



Mission Hospice

Mission Hospice, the oldest hospice program on the Peninsula, celebrated its 30th anniversary Feb. 8 with a gala reception at the Peninsula Golf and Country Club in San Mateo.

Marian Soss received the Lotus Award for her outstanding support of Mission Hospice. Over the years, Soss has combined her passion for antique embroidered samplers with her charitable commitment by giving hundreds of presentations on her collection and donating the honoraria to Mission Hospice. Most recently, Soss dedicated the profits from her book, "Let Love Abide, The Marian Soss Sampler Collection," to Mission Hospice.

Carol Gray, former longtime executive director, received special recognition. Gray was one of Mission Hospice's first volunteers and became its second executive director in 1980. Her 25 years at Mission Hospice saw the organization's evolution from a nearly all-volunteer program to a professional organization, which still includes a significant volunteer component.

In attendance at the gala were Soss's three children, Connie Gould, Deborah and Bill Soss, Karen Leonardini, Jeanne Barrett, the Reverend and Mrs. Walter Johnson, Glenda Carney, John and Patricia Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Branstool, Mr. and

Mrs. Charlie Crotty, Carol Engelbrecht, Doris Tumej, Lelana Crayne, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dokoucian, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hill, Dr. and Mrs. John Kaster, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Leven, Mr. and Mrs. Don Shepard, Dr. and Mrs. Dick Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Trankel, Mort Newman, Lois Shoolman and Lenore Karp.

Community Learning Center

The Community Learning Center, a program of the South San Francisco Public Library, celebrated its 10th Anniversary with a fundraising luncheon Feb. 12 at the Basque Cultural Center. The event raised close to \$15,000, thanks to the hard work of Planning Committee members Clara Blanco, Marta Bookbinder, Dr. Patrick Cheng, Lisa DeMattei, Victoria Gavidia, Mary Giusti, Pablo Gonzalez, Councilmember Pedro Gonzalez, Yolanda Gonzalez, Ana Linder, Krista Martinelli-Larson, Maria Martinucci, Anita Palafox, Sylvia Payne, Belinda Ramirez, Lluneida Roman, Dee Scharff-Popielak, Valerie Sommer and Gloria Vélez.

Through collaboration with a dozen agencies, the Community Learning Center assists 1,500 individuals a year with English language classes, computer instruction, homework assistance, activities for children (while parents are attending classes), native language literacy classes (Spanish), kindergarten preparation, parent education and citizenship classes. For more information visit <http://www.ssf.net/clc> or call 877-8540.

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Marian Soss (seated) received the Lotus Award at the Feb. 8 Mission Hospice Gala Reception. Standing, from left, are Carol Gray, who received special recognition during the evening's program, Board Chair Mary Chicos, CEO Dwight Wilson and Vice Board Chair Sheila Young.

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From left, Victoria Gavidia, Brenda Valencia, Cristina Sandoval and Teresa Ortiz attended the South San Francisco Community Learning Center's 10th Anniversary luncheon Feb. 12.



From left, Broadway By the Bay's Artistic Director, Brooke Knight, Lucie Arnaz and Executive Director, Jim Gardia. On Sunday, March 22, Broadway By the Bay held its annual benefit concert to raise money for its many programs.