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MARINES INVADE HHRA

Recently a group of Marines accompanied HHRA members on a foray into the community to talk with realtors about open housing, and with La Mesa Chamber of Commerce members and other community members about race relations. The Marines were members of the Marines Human Relations team who are participating in a 13-week training program. So much eye-opening information was obtained that day that the Marines returned for a similar "in-training" day with HHRA members on March 8. HHRA members were impressed with the Marine team and appreciative of their skilled assistance.

GROSSMONT COLLEGE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM BEFORE BOARD

After being shuffled around for several weeks, this extremely important issue will come before the Grossmont College Board on March 26. Rita [illegible] from HHRA has worked very hard on a citizens' committee to draw up an affirmative action program for the college. What is desperately needed now is physical support--people to attend the March 26 meeting to show support for the proposed program. BE THERE! March 26, 7:30 p.m.

HHRA HOUSING COMMITTEE TO MAKE SURVEY

Three teams of HHRA members will survey a changing neighborhood in Lemon Grove to determine if there is an excessive number of houses for sale, which realtors are handling them, and whether or not the ethnic make-up of the schools in those neighborhoods is changing markedly. After the facts are gathered, HHRA hopes to devise strategies to help stabilize the neighborhoods in question. Presently there are 14 members on our Housing Committee. Carol Conger(469-6263) urges any other HHRA members to attend the next meeting, March 22, 7:30 p.m., in the HHRA office

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DATES TO REMEMBER
March and April

March 19: Community Advisory Commission meets
March 22: HHRA Housing Committee
March 26: Grossmont College Board (Affirmative Action Program)
April 5: HHRA Education Committee
April 6-8: 11: "A Man Dies"
April 14: Art Auction

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES THROUGH MARCH AND APRIL! JOIN HHRA TODAY!

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SERIES PLANNED

HHRA's Affirmative Action Committee will co-sponsor a series of meetings, headed by Rita Morgan and Jan Dunbar, in May, at Grossmont College. The purpose of the series is to highlight affirmative action in employment as prescribed in the 1964 Civil Rights Act Title VII. Each date will feature a different type of presentation, by experts in the several fields. Each will be held at 7:30 p.m., in Room 220, at Grossmont College. The dates and subjects to be discussed are:

May 3: Affirmative Action; Equality of Opportunity: Yes or No?
May 10: Free, but unequal: the under twenty-two, over forty-five; women
May 17: Behind Closed Doors? Hire Whom? The gay person, the ex-offender, the physically handicapped
May 20: How have we put it together in San Diego and East County, or Can You Get a Job in East County if You Are Black, Gay, or Female?

The Affirmative Action Committee is very eager for a good attendance. Mark your calendar!

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

It has come to our attention that citizens from the general community are not attending the meetings of the Community Advisory Commission of La Mesa. HHRA members were instrumental in getting this commission on its collective feet; Altha Williams is chairman of the commission. Meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month, in the city council conference room.

Let's keep up with what's happening. Attend the next meeting on March 19.

HELP HHRA HELP THE COMMUNITY: JOIN!!

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSE HEARTENING

We are gratified by your response to the 1973 Membership drive. To all our returning family and individual members, we say welcome back and thank you for your continuing support. And we extend our public welcome to our first-time members:

Reverend Gerald Allin
Elizabeth Barrett
Wayne Beatty family
Mrs. Vera Brooke
Mr. and Mrs. William Carden
Carol Conger
Mr. and Mrs. George Davies
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Erlander
Mrs. Katherine Faulconer
Dr. A. E. Floto
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Glover
Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hall
The Heartland Y
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee
Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Meyer
Mr. Melvin Murphy
Geraldine Nack
Richard Petty
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ryle
Mrs. Verna Quinn
Mrs. Pauline Ritter
Dr. Robert Sutton
Mr. and Mrs. Newell Turner
Lois and Robert Utterback

If you have tucked away your membership application, get it out today (or call the office--460-2744--for a new one), and send in your membership dues for 1973. We have a year of action ahead of us and we need your support. (60 of last year's members have yet to renew their memberships.)

DONATIONS NEEDED

We have continued requests at all seasons of the year for clothing, canned food for emergencies, toys and books for children, and yardage for sewing classes. These requests come to our organization from many other service organizations--the Greater Parish Ministry, Crisis House, Neighborhood Youth Corps, etc. Connie Kuhn coordinates our efforts in these areas. Call her at 466-3526 if you're starting your spring cleaning and are looking for a choice spot for an outgrown dress or toy.

FAMILIES URGED TO JOIN IN SCHOOL STUDY

HHRA is assisting Doctor Munsinger of UCSD in a research project studying the relationship between the home environment and school performance of elementary school aged children. Families in the La-Mesa-Spring Valley and Lemon Grove areas who would like to participate in the project are urged to call Barbara Collis, 465-8031, or the HHRA office, 460-2744, and volunteer your services. The project is especially in need of black and Mexican-American families.

