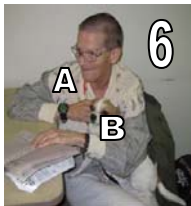
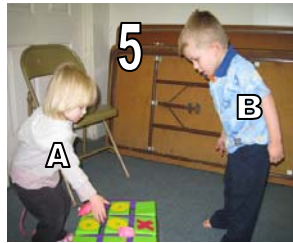
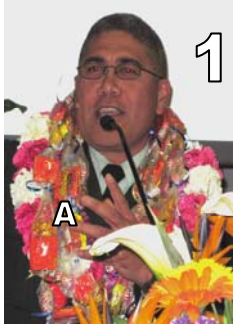


Colton SDA Church NEWSLETTER

Welcome Home Pastor Mataafa!

Colton and Fontana Churches welcomed Pastor Mataafa home on February 20 at the Colton church. After 400 days of military service



After 400 days of military service Pastor Mataafa will have to remember how to live civilian life. He is eager to resume his duties as the pastor for our churches. The events for his return were extensive and included a special welcome-home church

service, a large potluck, an afternoon concert, a vespers service, and then for the hearty-- an evening potluck and game night. It is indeed good thing he had some furlough time to rest up for his welcome-home party! Thank you to the leadership of both churches for the both inspiring and entertaining (ask Pastor about playing telephone) activities that

welcomed our Pastor home in style.

Photos by Kristi Cruise and Ruby and Gary Neiman

Verse of the Month

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Responsibilities of Leadership

The clerk of the church is nominated by the church for a one-year term, "but because of the important and specialized functions of this office, it is wise to choose one who can be reelected to repeated terms to provide continuity in record keeping and recording." The Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual also says that the efficient functioning of the church depends on the work of the church clerk.

The duties of the church clerk are primary of record keeping including the following:

- *Keeping the membership roll* – names are added or removed from the roll by the vote of the church, except in the event of death.
- *Transferring members* – the clerk is responsible for the correspondence between members and churches in the transferring process.
- *Corresponding with members* – the clerk should try to keep in touch with absent members.
- *Delegates' credentials for conference session* – on authorization of the church board, the clerk sends to the conference credentials of the delegates who are to represent the church at any session of the local conference.
- *Reporting* – reports are to made to the conference secretary annually and quarterly.
- *Church records* – the clerk is the keeper of the church records, but the records are the property of the church and must be surrendered at the end of their term or at the request of the pastor or elder.

Next month the role of the church treasurer will be described.

Kristi Cruise

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 27 (Sat) 3:30 PM – Sabbath PM Walk: Ontario/Guasti

Feb 28 (Sun) 8:00 AM – Snow Day at Snow Valley

Mar 3 (Wed) 8:00 PM – Board of Elders Meeting

Mar 7 (Sun) 8:00 AM – Work Bee

Mar 14 (Sun) 10:00 AM – Men's Ministry-Guys' Recreation Day & Picnic

Mar 20 (Sat) 11:00 AM – Youth Sabbath

Mar 20 (Sat) 4:00 AM – Sabbath PM Hike: Crafton Hills Preserve

Mar 21 (Sun) 8:00 AM – Men's Ministry Service Project: Church Family

Classifieds

As suggested by Laura Bauchert this is a new section of the paper to be helpful to everyone. You may look to it to see if anyone is advertising the things you may need or want something you have.

Wanted: Working treadmill. Contact Kristi Cruise @ (909) 872-0394 if you have one to sell.

Services: SDA Female willing to provide live-in care giving or needing to rent a room can be an exchange. Please call Donna @ 909-525-0832.

Pastor Ford's Farewell

Pastor Ford spent his last Sabbath with us on February 13. He was recognized with a gift and a card presented by Carlos Lemos and Nestor Domingo. As a congregation we thanked him for his leadership

over the last few months. Now we ask the Lord to be with him as he proceeds to his next arena of service.



Photo by Fred Frias

Free to Soar

One windy spring day, I observed young people having fun using the wind to fly their kites. Multicolored creations of varying shape and sizes filled the skies like beautiful birds darting and dancing in the heady atmosphere above the earth. As the strong winds gusted against the kites, a string kept them in check.

