



Canta el Gallo

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De Colores to you!

March 31 marked the end of our first year in our new home—CASA. We held 12 Cursillo Weekends, 9 team meetings, 6 Team Overnights, our Secretariat Overnight and Leadership Workshop, a General Secretariat overnight, the East Bay Anglican Secretariat “Rekindle” Weekend, Camp Saint Francis staff training weekend and a Northern California Kairos Outside Training Weekend. And we came out in the “black”!

Thank you to Bryan Kelley for many hours spent as treasurer of the CASA Building Fund!

In our first year, we have accomplished a great deal. Many hands helped with the initial organizing and cleaning of CASA and what excitement there was, with help coming from Marin, East Bay Anglican, Kairos Outside, the Filipino community and San Francisco/San Mateo. We’ve had several other work days, a very successful rummage sale, toilets have been repaired and replaced, the Rollo Room lighting has been split into separate switches, a wonderful commercial refrigerator was donated, two 100 gallon water heaters were installed, the closets organized, shelves labeled, and the barbeque has been repaired. Just this past weekend, the basement has been cleared out—again, and a new porch light was installed. The Building Committee (made up of members

from our 3 local secretariats—Marin, East Bay Anglican and San Francisco/San Mateo) have a list of projects to accomplish this year including: continuing work on the bathrooms, new hardware for the front door and a new lock system, installing a donated commercial range (we still need a commercial hood), buying & installing a commercial dishwasher as well as new flooring for the dining room and rollo room. And after a year of working in the facility, the need for an elevator has become a priority.

At this point, you are hopefully thinking about what you can do to help. We always need people to help with plumbing and electrical. We need a group to “map” the fuse boxes and circuit breakers so when we loose power somewhere, the MOSSAF doesn’t have to search through the many boxes. We need someone to bring in scaffolding and remove the broken glass covering the skylight in the main stairwell. The range needs to be moved from Mission Dolores and installed and we’ll need help with the new flooring.

The building use come in spurts, so there are times when cleaning days are needed. And even though the kitchen and closets are fully labeled, re-organizing needs to done from time to time.

So there is something for everyone to do. Remember, this is “OUR” home and everyone’s help is needed to keep CASA “up and running.”

Please contact me with suggestions, dates when you can help or concerns you have.

Peace,
Sue McNaughton
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COFFEEHOUSE CONCERTS ARE BACK

The popular coffeehouse concerts are going great and are a big success. We have had some wonderful shows and have many more planned, including our big Dinner Concert on Sept 8 at Mission Dolores.

Doors open at 6:00 pm and a \$5 donation is requested. Music begins at 6:30 and consists of two forty five minute sets. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Wine and beer is limited to no more than two glasses per person.

Please help support you local Cursillo movement and join us for this exciting event. More information is available at www.sfbarb.org/coffeehouse.html

We are still looking for volunteers to help with set-up, serving and music. If you would like to offer your services for one or more of these events, please contact Ron McNaughton at ronmcnaughton@sfbarb.org or by mail at:

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We are into the new year and already the CASA calendar is filling up. For those of you wishing to use CASA, please go to www.cantaelgallo.com and click on "Calendar" to check availability.

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IMPORTANT!!!!

Have you moved? Do you have new information, such as a phone number or e-mail address? Please get us the information so we can keep in touch. You can use mail, e-mail or go on-line and enter the information at www.cantaelgallo.com.

**Welcome our
New Candidates**

Come As You Are #904

John Blackburn
John Brown
Henry Dillihant
Stephan Dokken
Mike Durkin
Michael Garty
Matt Gibson
Robert Gonzalez
Joseph Guthrie
Hugh Harrington
Thomas Jones
Joe Lazzara
Cecil Martinez
Aaron Saari
Jose Vigil
Adam Weiner

Where Love Begins #905

Trina Aumann
Sharon Bernhus
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Denise Hood
Barbara Medina
Karen Medina
Kelly Neff
Darlia Rojas
Pam Sousa
Geri Verayo

