

# Memorandum from



The Newsletter of Friends of Prado Day Center  
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*... and Maxine Lewis  
Memorial Shelter ...*

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## Culinary Carnival Success!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Culinary Carnival, held on February 7 at the SLO Vet's Hall, was a great success, thanks to all of the volunteers who made it such a special event. The Carnival was sold out, and the capacity group enjoyed a great evening of food, wine, music, and auctions (see photos on the back).

Many thanks to our sponsors (listed in the Winter newsletter). And thanks to our Master of Ceremonies Rob Lewin, our auctioneer Susan Devine, and all our former Mardi Gras kings and queens. Special thanks to Mary Anne Werner, who donated all the decorations and, with her volunteer team, did a fantastic job decorating the Vet's Hall. Also special thanks to Bidle Ranch Vineyard, who supplied *all* the wine for our thirsty crowd—a tremendous contribution.

Ticket sales, raffles, and auction items all exceeded our hoped-for proceeds, and we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended for their participation. The Carnival goes a long way to helping us achieve our goal of supporting the services at Prado Day Center.

## Our Mailing List

To bring this newsletter to both the Friends of Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis donors, we are combining our mailing lists. You can help! If you receive two newsletters, please cut out the two mailing labels and return them to us in the remittance envelope (even if you're not making a donation). We'll take it from there.

While you're at it, we'd appreciate it if you would give us your email address. We don't use them often, but it's good to be able to let you know about last-minute things like the warming station, or that the Culinary Carnival is sold out. ☺ Thank you!

## Special Thank You's ...

Love SLO is an annual community-wide service day held in San Luis Obispo each spring. On March 19, thirteen Love SLO volunteers cleaned up Maxine Lewis Shelter inside and out. Many thanks for their hard work!

The MEXA Club of SLO High School (Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Atzlan) recently donated \$200 to Friends of Prado. Their focus areas are promoting higher education, respecting cultures, and building community. Thanks to these great kids!



## Meet our Volunteer Coordinator

Amanda Bailey is CAPSLO's new Volunteer Coordinator. She would love to hear from you if you would like to volunteer at either Prado Day Center or Maxine Lewis Shelter. You can fill out an application online at <http://www.capslo.org/sec-volunteers> or give her a call at 544-4355 x121 to get more information.



## Like Us On Facebook!

Yes, we have a Facebook page! You can find it here: <https://www.facebook.com/PradoDayCenter/>. Our fearless high-tech gurus are working hard to keep it up to date with news about homelessness, updates on the warming center, and more. Take a look and make us part of your Facebook experience!

## New Board Members Needed

The Board of Directors of Friends of Prado Day Center is starting to plan ahead for our metamorphosis into something bigger—something big enough to raise funds for the new (yet to be named) homeless center. The responsibilities are not onerous: a couple of hours a month preparing for and attending board meetings,

and help with fundraising activities—especially the Culinary Carnival. We would especially like to find some Maxine Lewis supporters to join us. If you are interested in more information, please contact Roy Rawlings ([rmrawlings2004@yahoo.com](mailto:rmrawlings2004@yahoo.com)).

## Success Story

*Staff person Robert reports:* It is very encouraging for staff to see a client get a job that he was tailor made for. Two weeks ago a client garnered a seasonal position with UPS. He has been getting up each morning except Sunday at midnight. One can see in his demeanor his enthusiasm, self-esteem, and sense of accomplishment. He wakes up to shower, makes a sandwich, and puts whatever essentials he needs for the day in his backpack. He then gets on his bike and ped-

dles to work a few miles away. This man has encountered many hardships in his past, so seeing him succeed as he has is better than getting a Christmas present!

## Donations / Volunteer Opportunities

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Since 1997, **Prado Day Center** has provided essential day-to-day services for homeless and working poor members of our community--food, showers, phone messages, and many other services. **Friends of Prado Day Center** provides support funding for Prado Day Center. **CAPSLO** manages the day-to-day operation of Prado Day Center. **The People's Kitchen** coordinates hot lunches served daily at the Center by organizations throughout the county.



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*Local wineries donated wine for the very popular wine table.*



*The Vet's Hall was transformed by wonderful decorations.*



*Roy and Linda Rawlings were crowned the new King and Queen of Mardi Gras!*