

THE RUTHERFORD Report

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"No one is so rich that he does not need another's help; no one so poor as not to be useful in some way to his fellow man; and the disposition to ask assistance from others with confidence and to grant it with kindness is part of our very nature."

—Pope Leo XIII

Volunteers Make It Happen

Volunteers make a difference in our communities every day by giving of themselves to help others. Whether you volunteer a few hours a week, a couple of days a month, or just once a year, the good feeling you get from knowing you've done something to improve your community or help people in need is well worth the effort and time.

Thanks to programs like HandsOn Inland Empire, it's easy to find volunteer opportunities that match your experience, interests, and even your busy schedule.

HandsOn—operated by the Inland Empire United Way—connects people with numerous nonprofit, governmental, and faith-based organizations that need volunteer help. Like computers? Valle Vista Elementary in Rancho Cucamonga is looking for volunteers to mentor students in the computer lab. Enjoy knitting? The United Way's Knit for Need is looking for people to knit hats, blankets, socks, and other items for homeless shelters and hospitals. Don't know how to knit? Well, they'll help you learn.

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The Perpetual Little League Dad



Like a lot of dads, Doug Morris found himself helping coach Little League baseball when his first son became interested in the sport about 25 years ago. His sons, Scott and Devin, liked baseball but not enough to continue playing long, and they gave it up for other activities like

basketball and football after several years.

While most Little League dads bow out when their children no longer play, Doug stuck around, and today, the 56-year-old Rancho Cucamonga resident serves as the volunteer district administrator for Little League District 71, which boasts about 2,200 players in Rancho

Cucamonga and Fontana. While his two sons—ages 28 and 30—have long since outgrown Little League, Doug's proud to say that his 4-year-old grandson is about to join the league.

Doug took his first big leap into the Little League world in 1990 when he became president of the Deer Canyon Little League after the former president moved. He became an important point person among the five local Little League teams in the city during his five years in the volunteer post. It wasn't the easiest job keeping peace between competing Little League teams or dealing with the occasional upset parent, but Doug enjoyed watching the kids learn about teamwork, build their self-confidence, and improve their baseball skills.

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Supervisor Hosts First Business Roundtable

On March 31, I hosted my inaugural Business Roundtable at the Jessie Turner Community Center in Fontana to give local business people an opportunity to share their thoughts about the County's business climate with me.

State Senator Mike Morrell joined me and provided some brief remarks about the budget battles occurring in Sacramento. In addition, County Workforce Development Specialist Nick DeMartz and County Redevelopment Director Kathy Thomas shared information about County efforts to assist local businesses. They also answered questions from individuals after the forum.



The roundtable generated discussions about several different issues, including my support of ending San Bernardino County's law prohibiting mobile food vending.

State of the County Attracts More than 900 Attendees

The 2011 State of the County provided more than 900 business representatives, residents, civic and education leaders with information received from the County's proactive Visioning Process, which included input from hundreds of residents at community meetings held throughout the County, as well as thousands of online surveys, and roundtables with more than 25 expert groups including retail, environment, home building, military, education, health care, and commercial real estate.

The County of San Bernardino covers over 20,000 square miles of land making it the largest county in the U.S. With over 2 million residents, the County is the 12th largest county in the nation and is larger than 15 states with a local market GDP exceeding \$1 trillion. The County of San Bernardino offers an affordable quality of life and cost effective location for business.

In addition, one business owner asked about the policy on bidding County contracts and how it could be modified to give local contractors and vendors, especially those who want to subcontract, more opportunities to do business

with the County.

Another asked about how he could get this vocational college on the list of schools approved to provide training through the County's Workforce Development Department.

Business owners also talked about the need to have local control of Ontario International Airport and about the collective effort known as the Inland Empire Destination Council

(www.DiscoverIE.com), which aims to promote tourism and entertainment destinations in the County.

I plan to host additional Business Roundtables on a regular basis to connect with local business people. Stay tuned to the Rutherford Report for future meeting dates and locations.

The County's unrivaled access to local and global markets and a diverse workforce of nearly one million people provides significant advantages to business. The region is well known for its unparalleled infrastructure including most major Southern California freeways, two of the busiest rail lines in the country, the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and several Southern California airports.

Rich in valuable human capital, San Bernardino County is where residents can experience an abundance of opportunity and successful businesses are built and sustained.

Want to see what all the buzz is about? Visit www.SBcountybuzz.com to view the 2011 State of the County video and learn more about the advantages San Bernardino County has to offer businesses.

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Many nonprofit organizations such as the GAP (God Always Provides) Food Bank in Rancho Cucamonga couldn't make it without the help of volunteers.

GAP provides grocery bags stuffed with bread, soups, milk, meat, vegetables, and other food to about 400 struggling families every week. The agency employs a director, who spends a lot of time drumming up donations and support for the food bank, and provides a stipend to their truck driver.

The remaining 60 workers are all volunteers who spend one day a week cataloging, sorting, cleaning, and packing items purchased from local food distribution centers or donated by companies such as Vons, Trader Joes, and Frito Lay. Without them, GAP simply could not function.

This month, HandsOn Inland Empire and I partnered to promote National Volunteer Week, April 10–16. We joined forces to encourage residents to discover the joys of being a volunteer and to celebrate those who donate their time and energy to help others. We'll be hosting a

luncheon for all of our volunteers later this month with the support of Cardenas Markets. I look forward to personally thanking all of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication to their community.

