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August

- 19 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas
- 22 4PM—9PM Hoedown for Habitat, Murphys Park, Murphys, CA

September

- 16 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas
- 25 10AM-3PM Nor-Cal Affiliates Meeting, Sacramento HfH

October

- 17 9:30 AM Bridge Tournament, Murphys, CA
- 21 6 PM Regular Board Meeting @ Senior Center, San Andreas

Hoedown for Habitat Returns for 11th Year

We're going to have a summer party and everyone is invited. So put on your dancing shoes and bring your appetite for a great barbecue dinner and a fun filled night! The 11th Annual Hoedown for Habitat will be held from 4-9 p.m. Saturday August 22 at the Murphys Park. Music for dancing will be provided by the crisp, clean sounds of the Crystal Image Band, not to say they can't accompany "dirty" dancing if that's your thing! The ever-popular Fiddle Gang will provide additional entertainment during the evening.

There will be door prizes, raffles and a silent auction featuring a wealth of items and services generously donated by local businesses and individuals. Gifts and prizes range from meals at local restaurants to artwork, overnight stays in local and out-of-area venues, and gift baskets including local fine wines.

Habitat supporters are encouraged to put together a family, neighborhood or business group to assure a good time and a successful event. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any board member, the Habitat office at 754-5331, or online at <http://www.habitatcalaveras.org/events.html>. Adult tickets are \$25 in advance, or \$35 at the park. Children 6-12 tickets are \$7 in advance or \$15 at the park. Children under 5 are free.

The event offers a guaranteed good time at a bargain price. Nowhere else can you have a good meal with friends and family, with entertainment, a chance to win prizes, and an opportunity to support Habitat's great mission!

Crystal Image Returns to Hoedown

John Covert (keyboards/vocal) established Crystal Image band in 1968. He's a grand prize winner at the Nashville music city song festival. Covert's songs have been featured on The Nashville Network's (TNN) "Nashville Now!", VH1 TV show "The fabulous life of country superstars", Country Song Roundup magazine, Billboard charts and USA Gospel News magazine. He co-wrote the song "Smile if you love Jesus" that charted #1 on the 1999 Country Gospel Music Guild charts. For more info go to <http://crystalimageband.weebly.com/>



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Change, resistance, and the needs of the few

It has been said by scholars greater than I, that change is inevitable, resistance is futile, and the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few. Habitat Calaveras is changing.

As we start our 21st year Habitat has opened new opportunities for growth of the services we provide in the community. By partnering with the Calaveras Community Foundation and Lutheran sponsored, Thrivent Builds, we have effectively quadrupled our ability to help homeowners with roofing, painting, health and safety improvements, and just about anything else that otherwise would not be affordable. Habitat hired Dave Magann as Construction Coordinator to facilitate the myriad of services and requests we receive for Habitat help. Dave has lots of experience with prior service for another Habitat affiliate, and we hope to put his skills to test by piling on the work; at least two new projects every month for the whole year! Get ready Dave!

We have been vetting individuals for the position of Volunteer Coordinator, so if you haven't received a call to service, it isn't because there is no work to do; it's just a little hard for our affiliate manager to keep all the plates in the air at the same time (running the business and calling volunteers to serve). We plan on hiring not only a new Volunteer Coordinator soon, but also an Assistant Affiliate Manager, who will rise to the challenge of the new position with aspirations of becoming the Affiliate Manager in a year. Yes, our esteemed Affiliate Manager Frank Meyer, has informed the board of his decision to retire at the end of the fiscal year. Change is indeed inevitable and our resistance to Frank's retirement would be futile. Frank has been the glue that keeps this organization together, but be comforted by the fact that Frank will prepare his protégé to take command when the time is right and our mission will continue unabated, although sadly minus Frank and his stewardship. In the meantime, go ahead and give Frank a call to volunteer your time. Frank is a people person and loves to talk on the phone.

