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January 16, 2010 Held my monthly Meet & Greet, with guest Lisa Maddelena, Senior Librarian. We had a great conversation with an individual very concerned about the Library and as a result had a great brainstorming session. Our other visitor had concerns about the height of trees growing that will begin to block the panoramic ocean view at their home.

January 16, 2010 Attended the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library. Thank you to Joe Brooksheier for serving as President. The new Board of Directors include: Gail Abeloe, Judy Archibald, Dick Grimmer, Diane Grindol Camille Lascinsky, Lynn Rambach, Susan Steele, Kathleen Sullivan, and David Whittick. After the meeting was adjourned, guest speak Sharon Randall read a story and answered questions. Some statistics presented by Senior Librarian Lisa Maddelena included: in the past 6 months there have been 104,000 items checked out, 500 people a day visited the Library, the reference desk answered 7,000 requests, there has been an increase of people accessing the Library's web site, and 5,300 have accessed use of computers since the installation of wi-fi.

January 25, 2010 Highlights of the Monterey County Airport Land Use Commission: Chair will be submitting a letter to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors requesting adjustment of the ALUC fee to more accurately reflect actual review and administrative costs. The increase would reflect the cost of reviewing the applications, preparing staff reports, conducting the hearing and completing other related tasks. The current fee for ALUC project review is \$650 and this fee is approximately 10 years old. The current fee is not adequate to cover costs of the review whether the review is contracted or maintained in-house.

ALUC staff have been updating and rewriting the administrative draft of the CLUP (Comprehensive Land Use Plan). This is a result of the document not being received well by the stakeholders when it was circulated 18 months ago. A technical working group of airport managers, ALUC staff and three commissioners met in December and a second meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2010.

Calvary Church – The Chair will be submitting a letter to the City of Monterey reminding them of notice requirements should the City Council choose to proceed with an override of the August 24, 2009 ALUC decision on Calvary Christian High School.

Laguna Seca Villas Condominiums – The ALUC will be reviewing the formal review completed for the Laguna Seca Villas Condominiums, due to no records were transmitted by Michael Brandman and Associates when the original review was completed. The project was submitted to the County Planning Department in 2006 and has been in review since that time. The ALUC will conduct the review at its February meeting.

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- January 25, 2010 Monthly AMP television program. My guests were Marge Ann Jameson of the Cedar Street Times, Joe Reneka Golf Pro of the Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Links, and Lisa Maddelena, Senior Librarian. Everyone did a great job helping to showcase Pacific Grove. The next show is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2010 from 5-6 p.m.
- January 27, 2010 I attended the award ceremony honoring among other recipients, Robert Down Elementary School. The school was awarded a Transportation Award for their outstanding contribution to improving transportation in Monterey County, specifically promoting the use of alternative transportation at Robert Down Elementary School.
- January 28, 2010 Congratulations to Joe Shammass of Pacific Grove Travel. Mayor Pro Tem Bill Kampe and Council Member Alan Cohen represented the City.
- January 28, 2010 The 30th Anniversary Celebration of CHISPA was held at the Steinbeck Center in Salinas. It was announced that CHISPA has received \$5 million dollars in stimulus money that will be used to renovate empty houses due to foreclosure for rentals. Additionally, it was announced that over the 30 years of CHISPA in the community, they have contributed \$128 million dollars to the local economy through its efforts.
- February 1, 2010 The State of the City Address was delivered. The City of Pacific Grove received a lot of positive media coverage. AMP filmed the delivery and it was aired on February 14th. The video will be uploaded to the City's web site and the paper version of the address is also available on the City's web site. It was an honor to deliver this address to the citizens of Pacific Grove.
- February 4, 2010 Although I was unable to attend the ribbon cutting of the Animal Friends Rescue Project Grand Opening, CONGRATULATIONS. Located at 156 Fountain Avenue, their presence will and has brought a lot of needed foot traffic back to the Central area of town. Thank you to Council Member Alan Cohen who represented the City at this event. (Mayor Pro Tem Kampe and I were absent from this great event due to our required attendance at a special Planning Commission meeting to discuss the consolidation of the Historic Resources Committee and Architectural Review Board).
- February 6, 2010 As Mayor, I hosted the quarterly meeting of the Tri-County Association of Latino/a Elected Officials Summit. The Mission Statement of the TCALEO is "Develop a structure of collaborative, effective leadership to unify Latino elected government officials to recommend policies to improve the quality of life of Central Coast Latinos." The event was held at the Point

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Pinos Grill (our clubhouse). Our guest speaker was State Controller John Chiang who presented an overview of the State's financial situation. I have attached the January 22, 2010 letter to the Governor and Legislative Leaders regarding the cash condition of the State.

