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## Abraham House: A Real Home

By Karen Taylor

What is the secret to making a group home feel like “home” to the people who live there? The answer might be different things to different people, but one essential element is treating the residents with respect and dignity – as equals. That’s the aim of Abraham House in Fullerton, which opened in July, 2004.

Abraham House is what is known as a L’Arche community. L’Arche began in 1964 when Jean Vanier – at the urging of a priest friend to put his faith into practice – got to know two men with developmental disabilities at an institution in France and invited them to come live with him. From that humble beginning, the International Federation of L’Arche has grown to include 120 communities in 30 countries – 15 in the United States.

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son’s unique gifts. Rather than clients and staff members, the residents with developmental disabilities are known as “core members,” because they serve as the heart of the home, and staff members – who also reside in the home – are called assistants because they assist the core members as needed. Core members Chris Friedman, Terry Cain and Jason Rosales – each of whom has a mild intellectual disability – and assistants Luigi Morelli and Karin Nuernberg call Abraham House home and share in the responsibilities of living there.

The three core members work at Orange County ARC and develop their creative skills at Hope University while Luigi and Karin do the grocery shopping, banking and other adminis-

Core members and assistants enjoy time together at Abraham House. Pictured are (front) L-R: Karen Carr, Karin Nuernberg (back) L-R: Terry Cain, Chris Friedman, Jason Rosales.

trative tasks. In addition to everyone’s daily activities, the group shares a life together that is rich in cultural, educational, social and spiritual activities.

Every Wednesday is “community night,” and guests are invited to a special evening at the home that includes social time, a potluck dinner, singing, and a presentation. One community night a month is open to anyone who wants to attend. Home projects in 2005 included woodworking, Italian lessons taught by Luigi, art classes taught by Margaret and Mary, both volunteers,

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The public is invited to attend. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the Regional Center Board Room at 801 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana.

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## RCOC Legislative Update

### Governor's Budget Proposal Delays SSI/SSP Increase

By Tresa Oliveri, RCOC Board of Directors

In his CEO Corner column on page three, Bill Bowman overviews some of Governor Schwarzenegger's budget proposals for funding the

community care system. However, we also monitor key legislation and budget issues that don't directly affect RCOC

services, but may have a major impact on people with developmental disabilities. The Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) program – co-funded by the federal and state governments – is one of those, and the Governor's proposal for 2006-07 concerns us.

If you depend on SSI/SSP, you probably already know that the state budget that passed last year suspended California's portion of your cost-of-living increases for 2006 and 2007; it also cut the base amount California contributes to the program. The effect has been to delay the increases you would have received from the federal government.

Now, the Administration wants to delay that increase even further. If the Legislature agrees to the Governor's



proposal, the increase the federal government gave the state will not be passed on to you until 2008. The dollar figure varies among SSI/SSP recipients, but it amounts to an average of \$14 per month for a single adult with a disability. At the same time the Governor is proposing significant increases for education, transportation and infrastructure, it is wrong to keep California's most vulnerable citizens waiting for funds crucial to helping them make ends meet.

Because this program is so important to many RCOC families, we will send e-mail advisories to those interested in communicating their views to state legislators, who will be considering the proposal in March or April. If you would like to receive legislative advisories on this and other issues affecting people with disabilities and their families, please send an e-mail to [leginfo@rcocdd.com](mailto:leginfo@rcocdd.com) and type "LIST" in the subject line.



## CEO's Corner

# Opportunities for 2006 and Beyond

By Bill Bowman, Chief Executive Officer

The 2006-07 budget proposal unveiled last month by Governor Schwarzenegger included something we haven't seen for several years: recognition that providers of community services and supports have reached a breaking point, and rate relief can no longer be postponed without risking system collapse.



Specifically, the Governor proposes a three percent cost-of-living increase for providers whose rates have been frozen by the state since budget year 2003-04. These include community care facilities, community-based day programs, habilitation services programs, respite agencies, and vouchered respite. The same increase is proposed for certain contracted supports, specifically supported living and transportation.

