



## Tribute Dinner

honoring

# Ruth Newhall

and celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the  
Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Club

Saturday, November 13, 1993

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# Boys and Girls Clubs of the Santa Clarita Valley

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## **WELCOME FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!!**

It is a great pleasure to welcome all of tonight's guests to an extraordinary event. This evening we will honor a great lady, Ruth Newhall, who has meant so much to the entire Santa Clarita Valley, and we'll celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Boys and Girls Club, an organization that has enriched the lives of literally tens of thousands of youngsters.

It is also a privilege to have you be present this evening.

First of all, the Boys and Girls Club is honored to have many Newhall family members present. We are grateful for the opportunity to express to you our deep appreciation for the guidance and generous services granted to the entire community by Ruth.

Represented in this "Ballroom" are many of the organizations, companies and individuals who have contributed their energies – sweat, tears and money over the years to create this very special place to live and work – the **Santa Clarita Valley**. Most of the guests here this evening have worked with Ruth Newhall in the development of their special projects. Many have received specific benefits from her which have enhanced their endeavors. Through these combined efforts you have created this truly unique valley. *Thank you!*

The Boys and Girls Club of the Santa Clarita Valley is one of those youth organizations that has helped shape and define the character of the Valley. It began in 1968 with 200 who attended club offerings at the Pardee house on Newhall Avenue and Market Street, under the direction of Bob Ross. It has become a prominent force helping thousands of young people from its multiple satellite locations to the newly built central facility here in Newhall.

The Club extends a heartfelt *Thank You* to Ruth Newhall for her years of dedication and generosity, and sincere appreciation to you, the audience, who have been strongly supportive of the aims and ideals of this Club throughout the years.

**As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Club, we are also celebrating you, the community!**





"Men are all alike in their promises. It is only in their deeds that they differ."

Moliere (1668)

