



**TIME
TO CELEBRATE
VALENTINES
with**

AN ELEGANT AFFAIRE

**Save the Date - Friday, February 8
Get Your Reservations in NOW**

This will be the 28th annual **An Elegant Affaire** and what a better way to celebrate than with a glittering evening of fantastic food and fun. **An Elegant Affaire** is the major fundraiser for our extremely popular **Arts in Schools** program which last year served 9,625 children in the Fremont, Newark and New Haven School Districts. These students were able to participate in a wide range of multi-cultural assemblies, from Chinese acrobats to African American & Asian folk tales, folk music & jazz, puppeteers, magicians, learning about and getting an up-close look at California wildlife, thrilling BMX shows and much more. The need for these programs through LOV is still great. With another successful **An Elegant Affaire**, we can fill the need.

The event will be held at the **Doubletree by Hilton** again this year. There will be a champagne cocktail hour where you will be entertained by **Salvador Vazquez** on Mexican harp. This will be followed by a fantastic four-course gourmet dinner.

1. **Soup - Tomato Bisque with basil and herbed croutons**
2. **Salad - Classic Wedge with bleu cheese dressing – garnished with applewood smoked bacon, bleu cheese crumbles, green onion and red grape tomato halves**
3. **Main Course – Tender Beef Flat Iron Steak with Argentinian sauce served on a bed of Yukon gold potatoes accompanied by season root vegetables**

Vegetarian Option – Vegetable Wellington with seasoned and roasted carrots, zucchini, mushroom and peppers blended with ricotta cheese in all butter puff pastry

4. **Dessert - Chocolate Supreme Cake -gluten free chocolate cake**

Besides a fantastic evening of delectable dining, there will be live and silent auctions thanks to the generosity of the Mayors, School Superintendents, School Boards and Teachers Associations of Fremont, Union City and Newark as well as other dignitaries. We will be putting up some wonderful prizes on the non-profit auction site **Bidding For Good**. Our auction site will be open January 25 through February 15

Check it out at www.BiddingForGood.com/LOV.

You don't want to miss this gala evening. The cost is only \$85 per person or \$750 for a table of 10 with a table sign. For reservations call us at 793-5683. VISA, Mastercard, American Express and Discover Card are available for your convenience. You can also make reservations on line at www.lov.org.



Kids Love This School Assembly



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HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

THANKSGIVING – 4,365 MEALS SERVED!

What a great day! Thanks to the over 400 volunteers who ran errands, picked up donations, shopped, transported equipment & supplies from our Center to the Pavilion, cooked, carved, set up, decorated, served our guests, entertained, supervised children's crafts, dished up food, distributed boxes of groceries, packed homebound meals and delivered them to people in Fremont, Newark, Union City, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Castro Valley and stayed to clean up afterwards. To all the businesses and individuals who donated food, money or loaned much needed equipment - our grateful thanks. When things were looking bleak – especially with lack of turkeys - you really came through this year. **Special thanks to Unified Grocers who donated 200 turkeys, valued at \$3,095, for Thanksgiving & our Adopt-a-Family program.** In all we served up 274 turkeys, 68 hams, 432 pies & all the trimmings.

Many thanks to all of you who answered our call for help when donations were scarce by shopping the bargains and dropping off food and supplies, Many of you not even requesting a donation receipt. This community is really blessed to have so many caring individuals and businesses.

Special kudos to the team leaders: **Briane Sisk, Eric Dugdale, Anna Schipper, Steve Pardee, Glorianne Wong, Donalyn & Stan Deeds, Betty Cole, Chuck Kennedy, Maria Jenkins, Laurie Gratz, Dottie Scott, Theresa Vondran & family and Donna Sisk.** Many thanks also to members of the **Newark Rotary** a part of the carving crew Thanksgiving Eve. Many thanks also to the **Salvation Army** who let us use the kitchen in their new center in Newark to refrigerate pans of turkey and ham meat and warm them up all Thanksgiving Day. They were then transported by LOV volunteer **Odan Harvey** to the Pavilion to be served. Many thanks to **Swiss Park** who let us use the bar-b-que facilities to cook 272 of the turkeys. Kudos to the LOV Staff who worked hard in front of and behind the scenes for weeks prior and all day on Thanksgiving - **Harold, Sherrie & Greg.**

As always, we could not accomplish the event without the help of: **Arctic Glacier Ice** for loan of the refrigeration unit, to **Berkley Farms** for hundreds of half pints of milk and gallons of orange juice, **Republic Services** for donating a large dumpster for the Pavilion and smaller ones at Swiss park, **Cresco** for use of a box truck and **Newark Unified School District** kitchen for use of a warming oven.