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Unquestionably, it is good to see this increase. It is important, though, to recognize that three percent will not go far toward addressing the serious infrastructure and staffing needs now facing our vendor partners. It is equally important to realize that this proposal does not signal a return to old-time budget processes, in which year-to-year increases to existing programs were automatic. I would argue, though, that our goal should be to aim higher than simply maintaining services and supports as they are now.

The environment in which we operate is vastly different than it was even a few years ago. Families with young children and adults with disabilities becoming senior citizens, for example, are telling us that "more of the same (services)" will not be adequate to meet their evolving family structures and life needs. We take this input very seriously. We also see it as an opportunity for creative vendor partners who want to work with RCOG to move services and supports forward in fundamentally new ways.

For vendor partners, this might mean exploring new types of partnerships and collaborations, leveraging combined resources to develop innovative services that effectively and efficiently respond to our community's changing needs. We also believe that it will be important to pursue possible new funding sources. For example, among the priorities for which the Governor has expressed strong support is after-school programs for children. By working cooperatively together, as we have in the past, we can make a solid case that an appropriate portion of after-school program funding is available to the children we serve.

We in Orange County have long been in the forefront when it comes to effectively and efficiently delivering high quality services and supports. We are confident that, as our vendor partners join with us to pursue new ideas, we can successfully meet the challenges posed by changing individual and family needs, and the state's expectations for fiscal effectiveness.

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Finally, I'd like to briefly comment on the "long-term cost containment" measures directed for regional centers in the proposed budget. While these measures may pose a challenge for some in the state, I want to reassure Orange County families that the measures being discussed are not new to RCOG. Thus, we do not expect any impact on the services you are now receiving. In fact, the extension of these cost containment measures could be viewed as recognition by the Administration of our community's performance leadership.

Much can happen between now and this summer, when budget negotiations within the Legislature and between the Governor and Legislature will be in full swing. We will keep you informed on key developments.

## Consumer Advisory Team Update

By Jay Connor, CAT Chairman

One of the group's goals for 2006 is to add new members. We would like to have

people from all parts of Orange County. We would also like



people from all day programs. I talked to the Vendor Advisory Committee in January. We are working on a plan to expand our membership.

I was pleased to see so many people at the Spotlight Awards in September. It was a great event. People seemed to enjoy themselves.

The Consumer Advisory Team (CAT) plans for 2006 include getting speakers from various agencies to

come to our monthly meetings. We would like someone from the Red Cross to make a presentation. We hope they will talk about disaster preparedness and CPR. We might have someone from a credit union talk to us. They could tell us about the basics of credit. Some members are interested in animals. Maybe we can get a job developer to come to a meeting. That person could talk about working in an animal hospital or pet shop.

If you are a Regional Center consumer, please come visit our group. The meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month. See the chart on this page for the 2006 meeting dates. Support staff are welcome to come to the meetings. Transportation is not provided by RCOC. Please call Betty Bath at (714) 796-5263 ahead of time to let her know you will be there.

## 2006 CAT Meeting Dates

Consumer Advisory Team meetings take place at 10:00 a.m. to noon in RCOC's East/Central office.

The address is:  
801 Civic Center Dr. West,  
Santa Ana.

The meetings are held in Board Room B. The following dates are scheduled for the rest of 2006:

March 15  
April 19  
May 17  
June 21  
July 19  
August 16  
September 20  
October 18  
November 15  
December 13

**The Consumer Advisory Team (CAT) is a group of consumers that meets once a month. The group discusses issues that are important to RCOC consumers, like advocacy and independence. The CAT chairman advises the RCOC board of directors about the group's concerns.**

## Safety Stu's Corner

### Hello Safety Friends

It's a new year and, I thought, a great time to introduce myself again. I'm Safety Stu and this is the Safety Corner. The Safety Corner is our place to talk about safety together. In each Safety Corner, my friends on the GET SAFE™ team will learn something new about safety and we're happy to have another friend to learn with us! Remember, there's safety in numbers!

