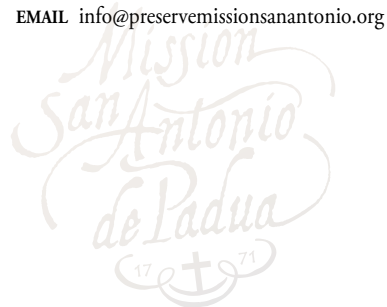


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MISSION BELL *Fall 2013*

Founder's Day Family Reunion



Family group in front of the Mission

Mission San Antonio de Padua has always held a special place in the heart of Clem Richardson, Campaign Board Member and Flat Rock Band member. He has family members who were buried at the Mission – the McDonaghs at the Mission entrance; and Newton, Dorothea and Valence Heinsen under the pomegranate tree. Founder's Day was an opportunity for Clem to invite family near and far to attend the event and celebrate their family roots with a mini-family reunion and join in the celebration!



Top: Descendants of Hazel Heinsen Bunte
Bottom: Clem's granddaughters



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SAVE THE DATE... SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

Sunday, January 26, 2014
10am to 2pm

Italian ambiance takes over the Refectory at the Mission as our volunteers cook up a tempting pasta meal with all the trimmings, including salad and garlic bread. Meal tickets are \$10.00 per person.

The day begins with Mass at 9am and is followed by the Annual Cutting of the Roses, held in the Padre's Garden. Rose cuttings from the mission roses will be available to take home to plant in your own personal garden and a delightful assortment of Gifts from the Garden will also be available for sale. Kids will enjoy the crafts and face-painting. Mark your calendar and plan on attending this year's event! All proceeds from the fundraiser benefit Mission San Antonio de Padua. ■



Rose from the Padre's Garden

A Message from Campaign President SUSAN GILL

Our Founder's Day event was a huge success and a fabulous celebration for Fray Junipero Serra's 300th Birthday and the founding of Mission San Antonio de Padua. The day began with a beautiful mass given by Most Reverend Richard Garcia, Bishop of Monterey. All in attendance enjoyed a delicious BBQ, festive live music from the Flat Rock Boys, and the silent and live auctions were a huge success.

At the event Assemblyman Luis Alejo's office presented a resolution honoring the founding of Mission San Antonio, California's third mission, and urged support for our campaign. Supervisor Simon Salinas recognized the Board and volunteers and expressed his congratulations on efforts thus far for the preservation campaign. We were honored to have our local dignitaries at the event and thank them for their support.

We are so thankful to the many individuals and businesses who donated items for the auctions. We had a total of 44 silent auction items and 10 live auction items. Thanks to the generous donors and buyers we raised \$29,240.00 from both auctions.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the support of our Board, the many wonderful volunteers and all who attended the event. Thank you all for your continued support for our campaign. I know that together, we will save this timeless treasure: Mission San Antonio de Padua. ■



Photos in this newsletter were taken by Joan Steele, Fred Kenyon, Jill Guidotti and our event photographer, Steve Church.

The Mission San Antonio de Padua family recently lost a dear friend, Dustin Miller. He was truly an angel and remarkable human being. Prior to his passing, Dustin and Jane Miller, as trustees of their trust, donated their Central California property to the Campaign for the Preservation of Mission San Antonio de Padua. This property, 49397 Sapaque Road in Bradley, is for sale by Oak Shores Realty for \$299,000.00 and the proceeds will be used towards the seismic retrofit/restoration project. For more information on the property contact Grace Borzini at 805-472-9030 ext 207.

Our deepest appreciation to the Millers for their generosity. Please take a moment to read this memorial and touching tribute to Dustin given by Board Member Joan Steele at his service.”

In Memory of Dustin Miller

By Joan Steele,
Mission Administrator



My Memorial to Dustin has religious overtones; a memorial without reference to his deep abiding faith and his Roman Catholic practice of it, would not do justice to Dustin... or the faith that he lived and died by. If you do not share this belief, please extend to me, the courtesy of expression of how I personally experienced a relationship with Dustin.