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# TRIBUTE DINNER PROGRAM

6:30 p.m. Social hour  
7:30 p.m. Dinner  
8:30 p.m. Program



## **Welcome**

*Sam Garcia*

## **Invocation**

*Barbara Stearns*

## **Flag Salute**

*The "Homework Group" of the Boys and Girls Club*

## **Outstanding Boy of the Year: Ernie Gudino (1989)**

*Jim Ventress*

## **First Keystone Club President: Erika Swenson**

*Jim Ventress*

## **Special Guest Speaker: Kelly Lange**

### ***"Twenty-five Years of Making a Difference"***

*Connie Worden and Sam Garcia*

### ***"The Spotlight is on You"***

*Sam Garcia and Connie Worden*

## **Address by Ruth Newhall**

## **Finale**



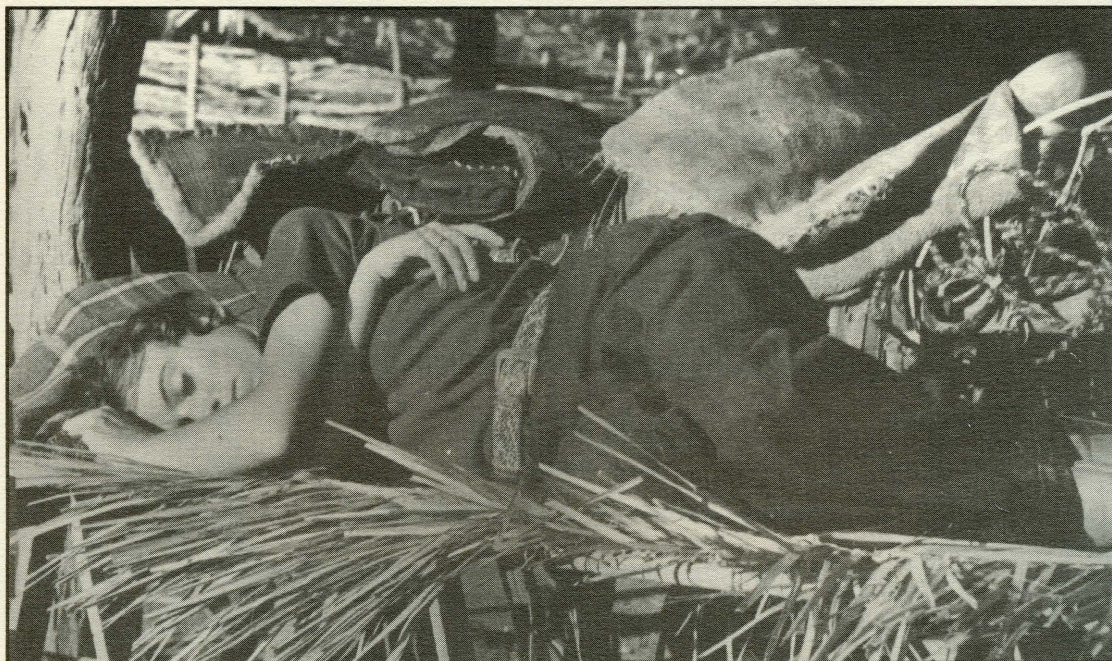


We would like to join the community in honoring  
the work of Ruth Newhall. Our Congratulations go out to the  
Boys and Girls Club of the Santa Clarita Valley  
for 25 years of success!!!

Thank you, Ruth, for always striving to  
make a difference.



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"Life is not always a bed of roses." — Ruth, in Manzanillo, Mexico, 1936.



# Ruth Newhall

Ruth Newhall is richly deserving of the accolade "The First Lady" of the Santa Clarita Valley. Through her vision and that of Scott, her husband of nearly sixty years, the sleepy little Santa Clarita Valley was transformed from its backwater, rural status into a burgeoning community with a bright future.

Arriving in the Santa Clarita Valley in the early 1960s, Ruth and Scott Newhall began this metamorphosis through the publication of a crusading newspaper which alternately scolded and chastised bigotry, mendacity, and tawdriness and commended those efforts to build a valued community with education, culture, acceptance of diversity, and reverence for the past. The publication of *The Signal*, coupled with their influence in the design and fulfillment of the planned community of Valencia, set the stage for the continued growth of the Valley as it turned from a series of scattered housing tracts to become a thriving metropolitan area that offers true quality of life for its residents.

Ruth has touched the lives of many thousands of residents of this area. She has molded public opinion and generously contributed her time and energies to dozens of worthy causes; she has stimulated political actions which ultimately created local government; and she successfully championed the creation of, and improvements within, the community college. Ruth vigorously advocated the expansion of the local hospital, and she was joined by the Newhall Foundation and magnanimously assisted it and many charitable and cultural activities throughout the valley.

## Boys and Girls Club

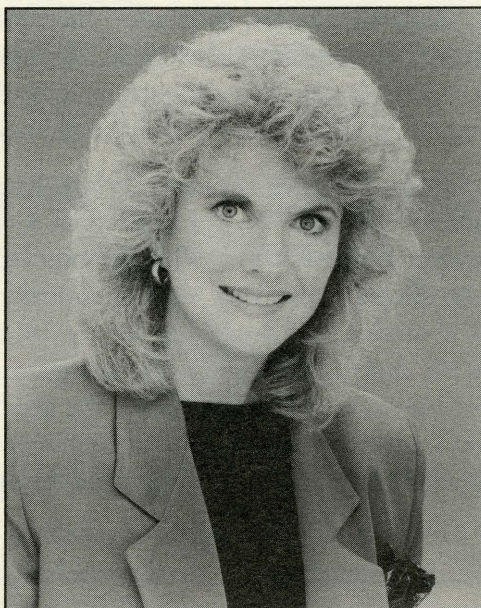
She strongly supported the development of the Boys and Girls Club and helped unite community leaders to serve as its board members. They developed an organization that provided recreational activities and professional guidance for children who, until then, had no direction or programs for youth.

Over the past two decades Ruth has personally donated thousands of hours to this organization. She has in the past actually written the entire Auction catalog, proofed it when others participated, offered the use of her beautiful mansion for dinners which she personally prepared and served to the top bidders at the Auction. As a means of focusing attention to the special items in the Auction, she has generously opened her home on numerous occasions for previews of the Boys and Girls Club Auction, where she served as hostess of the events.

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**Kelly Lange**  
**Special Guest Speaker**



Best known as the co-anchor of Channel 4 News at 6 and 11 p.m., Kelly Lange began her news broadcasting career as a helicopter traffic and spot news reporter for KABC Radio in Los Angeles. She hosted a talk radio show on KABC, served as a field reporter with KABC-TV and joined KNBC-TV in March 1971.

She began “anchoring” the KNBC -TV newscasts in 1975 and has reported and narrated numerous documentaries, news stories and specials which have aired on Channel 4 and other NBC owned stations.

