

PROFESSIONAL AUXILIARY ANNUAL REPORT – Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Claire Kocek, Chairman

This was a challenging year, with a substantially smaller active member base, but we managed to accomplish many things. With 33% fewer members, we managed to service approximately the same number of recipients as the previous year. Details of the member hours donated are included at the end of this report.

Operation Hug and HHH were revitalized this year, thanks to Pat Downing and Caryll Young, respectively and Wavey Cope initiated a new project to fill a need in UCI's Handle with Care program with the sibling dolls. We doubled the commitment to Christmas is for Sharing and had the funds necessary to increase our Operation School Bell commitment to meet increased demand. Kathy Smith has done a tremendous job of making sure we had the necessary supplies and manpower to assemble the hygiene kits and dress the children. Kim Wagner and Debbie Wagner continued to provide much appreciated monthly activities for the adolescent and teen population, as well as our annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Orangewood Children's Home. Details of our Philanthropic Programs are included at the end of this report.

Financially we continue to be strong. Thanks to a tremendous effort by Lana Hernandez, we had another great fundraising year, and maintained our administrative expenses below budget. Thrift has been busy this year and will bring in substantially more income than what was originally budgeted. Susan Waters has done a fine job of maintaining our financial integrity with advisement & her regular reports of our financial condition. Financial details of the fundraiser are included at the end of this report.

We continue to remember our heritage by holding our 2nd annual Chairman's Dinner at our January meeting. With the help of sustaining member, Linda Burnette, we welcomed many of our sustaining and associate members, as well as past Chairman and Charter members. Erlinda Compton put on a great New Member Tea, and with the help of Sue Vierregger, we entertained about 12 potential new members, 4 of which have already joined. We continue to have challenges with member engagement and finding ways to provide our services more efficiently, streamlining administrative tasks and coordinating efforts to provide more flexibility in our membership requirements will be a priority going forward.

This year, our Justina Lowry Service Award was awarded to two members, who have always worked as a team. Kim Wagner and Debbie Wagner have been active members and committee chairmen since they joined the auxiliary, and have devoted countless hours to our Orangewood Children's Home project. They have also served as Hospitality Chairmen and Silent Auction Chairmen and have been fundamental in raising in kind donations for the Orangewood program from outside the auxiliary.

We want to thank the Chapter for its support throughout the process to change our name to the Professional Auxiliary, an auxiliary of the Assistance League of Orange, and are happy that we can focus more on our work in the community and building a stronger organization.

And finally, I want to thank Betsy Little for her forward-thinking and collaborative leadership style, Ellie Jordan for her humor and dedication to the strategic goals of the organization, and Joy Nichols for her guidance and wisdom. It has been a privilege to work with these leaders and with all of the members of the Assistance League of Orange.

2007-2008 PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAM SUMMARY

HHH Report:

Summary of year's activities, purchases, grants, donations, in kind gifts: This year the HHH project significantly expanded the new relationships established in 2006-7 with 4 6 bed assisted living homes in the city of Orange. This underserved population rarely has visits from outside groups, or organized activities. This year we were able to stage an event for each month from October through May

As project chairman, my goal was to turn this into a volunteer project where each month a different Assistance League Prof Aux member could plan the event and choose the activities. This also encouraged a larger base of volunteers to participate. Historically, it has been difficult to find a member to staff the chair position, as it involved many hours to organize an activity for each month. Breaking this planning down and involving multiple members spreads the workload

Future goals for this project: I would like to see this project gain more member/coordinators so that visits could be increased offering more volunteer hour opportunities.

Other comments/insights: This particular project does not need a large budget, but has great potential for expanding volunteer hours and visits.

Operation School Bell Report:

Summary of year's activities, purchases, grants, donations, in kind gifts: JLA members dressed kids on 3 different Saturdays. ALO and Assisteens dressed kids 17 times.

Future goals for this project: More opportunities for our members to dress kids.

Other comments/insights: Some lack of communication due to the fact that ALO did not have a OSB chairman. I would have liked to know ahead of time how many kids were expected for each dressing day and then how many actually showed up. Our members were always helpful in packing hygiene kits.

Christmas is For Sharing Report:

Summary of year's activities, purchases, grants, donations, in kind gifts: This year we gifted 17 children and 11 adults. The families (all of whom have at least one child in Head Start) were recommended by Orange Parents and Children Together (OCPT) on Chapman Avenue, in Orange. All received clothing. We obtained a wish list from the children and tried to purchase at least one thing (toy) on it. Karen Howland's company donated several cases of food. We also purchased gift certificates from a local market for each family. Prior to our December meeting, members wrapped the gifts. Rather than delivering to each family, we delivered the gifts to OCPT and they delivered them directly to the families.

Future goals for this project: I feel that this is a most worthwhile project. We went from five families in 2006 to six families in 2007. Perhaps we could consider providing Christmas for more families in need.