Instead of blowing away with the wind, they arose against it to achieve great heights. They shook and pulled, but the restraining string and the cumbersome tail kept them in tow, facing upward and against the wind. As the kites struggled and trembled against the string, they seemed to say, "Let me go! Let me go! I want to be free!" They soared beautifully even as they fought the imposed restriction of the string. Finally, one of the kites succeeded in breaking loose. "Free at last" it seemed to say, "Free to fly with the wind."

Yet freedom from restraint simply put it at the mercy of an unsympathetic breeze. It fluttered ungracefully to the ground and landed in a tangled mass of weeds and string against a dead bush. "Free at last," free to lie powerless in the dirt, to be blown helplessly along the ground, and to lodge lifeless against the first obstruction.

How much like kites we sometimes are. The Lord gives us adversity and restrictions, rules to follow from which we can grow and gain strength. Restraint is a necessary counterpart to the winds of opposition. Some of us tug at the rules so hard that we never soar to reach the heights we might have obtained. We keep part of the commandment and (pardon the pun) never rise high enough to get our tails off the ground.

Let us each rise to the great heights our Heavenly Father has in store for us, recognizing that some of the restraints that we may chafe under are actually the steady force that helps us ascend and achieve.

Author: Wayne B. Lynn

Contributed by Lisa Cairus

Community Services Corner

How it all began.....with Tabitha (also known as Dorcas) in Acts 9:36-43, you can read her story. We shall do our best to follow in her footsteps, looking to our Savior for direction. If there is anyone in our midst that has a need for clothes, household items, furniture, etc. please let me, or Maribel know and we shall do our best to network to find the items. We are collecting for community services all through the year, to be given to those that need them such as blankets, all forms of clothing, etc. Put them in a bag or box, mark it for "Community Services" and bring it to the church kitchen and we will store them away appropriately until they can be distributed.

Our team members are:

Laura Bauchert	Delilah Ramirez
Maribel Rangel	Erlinda Kates
Flora Rangel	Luisa Domenack
Elida Olvera	Cathy Davis
Ruben Olvera	

We will be having a fundraiser on Sunday, May 16 ---an "International Breakfast" consisting of American, Mexican, Chinese and Indian cuisines. Plan to come. Details will be forthcoming in our famous "Colton SDA Newsletter" and by announcements or fliers in the bulletin.



Thought for the day- "Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the maker of them all." Proverbs 22:2

Laura Bauchert

Recipes To Share

This is another new regular section as suggested by Bruce Brown. If you have any great vegetarian recipes to share please submit them. Or if you taste a great recipe at potluck do your best to get the recipe to Kristi Cruise to be included in this section.

Chili Macaroni

1 package of Macaroni	½ Package of Shredded Cheese
1 package of Morning Star	1 can of chili beans

Contributed by Bruce Brown

Baby Shower

Andrew and Yalila Olvera were the guests of honor at the Baby Shower on February 21. The Women's Ministries arranged the shower for the Olveras. With food, presents and games the group celebrated the impending arrival of baby boy Olvera. Congratulations! We look forward to seeing the little one in person in just a few weeks.



Valentine's Day Couples' Dinner

Couples came together for a celebration of long lasting love at the Lotus Garden on February 14 for a meal and entertainment.

Photos by Gary and Ruby Neiman



Editor's Note

The mission of this newsletter is to provide communication and inspiration for our church. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kristi Cruise at jrklljcruise@sbcglobal.net or phone (909) 872-0394.

Fun and Fellowship

You probably noticed the numbers and alphabets on the pictures in this issue. Your challenge is to identify the individuals in these pictures by name (first and last!). Whoever gets them all identified correctly and gets it to me first after church on Sabbath March 6 gets a prize. If you are in these pictures that gives you an edge, but you will also have to help me confirm if the participates are correct. So get moving and find out whom these people are! PLEASE DO NOT DISRUPT THE CHURCH SERVICES!

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