

# CASA CALLER

August, 1983



CASA DE AMIGOS  
*The House of Friends*

AN ECUMENICAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

*Helping people help themselves!*

CASA DE AMIGOS



# ~~CALENDAR~~

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

## DAILY ACTIVITIES

9:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Senior Citizen's Program  
Nutrition Program - 11:00 A.M.  
Transportation Available

1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Homemaker Education Classes  
Mondays & Tuesdays - Sewing  
Wednesdays & Thursdays - Cooking  
Friday/First Aid & Home Nursing  
Child Care & Transportation  
provided

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

7:00 P.M./9:00 P.M. TUESDAYS

English as a Second Language  
Classes

2nd & 4th WEDNESDAYS

Diabetic Class & Clinic

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

2nd Wednesday of the Month

9:00 A.M. Senior Citizen's  
Clinic

September 1st

FOOD CLUB MEETING

September 13th

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES START

September 16th

FIESTA!!

## Thank You!

St. Mark's Unity Class, St. Lukes Faith Pilgrimage, VCS class from 1st United Methodist Church, Mel Goffigon, Abell-Hanger Foundation, Midland Committee on Aging, The Insurance Man, Downtown Rotary Club, Paint Daubers, Martha Bean, Safeway, and Gandy's.



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FROM THE VOLUNTEER  
COORDINATOR

Casa knows how important volunteers are in working with staff to meet the needs of our community. We show you a need and offer you a challenge. You prove to us EVERY time that you DO CARE, and are willing to make a commitment.

I recently attended a five day Volunteer Management Workshop in Boulder, Colorado. I learned skills to help you more fully use your experiences, talents, and expertise (in meeting the challenge). I am more excited than ever to share the hopes and dream of Casa with you, and truly look forward to meeting you.

Since volunteers are so special at Casa, we are now including a VOLUNTEER SECTION in the newsletter. It will feature an article from myself, as volunteer co-ordinator, current volunteer opportunities, information, and a article about our volunteers. We are constantly looking for exciting and rewarding ideas for volunteers. So come and BRAINSTORM with us.

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Training will be held September 19th and 20th at 2:00 P.M. to VOLUNTEER, Call 682-9701

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**ATTENTION PREVIOUS TUTORS!!!**

Please call Melva Roberts; we need to know if you're going to CONTINUE, CHANGE, or CLOSE your volunteering experience with us. To avoid long lines -- call and make an appointment: 682-9701

*Melva*



NEW VOLUNTEERS:

Mary Deande -- clerk typist  
David Castillo --- Senior  
Clinic medical assistant  
W. H. Greenstreet -- not placed,  
YET!!

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VOLUNTEER SALUTE

Boy Scouts Paul Thompson & Kemp Laidley, from Troop 85, fulfilled requirements for their service project to gain the Eagle Scout Rank by volunteering at Casa.

Both scouts supervised several members of Troops 85 and 152 in helping with the Food Club and striping the Casa Parking Lot. It's been great having you with us!

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SUPER GARAGE SALE!!

June 24th Casa cleaned house!!  
Great, big, thanks to volunteers Maria Aguilar, Amelia Garza, Blaz Zuniga, & Robert Shaw who packed, stacked, and racked, our knick-knacks. Now we can actually see the shelves again!!!

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THANKS!! THANKS!! THANKS!!

to Volunteer MARY DEANDE --  
Layout artist for the newsletter  
and especially for our VOLUNTEER  
VOICE EMBLEM.

and

Staff: Catherine VanDerLoop,  
Paula Salgado, and  
Melva Roberts



City's  
MESSAGE

Even though it's only August, and still hot, I'm already looking forward to autumn -- it's my favorite time of year. While autumn is traditionally looked upon as a time of completion and gathering in, somehow for me, autumn is a time of new beginning. The weather changes, the air is charged with ozone, and I feel like tackling challenges. The school year starts, people go back to work from vacations, and many resume or start volunteer jobs. For churches, the United Way, and Casa de Amigos, it's a time for planning budgets and soliciting funds for the coming year --- and that, also, I see as a new beginning.

Which brings me to a point I'd like to clarify. Casa is supported financially by the United Way and 12 local congregations. The United Way provided 35% of the 1983 budget. Those twelve congregations provided 16% We need both!

The original intent of the Casa was to give local congregations a unified avenue of the serving ministry in the community. The Casa is really just an extension of you -- your funds, your volunteers, you witness & enthusiasm.

When a United Way volunteer approaches you, and when you have the opportunity to vote on your church budget, please remember that this mission is yours.

Mary



Board Talk

NEW AMIGOS

The Casa Board elected four new board members in June. They were 'initiated' by the staff's presentation of "A Day In The Life of Casa". Each staff member shared their day-to-day routine. Their examples, which were far from routine, left new and old board members a) amused, b) horrified, c) relieved, d) more knowledgeable about Casa, and e) all of the above and more.

