

President's Message



Pancake Breakfast - Now and Then

Happy Spring!

As we begin preparations for our annual Pancake Breakfast, I can't help but think of the Pancake Breakfasts in past years. Before Sierra Donuts and the other stores were built just south of Albertson's, we used that space to cook for and seat hundreds of residents who came to enjoy pancakes and camaraderie before heading over to Hamilton Park for a morning Little League baseball game or a day of gardening in the mid-May sun!

We would rent outdoor stoves from Bob Smith's restaurant supply, borrow chairs, tables, and trash barrels from Don Benito, and use extension cords plugged in at Albertson's to cook coffee.

Sometimes the circuits would blow and we'd have one of the other shops on the north side of the lot brew our coffee. Then we'd roll the 100 cup pot on a cart down to the breakfast site.

Creath Smiley would MC the morning event, as he changed funny hats throughout the morning. Wade Wright would be stirring the pancake batter in a very large vat using a huge wooden paddle. Art Gabriel, Dave Thomas and other board members and residents would be cooking sausage and flipping pancakes on the griddle. We roughed it out there in the parking lot! It was fun, and the outdoor event often drew people who came to shop or happened to be driving by.

Clean up was a real experience, and take down took quite a bit of time – what a day!

Now, we have the wonderful convenience of setting up chairs and tables at the United Methodist Church Hall across the street from Albertson's. What a treat...to have everything for full setup the afternoon before then to be able to walk into that Hall kitchen the morning of the breakfast to prepare our pancakes. No more wiping morning dew off the chairs or hauling equipment or running extension cords. We've come a long way, baby!

By early January each year we already have a commitment written on Sierra Madre United Methodist Church's calendar. Many, many thanks to their staff for being so gracious and easy to work with.

Kathy Gregg
UHRA board president

UHRA ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH 8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.

UNITED METHODIST HARTZELL CHURCH HALL

Northeast corner of Sierra Madre Boulevard at Michillinda

across from Albertsons Shopping Center

Enter parking lot on Michillinda

All You Can Eat
pancakes, sausages, juice, milk, and coffee

Lots of terrific door prizes!

Balloons for the kids!



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE NEXT "BIG ONE"?

The earthquakes in Japan are an important reminder that a major earthquake in Southern California could happen at any time. The Pasadena Fire Department urges all local residents, businesses, schools, government agencies, institutions, and community-based organizations to be as prepared as possible by following these tips:

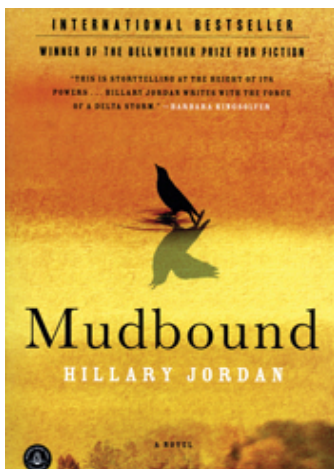
- Pick safe places in each room of your home, such as under sturdy tables or desks or against interior walls away from windows, bookcases, and tall furniture that could fall on you, and practice "Drop, Cover and Hold On" in each safe place. Protect your eyes by keeping your head down, and hold on to a leg of the table or desk if that's your safe place. If you are physically unable to bend down, practice leaning or sitting against a wall away from windows.
- Build a preparedness kit that will fit in a standard backpack. What you have on hand when an earthquake strikes can make a big difference. Plan to store enough supplies for everyone in your household for at least three days, including bottled or boxed water, non-perishable food, a flashlight with extra batteries, a first aid kit, a battery-operated radio with extra batteries, tools, plastic bags, personal hygiene items, insurance policies and personal ID, comfort items for children such as plush animals or family photographs, extra prescription medication, small denominations of cash since ATMs and gas pumps won't work if the power is out, and contact information for family members out of the area.
- Make a plan. Planning ahead is the first step to a calmer and more assured disaster response. Develop an earthquake preparedness plan and evacuation plan. Inform guests, babysitters, and caregivers of the plan.
- Get training. Call (626) 744-7276 to arrange for your neighborhood, business, or institution to receive free Pasadena Emergency Response Team (PERT) training offered by the Pasadena Fire Department. You'll learn disaster preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, and light search and rescue, all of which will be vitally important during and after a major earthquake or other disaster.
- Talk to your insurance agent. Different areas have different requirements for earthquake protection.
- Additional tips are available at www.cityofpasadena.net/disaster or by calling (626) 744-7276.
- To donate to the American Red Cross, go to www.redcross.org.