SM/SM Cursillo Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
May 31	7:30 pm	SF/SM Women's Cursillo	C.A.S.A
Jun 9	6:30 pm	Coffeehouse Concert	C.A.S.A
Jun 12	7:30 pm	SF/SM Secretariat Meeting	St Elizabeth's, S.S.F.
Jun 16	TBA	SF/SM Ultreya	C.A.S.A
Jun 24	11:30 am	Fran Glaub Memorial	C.A.S.A.
Jul 14	6:30 pm	Coffeehouse Concert	C.A.S.A
Jul 20	7:30 pm	Leadership Workshop	C.A.S.A.
Jul 21	7:00 am	General Secretariat Meeting	Mission Dolores
Aug 4	6:30 pm	Coffeehouse Concert	C.A.S.A
Sep 8	5:30 pm	Coffeehouse Cabaret	Mission Dolores
Sep 11	7:30 pm	SF/SM Secretariat Meeting	St Elizabeth's, S.S.F.
Sep 15	7:00 am	General Secretariat Meeting	Mission Dolores
Sep 20	7:30 pm	SF/SM Men's Cursillo	C.A.S.A
Sep 28	7:30 pm	Kairos Outside	C.A.S.A
Oct 4	7:30 pm	SF/SM Women's Cursillo	C.A.S.A
Oct 9	7:30 pm	SF/SM Secretariat Meeting	St Elizabeth's, S.S.F.
Oct 13	6:30 pm	Coffeehouse Concert	C.A.S.A
Oct 18	7:30 pm	EB Anglican Co-Ed Cursillo	C.A.S.A
Oct 25	7:30 pm	Marin Men's Cursillo	CASA
Nov 3	6:30 pm	Coffeehouse Concert	CASA

Dinner Concert

KAIROS CORNER

Bay Area Rooster Boosters invite you to our first annual Prime Rib dinner concert in support of the C.A.S.A. (Cursillo at St. Anne's) building fund.

Join us for an evening of good food, good friends and great music to help build a home for Cursillo in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Scheduled performers are Paul Riofski, Mike Mirabella, Dana Couey and a surprise or two.

Price will be \$45/person and must be purchased no later than Aug 15, 2007.

To RSVP and order your tickets, please visit our website at <http://www.sfbarb.org/cabaret.html> or mail your check, payable to Bay Area Rooster Boosters, for \$45/guest to:

PO Box 5381 So San Francisco, CA 94083

Your tickets will arrive by mail. Please allow 2 weeks for delivery.

A 5:00 mass will be held at the Mission, if you would like to attend prior to the concert.

Share Your Heart

Life is a miracle,
don't let it slip away.
Open your hearts to others,
give of yourself each day.

See the beauty in everyone,
regardless of where they've been.
Some have a difficult journey,
and really need a friend.

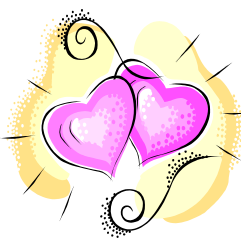
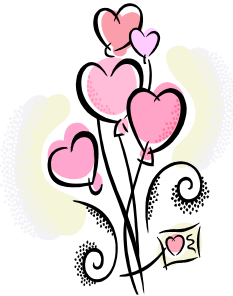
Share your gifts and talents,
listen with your heart.

Do the things you dream about,
but don't have time to start.

Pick a bouquet of flowers,
show someone that you care.
Be gracious and forgiving,
life is never fair.

Hold on to your courage,
you may need it down the road.
We all have a cross to bear,
it could be a heavy load.

If you practice all these things,
no matter where you roam.
You may find both sun and rain,
but you'll never feel alone.



KAIROS at San Quentin

Please contact Jim Ryan at (800) 281-8184 for information on the next KAIROS team.

KAIROS OUTSIDE

Kairos Outside is a special weekend for those whose loved ones are in prison. For more information on how you can help, if you are interested in sponsorship or you would like to make a donation to this great cause, please contact Laura Darcy .

MONTHLY REUNIONS

Held at San Quentin on the 3rd Monday of each month. You must be a Cursillista and sign-up at least 60 days in advance. Call Jim Ryan for information on any of these Kairos events.

TAIZE SERVICES

Taize Prayer around the Cross

(every month on the third Friday at 8PM)

The Chapel at Woodside Priory

302 Portola Road

Portola Valley

Directions to the priory: Take 280 to Alpine Road. Exit onto Alpine Road (West) 3 miles after leaving 280 (at the stop sign) Turn right on to Portola Road 0.5 miles on the right — turn into the Priory. The Chapel is to the left at the top of the stairs.

Please contact Robin Fife at 650-345-3345 or robinfife@aol.com for more details.

Services are held on the third Friday of every month and are a beautiful combination of music, prayer and meditation.

Taize web site: www.taize.fr



From the General

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Visit us at: <http://www.sfbags.org>

Rooster Boosters

Rooster Boosters has now become the official 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization for Cursillo in the Bay Area. We are the legal representative to both the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Episcopal Diocese of California.

If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact Ron McNaughton at info@sfbarb.org or visit our website at www.sfbarb.org.

Membership is only \$10/month and includes a printed copy of the "Canta el Gallo" newsletter as well as a very nice embroidered patch.

Our address is Bay Area Rooster Boosters
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Visit us at: <http://www.sfbarb.org>

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN!

"He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on." -Luke 21:1-4

As chair of the General Secretariat, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the CASA Building Fund. Progress is being made and there are details in the "Facility" article.