New Board Members are:

- \* Larry Stapp
- \* Paul Brooks
- \* Dr. John Borroso
- \* Les Honeyman

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Staff

HELLO!!

- \* HERBERT MARSHALL ----- Program Developer and Adult Evening Education Supervisor --- Responsible for designing a 'How To' Booklet for volunteers involved in Adult Education Programs.
- \* MELVA ROBERTS -- Social Worker and Volunteer Coordinator --- involved in delivering social services, recruiting and placing volunteers.
- \* LUPE MARTINEZ - Part-Time STEP (Senior Texas Employment Program) Provides outreach services such as transportation and translation

# ¿Que Pasa?

## SENIORS CELEBRATE!!

The Juneteenth Celebration included a bar-b-cue prepared by senior participants, plus a joyful sing-a-long.

A picnic was enjoyed at Hogan Park to commemorate the 4th of July. Seniors enjoyed croquet, volley-ball, walking, sandwiches, and watermelon.

Plans are underway for the sixteenth of September Fiesta. Traditional marching, poetry, and orations will be presented outside on the Casa grounds. We need a means of covering this area for dancing and eating. Read our Volunteer Ad for INVENTOR/ENGINEER for more information.

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## GARLIC--GOING--GOING--GONE!!

Casa's Senior Citizens' Co-operative Garden is really producing. Ramon Gavia, gardener, and Blaz Zuniga, volunteer, planted garlic in October and sold the whole crop in June! This spring--garlic. This fall--sweet potatoes.

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HOMEMAKER EDUCATION CLASSES are on TV!!! The United Way filmed our cooking class as part of their advertising campaign. Soon we'll be in every kitchen in America!! Watch for the commercial in the late evening.

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## FOOD CLUBS

A NEW FOOD CLUB being formed!! Open to the general public. Present members are saving 20 to 30% on purchases. You can, to!!! For



TUTORS: Tutor 2nd & 3rd graders in reading and math 2 hours/week. An hour of time included to keep you & back from being dull. Substitutes welcome!

NEW OPPORTUNITY!!

TUTOR TOT WATCHER: Volunteers need volunteer help, too! More volunteers could be tutors if you have the skills to interest, educate, & entertain children - often called babysitting. Must have energy and like having fun.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Looking, hoping, wishing, praying, for a person(s) with expertise to put together fantastic Casa Caller. Experience preferred; DESIRE, a must!!

SPEAKER'S BUREAU

HOW & TELL

Casa is forming a Speaker's Bureau staffed by volunteers who will present the Casa slide show and/or information to various groups. If interested, please call.

URGENT!!

INVENTOR/ENGINEER: We want to celebrate outside, NOT collapse! So we need to cover (by canvas, net, parachute, whatever) the concrete play area at Casa. If you'd like to tackle this project, CALL US!!

BOY SCOUT TROOP LEADER:

Required: love for boys and/or scouting. Needed: Energy, Enthusiasm, and ALWAYS, PREPAREDNESS. Call us!

JOB BANK ORGANIZER: So many people are looking for work these days that Casa is looking for someone to help them find it. With a bit of resourcefulness and genuine concern you will be helping people help themselves.

FOOD PANTRY ORGANIZER: We've got the food, space, and transportation. We're hoping for someone who can take all of the above along with genuine concern to organize and pre-package food for our Social Service Department.

URGENT!!!

Our DIABETIC CLINIC is in need of nurses to help serve and teach diabetics and their families. We are headed for a healthier community and YOU can help make it happen. The more the merrier.

NUTRITIONIST OR DIETICIAN: Our Diabetic Clinic is in need of Registered Dietitians or Nutritionist to provide nutritional information and guidance to diabetics and their families. The community will be healthier as well as more knowledgeable about caring for themselves. YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN. The more the Merrier.

TRANSPORTATION FOR HOMEMAKERS:

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**SUBSTITUTE BABYSITTER**

Can you be contacted on short notice to babysit a small group of children? This does not happen often, but when it does we need YOU.

**ESL TEACHER**

Teacher for English as a Second Language classes, held 2 evenings each week. Will receive orientation and training from Casa. Si? -- SI!

**ESL TEACHER'S AID**

Assist ESL teacher by helping students with individualized lessons and using teaching machines. Classes held two (2) evening per week. Will receive orientation & training from Casa. -- Gracias!!

**POSTER PERSON:** We've got pictures and posters and paste all going to waste. Looking for someone with great taste --- Come in with **HASTE!!**

**CRAFTSMEN:**

**DECOUPAGE: LEATHERWORK: WOODWORK:** Share your craft specialty with some very special people: Senior Citizens. Set your own hours.

**Casa Care Items**

**NEEDED:**

**FREEZER**

LAWN MOWER & AIR CONDITIONERS & FANS, TOO!!!

**Any Donation Welcome**

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