

... I was hungry  
and you gave me  
food,  
I was thirsty  
and you gave me  
drink,  
I was a stranger  
and you welcomed  
me ...



Over 1,000,000  
meals served.

### Remarkable Day at Our Daily Bread

# ***Rev. Wendy & David Serve the 1,000,000<sup>th</sup> Meal***

*by Gage McKinney*

Pam Moore thought she knew the routine at Our Daily Bread because she regularly comes for a hot meal. But the meal she was served on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, was anything but routine.

As volunteers gathered around her, a town crier rang a bell and photographers snapped pictures. Then the Rev. Wendy Smith, pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal



Church, and program manager David Barnes served the program's 1,000,000<sup>th</sup> meal.

They set plates before Pam and her three-year-old granddaughter and one-year-old grandson. Pam's husband Rory received the red plate designated as the 1,000,000<sup>th</sup>.

Moore, who lives in Sunnysvale, pointed out that for many the meals are es-

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OUR DAILY BREAD serves hot nutritious meals to hungry people three days each week. Anyone is served without regard to race, color, national origin, immigration status, age, gender, or disability. Regular serving hours are 11:15-12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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sential. "Sometimes we run out of food at home," she said. "I love the food," Moore added.

Pam and Rory, a former aircraft technician, live on his military pension. He's out of work due to recent surgery. She said her family would go hungry without ODB. "It makes a big difference in our lives," she added.



Rory Moore (left) enjoys ODB's millionth meal.

Pam said she has made many friends at the program and that her grandchildren smile when she tells them they're going to lunch.

ODB began during an economic downturn in 1983, serving a few hundred meals a week. "We thought of it as a temporary expedient in hard times," said ODB presi-

dent Chris Schimdt who remembered the program's beginning.

Today, in the midst of reduced giving and government cutbacks, ODB serves more than 350 hot meals a day.

"With so many diners now it's especially hard," said Jan Camp who has worked in the dining room for many years. "But I'm doing my best so they know that I truly care."

"At the heart of the program is a desire to provide hospitality," said the Rev. Wendy, when she was interviewed by San Jose's KLIV radio (1590). "ODB welcomes everyone, greets everyone and recognizes the dignity of everyone."

Other local media, including the *Sunnyvale Sun*, *Cupertino Courier*, *Los Altos Town Crier* and KPIX television, reported on ODB's accomplishment.

Pam Moore and her family were selected to receive



Pam Moore and grandchildren.

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the millionth meal because they are long-time favorites with the ODB volunteers. Pam was interviewed by reporters and photographed with her family. Carl Beckham, a member of St. Thomas Church, served as an old English town crier in a specially-created costume.

ODB wanted the media to tell the millionth meal story in order to encourage new volunteers. The publicity also could encourage new contributors.

The media reports explained that ODB takes pride in having no serving line and that volunteers serve meals as in a restaurant. Positions include cooks, helpers, dishwashers, servers and drivers who pick up supplies. Most positions take two to four hours a day, one day per week.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact ODB program manager David Barnes at [odb@stthomas-svale.org](mailto:odb@stthomas-svale.org) or (408) 736-4108. Or they can visit ODB's website at <http://www.stthomas-svale.org/odb>.



Carl Beckham as town crier.

### eScrip REMINDER:

Did you renew your Safeway card at eScrip? Your previous registration expired on October 31. So if you haven't already done it, please renew TODAY so that ODB will continue to earn money when you shop.

(While you're at it, you may want to update the expiration dates on any credit cards you have signed up.)  
Questions? Call us at 408-736-4108.

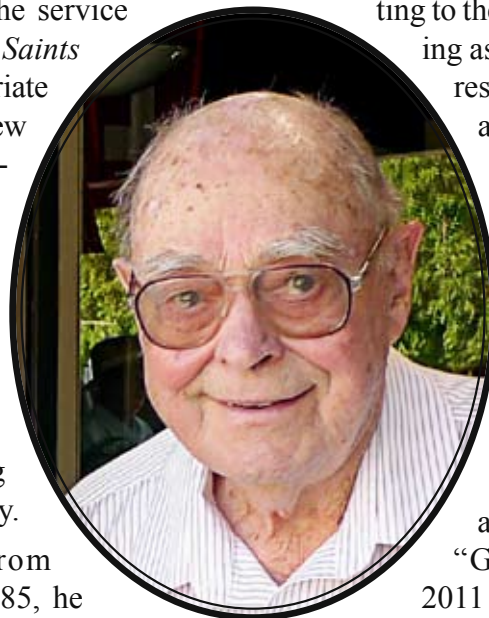


## Art Petersen

### A tribute to his life & volunteerism

On May 28, 2011, a celebration of Art's life took place at his church, Christ the Good Shepherd. The service began with *For All the Saints* which was most appropriate for those of us who knew him. He had an infectious smile and twinkle in his eye, a real people person. Not only did he love working with us Mondays and Fridays, but he knew us and he cared about us and the job he had fixing food to serve the hungry.