Habitat is embarking on new paths. For the first time ever, we are building TWO houses simultaneously. We are receiving plenty of support from the Copperopolis (specific) and Calaveras (global) communities for the house builds. After all, how can you resist helping two wonderful families own their first homes? If you would like to help our sponsors (Umpqua Bank, CalTel, PGE, and Copper Cove homeowners) we can always use more hands and hearts on the build. Just give us a call. Maybe the needs of the many (all of you) wanting to help the few (two families in search of a house to call home) challenges Mr. Spock's observation. I for one, am willing to see the many help the few...after all, resistance is futile when the change is inevitably for the better.

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**Your tax-deductible
donation of a car, boat
or RV will help to build
simple, decent, and
affordable homes for
local families in need.**

Call (209) 754-5331 to arrange
your tax deductible donation



Mad Habitatters Jeff Airola, John Sproul and former Habitat Board President Noel Helmbrecht placed 2nd in the County Library's 18th Annual Trivia Bee, competing under the auspices of the Law Firm of Ossified, Spifflicated and Zozzled.

Well done guys!

REMINDER

Hang this on a cork board or the fridge

11th Annual HOEDOWN for Habitat

**Saturday, August 22, 4:00-9:00 PM
Murphys Park**

JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC AND DANCING

MUSIC PROVIDED BY:

CRYSTAL IMAGE BAND

AND

THE FIDDLE GANG



No Host BAR—OPENS AT 4PM

BBQ DINNER - SERVED FROM 5—6:00PM

ALSO FEATURING A RAFFLE AND A SILENT AUCTION WITH FABULOUS ITEMS

ADULTS \$25 IN ADVANCE, \$35 AT THE PARK
CHILDREN 6—12 \$7 IN ADVANCE \$15 AT THE PARK
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**For information/tickets call
Habitat for Humanity Calaveras
(209) 754-5331 or
hoedown@habitatcalaveras.org**

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**Help Habitat raise money to
give a hand up not a hand out**



Habitat Bridge Tournament Set to Go



The annual Swiss Teams Contract Bridge Tournament and Habitat fundraiser will be held on the 17th of October, at the Lions Hut in Murphys. The occasion starts off with donuts and pastries accompanied with coffee, tea and assorted juices at 9:30 AM. The cost is \$30.00 and includes bridge, Continental Breakfast and Lunch. If you are not entering through the weekly bridge games or need help in getting a team together, contact Noel Helmbrecht at 736-4467.

Bridge playing starts at 10:00, with three flights of bridge experience allowed for, so all skill levels are welcome to play and occasional players are encouraged to support this fun event. For placing in the tournament, Master points will be awarded for ACBL members. Our highly qualified tournament director, Duane Oneto, will handle all the movements and scoring. Winners of the A, B, and C flights will be presented with a bottle of fine Calaveras County wine for their efforts.

At approximately 12:30 PM, a delicious gourmet luncheon will be provided by our own Lucy Thein and crew. Lucy has, to great acclaim, been popularly requested by the many players of previous tournaments...you will enjoy her epicurean delights.

Most major food markets in the county support this endeavor and their help, in making the raising of funds for the important work of Habitat, is really appreciated.

We look forward to a quality tournament with a commitment to good fun with wonderful people for a great cause!!

Calaveras Community Foundation Supports Home Preservation Program Thrivent Builds Also a Major Sponsor

Habitat's Home Preservation Program began in 2012, and has been ramped up since then. The Program has allowed us to serve many more families than the one or two families we are able to serve each year with our traditional new construction projects. Home preservation does not create more affordable housing; its purpose is to maintain existing housing as safe, decent, and affordable places to live.

The Program is supported by local donors as well as the Calaveras Community Foundation helping to fund our Critical Home Repair Program and Thrivent Builds supporting our A Brush With Kindness (ABWK) program. ABWK seeks to improve the look of the neighborhood by sprucing up home exteriors. Critical Home Repair (CHR) handles more complicated cases where homeowners need assistance to fix health and safety issues in the home.

Many of the home preservation clients are senior citizens with fixed incomes. This happens to be the target group of the Foundation's Aging in Place initiative that is providing a \$10,000 grant supporting CHR in the current fiscal year. Last year's support from the Foundation was instrumental in kicking the program up to the next level. It also provided the experience basis for Habitat to qualify for a potential \$50,000 grant from the US Department of Agriculture in October.

