

Volunteerz-z-z Keep Our Hive Buzzing

This year, Mastick Senior Center is celebrating 27 years of fabulous service thanks to the dedication of our unstoppable volunteers! Their energy and spirit is infectious transforming this former elementary school site into a hive of activity. The Volunteer Recognition Committee, one of 10 committees supported by the 15-member Advisory Board, selected, *Volunteer-z-z-z Keep Our Hive Buzzing*, as the theme for our annual celebration luncheon scheduled for **Thursday, April 12, at noon**. During the past year, volunteers have been buZy with fundraising activities, embarked on a fundraising letter campaign, increased participation in Saturday-Fundraising Bingo, and exceeded expectation at the Thrift Shop. They funded the painting of the hive’s exterior, fashioned the courtyard with new awnings, and replaced the countertops in the men and women’s bathrooms. They supported the community by staffing Mastick’s Annual Flu Shot Clinic, responded to letters received from “Christmas Tree Lane”, participated in Alameda Hospital’s Community Health Fair, Art in the Park, Earth Day Festival, and the Fourth of July Parade. They partnered with community members (e.g., **Dr. Raskin**, Alameda Police Department, Alameda Adult School, **Mark De Maria**, P.T., West-Wind School, SomniHealth, and AP&T, Alameda Fire Department, and Alameda Red Cross to provide educational presentations. In addition, volunteers ensured that the hive was staffed seven-days a week making sure the phones were answered, members were greeted, lunch reservations received and served, classes taught, computer lab maintained, Federal & State taxes prepared and e-filed, Telephone Tax Credit processed, coffee prepared, library maintained and books cataloged, web-site designed and maintained,

garden weeded, and clerical support provided. Not to mention, providing travel arrangements for members to swarm 12 local destinations, as well as the Islands of New England, Beijing, China, and the Greek Isles. Our *Mastick Bees* are one of a kind, turning this hive into a “home away from home” for more than 3,000 members, with passion, commitment, and enthusiasm that leave a lasting sting. As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, we are thankful for our faithful colony of 175 buZy bees. We recognize their efforts to make **Mastick FantasticK!**

Mastick Senior Center Staff

Free Tax Preparation Services until April 15!

AARP Tax Assistance Program Volunteers are available to provide *free* tax preparation services to low and middle income individuals, with special attention to those 60 and older. Limited appointments are available for low-income non-seniors. *If you are uncertain whether you need to file a return, a tax volunteer will be available to answer questions on Thursday between 1:00 pm and 2 pm.* To schedule an appointment, please come to the Mastick office or call 747-7506. *This year, Sunday appointments are available.* Tax services are provided in Room E (follow the yellow footprints!). *This program is sponsored by AARP, IRS, and Mastick Senior Center.*

***Thank You for Your Generosity & Support
The Mastick Advisory Board and staff thank you
for supporting Mastick Senior Center!***

Marcelline Colberg-Planchon, Tony Cruz, George & Judy Furuichi, Darlene Kurczewski, Millie Lum, Willard & Marcia Ross, George & Joanne Takata, Kim Tsang, Ursula Van Wassenberg, and Anna Young.