



CASA DE AMIGOS
The House of Friends

April 15th Concert at Midland Hilton Ballroom Benefits

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Bubbha Thomas and The Lightmen, Houston based recording stars who have been enlivening the world of jazz since 1969 will perform at the Midland Hilton Ballroom Friday, April 15th, at 8:30 P.M. in a Benefit Performance for Casa de Amigos.

Tickets ranging in price from \$12 to \$25 entitle patrons to complementary hors d'oeuvres beginning at 7:30 P.M., and a solid evening's entertainment beginning at 8:30 P.M.

Bubbha Thomas and The Lightmen are highly skilled musicians, honored early in their career by being selected as finalists in the famed Newport Jazz Festival.

Call 697-5127 for ticket reservations.

A PRETTY NEW FACE AT CASA:

Hi, I'm Martha Garza, the new Food Club Organizer.

I am a native Midlander and am a recent graduate of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. I received a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts and majored in Social Work. I completed my internship with the Department of Human Resources in Child Welfare.

I am presently a member of LULAC, and in the past have been involved in various activities such as; The Social Work Club in San Marcos, CCD teacher for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. I have also been involved in the Distributive Education Club at Robert E. Lee High School. In my free time I enjoy reading, shopping, and dancing.

I would like to put my degree to good use and continue working in the field of social work. I feel that there is a great need in our community for all the different social service agencies. I enjoy working with people and helping them help themselves.



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Permian Distributors, the local Coor's distributor, furnished us a truck to transport the cheese and butter to Midland.

Hutch's Meat Processing provided over-night freezer space to keep the butter cold.

But most important of all, church groups are volunteering to work two Saturdays each month to make this program possible.

The second Saturday of each month, between 12 and 15 volunteers take applications and screen applicants.

The third Saturday of each month the same volunteers distribute the cheese and butter to the applicants. During March Temple Biblio Abierta (Open Bible Church) served as Volunteering Church. Ray and Anita Bennet brought their youth group to volunteer both Saturdays. They did an excellent job.

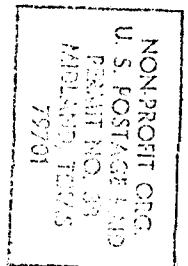
In April Lucille Cummings of Midland Lutheran Church will be co-ordinating the volunteers; we will distribute right at 1700 lbs of cheese & butter to approximately 240 families.

If this program is to grow and continue, we need your group or class to volunteer.

Scriptural Principle

The way to get is to give.

Luke 6:38



DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS:

LONG RANGE PLAN SPRINGS TO LIFE

It is really neat to have a long range plan! A tremendous amount of work on the part of a lot of people was invested in putting one together. In fact, the Casa commenced one in 1980, but all that was accomplished was a mission statement. In the summer of 1981, United Way Executive Director Sarah Smith came and trained the Casa long-range planning committee. A year ago at this time many of you gave several hours out of your lives to serve on various task forces in order to give your wisdom to the solution of what the LRP committee had identified as critical issues. After the board culled through those items, which fortunately had been prioritized, and chose those solutions which seemed most practical for us, the goals were then time framed and accepted as a 5-year plan of action in September in 1982.

The plan is neat because it gives us a definite sense of direction, and when things fall neatly into line, a real sense of accomplishment is felt. When anyone, from the largest congregation to the most timid individual asks what we need, we're able to answer. Having a plan will eliminate a lot of 'rabbit chasing'; we will be able to pace ourselves in our growth.

There will, of course, be revisions, fine-tuning, and mid course corrections, but the road map is drawn, and should stand the Casa in fine stead for several years to come.

To all of you who have had hand in the process, mil gracias
Mary W. Hinkl

VITA PROGRAM

To date, we have assisted 9 families with their income tax. Volunteer response this year has been fantastic, largely through the efforts of Rick Winter, V. P. of the Permian Basin Chapter of the National Association of Accountants. Volunteers included John Godell, CPA; The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Volunteers include George Manuel Dr. Norman Gould, Nancy Scharf Elizabeth Paulk; Permian Basin Chapter of the National Association of Accountants Rick Winter (V. P.), Dan Teed, Kathy Luparus, Pats Edena, Margaret Ryan; and I.R.S Belle Harris, Mr. Donnell, Rolan Banks, Will Eggers, and Margaret Heyman.

AA CHAPTER

Spread the word. We are in the process of organizing a Spanish Speaking Alcoholics Anonymous Chapter. Interest and activity has been running high for this program during the past few weeks. Call if you know someone who is interested in joining. 682-970



FOOD CO-OPERATIVES
by Martha Garza

We now have a food co-op coordinator who will be organizing co-op clubs. The purpose of the co-ops is to help middle and low-income families to save money on their groceries, as well as to help members acquire group leadership qualities. Presently there are three co-ops in operation. The largest of the clubs has about 64 members. Recently an ex-member of one of the co-ops who had moved to another state wrote to Casa stating that she had liked the co-op so much that she wished to organize one herself.

SENIOR CORNER

The Senior Citizens have been busy with their usual activities plus a few new programs. An English Bible class with Marion Donnell of the 1st Baptist Church and a Spanish one with Cleo Lake of Emmanuel Baptist have been started. Also, in addition to the crafts class with Alice Brown another one has been started, including art with Lucille Cummings of Midland Lutheran Church.

VOLUNTEERING: giving and sharing yourself with others is the path to personal fulfillment.

TUTORING
by Helen

A seven-year-old exclaims joyously, "I'M READING" after he puts three words together for the first time. Other brown eyes flash and a slow grin emerges as a second grader reads a story he knew was 'too hard'. One small beauty whispers shyly, "I love to come to Casa." Exuberance in the discovery of achievement and self worth, new friends who really care, a group of people who praise and exult the smallest success ---- that is the tutoring program at the Casa.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #109

Don Brame, Scoutmaster, happily reports that James Green and David Jiminez have volunteered to assist him with our scout troop. Plans are being made to take full advantage of this additional adult leadership. James & David will help the boys with their merit badge work, skills, and over-night camping trips.

USDA CHEESE & BUTTER

During March we have undertaken the responsibility for distributing cheese and butter to low-income and elderly people.

This is entirely a volunteer program. The U.S. Department of Agriculture gives the cheese and butter through the Texas Dept. of Human Resources.

