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Mission Corner

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According to Grandma's House, the new logo tells a deeper story. A home. Two hearts. Purpose in every line.

Inside the house, a smaller heart represents the compassion and care our participants receive while they are with us.

Outside, a larger heart symbolizes what they carry forward into their new community-- strength, healing, and hope they share with the world.

The colors also have meaning.

Purple - the color of courage and compassion – a tribute to our roots and mission

Orange - bright, bold, and full of potential -- a nod to the future we're building

Faithfully,
Linda Freud and your Mission Board



Top Right and above: Photos from the Open House



Grandma's House of Hope CEO and city official cutting the ribbon.

Mission Corner

Linda Freud and your Mission Board

This month I am featuring a local mission that we have supported for many years, Grandma's House of Hope. Carol Peterson and I had the opportunity to attend their Open House and Ribbon Cutting ceremony at their new offices along with Orange and Anaheim city officials and other supporters. We heard presentations from three program managers whose passion, dedication, and enthusiasm were so evident to "Help those who have no hope." Also two recent graduates, Maria and Daniel, spoke to us, and it was so very moving to hear their success stories.

Since 2007, Grandma's House of Hope has been providing housing and wrap-around services to single adult men and women who historically have fallen through the cracks. Their mission is to reach those who have been cast aside and moved into the shadows of our society due to their disabilities, illnesses, addictions, incarceration, and trauma histories. They provide adults experiencing homelessness in Orange County with emergency and transitional housing to regain stability, well-being, and lasting self-sufficiency. Through holistic support their 12 single-family homes offer physical resources like food and clothing, restorative services like case management, housing navigation, group and individual counseling, career mentorship, life-skills workshops, after-care for up to two years, and tools to inspire independence and long-term healing.

There are two very new things about this local organization: 1) They have a new location at 765 The City Drive South in Orange. They brought the Program and Administrative offices under one roof. There is a conference room for meetings, trainings, and hosting events. They also have space for volunteers to help with projects; 2) They have a new logo - but the heart behind Grandma's House of Hope hasn't changed. In fact, their hearts are more visible than ever.

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GRANDMA'S HOUSE OF HOPE



A recent graduate (left) with his Housing Navigator, in his new permanent home thanks to the help he received from Grandma's House of Hope.

JOG Luncheon



Our J.O.G. speaker for June is a husband, father, pastor, teacher, leader, university professor, author, and happy to simply be a just an ordinary guy. Come hear Pastor Hank Garcia tell how the Lord took a failing kid from the wrong side of the tracks and is transforming him into a vessel used for His glory. The apostle Paul put it like this in Philippians 1:6: "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Be encouraged that with God all things are possible.

Monday, June 9, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

McKenzie Hall

515 North State College Blvd Anaheim, Ca 92806

(Located one block south of La Palma on the west side of State

Enjoy the music, as well as the humor from football coach, Tom Meiss. There will be an excellent meal and good fellowship. **Please RSVP** via email at chuck@penningtons-inc.com or call Chuck at 714-350-8983

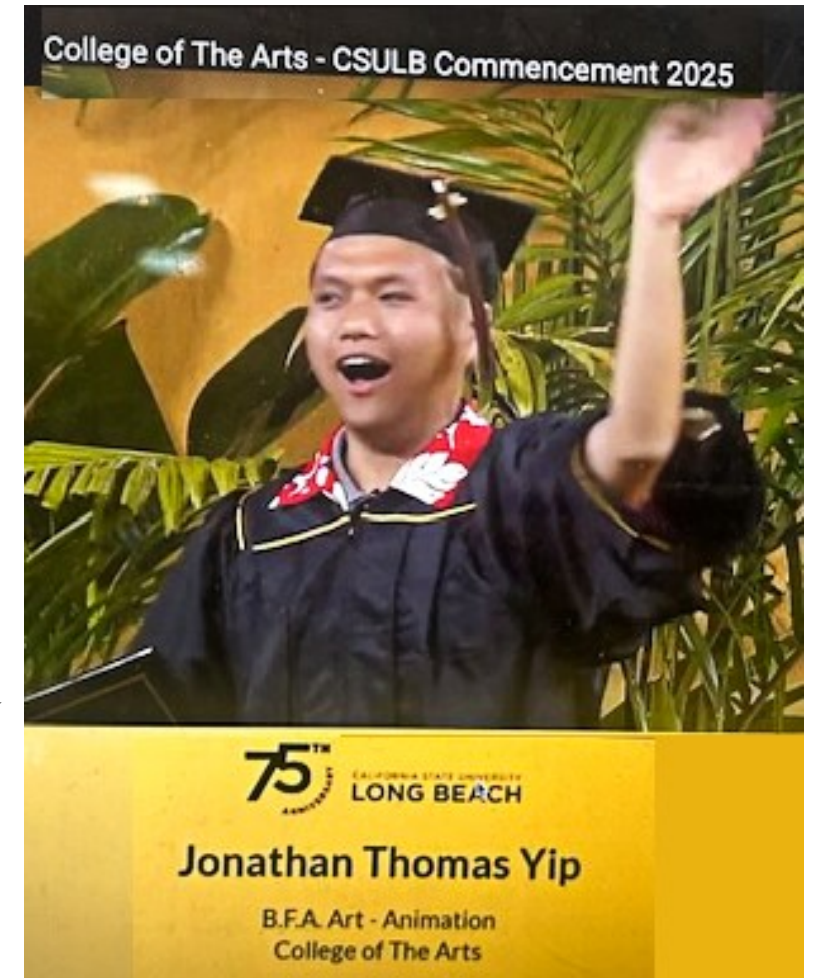
Congratulations Graduates!

