

# Vallejo Central Newsletter



November 2023

## October Church Board Actions

**Motion 2022-099 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** To send \$200 to the Appian Way Christian Education Fund in memory of Pastor Loretta Belton

**Motion 2022-100 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** To use “Pastor’s Line” Text Messaging for Churches Service to better communicate with church members. We will start with the \$30/month plan.

**Motion 2022-101 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** To accept the Minutes from the September 2023 Board meeting.

**Motion 2022-102 2<sup>nd</sup> and PASSED.** To accept the Financial Report for September 2023.

**Motion 2022-103 2<sup>nd</sup> and FAILED.** To close the Third-Party Donation account.

**November 19, 2023 (Sunday)**  
Vallejo Central Mariners  
Pathfinder Club having a Make &  
Bake Sale fundraiser for the  
International Camporee.

For more information call Nora  
Politano (707) 319-6573.

## Last Supper

Submitted by Carmen Velasquez

On October 14, Vallejo Central celebrated the first Last Supper with Chris Estay as Pastor. In his message, pastor Estay talked about the “unfairness” of God that was showed in the way Jesus was treated for the love to us. Quoting Ellen G. White, “Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share...” Pastor Estay added, “God is so unfair, but every time he’s unfair, it’s always for our benefit. It’s always for our favor.”

Children were invited to participate in Communion with grapes at the same time adults had bread and grape juice.



# A Lesson of Hospitality

Submitted by Carmen Velasquez

In the Sabbath Lesson from this quarter, lesson # 4 talks about how hospitality can be an important tool for sharing God's message to others. Abraham is an example of hospitality. He received the three messengers, fed them, refreshed them, talked with them, entertained them. One of the messengers gave Abraham the good news of a son and the sad news of what will happen in Sodom and Gomorra. Abraham was a leader in his house; he set up an example for his family, workers, maybe to his neighbors too. And we can see this because like Abraham, his nephew Lot received the other two messengers when they arrived to Sodom. Before anything happened to them, he invited them to his house to protect them in spite of the risk of his own life.

Years ago, the Villars invited us to a baby shower for a new family that started attending our church: the Mornings. Leo had just moved from the Philippines and was attending on and off Vallejo Central for two years. He says the Patricios welcomed him in a way that broke his natural shyness and made him feel he was in the right church. When his wife came and got pregnant, he realized how important children are in our church and he decided his family will grow here. That's hospitality.

However, as Dr. Quiba said in the study of the lesson, we have to be careful because unfortunately not always we deal with good people. One day the ex-husband asked me to receive for ONE night a homeless lady in the apartment I have in the back of my house, that was being repair; I prepared blankets, pillows, an electric heater because it was cold, and even make hot cocoa and bread for her. Big mistake. In the morning I saw/smelled the lady smoking a joint, with a liquor bottle next to her, making herself at home. She had moved her stuff into the room, ready to stay for more nights. She offered me some money and I said, nope. I left her stuff outside for whenever she wanted to pick them up. I can tell this story with a laugh, but believe me, at that moment it was nothing laughable about it.

Hospitality is a tough one. We are called to see Jesus' face in everyone. We need to be guided by the Holy Spirit asking God for his protection... and guidance.



In the month of October, the following people volunteered at Community Services:  
Dale Hamlin, Emmy Vega, Ed Politano, Erwin Protacio, Jane Sarmiento, Pearlette Dobbins, Rose Lauglug, Donica Clapp, Cathy Keating, Kay Tibbits, Eunice Villar, Edith Gasmin, Nelma Traub, Cindy To, Roland Daguna, Renz Fedelis, and Pastor Chris Estay with a total number of 339 volunteer hours. During this month we served total of 139 households and 301 individuals.

Report submitted by Jane Sarmiento



## November Prayer List

Be thankful for each member of our church and what they bring to the church body. Please prayer for each one but, especially for these this month:

- Eduardo and Connie Astudillo
- Warren & Jeodesa Coykendall, Alexander and Angelyn
- Matthew & Shayne Dixon, Damian and Ava
- Nathanael & Sonia Killam, Luke and Andrew
- Rudy & Liza Patricia
- Lois Rocha
- Emilie Uy

If you have any suggestions or would like to share in the next newsletter, please email to [Trinh2t@gmail.com](mailto:Trinh2t@gmail.com)