Kelly received the Golden Mike and Emmy awards for the best 30-minute broadcast, which she co-anchored for several years with John Beard.

She was honored with the Genii award, presented by the American Women in Radio and Television, joining the ranks of past recipients Lucille Ball, Mary Tyler Moore, and Beatrice Arthur. In 1989 Kelly was named a recipient of the St. Augustine Award for Alumni Achievement from Merrimack College, located in North Andover, Massachusetts.

She was born in New York and was graduated from Merrimack College. She moved to Los Angeles in 1956 and currently resides in the Hollywood Hills.



# Congratulations

*to the*

**Boys and Girls Club of the Santa Clarita Valley**

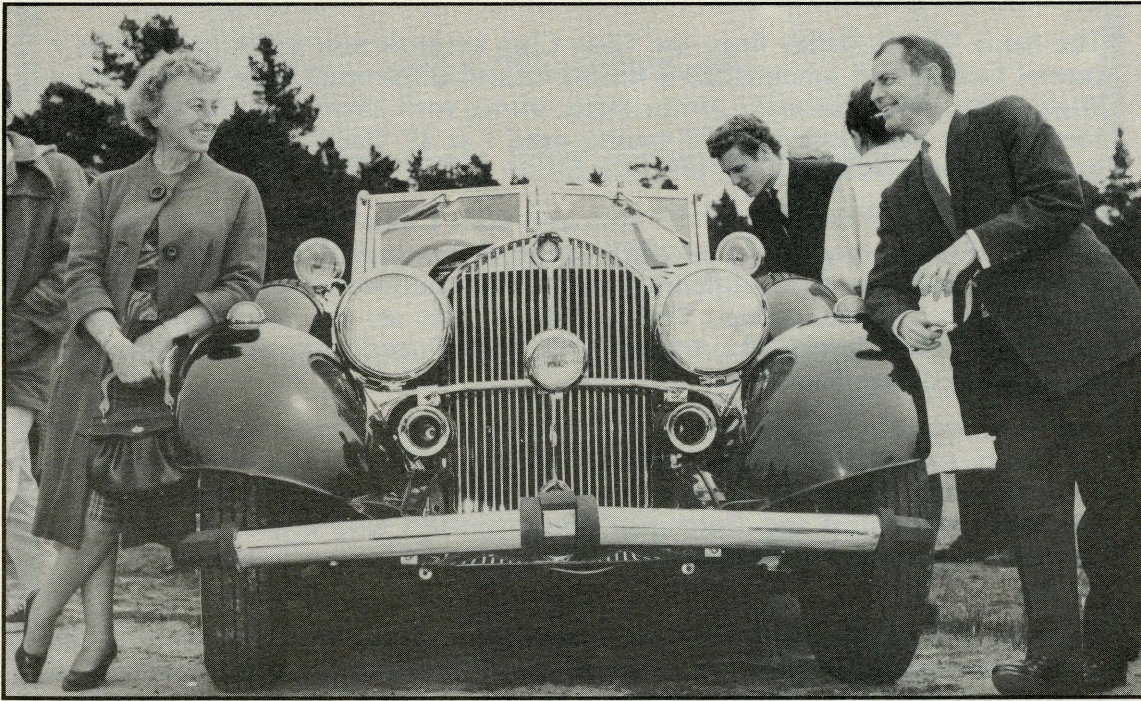
for meeting the needs of the children for 25 years

*and to*

**Ruth Newhall**

for her vision and constant support of the club.

**Times**  
VALLEY EDITION



Ruth and Scott with the 1935 500K Mercedes Benz that won first in class at Pebble Beach in 1965.



## THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Club is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that offers social development and prevention programs which provide positive alternatives and reinforce values and principles. These alternatives, such as co-ed sports, crafts, field trips, tutoring, and professional guidance offset some community conditions such as low income, single parent home situations, and latchkey children.

In 1968 a group of community-minded Santa Clarita Valley citizens convened to discuss the growing problem of unsupervised youths and "latchkey" children in an expanding population. Santa Clarita had one of the highest delinquency rates per capita in Los Angeles County. Several organizations were considered as the need for quality programs to promote the health and the social, educational, vocational, and character development of youth in our area was apparent. The decision to establish the Newhall-Saugus Boys Club in response to these needs signalled the commencement of a dynamic partnership of committed youth-work professionals and concerned volunteers which is now celebrating twenty-five years of service in Santa Clarita.