Many contributions, both small and large have been made and continue to be made and this shows the power Cursillo has had in your lives. We could not have made any improvements to our CASA without each and everyone's help.

It has come to my attention from several sources that a few "big" donors are upset because they have not been thanked personally.

Here's the problem with doing that. We have had donations from hundreds of you, while running the facility with the consistent help of 6-

7 people. Keeping the building in running order, getting contractors in to bid on upcoming projects, giving tours of the facility to groups coming in, planning and holding work days, cleaning up after groups who haven't read the clean-up procedures, tracking down items that people move and don't put back, as well as processing the donations and paying the bills is just about all we can handle.

It is not that I don't appreciate your donations; it is simply a matter of time and help. Because I can't thank everyone personally, I won't thank anyone personally. A donation of \$10.00/month—every month—is just as appreciated as a single gift of \$1,000.00.

And while I'm at it, **A HUGE Thank You** to those who have come to the Work Days. Gifts of time and talent are just as valuable as donations.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

God's Peace and Blessings to you all,
Sue McNaughton

Thank you from the Piles



With our most sincere gratitude, thank you so much for the many prayers, kindness, and generosity during our journey of bringing Antony home. Our Cursillo community has been a great source of support and it wouldn't have been possible to survive without the many phone calls, e-mails, hugs, shoulders to cry on, and ears to simply just listen. Truly a gift from God made possible through our faith journeys.

Well, he's finally here with us and adjusting fine. He was officially baptized; and has already visited his pediatrician – twice. Antony's adjustment to his new surroundings seems to come naturally and comfortably to all of us – a testament of love.

His journey to our lives started on a testament of love. A couple years ago to celebrate our 13th wedding anniversary, we decided to take a walk at a park where we don't normally go to. On a light pole at the park we found a small poster about an adoption seminar. We found it strange that there was even flyers posted in this park because it's typically kept very clean and immaculate. So finding a poster seemed odd; more so seeing that it was the only poster in the park. Coincidence? Well, the poster indicated the date, time, and place for the adoption seminar. And wouldn't you know it, we didn't miss it and we had no other scheduled activity for that point in time. So we went.

We heard all sorts of talks of the joys and struggles of adoption. We especially related to the frustrations of adoption by being a foster-parent. (Many of you may remember how we tried to foster Jonathan and Evan in hopes of adopting them into our family.) At the seminar we also talked to birth mothers, adopting families, and adopted children. We felt so at ease at the notion of trying it again. But at the same time, we also had a sense of in trepidation and concern. We certainly didn't want to repeat the pain when Jonathan and Evan left our home. But the anticipated hope and joy of raising a family was

very overwhelming; especially when it was also an opportunity to raise a child who would otherwise be growing up struggling to survive. And so that's how it began.

Along the way with paperwork, social service interviews, background investigations, notarizing documents, authenticating birth certificates, etc., etc., we had seen God's helping hand. We've also experienced God's lessons and also found comfort in understanding that we must do all we can to accept His will and master plan. Don't ever lose faith, and keep the hope alive. Our dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ, you have been there for us in helping us keep the faith and hope alive.

Thank you again for all the many blessings and the sharing of your faith journeys with us. With God's help and yours, Antony will grow up knowing God and experience the love of Jesus in our Cursillo community.

Have a Nice and Blessed Day!
Love,
Merlo & Kathy & Anthony

GOLF TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

What a wonderful time was had by all at the recent 1st Annual Golf Tournament hosted by the SF/SM Cursillo Secretariat. Victor Power, Jack Pastor and Merlo Pile put on one heck of an event and raised a little over \$1,000 for the C.A.S.A. building fund. Way to go guys!

Thirty-two players met at Fleming Golf Course in San Francisco for a morning most of us would rather forget in term of golf, but had a wonderful time competing (?) for various prizes including "closest to the pin", "longest drive" and, of course the first and second place prize money.

The event was won by a group of men from Contra Costa County that was recruited by Brian Arnold. Their names are engraved on a plaque in CASA, as will all winning teams of the annual event.

Golf was followed by an incredible barbeque which was enjoyed by about 100 people. Prizes were raffled off and everyone had a wonderful time.

Thanks to all of those who helped to make this an event to remember. We hope to see you next year when we do it all again.

CASA Library

Do you have any books you would like to share with the Cursillo community? We are starting a CASA library of spiritual and religious books.

If you would like to donate to the CASA library, please contact Pat Lathrop, CASA librarian, at 415-664-6184 or PatL@sfzoo.org.

