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HEARTLAND HUMAN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

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JULY GET-TOGETHER PLANNED

There will be a general membership meeting on Sunday, July 14, at FUMCLUM at 6:00 p.m. This will be a time for fun and fellowship, a picnic pot-luck meeting. Bring meat for your family to bar-b-que and something else, to share. The HHRA slide presentation, "Our First Five Years," will be shown and Caddy will present a preview of the Intentional living Series he will be conducting on July 16-18. You will be contacted by telephone tree callers with further information. We hope to have a good turn-out; plan now to be there!

NEARING NATIONAL GOAL

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) needs to be ratified by only five more states before it becomes a Constitutional Amendment. Some of its endorsers are the AFL-CIO, both major poltical parties, and the League of Women Voters. The essence of ERA is that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any state, on account of sex." ERA will give men and women equal rights in the areas of social security, government pensions, military benefits, and labor laws. If you wish to see ERA passed, write to your friends in Illinois, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Missouri, as these are the states most likely to pass it next.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY HHRA

Earl Saunders presented the Lincoln High School Boosters Club scholarship fund $100 from HHRA with the designation that the gift be awarded for academic achievement.

A scholarship of $150.00 will be given to a minority student at San Diego State, School of Education, with the hope that next year we can provide a full scholarship. (This scholarship traditionally was given by Dialogue to Action whose membership and treasury merged with HHRA last year.)

YOUTH CENTERS PROPOSED

HHRA has requested funds from Revenue Sharing and United Way for the development of two youth centers in the Heartland. The two centers would be located at the First United Methodist Church of La Mesa and the United Church of Christ in Lemon Grove. Both would be professionally staffed; they would offer recreational programs and personal counseling for young people. The need for such centers has been enormous. As of this date, our plans, which have been developed in cooperation with various individuals and groups, have been recommended for funding. The question remains--to what extent? The answer should be forthcoming in a matter of weeks. This could be an exciting venture for HHRA.

TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Murray Manor, a federally-subsidized apartment complex in North La Mesa, houses many senior citizens. The shuttle bus service they now enjoy will be discontinued on June 30, and the only means of transportation then available to most of them will be the Dial-A-Ride taxi service.

Responding to a recent call from a Murray Manor resident, HHRA members drove the senior citizens to the city of La Mesa transportation meeting on June 10, to support some viable form of transportation for Murray Manor seniors. Our concern is that La Mesa should be responsible for providing low cost transportation to Murray Manor, as the city did approve the location of the low-income project in the first place. The City staff has drawn up many workable plans. Let us encourage our councilmen to approve one of them quickly.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Grossmont College has completed its yearly progress report as specified in its Affirmative Action Policy. A copy is in the HHRA office.

Plans are being formulated for a work-shop in the fall to be held in two parts. The first would be a community session for primarily major employers in the county, and the second for their staff and some staff of other community colleges.

Help is needed from HHRA members. If you are interested in getting in on the planning, call Rita Morgan, 460-9603.

URGENT!

Dick Snow, counselor at Monte Vista and HHRA member, is still looking for a home for a black student.

This young man is an outstanding person, a hard worker, and a serious student, and he will be attending Grossmont College in the fall. He needs a room in exchange for working for a family. If you can possibly help, please contact Dick Snow at 466-4246.

COMMUNITY CONGRESS WORK-SHOP

The Community Congress of San Diego will sponsor a VALUES CLARIFICATION WORK-SHOP for all persons connected with human care services, as follows:

Date: Wednesday, June 26, 1974
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trainer: Bob Newell

The Work-shop is free!

NOTES

Grassroots organization of Indians now has a Friendship House for Indians needing temporary housing.

Their needs are single beds, bedding; staple foods; building materials and skills; fuel, and tutors.

Their address is 703 Sandalwood, El Cajon. A worthy organization--and a worthy cause!

Farmworkers have agreed to call off their boycott of Safeway and Sav-on Drugs and to concentrate on the boycott of lettuce, grapes, and Gallo wine.

FOLK-A-FAIR FOLLOW-UP

The HHRA-sponsored Folk-A-Fair, held at Helix High School on April 27, was highly successful in many respects. The day was beautiful--clear and warm; the participants were, for the most part, enthusiastic; the cooperation among the participating groups--HHRA and the Helix staff--was outstanding. We were disappointed that more people did not attend--often we had more participants in their booths than people coming as guests and observers--but there were conflicts for many on that day.