With population spread over a wide area, it was decided that future program expansion should occur in decentralized locations. In 1969, a second Club began operation at an elementary school. During the 1970s, services were expanded to youths in the communities of Saugus and Canyon Country. The name officially became the Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Clubs in 1978. Though girls had already been a part of the membership, this gave the Club the distinction of becoming the first in the nation to include 'Girls' in the Club's name. A satellite Club was opened in 1981 at Val Verde, a high-crime, low-income neighborhood, to better serve youths in that area.

The Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Club network now proudly includes a central facility with administrative offices located in Newhall Park between Hart High School and Placerita Junior High, along with three satellite locations. Membership includes over 1200 youths, aged 7 to 17. Daily attendance averages nearly 225, valley-wide.

The Club is a full member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, a national organization composed of dedicated full-time youth professionals, part-time assistants, and volunteers, supported by the contributions of private individuals, corporations, and foundations. Boys and Girls Clubs are the nation's only major network of youth development organizations with a primary focus on youth from disadvantaged circumstances.

Lawrence Strauss, principal of Hart High School in Santa Clarita, has said that the SCV Boys and Girls Clubs are virtually the only full-time, low-cost programs accessible after school and full-time on weekends during vacations which provide everyday involvement and "belonging" for youngsters who would otherwise not have the opportunity to develop the skills and determination to become all they can be.

*Today the SCV Boys and Girls Clubs are being asked to do more than ever before. In the wake of increased gang activity in our area, we are committed to enabling youths of all backgrounds develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens who contribute to the community.*



We are honored and privileged  
to participate in a  
Community Tribute  
to

**Ruth Newhall**

and in congratulations to the

**Boys and Girls Club**

for 25 years of  
dedication and commitment  
to making a difference  
in the Santa Clarita Valley.

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Ruth Newhall,  
Honoree of the Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Club.

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*for 25 Years of*

*"Making the Difference"*

*for the*

*Young People in our Community*





## **Ruth Newhall (cont)**

The Boys and Girls Club became a family affair as son Tony was the first Auction Chairman and later President of the Club in 1980. Her son Skip has joined Tony in participating in many Club activities, including tonight's event.

### **Local Government**

Ruth's preference for the Santa Clarita Valley was to secede from Los Angeles County and to develop a separate county in the area. She provided leadership and counsel for the creation of Canyon County in the mid-1970s. After two county formation attempts where the local citizenry strongly favored "separation" but the balance of the huge county voted NO, her attention was gradually turned to the advantages in forming a separate city. Without her understanding, journalistic prowess, and the direction she gave to the news coverage, cityhood may not have happened.

### **Historical Society**

As she had done before in saving historical sites in San Francisco, Ruth recognized the value in saving the old Saugus Railroad Station from destruction. She stimulated an active fund-raising campaign which successfully moved the Station to a safe haven at Hart Park. Her leadership in the Historical Society laid the foundation for Heritage Square, where a number of valued historical buildings are now located, and the future for acquisition of more is bright.

### **Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital**

The community hospital received very generous support from the Newhall Foundation. Ruth recognized the need to expand services and facilities of this medical institution as the community grew. Ideas for additional fund-raising came from many sources, but perhaps the most creative endeavors had the stamp of Ruth and Scott Newhall on them! The Debutante Ball was envisioned as a means of both heightening the cultural levels within the Valley and adding a substantial amount to the hospital's growing needs for funding. It has blossomed into a beautiful, prestigious event that enriches the lives of the young ladies and their families who participate.

Acknowledging that contributions to the hospital must be varied in their scope so that all citizens who choose to do so can become involved, Ruth strongly advocated diverse activities and found numerous ways to support these events. Even today, when she has earned every right to be fully retired, she is researching and writing articles to describe houses and entice viewers to see

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# **Carpeteria**

*Salutes*

## **Ruth Newhall**

Honoree of the Santa Clarita Valley  
Boys and Girls Club

for her dedicated involvement  
and long term commitment to  
the youth of our community.

# **Carpeteria**

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## The Dream Becomes a Reality



Dr. Clyde Smyth, left, and Tom Lee co-chaired the capital campaign to construct the Club central facility.



The hard-working Tom Veloz assisted by ram-rod-ding the essential projects to completion.