Remember that this is your place, too. Do you have a question about safety? The Safety Corner is where you



can find the answer. And, if you have something you want to talk to Safety Stu and the GET SAFE team about, you can! Just write to us at the Safety Corner:

**Get Safe**  
**Stu's Safety Corner**  
**1263 S. Wright Street**  
**Santa Ana,**  
**CA 92705**

If we use your question in Safety Stu's Corner, we'll even send you a safety bear! Beary Safe is a great pal to have. He always reminds you to stay safe.

Today he says, "Remember to do the **SAFETY CHECK!**"

The **Safety Check** is letting a "safe person" know where you are going. A safe person is someone that you trust, who may be able to help you. That

might be your mom or dad. It could also be a guardian, your teacher, a caregiver, or a counselor.

The **Safety Check** is important to do every time you go somewhere, like to the movies, or to the mall, or to a friend's house. Before you leave, tell your safe person these four things:

1. Where you are going.
2. How you will be getting there.
3. Who you are going with – don't forget to bring a buddy.
4. When you will be back.

Even if you think you'll only be gone for a few minutes, be sure to do the Safety Check!

*Until next time*  
*Safety Friends,*  
*Safety Stu, the GET SAFE™*  
*team, and Beary Safe*

## Learn More About Work and Benefits From Disability Benefits 101

Across California, many adults with disabilities want to work and to earn money, but are uncertain about how paid employment might affect the government-funded benefits they receive. Disability Benefits 101 (on the web at [www.disabilitybenefits101.org](http://www.disabilitybenefits101.org)) is a helpful Web site that brings together, in one place, information on the full range of health coverage, benefit and employment programs that Californians with disabilities use.

Using plain language and examples of real people and their stories, the site provides answers to frequently-asked questions about how eligibility for programs, such as Medi-Cal and Social Security, can be affected by income received from paid employment. It also cautions about pitfalls and how to avoid them, and provides links to other helpful resources on each topic.

Of course, if you have questions about your benefits, contact your RCOE service coordinator.



## Our Children Need Mom and Dad to Support Each Other

By Jacqui Kerze, FRC Supervisor

When people ask me what the difference is between having a child with a disability and a typical child, I usually say: “Everything is more.” By that, I mean that my husband and I have all of the same types of challenges that other parents have. We deal with education and school issues. We try to ensure our son grows up happy and healthy. We work to balance career, family and friends. But, because our son has special needs, there is just more involved. That magnifies the challenges of parenthood and the stresses on a marriage. Sadly, the result for many is a broken family.



We read that the divorce rate among all couples is something around 50 percent. Among couples with a child who has disabilities, that figure is estimated at 70-80 percent. That could be discouraging, but I think it’s important to know. When we recognize what we’re facing, we – as wives and husbands – can be in a better position to support each other and keep our families together and strong.

At the Comfort Connection Family Resource Center, one of the ways we

help is by connecting parents to resources and information to help them cope with the range of feelings they may experience. Among the resources I often recommend is an article by Ken Moses, Ph.D. called *The Impact of Childhood Disability: The Parent’s Struggle*. Dr. Moses shares his perspective on “the feeling states of grieving.” He suggests that denial, anxiety, fear, guilt, depression and anger are normal and important to the life-long process of coping with disability, building new dreams for ourselves and our children, and achieving personal growth. Moses also suggests that women and men often experience these states in different ways which, I think, helps to explain why so many couples drift into isolation and divorce.

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Perhaps the most important message we at Comfort Connection can share is that parents don’t have to be isolated. Comfort Connection’s Naomi Hall has some good advice: “Reach out to agencies like Comfort Connection and the Parent Connection, and **get support from others** who know what you’re going through,” she says.

Another key, I think, is to find ways to **share the responsibilities** for your child’s care. In many families, one parent shoulders the entire load. Since none of us is good at everything, that can be overwhelming. I think my husband and I do better for our child by **working together as a team** to meet our child’s needs.