Jonathan Thomas Yip

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation
with a Minor in Finance
California State University of Long Beach

"As a child, there was that day my favorite cartoon characters first touched my heart."

Around 5th grade, the charm and kindness of Mickey Mouse and his pals, Jiminy Cricket, and Peter Pan inspired Jonathan to embark on a lifelong animation journey. Soon thereafter, Jonathan discovered that he could do what he loved for a living. Constantly presented with challenges along the way, Jonathan did not allow them to keep him from academic excellence in his journey, and has been working towards his dream ever since.



June Women's Lunch

Monday, June 23rd
11:30 am

Location: Bev Aye's Home

Women's lunches are a wonderful way to get to know women from the church!

Luncheons include a devotional and activities, as well as catching up and enjoying each other's presence.



Autumn M. Hoffmann

Anaheim High School
Excellence in Theatre Award
Performing Arts

Autumn came to Anaheim from the city of Santa Ana in 2018. It was the middle of her fifth grade year. Struck with the desire to draw, she has shared her whimsical self with sketching and doodle art.

However, her first love is stage make-up, and cosmetology. She is pursuing her dreams at Fullerton College.

Message from Greece

Thank you so much for your prayers. Gini, Liza, Cheryl, Penny and I have had an amazing trip here in Greece. Hearing reports from various people from around the world about what God is doing, worshiping with the Greek evangelical church in Thessaloniki filled with both young and old people and visiting the refugee camp sponsored by the churches has been very, very encouraging. I had the opportunity to meet with two young men from Africa, who made the treacherous journey to Greece. Most of their family members were killed during the Civil War there and Sudan. They shared with tearful eyes the treacherous journey as they crossed the Mediterranean trying to avoid pirates. It's amazing



how many Muslims have been coming to Christ because of the love shown in such tangible way. It was an honor to bring greetings and share at the worship service. It was also an honor to give a presentation about what God is doing in our

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Pastor Jim Schibsted



Message from Greece (cont. from page 1)

church here in Anaheim to delegates gathered from around the world. For a number of years, I have served as the North American secretary of the International Congregational Fellowship. It feels good to pass the baton on to someone else. The next ICF meeting, four years from now, will be held in Bangor Wales. We're still following the footsteps of Paul. We have visited Phillipi, Thessaloniki and Berea. We look forward to sharing with you on Sunday, June 7. God bless you and thank you for your prayers.

Grace and peace, Pastor Jim



Connect

Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School for Kids
Children are welcome to leave with the teachers before the sermon, and meet in the first room of the Griffith House. .

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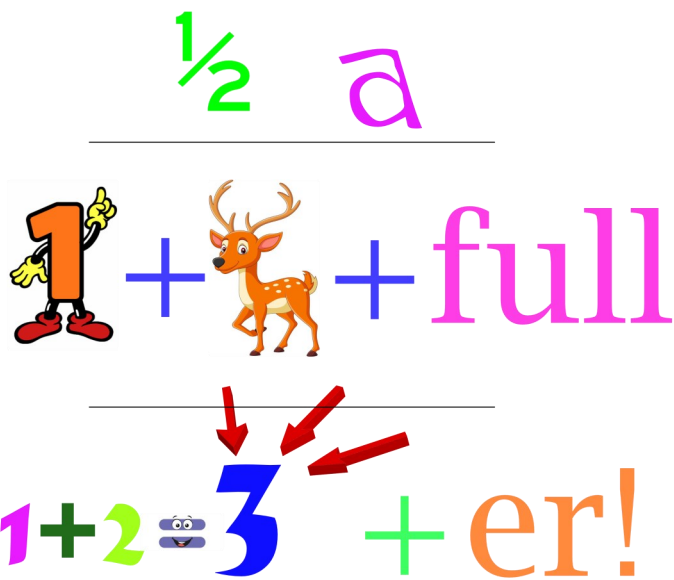
Women's Luncheon

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June Birthdays

4-Jun	Roger Bowers
5-Jun	Gisela Frannea
5-Jun	Sadie Hoke
11-Jun	Katie Purvis
16-Jun	Jon Schibsted
18-Jun	Tom Fraker
20-Jun	Lois Johnson
21-Jun	Gil Owen
27-Jun	Christine Davis
27-Jun	Christian Villa Real
28-Jun	Brandon Poole
30-Jun	Tyler Robinson

Just for Fun!



Solve the puzzle.
Answer: Have a wonderful summer!