



# The TACO Times

## Autumn Soiree Special Edition

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### Paul's Sweet Potato Surprise

- Donuts or other baked goods
- Applesauce
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Dash of nutmeg

Spray the bottom of a casserole dish with Pam. Cut the donuts or baked goods in half and layer them on the bottom of the dish. Completely cover with a thick layer of applesauce.

Place a layer of sweet potatoes (either chunks or mashed) over the top of the dish. Sprinkle with a dash of nutmeg. Bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

*Paul Moorman is TACO's food coordinator*

### TACO Wish List

- Disposable razors
- Men's socks
- \$5 gift certificates to McDonald's or Burger King
- Men's T-Shirts (all sizes)

## SPECIAL REPORT: AUTUMN SOIREE

### Mark your calendars for the big event!!

We are all working very hard to prepare for this wonderful evening of fun and excitement. Members of our Fundraising Event Committee (Co-chairs Rosemary Spruce & Rebecca Snure) have spent many hours and walked or driven several miles to bring you this event and over one hundred Silent Auction Items, Fantastic Food from Stella's on Third, music by Synergy, and the emcee skills of Rebecca Tolin of KPBS.

We are thankful to those who have been able to underwrite this event. Special thanks to: Dagmar Miller & Sylvia Starbird-Herman, Century 21 Home Instead Senior Care San Diego National Bank TACO Board of Directors

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in Memory of Shirley DeLucchi  
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Robert Whitley

We are also so thankful to everyone who has given donations for the silent auction. Many of you have contacted companies, organizations, restaurants, and clubs so that we can have such an amazing list of silent auction items. What kind of a list you ask? Well inside this Special Edition you will find a partial list designed to whet your appetite, but we are sure that some of you will want to have a complete preview. If that is the case for you, go to [www.tacosd.org](http://www.tacosd.org) and you can see it all.

Please consider making plans to attend this event. Due to the generosity of our sponsors, all the funds raised will go to funding the programs offered here throughout the week by TACO, providing a place where healing of mind, body, and spirit can happen for any and all who come.

**Saturday,  
September 30th, 2006**

**Copley Symphony  
Hall**

**5:30pm to 8:30pm  
Tickets \$50**

**Call 619-235-9445 x  
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## Rebecca Tolin to Emcee Autumn Soiree

KPBS reporter Rebecca Tolin will serve as emcee for TACO's first-ever auction, the Autumn Soiree.

As a reporter for the local public television program Full Focus, Tolin has reported on a wide range of news and public affairs issues.

A graduate of the UCSD, she

has received numerous awards for her writing and reporting, including an Emmy nomination in 2002 and a Golden Mike award in 2003 from the Radio & TV News Association of Southern California.

Rebecca recently volunteered at a TACO meal and has reported on our program on KPBS.





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## First Volunteers Chosen for Simon’s Walk Training

By Nance Lovell  
Simon’s Walk Coordinator

Preparation is often unseen, and yet is the foundation for amazing things later to be seen. Such is true for Simon’s Walk.

Simon’s Walk, part of TACO’s new Going Home program, provides training, mentoring, and supervision for volunteers ministers to people who are homeless and terminally ill. Simon’s Walk volunteers will literally be *walking with* a person through to the end of his or her life.

Much of the “unseen” has been your uplifting prayers and support—bless you!

**Our focus has been to** gather a solid core of volunteers to be trained into Simon Ministers.

After many conversations and a few interviews, three people will begin training next month.

**Paul Moorman, Beth Slevcove, and Jan Bluemer** come to us with impressive professional and personal experiences.

Paul, Beth and Jan will begin their training by attending the two-day “Walk With Me” Eleos Training, and then continue with extended Simon’s Walk training through early December.

Paul is well-known to TACO volunteers in his role as food coordinator for the TACO program.

Beth, a member of First Lutheran Church, is a spiritual counselor and faithful volunteer with TACO.

Jan is a member of Calvary Lutheran of Solana Beach, and volunteers with the ministry of Resounding Joy, bringing music to people in need. Previously, Jan has a background in the field of Healthcare Administration.

We ask that you hold Paul, Beth, and Jan up in your prayers during this challenging new stage of their lives.

The name “Simon’s Walk” comes from Simon of Cyrene who, in all four gospel stories, walks with Jesus in the final hours of his life, helping also inspires us to see Jesus in the

faces of the homeless people we intend to serve.