It’s also critical to **keep the lines of communication open**. Naomi suggests that’s especially important in situations like hers, where the father travels a lot. “He can’t come to every meeting,” she says. “But I make sure he’s aware of what’s going on so he can help make the decisions.”

## Where To Go for Help

The **Comfort Connection Family Resource Center** is staffed by parents of children with special needs, and it’s a great place to start. Call us at (714) 558-5400 or stop by at RCOOC’s Santa Ana Office, 801 Civic Center Drive West. We’re open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### Some other resources include:

- Parent Connection consists of parents of children with disabilities who volunteer to share their experiences to help others. Contact Naomi Hall at (714) 558-5402.
- Fathers Network of Orange County stages regular meetings where men can meet other fathers of children with special needs and discuss issues facing them. Contact: The Family Support Network at (714) 590-0023 or call Jeff Braun at (714) 731-2028.



2ND ANNUAL  
**RECREATION RESOURCE FAIR  
&  
ADVENTURE DAY**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

Oak Canyon Lake, Orange  
9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Registration starts 9:00 am

In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule to March 25

**Learn the following:**

- How to set up a tent
- Rolling sleeping bags
- The basics of family camping
- Tackle Essentials
- Knot Tying
- Casting 101
- Fish Biology
- Baiting your hook
- Where to take your family

All participants will have an opportunity to catch a fish!  
We practice catch & release.

Lunch & drinks will be provided.

**Free to all families!!**

Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

**Reservations required!**

Please RSVP to the hotline at  
**(714) 558-5403**

by  
**Friday, March 3**

Limited to first 500!!!





**FROM NORTH:** Take most convenient freeway to the 55 freeway. Exit at Chapman Avenue EAST. Chapman Avenue turns into Santiago Canyon Road. Follow the road approximately 9 miles (from 55 freeway). You will pass Irvine Lake on the left (DO NOT turn into Irvine Lake). Make first left after Irvine Lake at park entrance. Follow signs.

**Toll Road Option:** From 91 fwy, take 241 fwy (toll road) south. Exit Santiago Canyon Road and go left. You will pass Irvine Lake on the left (DO NOT turn into Irvine Lake). Make first left after Irvine Lake at park entrance. Follow signs.

**FROM SOUTH:** Exit 5 Fwy north at El Toro Road- go right. El Toro Road turns into Santiago Canyon Road. Follow road 15.75 miles to park entrance on the right. If you reach Irvine Lake, you've gone too far. Make right turn at park entrance. Follow signs.

**Toll Road Option:** From 5 or 405 freeway, take 133 fwy north. 133 turns into 241 Fwy (toll road). Take 241 north, exit Santiago Canyon Road and go right. (you will pass Irvine Lake on the left - DO NOT turn into Irvine Lake). Go approx. 1/8 mile. Turn left at park entrance. Follow signs.

**note:** toll roads range in price from \$1.00 to \$2.25.

## Stay Well and Fit In 2006!

### Here's to your health!

At the beginning of each new year, lots of people make New Year's resolutions to get in shape or to take better care of their health. It is especially important for people who have diabetes to keep those resolutions, because uncontrolled diabetes can lead to serious medical complications. So, in this issue, we want to share some basic guidelines about diabetes self care management.

*Please note: These guidelines for adults are a standard, but they should not replace the advice of your doctor. If you have any questions about diabetes self care, be sure to consult your doctor.*

### Blood – Glucose Monitoring

**Test your blood glucose levels, as recommended by your doctor.** You may test before or after meals.

### Blood Pressure and Weight Management

**Blood Pressure** – Your doctor will have a target goal for every visit, but something in the range of 120/80 is usually good.

**Healthy Weight** – This should be talked about with your doctor at your annual visit. Find out what weight your doctor feels is a healthy weight

for you, and ask your doctor what you can do to maintain a healthy weight.

**Physical Activity** – Your doctor can recommend an exercise program for you based on your needs and condition.

### Exams

**Foot Exam** – Have a foot exam every “diabetes visit” with your doctor. Once a year, have your feet checked for sores or wounds that won't heal and for nerve damage.