Operation Hug Report:

Summary of year's activities, purchases, grants, donations, in kind gifts: With the donation of 70 bears from Lucky Plush Toys, we were able to service more recipients than we have in some time. New recipients this year included elderly residents in the HHH program (for Valentines Day, Easter & Mother's Day) and displaced fire survivors through the American Red Cross and Orange Fire department at Orange High School. The 274 bears were distributed to recipients through the following agencies:

CHOC Foundation for Children, Fountain Senior Assisted Living, Orange Fire Station 3, Orangewood Children's Home, American Red Cross, Best Elderly Care, Orange Police Department, UCI Medical Center

Thanks to Sue Vierregger's husband, Hank, for providing storage facilities for the bears and to my grandson for helping me bag & deliver the bears. I enjoyed being the Operation Hug chair and will continue to do so in the coming year.

Future goals for this project: Continue to find new recipients that would benefit from this project.

Orangewood Children's Home Report:

Summary of year's activities, purchases, grants, donations, in kind gifts? Approximately 10 members and a few non-members participated in providing over 250 girls monthly craft, games, or pizza parties for about 250 adolescent and teenage girls. Expenses went for food, goodie bags, bath and body works gifts, prizes, etc. In addition, we provided Thanksgiving dinner for all residents (approximately 150).

Handle With Care Report:

Summary of years activities, purchases, grants, donations, in kind gifts: We received a \$50.00 donation from Bergstrom's about 270 knitted hats, booties, and blankets: 270 items

Future Goals for this Project:

- Continue to sew cloth dolls for use with sick infants and children as well as siblings.
- Continue to donate knitted hats, booties, and small blankets for preemies.
- Purchase rattles, mobiles and crib toys to send home with infants to stimulate their development and response to light and sound, per UCI Neonatal request.

Other comments/insights: We are in a better position to effectively support UCI's Neonatal Unit's needs for next year, since their staffing is now ready to work with us, which was a hindrance for many months. A substantial supply of 0 to 5 month mobiles, crib toys and rattles are purchased and ready for packaging and delivery to UCI.

PROFESSIONAL AUXILIARY HOURS & PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAM EXPENSE REPORT*

	# HOURS	BUDGETED PHIL. EXP.	ACTUAL PHIL. EXP.	# MEMBERS	# PEOPLE SERVED	VALUE OF GIFTS IN KIND	RECIPIENTS
OPERATION SCHOOL BELL	142	\$17,000	\$13,727	21	933	\$0	Children in need identified by OUSD
ORANGEWOOD	175	\$2,750	\$1,224	16	400	\$56	Children at Orangewood Children's Home
HANDLE WITH CARE	810	\$3,000	\$1,500	13	270	\$320	UCI - Preemies, Siblings & Kids with Cancer
HHH	108	\$500	\$205	29	35	\$0	Orange Senior Citizens in 6-bed facilities.
OPERATION HUG	29	\$1,000	\$911	3	274	\$300	Orange Fire Department on Schaffer
SPECIAL PROJECTS	57	\$3,000	\$2,909	18	28	\$200	5 Families in Need Residing in Orange
OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE	349			33			Misc comm service members provide to other org (not AL)
REGULAR MEETINGS	791.5			64			
GOVERNING BODY	165			7			
OTHER CHAPTER/JLA MEETINGS	159.5			19			
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE LEAGUE	25.5			2			
FUNDRAISER	401			19			
THRIFT SHOP	463			46			
BOUTIQUE NOEL	0			0			
HOSPITALITY	65			31			
NEWSLETTER	16			1			
HOURS BOOK	10			1			
GOODWILL AMBASSADOR	18			1			
ASSISTEENS LIAISON	0			0			
ASSISTEENS ASST. COORD.	25			2			
NEW MEMBER TRAINING	21			6			
	3830.5	\$27,250	\$20,476	332	1,940	\$876	

1321 Total PA Philanthropic Hours
349 Total Philanthropic Hours Members donated to Other Organizations
2160.5 Total All Other JLA Hours

3830.5 TOTAL HOURS

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ORANGE GOES GREEN FUNDRAISER EVENT*

Ticket Sales	7,765.00
Program Sponsors	250.00
Fundraiser – Auction proceeds	22,818.00
Fundraiser – Cash Donations	250.00
GROSS RECEIPTS	31,083.00
Cost of Direct Benefits to Attendees	-7,816.71
NET EVENT REVENUE	23,266.29
Fundraiser Expenses	-765.96
NET REALIZED	22,500.33
NET REALIZED / NET EVENT REVENUE	96.7%

The net realized must exceed 50% of the net event revenue.

Net event revenue is the gross receipts less cost of direct benefit to attendees (food, entertainment, etc, and cost of merchandise sold).

**Reports subject to change upon final collections of fundraiser monies due and final expense reimbursement submissions.*