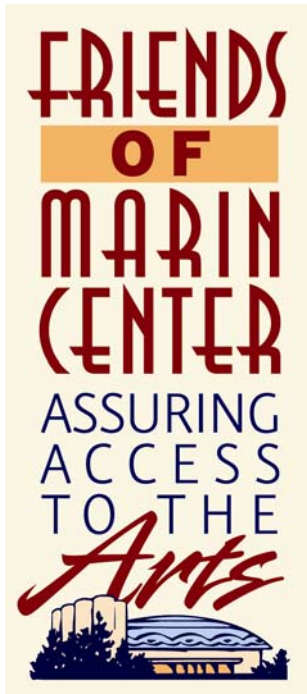


FRIENDS

A Newsletter for the FOMC Member Community

August 2009

Dear Members,



I love my job the most when I have the chance to go out and visit some of the over one hundred non-profit agencies enrolled in our Outreach Program to distribute free Marin Center event tickets to their clients.

Last week I visited the Enterprise Resource Center in San Rafael, a wonderful drop in mental health center that offers free services, classes, groups and provides a friendly atmosphere to meet friends who share the same concerns.

I talked with three participants (photo below) who are actively involved in ERC programs. They were happy to tell me what a difference it makes in their lives to be FOMC guests at Marin Center events.

Marie Tannyhill told me, "There's nothing like going to a live show. You feel like you are more present, a part of the action. It's very uplifting and we enjoy talking about the performance the next day. And the Nutcracker Ballet really made my holidays bright."

Steve Freschl mentioned the challenges he faces with medical bills not covered by Medicare, and how much he appreciates FOMC's free tickets because, as he says, "A night out on the town takes your mind off your troubles."

Karen Balsamico attended a lecture by the author Janet Wahl and found the experience to be incredibly enriching. She is now reading Wahl's book. These are just a few of the thousands of community members who receive free event tickets through their non-profit agencies and schools, thanks to the Friends of Marin Center Outreach Program.

So never doubt that your Friends of Marin Center membership is making a *huge* difference in the lives of those in our community who otherwise could not afford to attend. They asked me to thank you all on their behalf.



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UPCOMING MEMBERS ONLY EVENT Buddy Guy/Elvin Bishop Party

Members who will be attending the Buddy Guy/Elvin Bishop show on Friday, **November 13, 2009**, are invited to attend an after party in the Green Room. For more information or to reserve space, call (415) 599-6014.

See you in the Toyon Room!

Jayle Hale

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