My family and I met Dustin in July of 2003 when we moved to this area from Southern California. Dustin was one of the first people to welcome us to our new community. It didn't take long to be charmed by Dustin's wry sense of humor and friendly nature. Like many of you, I knew Dustin first from the monthly potlucks at Hesperia Hall. He was always good for a laugh, always had a funny story to share.

In preparation for Dustin's memorial service at the Mission, I asked everyone, "What's the first thing that comes to your mind when I mention Dustin?" Everyone's first reaction was to *smile*. I would be willing to bet that everyone who knew him has a wonderful, funny, "*Dustin story*" to share. Please share them; it's a great way to celebrate the special gift Dustin was in our lives.

On May 26, 2007, Dustin was ordained as a Deacon. My husband Kevin and I were honored to have been present at that Ordination. Dustin was so happy, he practically glowed. As Dustin had hoped, he was assigned to work at this Mission. As he began to serve in his new capacity as Deacon, we, as parishioners, observed how deeply Dustin took his vows. He lived simply and humbly.

For Dustin, the Mission church was more than a historic place –

it was a community of fellow brothers and sisters that he was called to serve. He served as our Deacon on the altar at Mass for a little over six years. That was the visible side of his ministry. Dustin led a bible study for our Parish. Together, Dustin and I taught RCIA classes to those who were preparing to join the Catholic faith. I enjoyed teaching with Dustin, we made a good team.

What even many parishioners did not see, was all the *less* visible acts of service that Dustin provided to the communities of Mission San Antonio and Mission San Miguel. To better serve the community, Dustin became proficient in Spanish. Dustin married couples and baptized many, many children. He visited the homebound and the sick. He visited those in nursing homes and hospitals. He brought a prayer. He brought Eucharist. He brought the touch of another human being who cared enough to spend some precious time with the lonely, forgotten, and hurting. He brought Jesus to others.

This year, 2013, is the Year of Faith in the Catholic Church. *What is Faith?* Faith is what we believe – our convictions. It is what we place our trust in, what we rely on in good times, but especially in times when life gets hard. Faith is the truth that we offer our hearts to with devotion – the truth that we dedicate our lives to.

Sometimes I think we tend to treat our Faith too lightly... as if it's something (like our Sunday going-to-church clothes) we can put on when we find ourselves in a situation that we can't handle on our own... a situation where it becomes very apparent that we are not God and we hope the One Who Is decides to rule in our favor.

As I think about my "Faith" in this "Year of Faith," an image of Dustin comes to mind. I believe that when we truly embrace our faith, the awesomeness of who we are in God's miraculous plan will permeate our being in such a way that we will live a changed life.

This truth was something that Dustin embraced as he embarked on his mission as an Ordained Deacon. Dustin was determined to live out his vows and to not let his ego win out over God's Will for his life. He accepted humility as a gift from his Heavenly Father, and sought to find the kernel of truth that would prove to be his Father's gift to him in every situation. It wasn't always easy to do.

Without even realizing it, Dustin was leading us... his parish family... his friends... to accept the freeing truth that we are NOT GOD, but that we do have a God who knows and loves us individually and intimately. We serve a God who will always rule in our favor – not delivering our daily whims which change like the wind, but for our ultimate good, our salvation. We're created by a God that loves us enough to use tough love when we need it. He picks us up when we fall. He offers the comfort of His arms and a shoulder to cry on when we hurt.

Last year, just about the time that Dustin received his diagnosis, a new song by *Sidewalk Prophets* was released in the world of Christian music. I was driving to work the first time I heard this song on the radio and my immediate reaction was – this song describes how I see Dustin living his life!

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LIVE LIKE THAT – *by Sidewalk Prophets*

Sometimes I think
What will people say of me
When I'm only just a memory
When I'm home where my soul belongs

Was I love
When no one else would show up
Was I Jesus to the least of us
Was my worship more than just a song

Am I proof
That You are who You say you are
That grace can really change a heart
Do I live like Your love is true

People pass
And even if they don't know my name
Is there evidence that I've been changed
When they see me do they see You

I wanna show the world the love You gave for me
I'm longing for the world to know
The glory of the King.

