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## AROUND TOWN BRIEFLY

### ADOPT A TEACHER

The Tustin Public Schools Foundation has a new program. Individuals can "Adopt-A-Teacher" for the 11th annual Teacher of the Year Excellence Awards Dinner May 18 at the Irvine Marriott Hotel.

It's an opportunity to pay for a special teacher to attend the event by underwriting the \$40 tickets.

Tustin's outstanding Teachers of the Year will be honored by the foundation, The Irvine Co. and the Tustin Unified School District. The Irvine Co. will present cash awards at the dinner to each of the 27 honored teachers.

The public also is invited to honor them; tickets are \$40 before May 9 and \$45 thereafter. Reservations must be made by May 12.

Call the foundation at (714) 832-6299.

### SILENT AUCTION

A Silent Auction of unusual books is underway at the Tustin Library. Books are on display and interested patrons may enter bids until noon on May 7.

The Friends of the Tustin Library will use the proceeds to sponsor special programs for children, teens and adults.

The library is in the Tustin Civic Center, 345 E. Main St., Call (714) 544-7725.



ROSE PALMISANO/THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER, LEFT, AND TOM LYLE/THE ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE MISSION **BUSINESS AS USUAL:** Philanthropist Baroness Caroline Cox of Queensbury, left, assistant speaker of the House of Lords in the U.K., visits the Village of Hope Monday, on a fact-finding trip while Orange County Rescue Mission President Jim Palmer multi-tasks giving 'homeless' Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Marisa Charette a lifesaver.

## It takes a village to save a chamber

Orange County Rescue Mission delivers Chamber of Commerce from homelessness.

By JILL LEACH  
THE TUSTIN NEWS

Fate usually is involved when folks go homeless, and it was no different for the Tustin Chamber of Commerce.

On April 11, when C of C Executive Director Marisa Charette arrived for work at the building at 399 El Camino Real in Old Town, she thought someone had had a party there. "As I was peering through the door, I noticed what appeared to be a lot of 'confetti' strewn throughout the office."

That "confetti" was, in fact, pieces of the ceiling floating on water-soaked carpet. Her heels slogged underfoot as she turned on the lights, which flickered and sparked. The

furniture was saturated, some equipment was ruined, the phone didn't work and the credit card machine was full of water. More, a wall was water-logged and buckling.

The culprit was a loo on the loose upstairs in the Knights of Pythias building where the chamber has rented space on the ground floor since 1979.

Charette called landlord,

**The goal is business as usual."**  
**Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Marisa Charette**

Pythian John MacDonald. Then, she called Tim Churton, the chamber's insurance agent. He sent in Disaster Kleenup, which found a quarter inch of water slogging the carpet. Workers moved the surviving equipment to a dry space at the back of the office and started the drying out process.

Wednesday, when they pulled up the carpet, they peeled back four layers of tile, some dating back to 1925 when the building was constructed.

They found asbestos, lead in the wall paint and some mold. And they told Charette she had to vacate. By Friday.

Charette called Mayor Lou Bone, a former president of the C of C, and asked for alternative site suggestions.

"Within minutes, Jim Palmer, president of the Orange County Rescue Mission, called and offered us 'shelter,'" she said.

He had space in some old barracks on the former Marine base, in the preview center of the Village of Hope for homeless people he is building there.

By Friday, the chamber's surviving equipment had been moved there. On Monday, the computers were installed, and the phone was up and running.

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## IN PASSING

### Former mayor dies

By GEORGE STEWART  
THE TUSTIN NEWS

Former Tustin mayor and entrepreneur, Frank Greinke, died Tuesday from complications of a stroke.

Born on Dec. 31, 1931, in Joliet, Ill., he came to California at the age of 14. He was 73 at the time of his death.



Frank Greinke

Greinke, who attended Pepperdine University, believed in community service. He was a past president of the Tustin Chamber of Commerce. For many years, he was a member of the Tustin Lions Club and served as president there, as well.

He also was a knight in the Order of Malta, an ancient international service organization that will participate in his burial.

Choosing not to run for re-election, he served one term on the Tustin City Council, from 1982 to 1986. He

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## IN PASSING

Please see page 31 for the life story of philanthropist Maureen Holthe.