Outdoor Watering in Pasadena

The watering ban has been lifted. The Level 1 Warm Season Watering Schedule will resume on Tuesday, April 5 and will continue through October 31. Watering is permitted up to three days per week, on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturday only, before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m.

Keep up to date about water supply issues and water efficiency/conservation programs by visiting www.PasadenaSavesWater.com.

One City, One Story in Pasadena



Looking for a good book to read? Want to get together with friends, neighbors, people in the community for an interesting book discussion? Check out the latest novel to be added to Pasadena's One City, One Story program—Hillary Jordan's *Mudbound*.

The idea of getting a community together to discuss a single book actually arose in Seattle and quickly spread across the US, coming to Pasadena in 2002. Since beginning, the Pasadena Public Library has hosted seven titles and with each presentation the list of collaborating organizations, firms, volunteers, and businesses grows.

The purpose of the series of discussions is just that: to discuss. We hope to begin a healthy, enlightening, interesting conversation among the people of Pasadena. The idea is not to agree, but to share thoughts and opinions. In sharing, we all learn.

Hillary Jordan's *Mudbound* has been selected to be part of the ninth annual One City, One Story program created by the Pasadena Public Library to spark discussions across the city.

The story of two celebrated soldiers returning home to the Mississippi Delta after World War II, *Mudbound* touches on family and friendship, courage and heroism, racism and social change.

For information about One City, One Story, go to <http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/library/OCOS>.



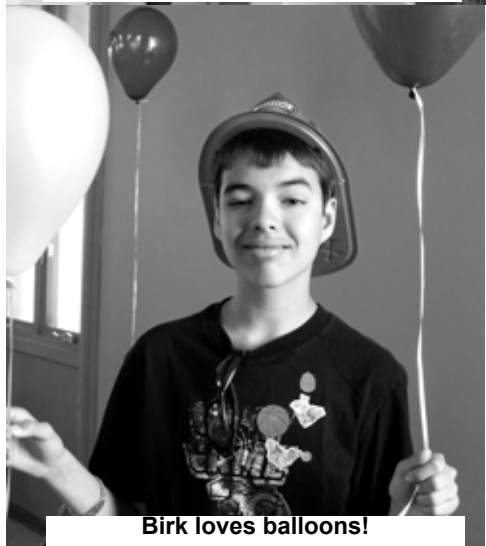
Tiffany Gardner, Diane Robinson & Barbara Holland at the raffle table



Jim Burns, artist, and UHR resident who won Jim's donated water color



The Bragg Family



Birk loves balloons!

Come and join the fun at our annual Pancake Breakfast!

Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Hartzell Hall.

We have activities for the kids, and they can meet Pasadena fire fighters and see their fire truck!

We have wonderful door prizes. You can win gift certificates, plants, gift baskets, haircuts, toys, and other raffle prizes.

Come enjoy the company of your neighbors.

We look forward to seeing you!

~From the UHRA Board



Kathy and Robbie Gregg, raffle winners



Christopher makes a balloon hat for a child

Photos by Kathy Gregg



Pasadena fire fighters show off the truck



The Bayhas and friends



The student helpers



The Wright family

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Board meetings are held the
**second Thursday of every
month at 7 p.m.** at Don Benito
Elementary School in the
Teachers' Lounge. We do not
meet in July and August.

Any UHRA resident is welcome
to join the meeting.

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