You can learn more about HandsOn Inland Empire by visiting their website at www.HandsOnInlandEmpire.org or by calling (909) 980-2857 ext. 227.

Other Second District Volunteer Opportunities

San Bernardino County Library

Contact Robin Hoklotubbe at (909) 387-5875

City of Rancho Cucamonga

Visit www.cityofrc.us/cityhall/cs/volunteers.asp

City of Fontana

Call Human Resources at (909) 350-7650

City of Upland

Call Human Resources at (909) 931-4177

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At one point during the mid-1990s, Doug told the league he needed time off, but his respite didn't last, and pretty soon he was volunteering with Little League again.

In addition to coaching Little League, Doug also volunteered to coach other sports teams his sons were involved with including the city's intramural basketball league and flag football leagues. Most of the players were boys, but a few girls also signed up to play on the teams.

Some coaches were concerned about having girls on their mostly boy teams, but Doug gladly accepted the girl players because he enjoyed their enthusiasm to play sports and develop their skills.

"It's about learning the sport and having fun," he said.

When he isn't helping keep things moving at Little League District 71, Doug works as a financial advisor and branch manager at the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney office in Ontario. He also served on the Board of the Directors for the Rancho Cucamonga/Fontana YMCA and was an active member of the Rancho Cucamonga Sunrize Rotary Club. He also served two years as president of the club, which sponsored annual Christmas shopping trips for low-income youth and other philanthropic programs.

If you know a Second District resident who deserves to be recognized in this forum, I encourage you to send your contact information and a brief summary of why the person should be recognized to SupervisorRutherford@sbcounty.gov.

2nd District Trivia

Last Issue's Answer: San Sevaine Creek was named after French winemaker Pierre Sainsevaine, who established a winery in Rancho Cucamonga in 1865.

Question: Which of the following is *not* an earlier name for Crestline, which was officially named in 1906 following a naming contest to promote real estate in the mountain community?

Crest City, Pine Mont, Lake Gregory, or Mormon Springs

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Upcoming Events

April 20, 2011	Congressman David Dreier San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board, the California Employment Development Department, and the City of Rancho Cucamonga will host a job fair at the Goldy Lewis Community Center. The event will also feature workshops to help job seekers improve their chances of finding employment, such as resume and interview workshops. Call Congressman Dreier's office at (909) 575-6226 for more information.
April 23, 2011	Upland Foothill Kiwanis & the City of Upland Recreation Division will sponsor an egg hunt at Memorial Park from 10 to 11 a.m. for children ages 7 and under.
April 24, 2011	Easter
April 25, 2011	End of Passover
April 28, 2011	The 10th annual Literacy Trivia Bee and Silent Auction—a fun fundraising event supporting the Upland Public Library's Literacy Program—will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carnegie Cultural center. Please contact the Literacy Office at (909) 931-4212 to find out how you can participate as a volunteer, sponsor, donor of goods or services, team player, or team supporter.
April 28, 2011	The annual Fontana Community Assistance Program Resource Fair will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Jessie Turner Center, 15556 Summit Ave., in Fontana. Representatives from over 100 local community assistance organizations will be present to provide free resources, referrals and information.
April 28, 2011	The Behavioral Health Commission will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Family Service Agency office located at 7993 F North Sierra Ave. in Fontana to discuss the mental health needs of communities in the Second and Fourth Supervisorial Districts, including Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, Lytle Creek, Devore, Crestline, Mt. Baldy and San Antonio Heights.
April 29–May 1, 2011	The Lemon Festival returns to downtown Upland from Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1. Enjoy good friends and good times, with great food, carnival rides and games, lemon-flavored items, and artisans from all parts of California. For more information, please contact the Upland Redevelopment Department at (909) 931-4300. For Business Expo information, contact the Upland Chamber of Commerce at (909) 204-4465. Event Schedule: Friday, April 29: noon–10:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30: 10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Sunday, May 1: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
April 30, 2011	The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center will host the 2nd annual Furry Friends Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lions Center West located at 1111 Baseline Road in Rancho Cucamonga. Sort through a treasure trove of new and “gently used” items. Funds raised will be used to support the Animal Center.
May 3, 2011	The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will meet at 10 a.m. in the Covington Chambers at the San Bernardino County Government Center located at 385 N. Arrowhead Ave. in San Bernardino.
May 6, 2011	Cruising Spring Street will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Spring Street near Sierra Avenue in the City of Fontana. Enjoy classic cars, entertainment, food and more and this monthly event.
May 7, 2011	Crestline Art-Tiques will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. in Crestline. Enjoy art, music, and more as you walk down historic Lake Drive in Crestline during this monthly event to promote local businesses.
May 7, 2011	Children between 2 and 8 years old are invited to come listen to stories at the Archibald Library from 11 to 11:30 a.m. every Saturday in the Story Theater.
May 7, 2011	Enjoy dinner and fellowship at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa as you help raise money for the Boys & Girls Club of the Mountain Communities during the annual Bid for Kids fundraiser. The cost is \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of ten. For ticket information, call (909) 338-9390.
May 10, 2011	The Crest Forest Senior Citizens Club and the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services offer meals to seniors at the San Moritz Lodge from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays. Call (909) 338-5036 for more information.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.