February 8, 2010 I attended the 100th Boy Scouts of America celebration, at Chautauqua Hall and also recognizing their presence in Pacific Grove. Boy Scout Troop 90, Cub Scout Pack 125 and Cub Scout Pack 126 were all present for the celebration. Pacific Grove Troop 90 claims to be Troop 1's direct descendent. In an exchange of letters between Alfred Young, executive of Scout Council 25 in Salinas, and Bullard's wife in 1936, Young reported that Troop 1 operated from 1908 to 1912, drifted gradually to Pacific Grove from 1912 to 1918, and was registered as Troop 1, Pacific Grove, from 1918 until 1924, when the number was changed to Troop 90. Honorees received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Sam Farr and a letter of congratulations from Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Dave Laredo was the emcee.

February 8, 2010 City Council members showcased their other talents by shooting basketball hoops for the "Hoops of Hope" fundraiser. This event was coordinated by DiAnna Gamecho (the attendance staff person at PGHS).

Here is what motivated Austin at the age of 9:

In the spring of 2004, I watched a video that showed children who had lost their parents to AIDS. After watching the video, I realized these kids weren't any different from me except they were suffering. I felt God calling me to do something to help them. I decided to shoot free throws and on World AIDS Day, 2004, I shot 2,057 free throws to represent the 2,057 kids who would be orphaned during my day at school. People sponsored me and we were able to raise almost \$3,000. That year, the money was used by World Vision to provide hope to 8 orphan children. From that year forward, thousands of people have joined me in a basketball shoot-a-thon called Hoops of Hope. By doing something as simple as shooting free throws, Hoops of Hope participants **have raised over \$1.6 million**. The children left behind by AIDS now have access to food, clothing, shelter, a new school and finally a medical clinic which we were told will save an entire generation. A second clinic is now under construction.

February 9, 2010 I attended the Robert Down D.A.R.E. graduation. The 5th graders of Robert Down completed a 12-week class addressing and learning about alcohol/drug use/abuse/symptoms, prescription medication, violence, and bullying. Students also learned about peer pressure. For the third year, the Auto Rally has helped with the funding of this program. The class is taught by our police department staff at the school. It was an honor to be part

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of this ceremony and congratulations to the 5th graders for making the commitment to stay drug free.

February 10, 2010 The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) met. Highlights included AMBAG Energy Watch 2010-2012 Program, Rideshare Week 2010 scheduled for October 4-10, submission of the Caltrans Planning Grant which will supplement data needs for the Regional Travel Demand Model with detailed information about where commuters are coming from and where they are going within the Monterey Bay Area and outside it. Additionally, AMBAG/RAPS will be co-hosting along with the Monterey County Business Council, the 2010 Tri County Economic Forum. The event will be held at the Embassy Suites on April 23, 2010. Registration is \$85.00 and there are a limited number of sponsorships available. AMBAG now has a great logo displaying representation of the Tri-County by a graphic of the Pinnacles, Salinas Valley fields, and the ocean

February 11, 2010 I attended the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District meeting where non-residential water use factors were discussed. Topics included a history of MPWMD non-residential water use factors and how they are used, an explanation of CalAM's water rates and how they relate to the MPWMD non-residential water use factors, and an overview of non-residential factor update project. In mid-February, nearly 38,000 affected customers will be notified of the new rates by letter. Regarding the new rates, as an example, an average monthly residential water bill, for a family of three, on a ¾ acre lot, is \$37.48. Under the new rates the bill will be \$37.97.

February 12, 2010 Rise and Shine. At 6:45 a.m. I met with KION TV downtown to talk about our great community.

February 12, 2010 City Manager Tom Frutchey, myself, and Public Works staff met with residents at Monarch Pines for a site review of some trees along Fairway #5 that have created some concern for resident. Additionally, we looked at the Jewell Avenue street issue and discussed the future improvements to address pedestrian safety. The Traffic Safety Commission did a great job identifying the improvements and it is projected that the work will be completed by October.

February 12, 2010 Attended the Community Leaders Breakfast meeting of California American Water. An update was provided on the Coastal Water Project, the Cease and Desist Order, the San Clemente Dam, and implementation of the latest rate increase.

February 12, 2010 I attended the MRWPCA Budget/Policy meeting. Review of the FY 08-09 six-month budget status was conducted. For the period July 1 through December, the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency is

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on target with both expenditures and revenues when compared to the adopted budget. With a target of 50%, expenditures are at 48% and revenues 50% of the budget. Most expenses categories are under budget with the exception of operating supplies, contract services and chemicals. Encumbrances are not included in the calculations, however, if they were, the total would be 50.24% of budget. Revenue is 50.4% of budget. The largest category, User Fees, is at 51.58% or \$7.7 million.

February 12, 2010 Appeared as a guest on AMP. I answered questions about Pacific Grove, Lover's Point, and other attractions we have to offer. I also spoke to some of the history of Pacific Grove.

February 16, 2010 The Pacific Grove Golf Links hosted a local hospitality industry golf tournament and open house. It was a great event.

Mark your calendar for my next Meet & Greet, Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 12:30-3:00 p.m. The council office is located off Forest Avenue. The door will be opened.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmelita Garcia

MAYOR

