

# PARADISE CENTER FOR TOLERANCE AND NONVIOLENCE



**Tolerance** refers to respecting the many differences among us, including ethnicity, skin color, religious affiliation, belief systems, gender, sexual orientation, abilities/disabilities, and age. Tolerance does not mean that we embrace these differences for ourselves, but that we respect others as we want to be respected for who we are. Tolerance goes beyond "tolerating". It is defined as open-minded, generous, and unbiased.

**Nonviolence** means simply that we believe there are better alternatives for human interactions than violence.

## Executive Directors report



What an opportunity I have been handed as the new E.D. of the PCTN. With ongoing programs and developing programs, my desk is full of potential for the community of Paradise.

Our fundraiser in April "Ridge Alive" was a great success for the center, grossing over \$6000.00. With well over 200 people in attendance and dancing to Big Mo and the Blue Marvellz, it was a wonderful time for all. (See page 2 for more information).

Our next big event is our Unity in Diversity Festival "Hands Across the Ridge" on Sunday, June 11th. The event will be for the whole family with live entertainment, food, and activities for kids. (Also see page 2 for more information)

## Camp Friendship



**PCTN is offering a two-week Day Camp for kids ages 8 - 13, for three hours a day, Mondays through Fridays, to be held in July at the Paradise recreation Center. Kids aged 8-10 will attend mornings; kids aged 11-13 will attend afternoons. It will be a fun and friend-making camp that supports children by introducing "tools" youth can use to deal with bullying situations, control anger, deepen respect and empathy, and learn to stand up for self and others in non-combative ways. The program will include arts & crafts, music, stories & drama time, sports & games, and journaling. Contact PCTN for more information about fees and to register, or to donate to this worthy program.**

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### Victim

### Assistance

**We offer support, advocacy and counseling to those who have been targets of prejudice, discrimination or hate-motivated behavior.**

### Calendar:

**June 1st**  
World Culture Evening-the Philippines

**June 11th** Unity in Diversity Festival

**June 16**  
End Registration for Camp Friendship

**June 24th**  
F.U.N. Families

**June 29th** World Culture evening

**July 10th-21st**  
Camp Friendship



Thank you for caring, for speaking up when you encounter a wrong, and for joining with a common voice to say 'yes' to respect and fair treatment for all.

**Board Spotlight**  
**Vice President**  
**Sue Mendez**



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## “Ridge Alive”—HUGE SUCCESS!!!

April 8, 2006

As the music began to die down at the Senior Center the success was apparent with over 200 people in attendance the event surpassing our expectations. According to the “Ridge Alive” Coordinators Gwen Nordgren and Hari Maki this was the best benefit the Center for Tolerance has done to date. The event included a Silent Auction & Drawings. The people in attendance not only had a good time but quite a few left with prizes and great memories.



## Hands Across the Ridge

### Annual Unity in Diversity Festival

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 - 4:00 pm,**  
**at Terry Ashe**  
**Park in**  
**Paradise**

Free admission for an afternoon of multicultural music and dance, a guest speaker, and with crafts, games & bounce house fun for kids. A very enjoyable event for all ages!  
 2005's Unity in Diver-

sity attracted over 200 people to this event! This year we are counting on more people coming and we will need volunteers to help us set up and clean up. Our program is still being finalized and this year's event will be even better than all the year's combined. There will be African Drummers, a Swedish harpist, Chico Havarva, and Hmong Dancers as well as a drawing for some great prizes. See you on Sunday June 11 at Terry Ashe Park!



## Stars Program

STARS stands for Safety, Tolerance and Respect Superstars. The STARS program meets every Thursday from 3-4 pm during the Boys & Girls Club After School Program "Power Hour." The emphasis of the program is to develop empathy and respect by having the kids participate in learning activities that focus on anger management, anti-bullying and building friendships among their peers. The group works to create a safe environment to explore these topics that can be difficult to discuss. The kids complete activities and participate in discussions that explore alternatives to violence, how to handle

bullying situations, and advocate for themselves or others. We have recently completed the third series of the STARS program, because of its success and the enthusiastic endorsement of the Boys & Girls Club. The facilitators Sarah Anderson and Melody Robinson have done an excellent job creating the learning environment for children to feel comfortable and safe to share their thoughts and experiences with others. The program has been so popular that we had to expand the program to include an additional day for more students.

Great job!



**This is graduation day for the STARS Kids. These STARS are showing off the t-shirts that they designed themselves.**

## Families United Network (F.U.N.)

This is a friendship and support group for minority, same sex parents and mixed race families and children. Parents and kids have the chance to meet, share experiences, offer advice and support, and have fun. PCTN has sponsored picnics, discussion gatherings, and craft/game activities. We especially want to reach out to families who are in the minority

on the Ridge, whether the difference is because of race, ethnicity, gender identity, or other reasons.

Our last gathering was a celebration for the best and most underpaid position – mothers. We had pizza and drinks, did some really fun activities and in the end truly appreciated all mothers.

## World Culture Evening

**Philippine World Culture Evening on Thursday, the 1st of June @ 6:30 pm. Please join us to Celebrate the Philippine Culture with food and discussion, led by guest speaker, Cyndi Abundabar-Ting.**



**Congrats to our graduating Stars class of 2006. We had 35 kids who completed the program. Watch for news about our next session starting in the fall.**

### PCTN Wish List:

- 1. A New Scanner**
- 2. DVD Player**
- 3. New TV**
- 4. Artwork for Office**
- 5. Conference table Chairs**
- 6. Folding chairs**

## Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence

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## Volunteer Spotlight

### Ariel Kellison

A very busy student who, along with two other students, has just received the Eugene L. Hartley Memorial Award, for dedication to the values of respect and dignity for all. Ariel has helped on a few endeavors with the center. Her senior project was a fundraiser at last year's Terry Christy Concert. Ariel also was an actor in the drama presented at our Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in January, 2006. Her plans for the future include one more year at Butte College and then transferring to UC Santa Cruz.



The recipients for our  
annual  
**Eugene L Hartley  
Memorial Award :**

**Elisa Barlet**  
**Ariel Kellison**  
**Tanner Melton**

### How to get Involved!



**VOLUNTEER!** There are many opportunities to Volunteer with the Paradise Center for Tolerance and Nonviolence.

**BECOME A MEMBER!** Membership donations start at \$10.

*Stop by our office and visit with us. We welcome the opportunity to chat with our friends and supporters, to hear your concerns and suggestions, and to give you an update of our latest projects and accomplishments.*

### MEETINGS

The PCTN Board of Directors meets every third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The Programs & Services Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. The Resource Development Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. All meetings are open to the community.

### A Big Thank You!!!

Thank you to our participants and volunteers at Ridge Alive, and especially to:  
**Big Mo** and the **Full Moon Band**  
**The Blue Marvelz**  
**Gwen Nordgren & Hari Maki, coordinators**

### Help!!!

We need volunteers for the following positions:

- \* **Publicity Coordinator**
- \* **Youth Activity assistant**
- \* **Graphic Artist**
- \* **Office Help Person**
- \* **Photographer/Videographer**
- \* **Scrapbook Person**

**Famous Quote:**  
"Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted."

**Martin L King Jr.**

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