



NOTICE

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There have been many questions lately about just who is or what is the LA COSTA YOUTH ORGANIZATION. Both questions will be answered, but first you should know the history of L.C.Y.O.

This writer received a telephone call one evening from Father Frederick Florek asking would I, with others, attend a meeting at the church Parish Center in late August, 1979, to discuss the LA COSTA "YOUTH". I attended, and of the twenty or so who were invited, three were present: Father Fred, this writer, and a dynamic gentleman by the name of Frank Malter. He insisted we call him by his nickname, "Pancho". This man had an idea. Why should our children "play" in San Marcos, in Encinitas, in Leucadia, in Carlsbad, and every other North County city while their parents pay to live in La Costa? We are in La Costa and proud of it, and want our children to play in La Costa.

Parents were weary of driving their children a hundred miles a weekend so that they could participate in youth sports. What we needed were people to put together an organization, our organization. We decided to have another meeting. Again, Father Fred made the phone calls and encouraged people to attend.

The second meeting produced an audience of eight or nine, and "Pancho" again made his convincing appeal to get started, right now!

There were other dynamic people in attendance. Among them, John Mitchell, father of five children, agreed to take the responsibility of formally putting together "the organization". As president, he established a letterhead, received the blessing of the Hotel and Spa to use their logo, and obtained mailing lists.

We had another meeting, then another, and another. Attendance was fluxuating, new faces were hard to come by. Don and Jan Callahan wrote and printed flyers which were hand delivered door to door. George Groom was able to put a flyer in the local T.V. billing. Bob Ahern, a Seaport resident, did the background work to register us as a non-profit organization with the State of California. Bob also worked many long, hard hours getting the first grass to grow on the church field. George Groom took on the responsibility of establishing league membership, and registration began.

Seena Trigas, another early member, assumed the duties of Treasurer. We had no money, but she knew it was going to be needed. We had bake sales, a Santa Claus, and children's petting zoo to raise funds. It was a meager beginning. We must have come across as a money-hungry organization, but we knew that we would need literally thousands of dollars to put uniforms on the children, provide a field, and have all of the sporting equipment.

Volunteers did field leveling, ground preparing, rock pick-up, ditch digging, pipe moving, irrigation planning, back stop construction, etc. For those of you who were a part of this, you were great! No one will ever be able to thank you enough. There were too many people to mention them all, but for some we owe a special "thank you": for Dick Rudolph (head coach for Major League and Giant's coach) who dug the ditches for the sprinkler system; for Charlie Canova whose children are now adults but who helps the league because he loves to see children active; for Don and Jan Callahan who not only labored, but also printed everything the Organization needed -- at their expense; for George Groom (Membership Director and Coach, Eagles) who lobbied at Carlsbad City Council and obtained our back stops and bleachers; for John Mitchell (umpire) who not only set up the Organization, but did so much of the background work with the Hotel and Spa for their donations and assistance; for Seena Trigas who constantly appeals for funds to pay the bills; for Rich Coddington who, as Sports Director for baseball, established fifteen teams in three leagues; and especially to Father Fred Florek who was at every founding meeting encouraging us when we

were down, leading us when we floundered, praying for us when we needed Devine guidance, and patting us on the back when something went right; and for our silent founder, "Pancho".

Now who is the La Costa Youth Organization? It is you. It is every family who lives in La Costa. You are the Organization. Without you, there would be no "Organization". By virtue of living here, you are a member. There is no membership roster, there are no dues. We meet, we discuss, we decide. We are active.

What is the La Costa Youth Organization? It is merely we La Costa residents, many of whom have children, who want to see their children grow in La Costa, to play in La Costa in an organized, acceptable and fun-loving manner, and to be shown good sportsmanship in a league we can be proud of.

We just completed the first half of our first baseball season. We are starting sign ups for soccer. We need you. We need your help. Chuck Duff, who has just volunteered to act as Sports Director for Soccer, could use another hundred or so helpers. You, as part of the La Costa Youth Organization, are very, very welcome to attend meetings, offer help and support, even volunteer if you so desire. You do not have to have children in the league. Being a resident qualifies you as a member. Chuck's phone numbers are 438-0508 or 438-4142. He would love to hear from you.

Every child who is playing baseball here in La Costa dearly appreciates every coach, every assistant coach, every team mother, every umpire, everyone who is helping he/she play ball. The children are the ones we are all working for.

Well, there you have it. The original question: Who and what is the La Costa Youth Organization? The answer: You are! Please feel free to participate.

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AS YOU KNOW LA COSTA YOUTH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE A LITTLE OVER ONE YEAR. DURING THAT TIME WE HAVE SEEN A WELL ORGANIZED BASEBALL SEASON AND WELL ORGANIZED SOCCER SEASON. FUTURE YEARS SHOULD SEE THESE PROGRAMS EXPAND AND THE ORGANIZATION DEVELOP NEW PROGRAMS SUCH AS GIRLS SOFTBALL, ETC. AS WITH ANY ORGANIZATION NEW AND EXPANDED PROGRAMS NEED NEW BLOOD FROM TIME TO TIME. TO DATE, THE SAME PEOPLE ARE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND A "BURNT OUT" FEELING IS PERVAILING ON THE BOARD. TO BE SURE, THE SAME PROGRAMS WILL EXIST WITH THE SAME PEOPLE, BUT EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PROGRAMS CAN ONLY COME FROM AN INFUSION OF NEW MEMBERS. BESIDES, IT IS NOT FAIR TO EXPECT THE SAME PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER SEASON AFTER SEASON.

DO YOU NOT THINK, YOU COULD VOLUNTEER FOR JUST ONE SEASON OR A FOUR MONTH PERIOD OF ATTENDING ONE MEETING A MONTH TO HELP A PARTICULAR PROGRAM? IF SO, PLEASE ATTEND THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD AT ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH (ALGA & EL FLUTE) ON DECEMBER 4, 1980 AT 8:00 PM.

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