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# Greinke

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served as mayor in 1985-86. Tustin Area Man of the Year in 1973, Greinke was enthusiastic about the Tustin community. He was an original promoter of the annual Chili Cook-off, which has evolved into the El Camino Real Street Fair and Chili Cook-off. He was a founder of the Tustin Area Senior Center.

He became rich in the pet-

roleum industry with his Southern Counties Oil Co. His business took him all around the world, especially to Soviet Georgia, where he started several businesses and did humanitarian work. When the Republic of Georgia was formed, he became the honorary consul general to the U.S. He was so loved in Georgia that a park is being named there for him.

Greinke wanted to bring his business acumen to the running of the city when he ran for City Council.

"Frank was a fine gentle-

man," said City Manager Bill Huston. "What was unique about him was that he was very passionate about private enterprise and being an entrepreneur. He was very passionate about the community. He thought government should be more efficient and effective. He thought it should be run like a business but, to his credit, he came to understand the difference between the two, and he was able to blend them."

Those who served on the City Council with him remember Greinke fondly.

"Frank Greinke was a good friend," said Don Saltarelli. "He was kind, honest, gentle and giving. He did wonderful things for Tustin. He was a true ambassador for good will. His memory will live in my heart forever."

Ron Hoesterey also served with Greinke. He said, "I'm going to miss Frank deeply. He was a dear friend. He had friends all over the world. He was welcomed everywhere. He was a great ambassador, not only for Tustin, but as a great human being.

He was a very caring and compassionate individual."

Even those on the council who did not see eye to eye with Greinke respected him.

"He brought energy and a very savvy business sense to the council," said former council woman Ursula Kennedy.

"He brought pleasantness, even though we disagreed sometimes.

He taught me not to be disagreeable. He was very good for our morale."

While Greinke was on the council, Leslie Pontious was serving on the city Planning Commission.

"I was aware of the respect he held with both the planning commissioners and staff," Pontious said.

"He was a very strong, for-

thright person on the council. He worked very hard to improve the city.

"He was instrumental in moving the development of Tustin Ranch."

His wife, Margaret, remembers him this way, "I feel Frank belonged to the world. He never limited himself to anything. I'm receiving messages from all over the world, people he had such a huge impact on. He belonged to the world."

His son, Frank P. Greinke of Huntington Harbor, remembered his father with gratitude.

"He gave his family the greatest gift you could ever give - the gift of opportunity."

Other survivors include son, Donovan Greinke of Villa Park; three daughters, Melinda Griffith of Macdoel, Melissa Sliffe of Vista and Ellen O'Keefe of Roseburg, Ore.; two sisters, Ruth Skoein of Pleasantville and Martha Nordin of San Clemente; brother, William Greinke of Simi Valley; 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services will be held at Holy Family Cathedral at 566 S. Glassell St. Orange, where there will be a 7:30 p.m. rosary Friday and a noon mass Saturday, followed by burial at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Orange.

# Rescue

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Rehabilitation is expected to take eight to 12 weeks.

Chamber of Commerce President Don Shubin said the board has decided to turn the disaster into an advantage. They plan to make tenant improvements to the Pythian building to "better serve the community and Old Town," which, he says, the chamber likes. "It's a beautiful location in the heart of Tustin." They will make improvements, erect partitions and create a visitors' bureau that will in-

clude a place for civic meetings.

"We will be challenged a little," Charette said. "But we will be tough. The goal is business as usual; I don't want our members to experience any interruption of service."

Plans for the chamber's annual Business Expo and Job Faire are on schedule. "Tustin Carnivale" will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. April 28 at the Columbus Tustin Activity Center, 17522 Beneta Way. It will include speakers, exhibit hall, seminars and workshops, job fair, door prizes and a mini Taste of Tustin and mixer. Best, it's free to the public.

"Extreme Makeover: Chamber Edition," the organiza-

tion's Strategic Planning Summit, is set for May 18 at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club. More than 100 stakeholders in the community, corporations, local businesses, non-profits and city staff, will be invited to participate in this summit.

For information on the flood repair progress, the Business Expo, the summit or to make a donation to the rehabilitation coffers, call the Tustin Chamber at (714) 544-5341.

The Tustin Area Historical Society Museum, which shares digs with the Chamber on the ground floor of the Pythian building sustained only minimal damage to some artifacts stored in the basement.



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