**Retinal Eye Exam** – This exam should be done soon after you are diagnosed with diabetes and then every year after that **unless** recommended more frequently by your doctor.

**Dental Exams** – These should be done at least twice yearly.

### Tests

**A1c Test** – This test may be done 1 to 2 times per year, or as recommended by your doctor. The target goal for this test is less than seven percent, and your doctor can explain the results.

**Blood Lipids** – This test, commonly called a “cholesterol test,” should be done annually. Your doctor can explain what the numbers mean, but for most people, doctors want a person's total cholesterol to be at less than 200, with the LDL part (“bad cholesterol”) less than 130. The HDL part (“good cholesterol”) should be more than 40 and ideally more than 60.

**Vaccinations** – Adults who have diabetes should get vaccinated every year for influenza (“the flu”). Adults between the ages of 18-65 should get vaccinated at least once (and sometimes twice) for pneumococcal pneumonia, and then once more after the age of 65. For vaccinations for children, please talk to your child's health care provider.

### Nutrition – Meal Planning

**You may ask your doctor to help you set nutritional goals.** Your doctor may recommend a trained expert, known as a Registered Dietician, to sit with you and set up a meal plan. To make sure you keep to the plan, it's a good idea to keep a journal of the foods you eat and the portion sizes.

### Smoking Cessation

If you are a smoker, let your doctor know. Your doctor may be able to refer you to a special program, or helpline, to help you quit smoking.

In addition to diabetes care, the Health Education and Disease Management Department provides assistance to those who would like information on group classes covering such topics as stress management, quitting smoking, and more. For more information on these preventive care programs, please contact CalOptima Customer Service Department at (888) 587-8088. For TDD Service, please call (714) 246-8523.

**Abraham House** (continued from page 1)

and cooking – Chris learned to make cornbread! The group went on excursions to the Getty Museum, Mission San Juan Capistrano, and San Diego Wild Animal Park. They also attended plays and concerts.

Another unique aspect about Abraham House is the way everyone's life is commemorated with a special birthday party. Chris' mom, Phyllis, says, "When Chris was first in the home, they said they were going to have a celebration of Chris and that Chris was going to write his life story. We could invite anyone we wanted who was part of his life, so we brought some family friends. I had no intention of being emotionally moved by this, but couldn't help it. The way they did it, Luigi would tell the story and Chris would hold up a picture of that incident – things that were important in his life. It was so beautiful, a day all about Chris."

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Each week the residents have a house meeting to discuss everyone's concerns, as well as plans for upcoming events. Luigi says that at first, when the core members were asked how they felt about this or that, they were not very forthcoming. Now that trusting relationships have developed and everyone knows that this is a "safe

place" for their feelings, they express their wishes, disappointments and desires much more openly.

Jason, age 28, is the youngest resident of Abraham House. He had the most difficult adjustment, having moved directly from his parents' home. He says, "It's nice, but sometimes some of the other people get on my nerves." He likes to go to the movies and shopping with his girlfriend, Rose.

Terry, age 39, had her own personal commitment to be part of L'Arche. Visiting Assisi, France last year for an international L'Arche conference was a life-changing experience for her, Luigi says.

When Terry returned to the U.S. she got involved in drama at Hope University. When asked about Abraham House and how it's different from another group home she lived in, she replies, "I am a lot happier here, making new friends. Here I've been doing a lot of arts and crafts, and I like to do writing. [At the other home] the people were nice but they didn't do anything. I was always in my room but here I am not in my room all the time. I do other things."

It took 12 years and a dedicated group of Southern Californians to make Abraham House a reality. Karen Carr, administrator of Abraham House and



Sharing kitchen duties are, left to right: Karen Carr, Chris Friedman and in back is Karin Nuernberg.

executive director of Wavecrest-Friends of L'Arche, the nonprofit organization that established Abraham House, was among the founding group. A former special education teacher in Whittier, Karen learned about the L'Arche community concept in 1985, and later spent five years living in a L'Arche community in France.

