

Around Monrovia

Advertising Supplement

Old Town merchants sponsor Valentine's Day events

Participants can win an Old Town Monrovia weekend

Business owners in Monrovia's Old Town district are celebrating Valentine's Day early with a drawing and special free children's events between now and Valentine's weekend.

The winner of the drawing will be presented with a 40-inch teddy bear, a dozen red roses and a meal of their choice (breakfast, lunch or dinner) at an Old Town restaurant of their choice.

Participating restaurants are T. Phillips, London Gastropub, Peach Café, Rudy's Mexican Restaurant, Sam's Deli & Kabob Room, and Jake's Roadhouse.

To enter the drawing visit Six 2 Six, The Dollmakers' Kattywompus, Friends of Dorothy or Monrovia Floral and bring in three (3) receipts from an Old Town business dated between Jan. 22 and Feb. 5. Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Feb. 5.

The drawing will be held that night live at 8:30 p.m. in the 400 block of Myrtle.

Visitors are encouraged to enter multiple times to increase their chances!

The popular free Kid's Kraft tables will be back on Myrtle on Saturdays between Jan. 29 and Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring Valentine craft items and design-your-own cards.



Old Town Monrovia merchants are sponsoring a Valentine Weekend Drawing with a prize package that includes a teddy bear, roses and dinner (or breakfast or lunch!) for two at an Old Town restaurant.

For more information click on www.OldTownMonrovia.CA, or www.CityofMonrovia.org, find them on Facebook or call 626-357-1091.

Drenched but determined

Foothill Unity Center draws 90 percent turnout for holiday food, toy distribution

January 2011 has brought sunshine and warm weather to the foothill communities, but just over 30 days ago, on Dec. 21, the weather was not so pleasant. And for the staff and volunteers at the Foothill Unity Center, there was some concern about how their annual holiday food and toy distribution would work out.

However, with the help of 26 pop-up canopies, a 30-by-50-foot shelter, heaps of disposable yellow rain ponchos and a sea of umbrellas, the Foothill Unity Center staff and volunteers held one of the largest holiday food and toy distributions in the organization's history on that Sunday in Arcadia.

Ninety percent of the 1,852 clients who registered for the event made it to the Los Angeles County Arboretum, defying the record rains.

"This is the first time in at least 15 years it's rained on this event," said Executive Director Joan Whitenack. "We really weren't sure how it would affect our attendance — but we quickly learned it kept very few away."

If anything, the soggy day made spirits even merrier and brighter.

"People were dripping," noted Whitenack, "but they were smiling."

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The turnout reflected the extent of need in the local community. In the last two and a half years, Foothill Unity Center's client base has doubled.

While parents were picking up food boxes, clothing and opaque bags of gifts, their kids enjoyed art projects with Paint 'N Play, got goodie bags from SimplyHelp, and were entered in a drawing for special gifts such as bicycles and iPods.

The highlight of the day was a chance to hobnob with the guest of honor: Santa himself.

Each family took home a holiday food box, packed according to the family size, with a meat and the makings for a festive holiday dinner.

Key sponsors of the event included 3M Unitek, A Foundation For Kids, Alverno High School, Arcadia Real Estate Professionals, AT&T, Caltech, Candy Cane String Lights, Century 21 Ludecke, Certified Grocers, Church of the Good Shepherd, City of Monrovia, Clairbourne School, Corporate Center Pasadena,

Creative Woman Inc., Curves, Domenico's Monrovia, Duarte Promise, ELS The Outlet, First Presbyterian Church, Foothill Federal Credit Union, Foothill Gym, Foothill Unity Center Auxiliary and George Cassat.

Also sponsoring the event were Georgina-Fredrick Childrens Foundation, Girl Scouts of the San Gabriel Valley, Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Green Dot, Henry's, Immaculate Conception, Jakks Pacific, Kaiser Permanente, Major Cart Service, Margaret Page Marshalls, Minuteman Transport, Model A Club, Monrovia Chamber of Commerce, Monrovia Unified School District, Monrovia Restaurant, PCL Construction Services Inc., Peach Café, Peter Hoffman, Pink Transfer, Richard Roeded, Santa Anita Church, Spark of Love, ABC7, StorBox, Street Rods Forever, The Gas Co., Verizon, Vons Employees and Wells Fargo Bank.

For more information about the Foothill Unity Center or to find out how you can help, call the center at 626-358-3486.