**Chorus: I wanna live like that
And give it all I have**

**So that everything I say and do
Points to You**

If love is who I am

Then this is where I'll stand

Recklessly abandoned

Never holding back

I wanna live like that.

Dustin's life has yielded a bountiful harvest. He showed us how to be the face and hands and feet of Christ in our everyday world. He gave us an example of how to live a faith-infused life... in humility... in service... in obedience.

When faced with his final challenge, Dustin continued to teach us as he allowed us to walk the final journey with him. Dustin made the most of the time given to him.

He settled his affairs... He made amends ... He loved... He played... He enjoyed life with joyful, reckless abandon... He prayed... He let God be God... He trusted... And when God called his name... Dustin obeyed... and returned Home.

Dustin, thank you for teaching us through your example.

When I remember you in future days, I will continue to say

I want to live like that. ■

Founder's Day
CELEBRATION – July 14, 2013



The July 14, 2013 Founder's day event to celebrate Fray Junipero Serra's 300th birthday and the founding of Mission San Antonio de Padua on July 14, 1771 was enjoyed by all who attended and would not have been possible without the many, many wonderful volunteers and donors.

Two families took the challenge to provide the best eating experience. Billy and Donna Booker, along with Steve and Kim Tankersley provided a great meal and various choices for all eating palates. They had help from Peter Guidici, Matt Gill, Chris Zanetta, Jason Soares, Bill Carroll and Delaney Carroll. We thank them for all their hard work and their donation to the Campaign of time and effort. We couldn't have done the day without the wonderful food.

A super big thanks to Byron Lynn for hosting the Spiegelau Beer Tasting and Seminar and providing water for the event. All the cool drinks



were needed as the temperatures soared and Byron even ran back to town to pick up extra supplies. Thanks Byron for your support!

We appreciate the support of the Council 3815 Knights of Columbus. Grand Knight Lorenzo Espino and members Eliseo Silva, Carlos Partida, Rino Silva and Jesse Gomez tended bar, served wine and distributed drinks during the event.

Bishop Richard Garcia gave a beautiful mass and John Warren and members of the New World Baroque Orchestra provided the music. During the event everyone enjoyed the festive tunes from the Flat Rock Boys. Thank you to band

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We are so thankful to the many auction item donated for the Founder's Day Event and of course we wouldn't have been successful without the generous buyers who participated in the bidding and purchased items. Thank you all!

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Founder's Day continued
members Mike Lauritson, Jon Fanoe, Bill Lorentz, Jimmy Rossi and Clem Richardson for donating your time to entertain the crowd!

Working the campaign online store booth were our dedicated volunteers Brian and Susan Coale, Ellen Albertoni, Rich Casey and Sharon Casey. You can purchase items from the online store at www.savesanantonio.org. **Starting November 1, 2013 all items will be 50% off through Christmas. All proceeds from the store support the retrofit campaign.**

The silent and live auctions were a success due to volunteers Sherrie Isaac, Kathie Garcia, Kate Hearne, Dana Guidotti, Margaret Duflock, Martha Tognetti, Bill Roby, Kathy Roby, Joyce Eikenberry, Christine Phillips, Lynette Brister, Tina Lopez, Dina Ledsdema and a special thank you to Jeff Eikenberry for coordinating the volunteers and taking care of all the details for the auctions.

Thank you to Barbara Richardson and Kelly Salles-Cunha who organized the children's activity center and along with Jessie Steele entertained many young folks with arts and crafts. Barbara Richardson also donated the fans that were very popular on that warm day.

Our set up and clean up volunteers were amazing. John Ramirez and John Romans owners of Big Valley Labor once again donated a crew to clean the Mission grounds and helped set up tables, chairs and tents. They so graciously provide a crew before all events at the Mission and this donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Madison Barber, Ellen Albertoni, Mark Martello, Lenny Martello, Bethany Carroll, Andy Grau, Kevin Steele, Sean Steele, Babette and her Garden Angels, Susan Madson, Kathy Moser, Susan Bengard, Steve Tankersley, Kim Tankersley, Jane Mathein, Bill Mathein, Duane Wolgamott, and Rosa and Jesus Pacheco & Family who helped with set up and clean up.■

