



Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence

PCTN's mission is to promote respect for differences and human rights, foster alternatives to violence, and advocate for a safe, hospitable, and harmonious community for all.

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WELCOME

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You are always welcome at PCTN.

OFFICE HOURS:

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Our office is staffed solely by volunteers. Every effort is made to honor our published office hours.

Please call ahead to be sure we are open if you will be greatly inconvenienced by our absence.

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MEETINGS

Regular meetings of PCTN are open to the public.

Call 877-1856 for the schedule.

PCTN HIRES NEW STAFF MEMBERS

PCTN is proud to announce that we have hired two part-time employees: Kathleen Berardinelli, our Youth Programs Coordinator, and Julie Cooke, our Volunteer Team Coordinator. Here they introduce themselves in their own words.

My name is Kathleen Berardinelli. I am a graduate of California State University, Chico, with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science, two Single Subject Credentials in Health Science and Home Economics, and a Master of Arts in Education. The community-based curriculum of my education, my teaching experience, and my experiences while interning and volunteering with local agencies, have created the drive in me to work and teach within the community. I am so excited to become a part of such a valuable community agency and look forward to time with students and community members.

No photo of Kathleen Berardinelli, Youth Programs Coordinator, is available at this time.

UPDATE ON OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS



Our youth programs are reaching more children this semester. Continuing our rewarding partnership with Paradise Ridge Boys & Girls Club, we're conducting an

I am Julie Cooke. Volunteering has been an ongoing passion of mine. As a Paradise Ridge resident for almost twenty years, I have been a volunteer for several organizations whose missions resonate with me. Currently, I am an active volunteer for Paradise Center for Spiritual Living, Pine Ridge Women's Club, Paradise Hospice, and Feather River Hospital. Now, I am honored to be the Volunteer Team Coordinator for PCTN. If you would like to discuss volunteering opportunities, please contact me. We have various positions that need to be filled, both on a regular basis and during events, so there is a perfect niche for everyone.



Volunteer Team Coordinator, Julie Cooke.

enriched program combining STARS and *You Have the Power!* for youth at Paradise Elementary and Pine Ridge Schools.

We're very pleased to have been invited to present *You Have the Power!* for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students at Children's Community Charter School. Sue Bordelon and Katie Berardinelli, our new Youth Programs Coordinator, have worked together to modify and enhance the program for a middle school audience. We'll give you a full report in our next newsletter!

MARDI GRAS 2011: ANOTHER SUCCESS!



PCTN's newsletter and a list of events are available online.

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We didn't think this fundraising event could get any better, but this year was the best yet. How was that possible? A few little tweaks were all it took.

Big Mo (always a hit) used his own top-of-the-line sound system. Wow. We heard no complaints at all about the sound or the sound level.

We moved the Silent Auction to another room. This gave us a bigger dance floor and plenty of seating. It also let auction-goers view the prizes with full lighting. What a concept!

Two well-dressed party-goers also walked off with \$25 gift certificates from Sierra Nevada Brewery.

The complimentary food and no-host bar needed no tweaking, and both lines moved quickly throughout the evening.

Our thanks to all who came and enjoyed as well as those who made it happen (see Letter from Elvia Bockman, below).

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Mardi Gras fundraiser. I received many compliments, but it was the volunteers who stepped up and made the event so successful: donors of time, talent and treasure, such as bakers, decorators, bartenders, kitchen help, table and auction staffers, flyer distributors, clean-up help and, of course, those people and businesses who donated generously to make our silent auction such a success.

Besides our heartfelt THANK YOU your reward is PCTN's continued programs and services on the Ridge.

Elvia Bockman
Mardi Gras Chairperson



The Jester is Keitha Mashaw—one of our 'best costume' winners. Photo by Tom Hedge.



Big Mo rocked the house for Mardi Gras 2011. Photo by Tom Hedge.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY COMMEMORATION— JANUARY 17, 2011

There was friendly talk and laughter as we gathered in small groups to light our candles in preparation for the candlelight walk, which was the beginning of the program to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Passing cars honked and people waved as we made our way from the Paradise United Methodist Church to Kmart and back. On our return, we found seats inside the church and enjoyed a lovely evening of music, reflection, and tribute.

Bruce Hagen, MC, introduced Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler, pastor of the Paradise United Methodist Church, who gave us a warm welcome and Reverend Andy Torkelson, from the Center for Spiritual Living, offered the invocation.