Many thanks to the **Board of Directors of the Newark Pavilion** in allowing us the use of the hall and kitchen again this year. The Pavilion was beautiful to behold with special table decorations created by youth groups. **Knuti Van Hoven** and singers provided wonderful entertainment as they have every year for 23 years and to **Alan Kahn of 1st Impressions Entertainment** who made many balloon animals and hats. He had the kids (and adults) lined up all afternoon.. There were also craft projects for the children in our "Kids Club" room. Thanks to the **Safeway "Feed the Need"** campaign and other food drives we gave away 300 boxes of groceries. Many thanks to **Landsberg** for donating the boxes – not only for Thanksgiving food, but for all our Adopt-a-Families. This is truly a very special way for all of us to begin the holiday season. Please join us next year and experience the joy.



THE S.H.A.R.E.S. PROGRAM

It has changed. The cards so many of you took to help support LOV at the Lucky's, Save Mart, Food Maxx, Smart Foods stores as you shopped were discontinued in April last year. The corporate office of these food chains have switched over to another method – which still will support non profits and schools when you shop. Here is what you have to do as a Lucky shopper:

1. Sign up for Lucky Rewards – go to www.luckysupermarkets.com/rewards **
by filling out the sign up now and fill out form
2. Once you are logged on – click on **GIVING BACK**
3. Then click on **SHARES Card**
4. Then click on **ENROLL TODAY**
5. Then Click **NEW TO eSCRIPT**
6. Fill out form – **Be sure to select NON PROFIT THE LEAGUE OF VOLUNTEERS**
Once you start typing, it will auto fill – just click on
7. You can enter multiple phone numbers on sign up. That way 2 family members can log in at the Lucky's Store at the cash register – use the credit card pad and log in with a phone number.



**** NOTE – you can do the same with Save Mart, Food Maxx and Smart Food**

We know this takes a little time. However once it's done – it is no problem when you check out your groceries. We hope you will continue to support LOV in this manner. We have been fortunate to receive on the average every quarter – a \$300 plus check from **SHARES.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS – continued

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVES

KIWANIS CLUB OF FREMONT

The Club, along with other Kiwanis Clubs in the area, partnered with Safeway, for an area-wide food drive on Saturday, November 17th. The Kiwanis Club of Fremont had volunteers at the stores in Fremont. In addition to club members, volunteers helping out were from Kiwanis High School Key Clubs in Fremont. All the food collected at these stores went directly to LOV for our Thanksgiving Day Meal. Fremont Kiwanis has been supporting LOV for many years. They collected 44 turkeys, 19 hams and over 59 bags of other food items. This volunteer day at Safeway stores was part of Safeway’s “Feed the Need ” campaign which began October 3 and ran through December 25.

SCHOOLS:

Many thanks go to the students of **Washington High School** for bringing in **2,974** items of food. This is a result of their annual homecoming competition between classes which benefits our food pantry. Not only do we count the number of items – we also calculate the pounds. The total food weighed out at **4,590** pounds. Since Washington High started this drive in 2002 – they have collected and donated 28 tons of food FANTASTIC !

Warm Springs Elementary School collected **2,593**, **Mission Valley ROP 769**, **School of the Deaf 630**, and **Our Lady of Guadalupe 116**. Thanks to all these students who helped fill our pantry providing food for not only the Thanksgiving Day Meal but also for food boxes to those in need through-out the holidays.

With young people like these - our future will be in good hands



RE-GIFTING AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT

We all have received gift cards to restaurants and stores that are well-intentioned but something we will probably never use. Why not donate them to LOV? We will use them to raise money through our events that help support our programs, such as: Arts in Schools, Summer Recreation, Thanksgiving Day Meal, Holiday Toy Drive and Adopt-a-Family. You will receive a donation letter and know that your re-gifting has become a gift to make a difference in the community. Just send them to us at 8440 Central Ave., Suite A/B ., Newark, CA. 94560

THANK YOU

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Scenes From Thanksgiving



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

This will be our 26th year to provide toys for the children of the Tri-Cities. This issue of LOV Notes is at the printer early so we won't have all the figures on collection and distribution until our next issue. The request from the agencies so far this year is for **11,048** toys. We will do our best to apportion them out to all the agencies. Our volunteers are working hard to get the toys out to agencies in need. Many thanks for the hard work of volunteers, **Dottie Scott & Ramona McMaster** toy room supervisors. To date the following are the agencies that will be receiving toys:

Viola Blythe Center

Second Chance

Elevate Community Church

Fremont Healthy Start

WIC – Women's, Infant's & Children's program/Tiburcio Vasquez

Abode Services, Bridgeway Apartments

Union City Apostolic Church

Salvation Army

Victory Outreach

Solid Rock Church of God in Christ

Multi-Lingual Counseling Center

Los Robles Apartments

East Bay Agency for Children

Fremont Apostolic Commission

Adopt a family

Tri City Volunteers

To date we have put out 88 collection barrels to 29 different Tri City locations. Thanks also to those who have been bringing toys into our Center. Kudos also to the patrons and members of the **Newark Symphonic Winds** who donated 150 toys during the annual Holiday Pops Concert. The orchestra under the direction of **Richard Wong** presented a beautiful afternoon of wonderful holiday music.

