQ on October 18th at Labath & Martin sites. The corporate office hosted a luncheon with hamburgers and hot dogs. Many visitors toured the Activity Center and the Flag Line.

Halloween had everyone creating masks and joining the fun as we paraded to Martin Avenue to show off our costumes.

The Culinary Academy prepared a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast for the Activity Center. We were seated at tables and served a delicious meal. December brought our

annual awards banquet & dance with Katie Moore, Activity Center, and Bob Goosens, Site-based CDP, as consumer of the year recipients.

We had three new consumers join the Activity Center Program. We continue with our themed based activities such as: Hubble Telescope, Boston Tea Party, the Wright Brothers, Space Flight & planets, Walt Disney, First Automobiles & Madame Curie.

We celebrated food related Holidays: National Nacho Day, National Cookie Day, Thanksgiving, and National Popcorn Month.

Art projects reflected the holidays and included mak-

ing ornaments and presents for our families. We also managed to make items for the Sonoma County Fair this summer. There has been a temporary staffing change at the Activity Center. Morgan Gates has joined us as a temporary sub.

The Graton Casino finally opened and in November. We experienced increased traffic on Labath Avenue.

Upcoming Holiday Closure Days:

February 17: Presidents Day
March 31: Caesar Chavez Day

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Welcome New Friends

New to the Activity Center this quarter are Vernon Streeter, Patrick Rudd and Megan Hamilton.

Patrick came from O.A.D.S. And Vernon from Casa Grande in Petaluma. Vernon and Patrick are house mates. Vernon really

enjoys being here. Vernon stated, "Everyone is really nice. I enjoy getting food from the truck. When I was in Casa Grande I didn't talk much, like I do now. I also like that we play bingo. I'm happy here."

Megan came to NBI from SCOE. NBI is her first program. Megan is enjoying her time here. Megan enjoys Bingo, Art and movies.



Megan Hamilton, Patrick Rudd & Vernon Streeter



Halloween



Pictured above: Lisa Davies, Karl Krug, Michele Crowl with Supervisors Marissa & Amy

This year we made masks for Halloween. Every person at the Activity Center had the opportunity to make a mask and participate in the Halloween Parade to Martin Ave and the flag line.

We were greeted by Doug (who was dressed as the top banana) who led the parade. Afterwards we returned to the Activity Center for a party.



Pictured above: The Activity Center with CDP groups 2 & 3



Favorite Things

Patrick Rudd: Stickers

Suzanne Schmuck: I like to draw and do watercolors.

Michele Hettick: I enjoy painting and coloring. I also like dice math. My paintings make me feel happy. Pink and purple are my favorite colors.

Nicole Sherron: I enjoy working on puzzles and watching movies.

Rick Klopstock: My favorite things to do are watching movies and playing bingo.

Makda Seyoum: Art & Cooking

Drew Jensen: I like to write,

work with Phyllis and cook with Ann.

Ian Haig: My favorite thing to do is to watch movies.

Emily Woon: I like to play Bingo, dice math and do word games with Tom.

Karen Porter: I like to play Bingo.



Culinary Academy

By Christine Thompson, Drew Jensen & Jason Elias

In November, we cooked a Thanksgiving Lunch for the entire Activity Center. We made green salad, pumpkin pies, mashed potatoes, string beans, candied yams, cranberry sauce, gravy and cooked three large Turkeys.

We prepared the food over three days and served the

food with a banquet to program friends. We set the tables and placed name tags at the places. We sat guests at their places and then served salad. After guests finished their salad, we cleared their places and served the meal. When the food was done we had dessert! It was lots of fun and we want to do it again.



Makda Seyoum peeling potatoes for the Thanksgiving Feast

Awards Banquet

The holiday banquet was held on December 13, 2013 at the Rohnert Park Community Center. It was an accumulation of lots of hard work.

The Activity Center provided the decorations for the banquet. The Activity Cen-

ter made trees using colored card stock and Christmas Stickers. We also made the snow fields that the trees nestled in. Another project was making the pictures that were hung in the photo area for group pictures. The projects were fun and everyone participated!



SBCDP Consumer of the year Bob Gooses with his sister and Craig Rodolff



Consumers pictured in photo montage:

Patty Martin, Nicole Sherron, Diane Scafidi, Emily Woon, Tony Giacomelli, Patrick Rudd, Jon Spangler, Mikey DePietro, Betty Swain, Lisa Davies, Suzanne Schmuck, Carol Dunlap, Marlene Goldberg, Makda Seyoum, Brandon St. John, Michael James, Jason Elias, Drew Jensen and Karl Krug