A highlight of the festivities was the awarding of the People and Institutions of Distinction citations. HHRA honored individuals and groups who had shown outstanding efforts in human relations over the past five years. It was a time of special joy for many of as these truly distinguished persons received their awards.

My special thanks to the Helix High School staff: to Bob La Crosse who rescued us with the right keys to everything, particularly!; to Don Phillips for handling the often-confusing chores of M.C.; to Kelly Quinn for his superb work with the audio-visual equipment and his overall "cool"; and to all the beautiful HHRA chairpersons who organized and carried through every detail of the Folk-A-Fair.

Thanks! Carol Perkins

HHRA SLIDE SHOW

In conjunction with the Folk-A-Fair, a number of people worked very hard to develop a 15-minute slide presentation which beautifully documents the first five years of HHRA's work. Ethel Hawks wrote the script which Mimi and Don Curtin narrated; Earl Guy drew the cartoon-like slides which Ed Garner photographed. It is our hope that all HHRA members will help us get bookings to present this program to groups within the Heartland; it is definitely worth seeing.

REMEMBER TO RENEW
YOUR HHRA MEMBERSHIP
Mail in the attached form today!

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

When we are dealing with bi-ethnic human relations, one question arises over and over: "Are we dealing with racial problems, or are we dealing simply with human problems?"

Of course, the way this gets answered in any specific situation depends on a number of factors, but generally speaking, the answer needs to be "both/and." Human relations obviously is a human problem, usually with some degree of racial overtones involved.

For us at HHRA, the question needs to be put a little differently: "How can we best appreciate the full scope of human resources and experiences available to us?" The emphasis then is not one of problem solving, but of appreciation and growth. With this emphasis our style can be one of discovering the ways of unlocking energies and creativity, making life richer and fuller. Thus, we start with where we are and with what we have, and from there, we move out.

Next month HHRA will offer one way of unlocking our energies and exploring our resources. This will be in the form of a training event called "International Living Series," which has been developed by TENT (Training Enterprises New Techniques), and which is designed to help participants be more conscious of their intentions and develop concrete strategies for moving from intention to action.

Dates for the training are:

16 July--9:00 - 3:30 p.m.
17 July--9:00 - 3:30 p.m.
18 July--9:00 - 12:00 noon

A second training event, oriented toward communications skills, will be offered on July 22-23.

The cost per person is $25.00 and $20.00. I can recommend the training highly and I feel it can be very helpful to our efforts through HHRA. For further information, call the HHRA office at 460-2744.

Peace and grace,
CADDY

CAMP MARANTHA

August 25-31: Family Camp - Save the date!
Cost: $37.50 for adults; half price for children 5-12; children under 5, free.

CALL FOR MEMBERS AND MONEY

The HHRA executive board is in the process of reviewing our contract with Caddy Jackson, Director. Part of this process has necessitated a careful assessment of our financial status. The facts are that we have received thirty-three new memberships (family and individual) in 1974, and we enthusiastically welcome new workers and fresh thinking! There is a disturbing note, however. Perhaps inflation has hit too hard, for approximately 50 of our old members have not renewed their memberships. A phone check gave us the indication that you intended to rejoin HHRA and that you would mail in your checks.

PLEASE DO SO NOW! Summer is upon us, training contracts will be reduced until fall, and we need your continued support over the lean months ahead.

Use the membership blank provided in this issue of the NEWSLETTER to join HHRA today. Thanks!

Barbara Collis, Office Co-ordinator

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SETS GOALS

The Education Committee of HHRA recently reiterated its goals for the future. Among them are:

(1) Explore the development of a human relations team for the county schools, and provide a greater number of audio-visual resources for the teachers.
(2) Further and continue in-service training with a variety of models for faculty, students, administration of inland area schools; support and further implementation of affirmative action hiring; and work with faculty and students at the continuation schools.

Presently we are recruiting local high school students for the NCCJ Brotherhood USA camp, August 24-30. Any high school student who would like to participate in an inter-ethnic camp that deals with the differences that divide our society is eligible to attend; HHRA has set aside some funds for scholarships for Brotherhood camp.

Incoming high school freshmen are not eligible.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Individual or Organization _____ Date _____

Street Number _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Type of Membership: Individual
Student $2.00_____
Regular $6.00_____
Family $10.00_____
Organization $15.00_____
Dues plus contribution_____

(Make your tax-deductible check payable to Heartland Human Relations Association)

Please indicate your interest in the following service opportunities:

_____Housing
_____Employment
_____Inter-Ethnic Dialogues
____Education
_____Police-Community Relations
_____Office Staff
_____Publicity

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