TOYS ON WHEELS – Not by trains and planes but by the wheels of classic cars bringing in toys for our Holiday Toy Drive.

The Classic Cruisers USA car club have an annual toy run for us. On December 1st many beautiful cars came by and brought in 164 toys.



Classic Cruisers USA Collected 164 toys

ADOPT - A - FAMILY

At press time we are still having families being adopted. We will give you a full report in our next issue. Thank you to all of you who so far have adopted a family and to those of you who have donated money so that we can purchase toys for families that haven't been adopted by the distribution time.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE TO LOV

Employer Matching Gift/Contributions Program. If your company has such a program, ask them for details.

Planned Giving

- **Bequest in Your Will.** Leave a legacy through your will. You can give a specific dollar amount, or you can assign a percent age of your estate. Your gift can be unrestricted or it can be designated for a specific LOV program.
- **Life Insurance Gift.** A large gift with little cost to you. Give a policy with LOV as the owner and beneficiary.
- **Living Trust.** Make a revocable gift during your life time. Name LOV as beneficiary of assets in the living trust.

For details talk with your attorney or estate planner.

Your support to keep LOV's programs continuing to service the community is very much appreciated.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

Sunday, February 24, 2019– 30th Annual Gala Celebrating the Arts - Featuring: The Senior Tappers, vocalist Sheridan Liaw, vocalist Evan Dickerson & Dixie Dominus of Fremont Christian School Band.

Sunday, March 10, 2019 - Talk of da Town a Capella - These 5 fantastic singers were finalists in NBC's "Sing Off" and have shared the stages with some of the greatest artists of the day. You won't want to miss an afternoon on the best doo-wop, pop, rhythm & blues, gospel, swing & rock. It's classic a capella harmony at its best.

Doors open at 1 pm and concerts begin at 2 pm at Thornton Junior High School Multi-Purpose Auditorium, 4357 Thornton Ave., Newark

Complimentary intermission refreshments



FUTURE CONCERT DATES

April 14, 2019 - The Poyntlyss Sisters Rockin's Show Band - Music of the 50's, 60's, 70's & some 80's

May 19, 2019 - Laura Ellis – Jazz in the Shadows - Songs of the Silver Screen



**LOV HAS OPENINGS ON THE NEWARK ARTS COUNCIL
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN NEWARK TO PARTICIPATE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL SHIRLEY AT 510-793-5683**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SAVE THE DATE

February 8

An Elegant Affaire – a champagne cocktail hour and 4 course gourmet dinner See article pg. 1

February 24

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March 10

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series featuring: Talk of da Town – a Capella. See article pg. 5

WISH LIST

- **8-1/2 x 11 - 20# WHITE BOND PAPER**
– we use lots
- **8-1/2 X 11 - 20# COLORED BOND PAPER**
– we use a lot
- **FOOD for our Emergency Pantry**
– we can always use more

LOV BINGO

Monday Nights

at Swiss Park



Doors Open 4 pm
 FREE Game 5:30 pm
 Lightning Game 6:00 pm
 Regular Games 6:30 pm

FULL KITCHEN - SMOKING AREA
 WELL LIT PARKING - PADDED CHAIRS -
 FLASH - \$1199 GAMES
 STRIP GAMES - LIGHTNINGS & MORE!!!

BONANZA SPECIAL + FREE GAME AT 5:30!!

Receive a FREE Bonaza Bingo Card every time you attend and then we play a FREE \$250 Bingo Game on the last Monday of each month! If you don't win don't be sad, put your name on your Bonaza Card drop it in the barrel where 3 people will be chosen to play FREE the following month!!!

Color Power Bingo Machines

All Regular Games and Double Action Specials Are in the Power Bingo Machine.