After retiring from Hewlett Packard in 1985, he found time to volunteer at Our Daily Bread and continued doing just that until a short time before his death on May

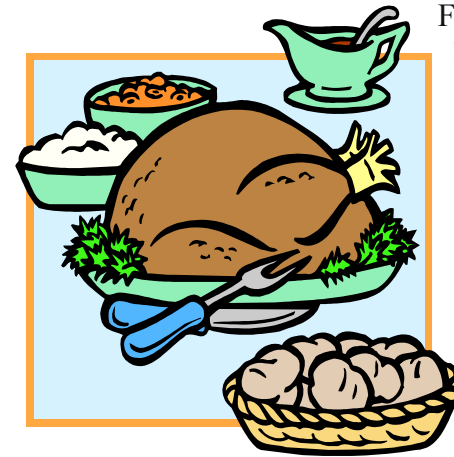


14, 2011. Born September 13, 1915, he was our oldest volunteer at 95. After getting to the kitchen early and working as a cook, he'd be ready to rest in the dining room with a cup of coffee and roll. After that he'd go and work some more doing whatever was needed, including dishing up the main dish for the servers to deliver to the diners.

ODB honored him with the "Bread Loaf" award in 1995 and the "Grand Chef" award in 2011 for his twenty-five years of service.

The service concluded with the "hymn of the day" *How Great Thou Art*.

## Our Daily Bread's Annual Fundraising Drive



For the past 28 years, Our Daily Bread has served hot meals three times a week to the aged, homeless, unemployed, disabled, and working poor in our community. We are thankful to all of you who, through your generous donations over the past years, have enabled us to keep our program running. However, in these difficult times, we need your help more than ever! The number of meals served by our program has grown by 30% from 2007 to the present. In 2007, we served an average of 278 meals per day. This number has increased to 362 meals per day. In 2010, ODB served an all-time high of 54,000 meals.

**A gift of \$26 will help us feed a homeless person for one month!**


**A gift of \$117 will help us feed a hungry mother and child for three months!**

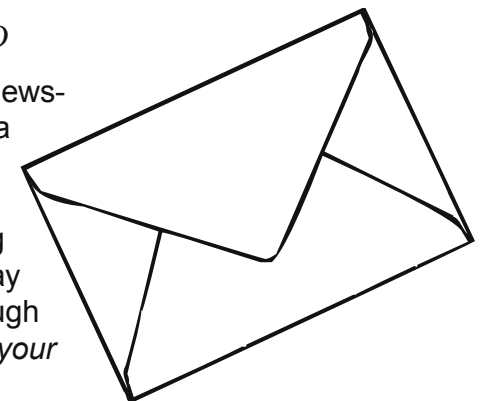
**A gift of \$312 will help us feed an unemployed worker for one year!**

**We sincerely thank you for your generosity!**

### CONTRIBUTOR'S ENVELOPE ENCLOSED

Each year at this time we enclose an envelope in the newsletter for the convenience of those who want to make a financial contribution to ODB. Though ODB receives support from business and civic organizations, the majority of our financial support comes from caring individuals. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's day we hope to receive the funds that will carry us through most of 2012. *To increase your gift, please enclose your company's "matching gift" form, if they have one.*

If you prefer to donate online, please visit our website at <http://www.stthomas-svale.org/odb/> and click on the  button.





# One Million Meals, Served to Those in Need

by Jan Camp and Donna Beres

It is evident that Our Daily Bread has become a lifeline for those who aren't able "to make it" day-to-day. They come to ODB for a nutritious meal, a friendly atmosphere, a chance to meet and talk to others, and to get advice from a community worker who is available. And many times the homeless and needy diners also receive special brown bag lunches to help them get through another day.

Cowans Hall had a festive look on Wednesday, October 19th, with banners, balloons, extra fancy table decorations & a special red plate for a milestone meal – our one millionth!

Our celebration of this milestone comes with pride in what we do and have accomplished, but also with sadness that so many people are in need of this help. Veterans, disabled of various ages, families, and the working poor come when they need to. And we get to know our "regulars" fairly well, though many are extremely quiet and shy. Often we have listened when someone just wanted to talk. Then we realize what hard lives so many of our diners have experienced and how grateful they are to have this program available.

Here are some diners' stories that can be shared:

**Robert** is in his fifties and is a regular diner at ODB. He started his career as a manufacturing engineer, but his life dramatically changed and his career ended when he suffered a traumatic brain injury in 1990. He survives on a small disability income, sleeps in a leaky RV with no heat, and has minimal cooking facilities. When asked how ODB helps him, Robert replied, "Primarily it provides me with a tasty nutritious lunch three times per week. Secondly, the ODB staff and fellow diners provide me with support which helps my well being".