Jim Ventress, Executive director of the Boys and Girls Club, had a dream. It was for a large central facility that would provide a safe and positive haven for “at risk” kids to flourish and grow, a place where they could play and learn and develop into productive young adults.

Under the leadership of Board President Tom Veloz, then president and CEO of Aquafine Corporation (and now president and CEO of Ultraviolet Devices, Inc.), the Board of Directors had identified Newhall as the area of greatest need. For two years Tom led the effort to acquire community support, obtain City Council approval, and prepare the plan to launch a capital campaign.

Two dynamic gentlemen graciously accepted the offer to spearhead the campaign. They were Tom Lee, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Newhall Land and Farming Company, and Dr. Clyde Smyth, then Superintendent of the William S. Hart School District. With Tom’s long history of support and involvement with the Club, and Clyde’s care and concern for youth, no two men could have been chosen with more heart for the task ahead. Estimates were now at \$1.7 million, and the campaign volunteers forged ahead to raise the needed funds.

On July 17, 1992, the Central Facility opened to a membership of 1100 youths! Thanks to three very special men, countless hours of work by dedicated volunteers, and generous contributions from local businesses, foundations, and residents, the dream of a central facility became a reality.



*Many  
Thanks*



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## **Ruth Newhall (cont)**

homes decorated for Christmas, as well as planning the overall event for the places which will be featured on the Hospital Benefit Home Tour.

### **SCV Child and Family Development Center**

As the Community grew so did its special needs. Children who were physically and mentally challenged, as well as their parents, needed outlets and guidance. When the Special Children's Organization was founded it had the support and interest of Ruth, who oversaw extensive publicity in the Signal, first to garner support for its creation, and secondly as a means of raising much needed funding.

As the organization developed, so did demands for its services. In what has become a hallmark occasion for the community, the "Taste of the Town" fund-raiser was developed. Ruth once again played a leadership role and opened the mansion to thousands who bought tickets so that they could troop across the meticulously landscaped grounds while dining on samples from the finest dining spots in the Santa Clarita Valley.

### **College of the Canyons Foundation**

Ruth and Scott's strong belief "that the greatest hope for a free society is through a more educated populace" made it natural that they would be involved in the College of the Canyons. Advocates of improving and developing curriculum and leadership and of making the college available to all who had a genuine quest for learning, they not only wrote extensively about the college in the local paper and challenged the community to be supportive, but once again became personally involved in fund-raising activities.

They served as the recipients—and were catalysts for funding—when they were honored at the College of the Canyons Silver Spur awards.

### **The Arts Council**

A few years ago, when the Arts Council was formed to bring more enrichment and exposure to fine arts in the Santa Clarita Valley, Ruth was once again in the forefront, serving as a staunch supporter and as a member of the first Board of Directors. She assisted in bringing the San Francisco Opera Company to the Valley for a performance of "Carmen." Her leadership skills helped develop a viable organization under the Arts Council's first president, Jack Shine.

*(It is obvious that Ruth has touched and shaped the very fiber of this community. There are many other organizations who have been enriched by her involvement. If your organization or cause is not mentioned it is not intentional. Please accept the apologies of the author.)*



## Goals and Objectives of the Boys and Girls Club

The primary goal of the Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Club is to provide appropriate services and opportunities responsive to the needs of a diverse child and youth population—particularly those from socially or economically disadvantaged homes, one-parent homes, and latchkey children. The Club is dedicated to a program consisting of social adjustment, social development, and prevention, which strives to help young people feel good about themselves and to provide positive alternatives and to reinforce values and principles. In order to meet its goals, the Club has identified the following objectives:

1. To provide new and innovative programs and services for delinquency prevention and intervention, for youths 13 to 17 “at risk” of entering the juvenile justice system and for court-referred offenders.
2. To offer a wide range of educational, cultural, recreational, and social activities for children and youths between the ages of 7 and 17.
3. To provide citizenship and leadership development programs for children and youths, and to help develop interpersonal skills and community involvement.
4. To provide a wide range of sports and recreational activities, for children and youths not usually involved in school or community sports leagues.
5. To promote understanding and sharing, through cultural enrichment activities built around arts and crafts and ethnic heritage programs.
6. To assist teenagers in obtaining employment, by providing assistance with job-search skills and job placement.
7. To provide residential and overnight camping experiences, nature hikes, environmental awareness, and energy conservation education.
8. To provide individual counseling, “rap groups,” guidance, and support geared to various age groups.
9. To expose children and youths to a wide range of educational, cultural, and recreational experiences not readily available in their lives, through field trips to museums, amusement parks, sports events, and similar facilities and activities.





