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adults live independently. They also loaned or gave medical equipment (walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, commodes) to 3,342 people to aid in their recovery or comfort.

They are “There When You Need Us Most,” so call 965-5555 if they can help you or vice versa.

Pozole Feast

The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) promised free food and drinks including potent potables, music, and tours all on the tarmac that was El Camino Real (the royal highway) long ago. This was next to the Pico Adobe at 115 East Canon Perdido Street. Attending were quite a few descendants of those early days when the Presidio was built.

Executive director Jarrell Jackman explained the 4x4x4 campaign and how it would bring positive change to the Presidio neighborhood. 4x4x4 stands for four years, $4 million, and four projects. First there is reconstruction of the Presidio’s perimeter wall and creation of new paseos. They will be formed connecting the surrounding streets and planted with native species.

Second is archaeological excavation of the project area. That means digging down an average of two feet to the Spanish Colonial period. Some has already been done yielding rich artifacts.

Third is the creation of an education center. This will be done by joining the Pico Adobe (circa 1840s) and the Bonilla House (1887). It will serve school groups with space for lunches and backpacks, and orientation area for their visits. It will also house education staff offices and a docent lounge.

Fourth is the creation of a new visitor center. This will show the people who occupied the site over time, an exposed archaeological excavation, a display of a cargo loading area on the day the annual Presidio supply ship arrived, and more.

CEO of the CA Missions Foundation David Bolton prepared a gigantic pot of pozole for the attendees. In case you’ve never tried it, it is a corn hominy-based soup or stew. When the Spaniards came to America, they added pieces of pork to the recipe. Then it is topped with diced cabbage, onions, and radishes. We sat at long tables covered with serapes and branches of herbs, along with chips and salsa. Yummy!

The mission of the SBTHP is to preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County including Casa de la Guerra, Santa Ines Mission Mills, and Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens. This campaign will be the fulfillment of Pearl Chase’s vision along with many other citizens. As Jarrell said, “This area is the belly button of Santa Barbara history.” If you’re interested in the Buy-A-Brick Campaign or membership, call 965-0093 or see www.sbtthp.org.

Great Wines for a Good Cause!
Friendship Center’s 5th Annual Wine Down

Friday, September 19, 4 - 7 pm

Enjoy a summer evening in our beautiful outdoor courtyard with local wines for tasting, hearty hors d’oeuvres, live music by Montecito Jazz Project and live & silent auctions. “Wine down” from the cares of the week while supporting Friendship Center.

Tickets: $65, available at our web site: www.friendshipcentersb.org

Sansum Celebration

Sansum Clinic and The Towbes Group invited guests to a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the new Sansum Clinic Medical and Surgical Center and Eye Center located at 4151 Foothill Road. It was a “swellegant” parking lot party put together by Julie Nadel and Bobbie Rosenblatt of the Sansum Clinic Women’s Council.

Rincón catering took care of the rest with sumptuous food stations, not just having sliders but four kinds and more. Sun umbrellas camouflaged the venue and made it festive.

“We owe many thanks to The Towbes Group for their leadership in constructing a first-class facility so efficiently,” said Vince Jensen, president and COO of Sansum Clinic. "Last year, Mr. Towbes said the only thing he likes better than a groundbreaking..."