# THE JANUARY, 2020 AN THESISBULLETIN

# A MONTHLY UPDATE OF PARTICIPANT HAPPENINGS

#### going out and about look



'RASS/ADC SHOWCASE – OPEN HOUSE

Encore! Encore! Is what our participants are saying about our holiday showcase, "Twas the night before Christmas" orchestrated by Program Specialists Alicia Ahumada, Lucy Jimenez and Lead Senior Companion Angel Gibson. Michael D. was ecstatic to play Santa and brought so much cheer throughout `RASS, while our adorable sugar plums danced and Karilyn B. said she felt like a superstar as she danced across the set. There was such sweetness with the playful reindeer. ADC's Nightmare Before Christmas orchestrated by Program Specialists Melissa Meyer and Armando Rangel was truly a story right out of the book narrated by Brenda A. The individuals enjoyed making their own costumes with some assistance and the guys had fun shopping and picking out their shirts. Daniel C. could be seen everywhere; he played thunder, lightning, tree and gremlin. Both performances (ADC & RASS), were fun and creative. The backdrop sceneries were beautifully displayed and the individuals performances were just a delight and it was great to see all of the happy faces of the participants truly enjoying themselves. Everyone practiced to make the event a success and it was! Thank you to Linda Rodriguez for supporting our fundraising efforts and for everyone who came out to support our program performances and for supporting our fundraising by purchasing art, crafts and baked goodies. The time you spent at our Open House and Holiday Showcase was greatly appreciated!



Talk about a success story. Harley joined Anthesis in June of 1996. In 2004 Harley became a member of one of the cafeteria enclaves where he worked for six years. In 2010 it was obvious that Harley was ready to move on. He landed a job at IKEA in food service. Harley's efforts were recently acknowledged by IKEA which included a merit increase. Congratulations, Harley!



Happy Holidays from the DoubleTree portering enclave!!! Not only do Steven, Cecely and Nathan work in the beautiful DoubleTree Hotel, they got to enjoy the festive decorations and holiday cheer that the hotel shared with its staff and guests. Not to mention the annual holiday party that the enclave attended. Thank you, DoubleTree Hotel for making this time so special. It is appreciated by all!



`RASS participants enjoyed a moment to pose as they explored Ikea in search of many fun and silly tasks. Ken S. had a blast pretending to take a nap. Ruby V. was full of laughs and giggles hiding in the greenery, and Sharen B. was proud with collecting 12 of the same items on their silly scavenger hunt. Linda R. said her favorite part was enjoying a hot cup of coffee by the window while watching the rain.

#### getting a closer look



# MEET PEGGY M.

Let me introduce you to Peggy who gave me permission to interview her. **How are you doing Peggy?** Fine.

Can you tell me about yourself? My family?

**Yes, tell me about your family?** My Uncle Russ lives in Corona. I have 3 sisters. Sharon lives in Victorville. Joyce lives in Florida and Linda lives in Rancho Cucamonga. I talk with my sisters on the phone and I just visited my sister Sharon for Christmas. We had a white Christmas.

Was it snowing in Victorville? Yes. I went outside to see the snow. How do you like RASS? I like it a lot.

What's important for you to do at RASS? I like to buy lunch on Fridays. I like chicken from KFC or tacos from Mexican restaurants.

What are your favorite places to visit? I love all kinds of animals. I like to visit the horses. Linda invited me to go bowling with her for her birthday.

**That's great, you like to bowl?** Not really, but she's my friend and I did it. I had fun. **You're such a good friend. What other activities do you like to do? I** like to work on my word search and watch old movies like Maude and Buzzard shows. I do like to be at RASS with my friends.

# AKTION CLUB OFFICER, BRENDA A., AT THE ROSE PARADE.

Congratulations Brenda! Brenda was chosen by CAL-NEV-HA District Aktion Club Administrator Howard Jackson to ride on the Kiwanis International Rose Float themed 'Soaring with Hope' with the Kiwanis Family at the Pasadena Rose Parade. Brenda was chosen for her outstanding service and commitment to the Kiwanis Mission to serve one child, one community at a time. Brenda met Kiwanis family from California, New Jersey, Nebraska, Florida and New Mexico including 2019-20 Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron and Governor Tim Cunnings. Even though Brenda wasn't sitting on the side of the float to be on National TV to get discovered, she was able to experience an extraordinary opportunity to ride on the Kiwanis International Rose Float to start the 2020 New Year with a bang!



# upcoming events

**SWEETHEART DANCE** Friday, February 7th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**BOWLING NIGHT** Saturday, March 7th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.







# employment opportunties for Anthesis participants

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