\$30 - Power Bingo Machine with 20 packs (120 cards) + 2 each of the Double Action Specials

\$45 - Power Bingo Machine with 40 packs (240 cards) + 4 each of the Double Action Specials

For Power Bingo Players
 Add on 6 on 12 up paper pack, for all regular games \$2/each
 Add on Double Action Specials \$5 for 4 sheets

\$20 - Paper Only - up to 4 packs (24 cards)
 \$5 - Double Action Specials (4 cards)



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<http://www.lov.org/bingo> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pg/lovbingo>

For more information on Monday Bingo Night's call 510-896-4447

Monday - Friday call 510-793-LOVE (5683)



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Mark Kontich
John & Mary Balentine
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Amzquita
Ericka Dillard
Stanley Hunt
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Mel Nunes
Adopt-a-Family
Sheila Harrington -
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IN KIND DONATIONS

\$3,094.84

Unified Grocers – turkeys

\$680

Larry O'Donnell
cooking items

\$380

Toni Souza – prize

\$200 & above

Anonymous -gift cards
Mary Ann Mellons– Thanksgiving food
Ca. School for the Deaf - milk

Misc – No Value Given

Thanksgiving
Berkeley Farms – Milk, Orange Juice
Dino's Grill
Marisa Molina
Pauline Kim
Jackie Wicks
Nanle Reck

\$3,000

Rebecca Dunn
Unspecified

\$500 & above

William & Jeannette Guinn
Holiday Toy Drive
Sandra Barclay
Adopt-a-Family
Anonymous (Network for Good)
Unspecified
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Arts in Schools
Mean Well USA Inc.
Unspecified

More \$100 & above

Thanksgiving
Duke Otoshi & Lynn Sumida
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Peter & Linda Zakel
Marvi & Patrick Bajet
Shirley Sisk
Bev Standley
Arts Council
Anne Small
Holiday Toy Drive
Corey & Thomas Gray
B's Blankets
Seneca Family of Agencies
Halloween Quarter Auction
Toni Souza

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More Under \$100

B's Blankets
Lisa Moore
Patrick Walsh
Thanksgiving
Wayne Service
Joanne Sirott
Silvo & Betty Lou Hebert
Glorianne Wong & David Jacuzzi
Jo Wang
Christina Vega

\$100 & above

Dottie Scott - afghans
Ileana Perez – food
Melba Acosta – diapers
Thanksgiving Food
Rebecca Dunn
Bob & Gayle Mallon

Misc – No Value Given

Chuck Turnipseed -Thanksgiving
Misc.
Richard Sibert – office supplies
Winona Bjorklund – blankets
Medachi -food
Georgane Repoos -food
Irene Hacker-food

\$1,000 & above

Winona Bjorklund
Holiday Toy Drive

\$250 & above

Tom Blalock
Arts in Schools
Tri City Women's Club
Thanksgiving
Robert Andersen
Adopt-a-Family
Alameda Co. Firefighters
Thanksgiving
**California Assoc. of
Mortgage Professionals**
Thanksgiving
Second Chance
Unspecified

Under \$100

Unspecified
Linda & Gerald Kervin
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Philip Talarino Sr.
Alicia Moore
Gavin Young
Ted & Elizabeth Templeto
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P. Whitmire
Gina Guzman
Siv Mahanty
Anonymous (Adobe)
Nicole Orta
James Twietmeyer
Carol Easter
Cindy Tremblay
Joseph & Velma Viegas
Arts Council
Elizabeth Tanner
Adopt-a-Family
Christina Vega

Under \$100

Thanksgiving Food
Kevin Treiber
Robert Olson
Iris Yakukma
Linda Kervin
Patty Schwartz
Cindy Graham
Robert Bush
Chien Chen
Eric Dugdale & Anna Sschipper
Food
Pam Stringfellow
Christie Martin
S. Amezguiza
Paulie Kim Thanksgiving

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- **Assemble – label**
Sort bulk mailings for LOV and many other agencies
- **Data Entry**
We are always needing help to keep our various data bases up to date
- **Special Events**
Join a planning committee or help at the event

NEWARK ARTS COUNCIL has openings for anyone interested in LOV's many arts programs in the community: Sunday concerts, Arts in Schools & Scholarships. Members audition CDs/DVDs for future concerts, judge fine art, photography and music scholarship entries – deliver school performer's checks & audit assemblies, help at concerts. Meetings are the 1st Wed of the month September – June, 5:30 pm at LOV or in some cases on line. For more information call Shirley at 793-5683.

Call LOV about volunteering 510-793-5683

*Volunteers are unpaid
not because they are worthless but because they are priceless*

LOV has openings for members of the board of directors. If you like what we do and support our programs and want to help in serving the community and in setting goals for the future.

Contact us at 510-793-5683



Turkey Sandwich!
A Delicious Thanksgiving Snack