## PHAA Varsity Volleyball team

by Abgail Marlow

Savannah Marlow, a skilled sophomore, and Brooke Fernander, a talented junior, were both core members of the team with Savannah serving as the starting setter and Brooke playing as the libero. Their hard work and dedication paid off as they helped the team to a top 5 finish out of 12 Adventist schools from all over California at the PUC High school Volleyball tournament, beating Pine Hills Adventist Academy in a thrilling match. But the team's success was not limited to this tournament alone. The PHAA team also put up an impressive performance at the Rio Lindo Tournament, where they made it to the championship game and secured a well-deserved second-place finish. They worked tirelessly throughout the season, improving their skills and teamwork, and the results speak for themselves. The PHAA Cougars Volleyball team, coached by CJ De Pano, who also attends Vallejo Central, and Coach Tu Bui, PHAA's athletic director, have a lot to be proud of this season. Congratulations to the PHAA varsity Volleyball team for their hard work, dedication, and impressive performance this season. Savannah Marlow and Brooke Fernander, along with the rest of the team, have shown that with commitment and effort, anything is possible. We can't wait to see what they will achieve next!



They won the Senior Night against Hercule High School, October 2023

# PHAA Fall Festival 2023

Submitted by Abigail Marlow

We are thrilled to report on the success of the recent Fall Festival at PHAA, which had a lively “California” theme. Held on a beautiful day with warm weather, the festival was a hit for all who attended. The event began with an impressive music performance by our K-12 students, and throughout the day, we were treated to great music by the live Christian band “Familia Zamar.” Of course, no festival is complete without delicious food and drinks, and the Fall Festival definitely delivered. Attendees enjoyed a wide variety of tasty treats like Street Corn Nachos, Churro Sundaes, French Fries and Enchiladas, and the decorations set the fall scene. The hayrides, jumpy house, and maze were all exhilarating, and everyone had a blast with the dunk tank and jail.



We can confidently say that the principal in the dunk tank was a big hit! We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Vallejo Central for attending and supporting this event. Thanks to their help and the generosity of all attendees, the school was able to raise thousands of dollars. We are thrilled that everyone had a great time, and we can't wait to see what next year's Fall Festival will bring. Thank you all for your continued support of PHAA, and we hope to see you at future events!



The Adventurers have started with a very active year so far. On October 1st, over 200 adventurers from the Northern California Conference came out to participate in the annual Adventurer Bike Derby. The event was held at the Sacramento Adventist Academy, where our young cyclists took turns racing around the track to showcase their talents on two wheels as well as exercising their knowledge about bike safety. A few of our adventurers had taken the training wheels off their bikes just one day prior - talk about determination. We appreciate the dedication from our parents for making the long drive to support our club and conference. All together the adventurers were able to log in over 1,000 total miles!



On October 14, the Adventurers earned the Photo Fun award. Teachers Carlos and Abby displayed an "old fashion" 35mm film camera as well as a newer digital camera. The kids learned about the parts of a camera, their function as well as understanding the purpose and importance of capturing an image.



After all, we are created in God's image and taking pictures gives them a deeper appreciation for the images they capture in their own photographs. The kids then developed their own "film" by drawing on their craft camera.

On October 20th, Pathfinders left at 1:40 to 3:30 pm to put bags on houses to hopefully get dry and canned foods for community services. On the 27th all pathfinders collected all the bags from homes who wanted to participate. Around 200 bags were filled with extra food, and even extra bags of food filled to the brim. Pathfinders collected the cans from 1:30 to 5:23, and put the cans on display in front of the church for everyone to see.

Submitted by Sofia Aguilar



On Sunday October 22nd, the Pathfinder Club did Adopt a Street. We adopted Curtola Parkway from Solano Street all the way to Sonoma Street. We broke up into groups of three, two pathfinders and one adult, and we went on opposite sides of the street. We were geared up with trash bags, gloves, pickers and safety vests. At the end of our service, we had full bags of trash, so we proceeded to head back because it started to rain.



## Happy Birthday

### November Birthdays

Geraldine	Cabanez	1	Abigail	Aguilar	11
Gladys	Ellorin	1	Daphne	Aguilar	13
Samuel	Aquino Sr.	4	Brooke	Fernander	13
Kylee	Wong	4	Angelina	Gomez	14
Denise	Cabanez	5	Renee	Anastacio	15
Maria Isabel	Contreras	5	Donald	Hurst	19
Hezekiah	Moring	5	Eliasib	Ruban	19
Jayla	Cruse	6	Margie	Verdan	21
Dan	Ganancial	6	Angely	Becklehimer	23
Lovely	Becklehimer	7	Holly	Fuchs	24
Tyler	Wilensky	7	Marivel	Jimenez	24
Rhyan	Politano	8	Fausto	Molina	24
Nimfa	Jimenez-Umali	9	Joana	Masigan	27
Casey	Leach	9	Leonides	Moring Jr.	27
Avelino	Belga	10	Sarah	Fuchs	28