**Ken** is a 64-year-old retiree who has been coming to ODB for the past three years. He suffers from Muscular Dystrophy and is confined to a wheelchair. Ken says, "ODB keeps me healthy. It gives me faith and hope. It is a blessing."

**Lee** turned sixty recently and is a veteran who lives at a campsite with some buddies. He collects aluminum cans, occasionally works doing handyman type jobs, rides a bike, and is good-natured. His gratitude for our program is obvious – he frequently asks if he can help with a job.

**Another veteran** has been clean and sober for two years and has Section 8 housing to live in because he now qualifies. He still needs ODB's hot lunches to enable him to "make it" each month.

**Ann and Fred** have been eating at ODB off and on for years, stopped using drugs and alcohol, but still struggle and can't keep a roof over their heads unless the armory is open. They need nutritious meals to stay as healthy as possible, so have returned to us for meals and support.

There are so many heart breaking stories, but also a good many successes for our diners. They want to make sure our many volunteers, both present and past, know how important this program is for them. As **Ike** once admonished a couple of men who were arguing outside the office building, "Don't fight here! We don't want anything bad happening that will stop this lunch program!"

Thanks to all the ODB volunteers and supporters, past and present, who care and put their time, resources, and energy into this highly successful program! You are making a difference to so many.



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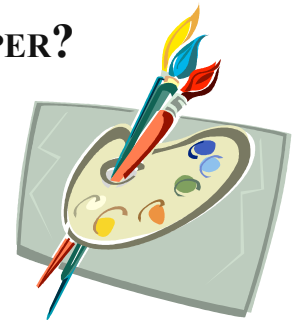
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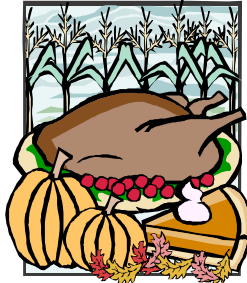
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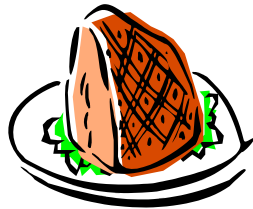
### **Thanksgiving Needs**

We are in need of frozen turkeys (16-22 lbs each) for our Thanksgiving meal which will be served on Wednesday November 23. As we have limited storage, we are requesting that all donated frozen turkeys be delivered to ODB on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM from November 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call ODB at (408) 736-4108. Thank you for your generosity!



### **Holiday Needs**

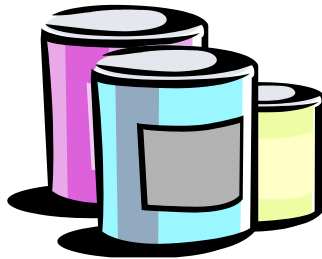
We are requesting donations of boneless or canned hams for our holiday meal in December. We need the hams by December 16<sup>th</sup> and will start collecting them November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make this holiday season special to someone in need by donating a canned ham.



### **Pantry Needs**

The following food donations are greatly appreciated *and always needed for our pantry*:

- Large #10 size cans of cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup
- Mayonnaise and salad dressing
- Butter and sugar
- Powdered milk
- Jam and/or jelly
- Carrots



Please note that ODB can accept any foods that are commercially packaged or prepared as well as garden produce. Health regulations prevent us from accepting food that has been prepared at home. The preferred times to drop off contributions are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

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### **Gift Bags for our Diners**

*by Jan Camp*



Each December our diners have been recipients of decorated bags of “goodies” containing useful toiletries and candy. When we had fewer diners, we added lots of extra items, but now we are keeping to the essentials and candy and just giving homeless an extra bag with items they often ask for year around.

The items come from your donations and we’re counting on you and St. Thomas’ parishioners to continue this practice so we can fill 320 generic regular bags and 30 special ones.

Needed items: shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodor-

ants, razors, new crew neck T-shirts for men, black or blue knit caps, sweat-shirts, and gloves. Chocolate candy is especially appreciated by most diners, but all candies and gum are fine, including what you have left from Halloween.

You can bring your gifts to ODB any Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until 2:00 p.m., or leave them in St. Thomas’ church office.

Feeding the hungry is our mission, but we know ODB is often the bright spot of the day for many of our diners. Receiving presents is the extra brightness many don’t experience and you’re helping us do just that.

***Thank you ODB volunteers and supporters!***



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## REMINDERS

### **Important Dates**

Wed., Nov. 23 ..... Thanksgiving Meal  
Tues., Dec. 13 ..... Board meeting  
Fri., Dec. 23 ..... Christmas Meal  
Tues., Feb. 14 ..... Board meeting

### **Donations**

Please consider ODB in your holiday giving — see **page 5** for our annual “Contributor’s Envelope.” See **page 11** for donating Christmas gift items to our diners and **page 10** for donating food items. Your support is always needed and greatly appreciated.

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