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Congratulations**

to

**Ruth Newhall**

*and*

**Best Wishes**

to the

**Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Club**

from

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## Boys and Girls Club Past Presidents

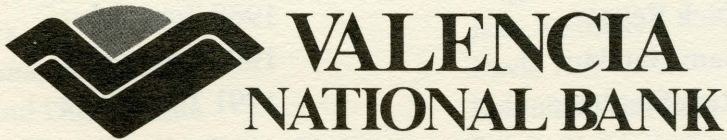
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1969	Bill Kohlmeier	1981	Dr. Chris Upham
1970	Ed Bolden	1982	Pat McCabe
1971	Jim Foster	1983	Dan Bobroff
1972	Herb Oberman	1984	Dick Keysor
1973	Herb Oberman	1985	Craig Johansen
1974	Tom Lee	1986	Craig Johansen
1975	Bobbie Trueblood	1987	Tom Veloz
1976	Dick Keysor	1988	Tom Veloz
1977	Dick Keysor	1989	Tom Veloz
1978	Sam Garcia	1990	Tom Veloz
1979	Rick Stephens	1991	Tom Veloz

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1972	Tony Newhall	1985	George Pederson
1973	Tony Newhall	1986	Craig Johansen
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1977	Steve Hall Rick Stephens	1990	Glen Rollins Loretta Rollins
1978	Dan Hon	1991	Senator Ed Davis Bobbie Trueblood Davis
1979	Dick Keysor	1992	Kathy Wiener Harold Wiener
1980	Sam Garcia	1993	Kathy Wiener Harold Wiener
1981	Arthur N. Briner		
1982	Ben Curtis		
1983	Bill Brawley		
1984	Craig Johansen		



We are pleased to join  
with the Boys and Girls Club  
in honoring Ruth Newhall in  
recognition of her  
many accomplishments.



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Ruth, Scott, and Tony Newhall on the Historical Society's 1980 July 4 parade float. The entry, named "Happilan Ballroom," was the grand-prize winner.



# The Dream has Become a Reality

July 17, 1992 was a very special day in the twenty-five year history of The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Santa Clarita Valley. The doors of the new 17,000 square foot Central Facility were officially opened! Over 200 friends, members, volunteers and supporters celebrated the opening of the first and major phase of the Club.

The facility includes a gymnasium, kitchen, activity center, art center and library/learning center as well as our administrative offices. The Club was constructed around the Aquatics Center operated by the City of Santa's Clarita Parks and Recreation Department.

Capital Campaign Co-Chairmen Tom Lee and Dr. Clyde Smyth together with the Capital Campaign Committee are continuing to pursue additional funds to complete the final phase, our classroom area.

This facility would never have been possible without the generosity of the individuals, foundations, organizations, and businesses listed below. We are very grateful for your commitment and support.

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**Congratulations**

**Ruth**

**and the**

**Santa Clarita Valley Boys and Girls Club**

*All our best,*

**The Shine Family**



## Success Stories: Making it Work



### **Ernie Gudino, 1989 Boy of the Year**

Ernie Gudino, a former member of the Val Verde Branch for six years, shows that the Club really works. In 1991 he was one of only two young people honored by United Way and its 340 member agencies, receiving the prestigious "Youth Award." He was selected for his volunteerism and many accomplishments despite difficult circumstances.

Ernie is a past president of the Keystone Club, a teen leadership program offered by the Boys and Girls Club. He spearheaded teen volunteers for various projects, such as the Halloween Haunted Jailhouse at the Sheriff's Station, Community Tree Planting conducted by the City of Santa Clarita, Newhall Library book sale, and setup and cleanup at the Club's annual auction. The list goes on.

In addition to the United Way Youth Award, Ernie was runner-up for the Southern California Youth of the Year award sponsored by Boys and Girls Clubs of America. He also is the recipient of the National Philanthropy Youth Award.

A recent graduate of Saugus High School, Ernie is now attending College of the Canyons. He has been an assistant manager at McDonalds Restaurant and works part-time at Sears in the Valencia Town Center. He will complete his studies at COC in 1994 and will continue on at UCLA. Way to go, Ernie!