Dates to remember

Friday evenings

Winter Family Festival
On Myrtle Avenue from 5 to 9 p.m.
It's a "Mini-Festival" complete with some of your favorite vendors and, of course, the famous Farmer's Market
2011 Family Festival Season begins in March

Sundays

Winter Market at the Park
On East Lime Avenue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Produce and food items from your favorite vendors.

First Saturday of every month

Monrovia Produce Exchange
Library Park from 9 to 11 a.m.
Bring homegrown goods and trade with your neighbors. Open to all.
For more information contact Heather at hmaluso@yahoo.com or find them on Facebook and Myspace.

Enter now through Feb. 11

Drawing Feb. 11
Old Town Valentine Weekend Drawing
Win a 40-inch Teddy bear, a dozen red roses and dinner for two
Bring three Old Town receipts to enter at:
★ Six 2 Six,
★ The Dollmakers' Kattywompus,
★ Friends of Dorothy, or

★ Monrovia Floral

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Saturday, Jan. 29

Free Kids Kraft event in Old Town
400 block of Myrtle Avenue
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Boys and Girls Clubs of the Foothills
For Love of Youth Fundraiser
Special guest: Mike Scioscia, manager of the Anaheim Angels
Double Tree Hotel, Monrovia
5:30 p.m.
For more information call 626-305-5353 or e-mail John Wilson jwilson@foothillsbgc.org.

Friday, Feb. 11

Drawing for Old Town Valentine Weekend
8:30 p.m.
400 block of Myrtle Ave.

Saturday, March 5

City of Monrovia Household Hazardous Waste/E-Waste Collection
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Myrtle Avenue Park and Ride Lot
For more information, visit www.cityofmonrovia.org

Boys, Girls Clubs of the Foothills to host annual fundraiser

Local club hopes to raise \$100,000 'For Love of Youth'

A local youth organization that has helped thousands of area children over the past two decades will host its annual "For Love of Youth" fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Organizers hope to raise \$100,000, which will benefit the more than 1,000 children that step foot in the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Foothills each year.

"This event is critical to our success," said John Wilson, executive director of the club. "The funds raised at this event ensure our kids have a place to grow and learn, and that our kids are able to overcome the obstacles in their world so that they can become productive, caring and responsible citizens."

The Boys and Girls Club is a national organization that was founded in 1860. Today, there are more than 4,000 clubs across the country, and it has seen more than 4.2 million kids through its doors.

In Monrovia, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Foothills opened in Recreation Park in 1994 and has helped more than 8,000 chil-

dren since then. Fundraising for the club is particularly important because enrollment fees are so low. For \$15 a year, a child between the ages of 5 and 18 can become a member and have access to daily activities, educational opportunities and recreation.

The club activities are designed to empower young people, particularly those from disadvantaged circumstances, and touch on themes including education, recreation, health, leadership and character development.

The fundraiser will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Monrovia at the Double Tree Hotel, 924 W. Huntington Drive.

It will include a silent and live auction, dinner, drinks and special guest Mike Scioscia, manager of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and former Los Angeles Dodgers player.

For tickets, contact the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monrovia business office at 626-305-5353, or e-mail John Wilson at jwilson@foothillsbgc.org.



Beautiful. Walkable
Old Town
Monrovia

There's lots to
love in
Old Town
Monrovia!

Win A
**Valentine's Day
Weekend**
In Old Town Monrovia.

40" Teddy Bear
1 Dozen Red Roses
Dinner (or Breakfast or Lunch!) at your
favorite Old Town Restaurant.

FREE Kid's Kraft Stations
Make Your Own Cards! Saturdays from 1/29 to 2/12 Valentine's Crafts!
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Deadline to enter drawing 2/11/11 at 5:00 pm. Drawing on 2/11/11 at 8:30 pm 400 blk. Myrtle Avenue. See websites below for more info.

Thank you to our sponsors, including: Six 2 Six, The Dollmakers' Kattywompus, L & D Appliance, Flossy Boutique, Friends of Dorothy, Peach Café, Movement Unlimited, Kate Yoga, Betty Sandford and The Neville Building, Bellissima Salon and Day Spa, Golden West Supply, Jake's Roadhouse, Bond Furs, Monrovia Floral, London Gastropub, T. Phillips, Sam's Deli & Kabob Room, and Rudy's Mexican Restaurant.

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Myrtle Ave. exit north from the 210 Fwy. Parking is always free.