Musical selections were performed beautifully by the Doin' It Justice Community Chorus, directed by Warren Haskell; by Mary Battaglia and Alynn Brutsman, a mother and daughter duet; and by the United Methodist Church Choir, directed by David Burdine.



The "Doin' It Justice Community Chorus" directed by Warren Haskell at the 2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemoration. Photo by Alan Shecker.

LaFreeda Thomas offered thoughtful reflections "Why We Can't Wait" and "Coretta Scott King, the Woman Behind the Man," and we were treated to a moving multimedia presentation about Dr. King and the civil rights movement, created by Nate Johnson.

After a group song of "We Shall Overcome," everyone was invited to share refreshments and fellowship.

"We must rapidly . . . shift from a 'thing'-oriented society to a 'person'-oriented society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered."

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



The candlelight walk started the Annual Martin Luther King Jr Commemoration which was held on January 17. Photo by Alan Shecker.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Many thanks to each and every one of the generous donors who closed out our records for 2010 and kicked off 2011, our 10th Anniversary! We are grateful to receive donations from many different sources. These sources vary from a volunteer's employer, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, to the individuals who support our work at the sponsor level.

Special Thanks to:

Grantors and Corporate Donors: Bank of America, Enterprise Holdings Foundation, PG&E, and Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.

Major Donors: 2010 benefactor: Anonymous. 2011 Benefactors: Anna Davis, Wendy Hartley, Gwen Nordgren, and Paradise Community Council.

Ability Awareness Forum Co-sponsor: Friends of ILSNC

Fundraiser Matching Donations: Annie B: North Valley Community Foundation and Pass-the-Pasta: Butte-Glenn County Chapter of Thrivent Financial.

Patrons (\$100-\$499): Barbara & Bill Allen, Maureen Dondlinger, Shawn & Kristin Heffernan, James & Mary Johnson, Linda Lewis, Alan & Debbie Lieberman, John Price, Ridge Physical Therapy and Wellness, and Linda & Mick Riley.

Sponsors (\$30-\$99): Alvin Abrams, Jenna Berbeo, Elvia & Dave Bockman, Jay & Julie Cooke, Linda & Stan Ellis, Tom & Deborah Gagne, Priscilla Hanford, Howard & Mary Ann Harrington, Heavenly Herbs & Acupuncture, Charlotte Hilgeman, Bob Hood & Ruby Grace Smith, Marilyn Hougesen, Wanda Mathews & Robert Woods, Steven & Teresa Munjar, Paradise Printing, Jayne Ragland, Lynn Scoffern, Mary & Gary Shallenberger, Betty Shifflet, and Steve & Darlene Watson.

Sustaining members: David & Melissa Barnard, Connie & Robert Bassett, Mary Ann Brister, and Dan & Mimi Johnson.



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SAVE THE DATE

On **April 30** PCTN volunteers will walk in the **Gold Nugget Days Parade**. Please put on a blue T-shirt and join us. Watch for more information to follow.



Celebrating our 10th Anniversary, PCTN is planning an **open house** in our offices at 6023 Skyway on **Sunday, May 15**. Enjoy a light snack and tour our digs! From 1 until 5 p.m.

Mark your calendars for **June 12!** PCTN's annual **Unity in Diversity Festival** will again take place from 1 until 5 p.m. at the **Paradise Community Park**, on the corner of Pearson & Black Olive. If you attended previous fests, you know you'll want to arrive early to claim blanket or folding chair space on the lawn. There's no charge for great music and other entertainment representing diverse ethnicities and cultures. There will be another fabulous PCTN silent auction and, for the kids, fun and educational games and crafts. Food, soft drinks, beer, and wine coolers will be available for purchase. Oh—and there's plenty to do if you'd like to volunteer! Just call us.

COMMUNITY FORUMS



BULLYING: CAUSES & PREVENTION

*Thursday, March 31, 6:30 pm
Paradise Branch Library*

This forum has been postponed. We will reschedule in the near future. Watch for the new date!

SENIORS: BE AWARE & BE INFORMED OF BULLYING, ABUSE & FRAUD

*Friday, April 15, 10:30 am–Noon
Co-sponsored by and held
at Paradise Ridge Senior Center*

Program includes Speakers from “Passages,” Law Enforcement, Adult Protective Services and Legal Aid.



UNITY *in* **DIVERSITY** *Festival*