Returning to the U.S., she saw a need for a L'Arche community in Orange County and found others who shared her belief. "It was 1992, and we formed a planning team of about 12 people and began meeting on a monthly basis," she says.

Observing life at Abraham House today, it's clear that the core members are respected and valued for who they are and that the assistants consider their role not just a job, but a calling that enriches their lives. For Karen Carr and all who worked so long and hard to establish Abraham House, it is exciting to know their faith and persistence has paid off.

# Behavior Management Workshops for Parents

Following is a list of Behavior Management Workshops for Parents that are scheduled to take place from March through May of 2006. Workshops are typically limited to 40-45 families. Flyers for each workshop are typically distributed six weeks prior to the start date. Please contact your Service Coordinator for additional information.

## MARCH

- 1 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in English, by Julia F. Shaull, LCSW, BCBA*  
10 a.m. – noon  
East Area Office
- 8 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in English, by Julia F. Shaull, LCSW, BCBA*  
10 a.m. – noon  
East Area Office
- 15 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in English, by Julia F. Shaull, LCSW, BCBA*  
10 a.m. – noon  
East Area Office
- 22 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in English, by Julia F. Shaull, LCSW, BCBA*  
10 a.m. – noon  
East Area Office

## APRIL

- 4 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in Mandarin Chinese, by Joyce Tu, Ed.D., BCBA*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
South Area Office
  - 11 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in Mandarin Chinese, by Joyce Tu, Ed.D., BCBA*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
South Area Office
  - 18 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in Mandarin Chinese, by Joyce Tu, Ed.D., BCBA*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
South Area Office
  - 25 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in Mandarin Chinese, by Joyce Tu, Ed.D., BCBA*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
South Area Office
  - 26 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in English, by Julia F. Shaull, LCSW, BCBA*  
10 a.m. – noon  
West Area Office
  - 28 Basic.** *Presented in Spanish, by Ana Lorenz, Ph.D.*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
East Area Office
- ## MAY
- 2 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in Mandarin Chinese, by Joyce Tu, Ed.D., BCBA*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
South Area Office
  - 3 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in English, by Julia F. Shaull, LCSW, BCBA*  
10 a.m. – noon  
West Area Office

- 3 Basic.** *Presented in Vietnamese, by An V. Le, Psy. D.*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
West Area Office
- 5 Basic.** *Presented in Spanish, by Ana Lorenz, Ph.D.*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
East Area Office
- 10 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
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- 12 Basic.** *Presented in Spanish, by Ana Lorenz, Ph.D.*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
East Area Office
- 17 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in English, by Julia F. Shaull, LCSW, BCBA*  
10 a.m. – noon  
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- 17 Basic.** *Presented in Vietnamese, by An V. Le, Psy. D.*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
West Area Office
- 19 Basic.** *Presented in Spanish, by Ana Lorenz, Ph.D.*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
East Area Office
- 24 Basic with Toilet Training.**  
*Presented in English, by Julia F. Shaull, LCSW, BCBA*  
10 a.m. – noon  
West Area Office
- 24 Basic.** *Presented in Vietnamese, by An V. Le, Psy. D.*  
6:30 – 9 p.m.  
West Area Office



## RCOC Consumers Tie the Knot

On Saturday, Aug. 6, RCOC consumers Tracy Hall and Bill Johnstone were married at the Chapel of the Reflections in Buena Park. Family and friends of the couple attended the wedding and the reception that followed at the Chicken Dinner Restaurant at Knott’s Berry Farm. Tracy and Bill met at school five years ago and became good friends. Their friendship blossomed into a romance that led to their marriage. RCOC service coordinator Scarlett Kyoko von Thenen attended and took these photos.

(left) Pictured are: groom Bill Johnstone and bride Tracy Hall.

(right) In this picture are wedding attendees: Stacy Parker of Little Harbor in Anaheim, groom Bill’s former residential services provider, and James “Jamie” Blackwood, one of three of Bill’s former housemates from Little Harbor who attended the wedding.



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