

Dobbins-Oregon House Improvement Foundation

Alcouffe Center Newsletter - Fall, 2017

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OROVILLE DAM EVACUATION



The Alcouffe Community Center received accolades for its help during an emergency evacuation when the Oroville Dam spillway deteriorated requiring 180,000 people to evacuate from Butte, Sutter and Yuba counties. Receiving a call to assist a care facility with 45 elderly clients and the staff to assist them, our community went into action. On February 12, 2017 community volunteers worked through the night coordinating bedding, food and sanitary supplies to support the flow of people arriving from the valley. By February 14 close to 200 people had arrived and were provided meals and shelter until they were allowed to return home. Over the next four days countless volunteers came to the center to help out. We also were able to celebrate with one of our guests with a birthday cake commemorating VOLLIE'S 100th



birthday (picture above). This is truly an example of the kindness that exists in our community and is exemplified by your generosity..

Funding and Support

WE REALLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Our community showed it's mettle when we were called upon during the Oroville Dam emergency. Your support with supplies and volunteer time showed extraordinary generosity. That crisis has passed, but we still need your support! The Community Center is supported entirely by tax deductible gifts, fund raising events like Tractor Days, the Mexican Dinner and Harvest Festival and rentals. DOHIF does not receive any public funds and we have no paid

employees. We can't do this without you!

What does it cost to operate the Alcouffe Center? About \$40,000 per year for utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc.

Donations and fundraisers have been and will continue to be relied on for the majority of funds needed for operations. So far this year we have had fairly successful fundraising events including our annual Crab Feed, our 13th annual Vintage Tractor & Farm Days, our 6th annual North Yuba Car Show and our Mexican Dinner and Auction.. We also hosted our free Community Fourth of July celebration open to the community with BBQ, fireworks, bounce houses and tractor train rides. **The generosity of the community in making donations and attending fundraisers is the life blood of the Center.** We, therefore, need your continued support in the way of donations, volunteer time and by attending fundraisers as well as your ideas and time for additional events and activities that support the community and the Center's sustainability. We have two major repair projects; the roof over our main (north) entrance and the floor of the main hall. While repairs on the roof are proceeding and should be done before the rains come, the repairs of the main hall floor (which has been stripped of the

damaged tiles) will take a lot of time and money.

this is a great way to explore all the opportunities to participate.

How You Can Help

#1: Wrap the enclosed reply form around your check please and return it in the enclosed envelope. You will receive a nice Thank You as proof of your donation that can also be used for tax purposes.

Donate online!

On our website you can make contributions directly at:

<http://www.alcouffecenter.org/Alcouffe/how-to-donate/>

Attend our events: Our events are an important source of revenue throughout the year. Come out and enjoy quality events that support your Community Center.



Volunteer: We wouldn't exist without volunteers and volunteer labor. Every hour of volunteer work is appreciated, and there is something useful to be done by everyone of any age. Choose something that you would enjoy supporting and reap the rewards of making a difference right here in your own community. Please email Curtis Canfield at weatweebec@aol.com.

Please come to the DOHIF Fundraising Committee Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and

Planned Giving:

(Endowments, Bequests) A generous gift of land in 1992 by the Alcouffe family made the building of your community center possible. Their gift is a model for a lasting contribution to our beloved foothill community. Wills and Trusts can be used as part of Charitable Estate Planning. This is an excellent way to give and to get some great tax advantages.

Other Opportunities:

We are looking for other ways to partner with the community with the goal of long term sustainability for your Alcouffe Center & Douthit Park – contact any board member with your ideas. We are currently looking at ways to reduce the cost of running the center; which runs around \$40,000 a year. One idea we are looking into is installing solar panels.

We currently spend approximately \$8,000 for PG&E annually. Though the labor to install the panels will be done at no cost by community volunteers, the panels themselves could cost \$32,000.



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ONGOING ACTIVITIES AT THE ALCOUFFE COMMUNITY CENTER

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, AA, Table Tennis, Exercise Classes, Fire Safe Council, Youth Theatre, Youth Ballet, Park and Ride, etc.

Family Movie Nights are the 2nd Friday of every month at 7:00 pm and are FREE. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Food, snacks and beverages are available at a nominal cost. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. All movies are G rated family movies. Call Robert at 692-9162 to find out what's showing.

A "**Little Free Library**" is located in the Alcouffe Center north entrance.

Take a book/leave a book.

Workout Sessions are held in our exercise room. ZUMBA Dancing and exercise equipment are offered 5:30-7:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Each session costs \$2. Contact Arlyce Baker at 692-1060 for information.

Table Tennis: Alcouffe Center is the place to be for table tennis every Thursday from 6:30 to 9pm. Come join the fun and get a great workout! Equipment is provided as well as coaching to improve your game. \$3 per evening, but the first one is FREE.

Park 'n Ride at the Alcouffe Center provides a convenient way to carpool. Our Alcouffe Center parking lot provides a safe convenient and free place to meet with others and carpool to work and events.

DOHIF's mission is to build and support a place to meet, provide improved health & safety services, enhance education, assist with disaster relief, recreate, and enjoy life.

Our Vision is a vibrant and healthy community where needed services are provided and available to all residents.