In the current calendar year Habitat has worked on eight projects. We have completed five projects since January, two in Murphys, one in San Andreas and two in Mountain Ranch, and currently have three active projects, two in San Andreas and one in Copperopolis.

The work is provided by volunteers using donated materials whenever possible. Homeowners are encouraged to participate in the repair work with sweat equity or if physically unable, support it in other ways.

To qualify, applicants must own the home they live in, meet income eligibility, and agree to reimburse Habitat Calaveras for the cost of materials and/or cost of contracted people. This can be done as a single payment or pay off a no-interest loan with affordable monthly payments. Monies received from partner families are placed in a revolving Home Preservation fund to assist others in need.

We look forward to serving homeowners throughout our community by offering a hand up, not a hand out. Applications are available by email at admin@habitatcalaveras.org or by calling the Habitat office at 754-5331. If you are interested in volunteering for the Home Preservation Program contact us the same way.

Individuals

Bonnie and James Ahart
 Jeanne Airola
 Claudia Beymer
 Mark Bolton
 Scott and Cheryl Brim
 Sandra Churchill
 Kim Conley
 John and Shirley Denison
 Peggy Dodge
 Julie Eggert
 Dr. Floy Goulart
 Estate of Helen Guerrero
 Kathy and Mike Heffernan
 Ken & Laura Kenyon
 Cynthia Landavazo

Crystal LeClercq
 Kathleen and Alan Luce
 Peter and Karri Michell
 Rita Millsaps
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 Christine Reeves
 Roberta Severson
 Joceline Stickney
 Amy Wallace
 Rob and Kaarn Westerhoff
 Alice Williams

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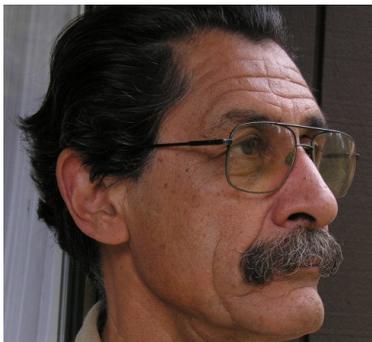
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 Sierra Pacific Foundation
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 Wells Fargo Matching Gift Program
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In Memory of:

Daniel and Helen Guerrero
 Michael Kelso
 Seth Turoonjian

Remembering Seth Turoonjian

Seth Turoonjian, one of our very special volunteers, passed away earlier this year. He loved life: hiking, dancing, traveling, music, acting. As busy as he was, he always found time for Habitat for Humanity Calaveras. In remembrance, we are republishing this Newsletter article of three years ago written by then-Volunteer Coordinator Jayne Henning Childress.



If you were able to put a hidden camera on the big picture of Habitat for Humanity Calaveras this past year, there is one volunteer who really stands out in performance and that is Seth Turoonjian.

Inspired by his grandmother, Seth has a Masters degree in Education, a Bachelor of Arts in Math, and is now a retired Calaveras County teacher of mathematics, algebra, geometry, and calculus. He has been volunteering with Habitat Calaveras for about 4 years working on two Habitat homes in Rancho Calaveras and two in San Andreas. He has also supervised two “A Brush With Kindness” projects. This represents a lot of commitment.

When asked why he likes to volunteer he says, “I enjoy the people, being outside, and there is just a certain kind of satisfaction.” He is quite knowledgeable about the building process as he built his own well designed home. When questioned about his learned skills with construction, he humbly says, “I don’t consider myself a master craftsman, but I’m comfortable with the work.” He states that he likes the electrical parts and that now there are so many devices that make it easier, he’s not afraid of it.

Seth feels lucky to have a wonderful stepson and three grandchildren, which encourages him to travel to their home in Washington State. When not busy with Habitat projects or out of the State, he says, “I like to go hiking and want to explore the idea of returning to backpacking.” Seth also likes to dance, he’s in a band, and would like to take up more acting. We hope to see him in a production soon!

[Editor’s Note: What a guy! We miss him...]



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Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization dedicated to building modest affordable homes—volunteers hand in hand with families that need a better place to live. Please give generously so that your tax deductible donation to Habitat for Humanity Calaveras will help another local family achieve the dream of home ownership. Thank you so much!

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