JACS SEEKS A VOLUNTEER

Joint Action in Community Services would like a representative from HHRA to volunteer to serve on its board. If you are willing to do so, please contact Phyllis Toliver, 262-2604, for all the facts.

NEW OFFICERS ASSUME HHRA RESPONSIBILITIES

Congratulations to the officers who will head HHRA in 1973--and thanks to the hard-working people they replace!

The capable new group who now constitute the HHRA Board are these. Have you met them?

Co-chairpersons--Sylvia MacLeod and Ethel Hawks
Recording Secretary--Rita Morgan
Corresponding Secretary--Barbara Ryder
Treasurer--Harold Mayer
Members-at-large--Barbara Collis, Len Collis, Janis Gandersup, Connie Kuhn, Phyllis Tolliver, Sidney Stewart, Neil Voigt

Thank you to each of the retiring officers who served our group so well. A special [illegible] to Lois Steger Davies who held the office of treasurer for two years and did an outstanding job.

Please note that board meetings are open to all HHRA members; meetings are the first Thursday of each month.

FEDERAL CUTBACKS CAUSE HHRA CONCERN

From our affirmative action co-ordinators comes this information: In the [illegible] Federal budget, the Food commodities program and the Social and Rehabilitation Service Direct Training Grants are being cut back. This is unfair to lower income families and individuals. If SRS (Social and Rehabilitation Service) grants are cut or phased out, several very effective San Diego programs will end, thus depriving the entire community of much needed services (a Center on the Aging among them.) We urge our HHRA membership to write your Congressmen. Let our voices be heard, if we are concerned about these vital welfare programs. Given present cut-backs, we need our Congressmen's help in introducing legislation to insure the rights of our county's and the nation's poor.

COALITION FOR A BALANCED COMMUNITY

Since our December NEWSLETTER was published, the San Diego City Council has approved the policy for a balanced community, presented to it by the Coalition for a Balanced Community. Barbara Collis is the HHRA representative on this county coalition of concerned citizens.

WORTHWHILE THINGS TO ATTEND

A Man Dies: Mark your calendar for a "theater-in-the-round" happening to be presented at the Crossmont College Gym on April 6 at 8:00 p.m., April 7 at 8:00 p.m., and April 8 at 3:00 in the afternoon. An additional performance will be held in Montezuma Hall at San Diego State on April 11, at 8:00.

A Man Dies is a modern passion play in multi-media form using acting, dance, pantomime, song, narration, and modern electronics. This play will be performed by local young people in a truly Ecumenical venture. It's FREE! Bring your whole family for a truly special experience.

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Fiddler on the Roof: Last spring HHRA sponsored a night at the theater to raise funds for scholarships to Brotherhood Camp, U.S.A. We are looking forward now to our second theater party which will be held on Saturday, May 19. The play is the very popular Fiddler on the Roof, presented by the excellent drama department of California State University at San Diego. Cost of the tickets will [illegible] for adults [illegible] Keep the date in mind for a great family fun evening which will benefit the HHRA campership, scholarship and awards fund. (We are often asked to sponsor awards and scholarships for deserving low income students. What a perfect opportunity to show the community at large that we do care.) More ticket information will be forthcoming.

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Art Auction: On April 14 at Shepherd House (in Southeast S.D.) an art auction will be held, according to Vickie Butcher. The Model-X program, a program for the rehabilitation of ex-offenders, will benefit from the proceeds of this auction. Please watch the local newspapers (or call the HHRA office, 460-2744) for specific details.

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Education Committee: On April 5, the Education Committee will hold a meeting in the HHRA Office at 7:30 p.m. Don Phillips is convener of the committee. Please attend if this is where your particular interests lies.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES--YOU CAN HELP!

One of the most important and successful programs included in the Department of Public Welfare is Volunteer Services. This organization provides, through a working force of volunteers, numerous ancillary services to supplement other county social services. This could offer you an opportunity to serve in an area of great need. Special training is not needed. Special talents can be utilized, but are not required. Specifically offered under Volunteer Services are a tutorial program and the Big Buddy/Big Sister program. In addition, it has been suggested to HHRA that there is a special need for men and couples to work with boys of all ages who are in single parent homes and foster homes, and a need for people to provide recreational outings for adults. Please contact the coordinator of Volunteer Services at 279-8300, or write to: Focus on Youth, Volunteer Services, 6950 Levant St., San Diego 92111. You CAN help!

AN OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE - - - - -

Betty Pengelley is seeking a seat on the Grossmont High School Board of Trustees. Betty was involved in the formation and is a member of the San Diego County Human Relations Commission.

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