



Dimondale News



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Dimondale would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year! In the past year our organization started an Enrichment Program for the community which has been a success. It has expanded to 6 different locations throughout the Los Angeles and South Bay area. The youth in the community are enjoying the program and look forward to every class. The educators make the class active and a pleasure to be in. Things that were once ideas have been put into action. 2012 has been a fantastic year for our organization, but with a new year comes new ideas, and new changes that will make for another great year!



Dimondale Picnic

2012 Dimondale Annual Picnic

The annual Back to School Picnic is one of the two events held by Dimondale each year. This year's picnic was held on Saturday, July 28. We welcomed new faces along with some newly hired employees; we had quite a large turn out again this year. The event was a sociable affair to finish up Summer 2012 for the residents of Dimondale. With the sky clear and the sun shining we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day.

The event was hosted at the always beautiful Wilson Park in Torrance, CA and gave those in attendance a variety of options to participate in. There were various outdoor activities and a large array of delicious grilled burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and desserts to choose from. It was apparent that everyone found something to their liking. The picnic was also very accommodating to those who brought their "Little Ones". With an assortment of Carnival games, and live entertainment it was enough to keep everyone entertained. Dimondale Residents were excitingly thankful for their Back to School supplies they received in their new backpacks.

This year's summer Back to School Picnic without a doubt was a success and Dimondale would like to thank all who were in attendance for making this picnic so memorable. Also, A special Thank You to **Purpose** for his fantastically uplifting live performance.



A little holiday fun to keep you busy!

Christmas Word Search

Words associated with Christmas are hidden in the puzzle. Can you find them all?

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M Q H W T J A R T A E F S H A A I
C D P R P M W S T V M D L F K R B
Y Z E Z I Y L N U T M X O R U E O
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F J N D N G M P A R S U N C O E V
D D T O S G H C S S T E T A L E I
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C G S O D C H X T N S Z H W U K N
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G G W Y Q W T S E V L E I U Y I Z
I H A I C I C L E S N A A Q P Y L

CARDS
CAROLS
CHRISTMAS
DINNER
ELVES
FAMILY
FRUITCAKE
ICICLES
JESUS
LIGHTS
NATIVITY
NORTHPOLE
PRESENTS
REINDEER
SANTA
SNOW
STAR
STOCKING
TREE
YULELOG

The Dimondale Experience

Swan Lake



"The way the dancers glided across the stage was awesome! I would love to perform like that"

~ Jackie T

Staff and residents enjoyed an afternoon at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa, CA to watch the classic Tchaikovsky play Swan Lake on October 6. When the curtains were drawn for the opening act, the resident's eyes lit up with glee. The music and performance was a work of art and our staff and resident were happy with the show. "The way the dancers glided across the stage was awesome. I would love to perform like that" said a resident. At

Dimondale, we take pride in introducing our residents to different types of art. Whether its paintings or performing arts, we want our youth to witness the aesthetics of the world.



Breast Cancer Walk-a-thon
October 20.



Breast Cancer Awareness

Dimondale Lancaster Facility was one of many supporters of the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in the Antelope Valley on October 20. They provided cheers of encouragement for participants as they made their way to the finish line.



City Hall Tour



DID YOU KNOW...

- Downtown Los Angeles City Hall was built in 1924.
- MGM Grand lent all its lighting equipment to officials for the opening Ceremony of City Hall in 1928.
- City Hall has been on the Los Angeles Police Department's badge since 1940.
- Until 1964 City Hall was the tallest structure in Los Angeles.

The residents took a tour of the Downtown Los Angeles City Hall on November 8. The tour started at the entrance hall at 200 Spring Street. During the walk thru the courtyard before the main entrance, the residents admired the Greco- Roman architecture of the columns and arches. Entering the building you can't help but notice the beautifully preserved 1920's elevator with the sign "Express Cars Only" above it. The tour continued into the Hall of Mayors where the paintings of the city's mayors are. Each painting had a brief description of the mayor and the office term.

The tour was a wonderful experience. The Residents had amazing time learning about the wonderful history of City Hall.



Section of Appreciation



Thank
You

Dimondale would like to thank Wells Fargo Community Relations and the new Olive Garden in Carson for their kind donations. Your commitment to helping our organization is sincerely appreciated.

Thanks to your donation, Dimondale will continue to advance its mission of providing programs for our youth. We have seen many lives change for the better. Our goal is to continue to make a difference in the lives of our youth, and with supporters such as you, we will continue to see improvements.

Sincerely,

Ardra Fleming,
Executive Director

There is Still Time to Give!

There is still time to give a gift of hope. By supporting our residents with your donations we will be happy to acknowledge you in our next newsletter and at our upcoming events.

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility
P.O. Box 4446
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

If you have questions about the organization or to request a pamphlet, please contact us at: info@dacfs.org or give us a call at: (310) 791-3064

You can also make a donation via PayPal by visiting our website at: www.DACFS.org. Just click on the PayPal "Donate" button in the upper right hand corner.



OR

Copy and Paste the following link to your web browser:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=s_xclick&hosted_button_id=YYTB99QF8JLZJ



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

To our employees celebrating 1year anniversaries.



We'd like to wish a "Happy Anniversary" to all the Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility employees celebrating their 1yr anniversary with us! Thank you for your hard work!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alfred Billyzone• Denise Reyna• Kishi Douglas• LaTisha Edwards• Mae Smith• Minoo Shahbazi | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patricia Waters• Phyllis Tate• Shesha Williams• Verna Martinez• Wynter Sibley |
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Michelle Anderson- Nov 11

Lyn Ayars- Nov 28

Criselda Velez- Nov 28

Janina Holt- Nov 28

Olivia Verrett- Dec 5

Carina Rowland- Dec 13

Stephan Houston- Dec 20

Diamond Wright- Dec 22

*Happy
Birthday*

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Kids are our #1 Priority.

Our favorite Christmas joke:

What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic!

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:
www.DACFS.org

During the Holiday Season more than ever, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress possible and in this spirit we say, simply but sincerely

*Thank You and Best Wishes
for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year*

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