The Going Home project’s part time staff will form a team with patients and seek to relieve their needs for housing, insurance, medical care, spiritual care, companionship, family contact and reunification, end-of-life care, memorial services, and burial needs.

To learn more, please contact me at 619-235-9445 ext. 120 or at

[nance.taco@firstlutheransd.org](mailto:nance.taco@firstlutheransd.org)

In addition, donations are welcome. Monetary gifts are a necessary avenue to providing quality care. Your gifts will directly aid in bringing dignity, mercy and compassion to terminally ill patients.

For donation information, please contact Jim Lovell at 619-235-9445 ext. 1 or at

[jim.chacha@firstlutheransd.org](mailto:jim.chacha@firstlutheransd.org).

**Make donations to:** TACO, 1420 Third Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101 (memo: Going Home).



*Dedicated, tireless—and happy! That’s at TACO volunteer.*

## A Heartfelt Thank You To ....

Rebecca Snure and Rosemary Spruce, co-chairs of the TACO Autumn Soiree and Silent Auction, for all of their dedication and hard work. We would also like to thank Lois Case and Bill Radatz for all of their valuable assistance as well.

Our companion Lutheran congregations who regularly come to help our meal program including St. Luke’s, St. Andrew’s, Bethlehem, Carlton Hills and

Calvary Lutheran. You all are such a blessing to TACO!

Nance Lovell for all of her incredible work planning and organizing our upcoming Eleos Trainings in September.

Jeremy Kaercher for always helping us our newsletter, printing our endless address labels and helping with our patio guests.

Ladonna Piper for leading TACO’s annual Christmas in July fundraising effort for the third year running. All the money donated goes to purchase Christmas gifts for our patio guests, which are wrapped and distributed at the Friday meal just before the holiday. See page 3 for more information.

## Bread Day Dish: News And Notes From Lisa Seiler

We've had a terrific summer at the meal program, welcoming more than 2,440 people onto the patio for home cooked meals.

We also had several joyous times with our wonderful volunteers at our pot lucks and devotionals.

Once again, the TACO Board of Directors sponsored a great night out to a Padres game in July. The board treated more than 30 volunteers to a pizza dinner before the game and

even provided a special bag filled with delicious treats!

TACO celebrated two special occasions with some of our valued volunteers.

Dave and Lois Case celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary here by sponsoring, cooking and serving a fantastic taco dinner for all of our patio guests.

And, Ruth Gibbons and her family celebrated Ruth's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday by providing cake and ice cream for all!

We're all very excited about our first-ever fundraiser, the Autumn Soiree and Silent Auction on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>!

We look forward to seeing you there and enjoying some fun fellowship while we browse the exciting silent auction tables.

Many Blessings,  
Lisa Seiler  
TACO Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteer Rebecca Tolin at a recent meal

## Autumn Soiree .... Dining, Museums, Travel and More!

Here are just a few of the fabulous items to be auctioned at TACO's Autumn Soiree auction:

- **Travel:** Two round-trip tickets to any Southwest airlines destination; half-day fishing trip; one week in Big Bear; one week in cabin on Lake Superior
- **Museums:** Private tour for four of the U.S.S. Midway with lunch in the Fantail Café
- **Dining:** A variety of Choices from casual to elegant!
- **Sports Memorabilia:** Autographed Lorenzo Neal football
- **Services:** Dog grooming; deluxe car wash, art workshop, three-hour concierge service, a month of ballroom dancing lessons
- **Live Auction :** Several very original pieces of furniture lovingly crafted by friends of TACO



Come join us for a chance to take care of some early holiday shopping, get together with friends for fine food, drink and entertainment, and support the good works of TACO, First Lutheran Church's social ministry.

## Christmas Project 2006 Still Accepting Donations!

TACO's annual Christmas Project (formerly known as Christmas in July) is in its third year and continuing a very special tradition for our community.

Each year, money collected during this summertime drive is used to purchase special Christmas gifts for every single one of our patio guests. The presents are wrapped and distributed at the

We make an effort to search out an item of basic need that might provide some support to those who have no protection from the elements. Previously it was blankets and sleeping bags; this year we will purchase backpacks and to fill them with small comfort gifts—including hand-knit scarves and hats!

These gifts are so warmly received that

they bring tears to the eyes.

If you can support this drive, we believe that we can purchase 250 backpacks with small items inside for \$20 each.

Donations can be made to TACO and either mailed or given to Jim Lovell or Ladonna Piper.

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