



Toy drives continue

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'Toy for Every Child'

The annual "Toy for Every Child" drive in honor of the late Cheryl Walker, former reporter for the Laguna Woods Globe, is continuing. You may leave your donations of a new unwrapped toy in the barrels at three locations: the Globe newspaper office, Clubhouse 3 lobby or Clubhouse 4 Art Department.

Toys will be distributed through "Toys for Tots" and registered families with South County Outreach. For information call 455-0216.

Bus drivers collect for 'Spark of Love'

The Transportation Department of Laguna Woods Village has a long tradition of helping collect toys for less fortunate children, through programs such as Toys for Tots. Jerry Ryman – Marine Air Pilot, past Laguna Woods Village bus driver and resident of the community, initiated the annual holiday Transportation Department toy drive in 1990. Over the years, the support of the community has been phenomenal, more than 7,000 toys have been donated to date.

This year, the department will be supporting the efforts of local Fire Station 22 to collect toys for the Spark of Love campaign.

The Spark of Love campaign began in 1993 as a partnership between ABC-7 and firefighters throughout the five-county areas. In Orange County, Spark of Love combines efforts with the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, Social Services Agency's Operation Santa Claus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Charities program.

Residents may drop off donations of new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment in the special red containers on any of the Laguna Woods Village buses during hours of operation. Or, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, the Transportation office staff will be available at the Main Lounge of Clubhouse 1 serving warm apple cider and a cookie for residents who would like to drop off their toys in person.

For information about the Transportation Department of Laguna Woods Village, visit www.lagunawoodsvillage.com or call 597-4659.