UPCOMING SF/SM CURSILLO TEAMS

MEN'S TEAM "One Bread, One Body" May 17-20, 2007		WOMEN'S TEAM "I Lift My Voice" May 31-Jun3, 2007		MEN'S TEAM "Cast Your Net" Sep 20—23, 2007		WOMEN'S TEAM "Thy Word" Oct 4—7, 2007	
<i>Jim Morgan</i>	R	<i>Suzanne Chinn</i>	R	<i>Chip Koehler</i>	R	<i>Jan Martin</i>	R
Don Borges	AR	Marilyn Martinyak	AR	Larry Triplett	AR	Edy Unthank	AR
Fr. Robert Rien	SD	Chuck Cancilla	SD	Fr Mike Ferrito	ASD	Fred Merrick	SD
George Salinger	ASD	Lani Nelson	SD	Dcn Rich Foley	RSD	Jim Shea	SD
Rev. Jim Ward	AD	Robin Fife	HC	Bill Winter	HC	Grace Nolan	ASD
Derek Greensides	ASD	Jenise Dorman	AHC	Jim McConnell	AHC	Susan Watson	HC
Brian Arnold	HC	Debra Porzio	AHC	Merlo Pile	MD	Elysabeth Allen	AHC
Gary Hawksworth	AHC	Ruby Pleasure	MD	Dave Rogers	AMD	Genie Yomtov	MD
Jim Ryan	MD	Carol Nurisso	AMD	Tom Miller	M	Sue Bernardi	AMD
Tom Witt	AMD	Patti Cancilla	M	Allen Achenbach		Patrice Mahoney	M
Jacque Grillo	M	Pat Dixon	M	Ron Bernardi		Wanda Bryan	
Scott Lawrence	AM	Linda Dellanini	M	Jim Carlson		Caroline Buckner	
David Takeuchi	SA	Julie Mancuso	SA	Bob Czerwinski		Cindy Clark	
Tom Poeschl	SA	Sharon Martin	SA	Steve Dokken		Beverly Cristofani	
Jerrel Arnold		Judy Borland		Bert Dorman		Diane Jasey	
Neil Baker		Sandi Ann Castro		Mel Duffey		Sean Reis	
Gary Cristofani		Debbie Czerwinski		Jim Gibson		Sylvia Reyes	
George Crosby		Joyce DeSoto		Allan Lorenz		Judy Sato	
David Cullison		Tess Distel		Bill Mullen		Barbara Turner	
Rick Elmy		Kay Filak		Peter Norman		Edie Wuydts	
Micheal Ford		Kendra Fuller		Michael O'Sullivan			
Steve Gahan		Nancy Galleni		Chuck Payne			
Eron Garcia		Pat Hageman		Victor Power			
Tom Gilbert		Genie Lorenz		Ron Rojas			
Mike Grigsby		Ann Martell-Triplett		Roel Sinlao			
Gary Head		Mary Louise Minero		Sean Tiley			
Eric Herrera		Jennifer Nelson-Childs		Curtis Weddington			
Mark Hurst		Geraldine O'Connell		Don Wixson			
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		Isabel Vera					
		Elizabeth Weil					

Caring makes You a better person, and the World a better place.

Cursillo Yellow Pages

<http://www.sfbarb.org/YellowPages.html>

You can now list your business, hobby or talent(s) in the Cursillo Yellow Pages free of charge. What better way to let people know of services you can offer and that you are part of the Cursillo community.

You can enter your business/talent information on-line and it will be added to our on-line yellow pages.

Send your information today and lets look to the Cursillo community first.

Are you looking for a restaurant to take your candidate?

There is a new feature on the Resources page of the website at http://www.sfsmcursillo.org/files/Resources/CASA_Restaurants.xls

This new list gives you over 180 restaurants, most within 1.5 miles of C.A.S.A..

Do you know of a good restaurant close by? Have you visited one on the list? You can provide valuable insight into the quality and price which help others when they look for a place to choose.

"The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another."

Thomas Merton

I Asked

Author Unknown

I asked God for strength that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey...

I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things...

I asked for riches that I might be happy,
I was given poverty that I might be wise...

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God...

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things...

I got nothing that I asked for--but everything I had hoped for,
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men most richly blessed.

"Whatever else you do or forbear, impose upon yourself the task of happiness; and now and then abandon yourself to the joy of laughter. And however much you condemn the evil in the world, remember that the world is not all evil; that somewhere children are at play, as you yourself in the old days; that women still find joy in the stalwart hearts of men; and that men, treading with restless feet their many paths, may yet find refuge from the storms of the world in the cheerful house of love."

Max Ehrmann, 1872-1945
American Lawyer, Philosopher and Poet

HOT LINKS

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www.ibiblio.org

www.indigenouspeople.net

??? DID YOU KNOW ???

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**BAY AREA ROOSTER BOOSTER
CHANGE OF ADDRESS!!!**

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QUOTABLE QUOTES:

People may doubt what you say but they believe what you do.

-Wayside pulpit message

Did you know that paleontologists in Great Britain have discovered a new species of dinosaur that is believed to be a relative of the T. rex?