### **Erika Swenson, first Keystone Club President**

Erika became a member of the Emblem Branch of the Boys and Girls Club when She was eight years old. She was an active member, taking part in such activities as arts and crafts, sports, and field trips.

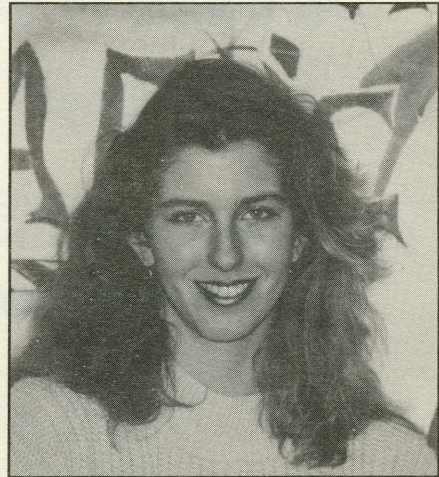
At age 13 she went to Summer Camp with the club on a Camper Scholarship and ever since has worked at the camp as a Junior Camp Counselor.

In 1987 and 1988 she won the Boys Clubs of America's Kodak Merit Award for photography.

She was the first president of the Keystone Club. With the Keystone Club she attended three Teen Leadership Conferences, went to Catalina Island, and participated in Career Day at Security Pacific Bank. She represented the Club at the 1988 National Keystone Conference in San Francisco.

Erika raised money by such efforts as cleaning coins donated by Magic Mountain and holding car washes. She also became involved as a volunteer for senior-citizen programs, washing cars and providing food at Christmas. For her, the joy of unselfish giving is its own reward.

She was graduated from Loyola Marymount University in 1992. She is presently working at the Rancho San Antonio Home for Boys and is studying for her Master's degree at Loyola.







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Thank you RUTH NEWHALL for all  
you and the  
Boys' and Girls' Club  
have given to our  
community.



## **The Finale: Sing Along With Ruth!**

As we end our evening, we invite everyone to join with songleader Dick Smykle in **loudly** singing (to the tune of "Sidewalks of New York") a rhyme composed by Ruth Newhall:

**Newhall, Saugus,**

**All around the town.**

**Val Verde, Canyon Country, all**

**The kids are comin' round.**

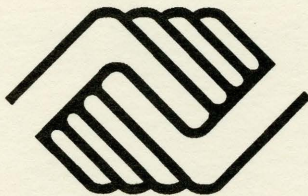
**Boys and girls together,**

**Stay from school until dark.**

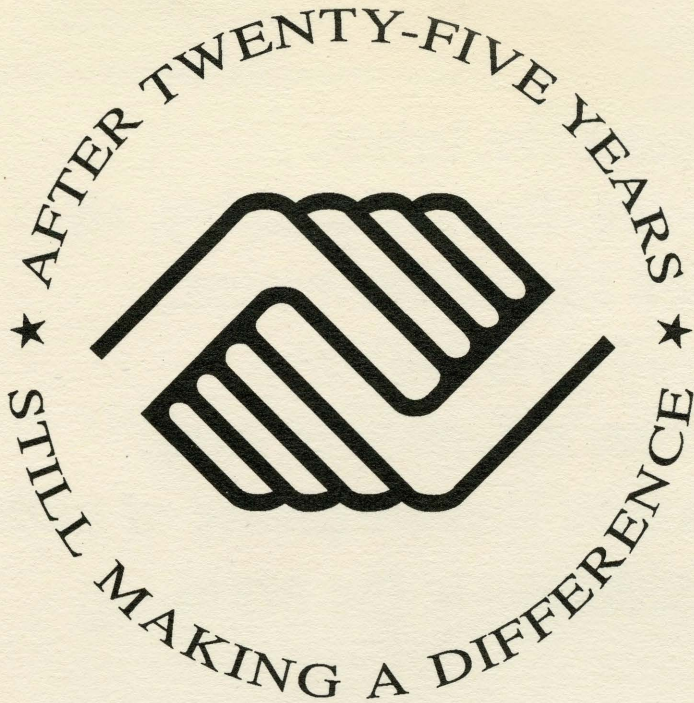
**They know there's plenty of action at**

**The clubhouse in the park!**

*We love you, Ruth, and we will carry on the legacy and challenges you have given us!*







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