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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Linda Arcularius – a true advocate for California's rural counties

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our sincere gratitude for the tireless hours and endless miles that former Inyo County Supervisor Linda Arcularius logged advocating on behalf of rural issues impacting not only Inyo County, but every rural county in the state.

RCRC is a 34-member county strong service organization advocating on behalf of California's rural counties at the state and federal level. Supervisor Arcularius served as the Inyo County delegate on the RCRC Board of Directors for more than 20 years, providing a positive attitude, and voice of reason in conversations involving complex, important public policy issues. She chaired the organization in 2002. Supervisor Arcularius' reputation for honesty and integrity

distinguished her in her role as a supervisor, as well as on the many boards, committees and commissions on which she offered her time and insight.

An active member of our wild-fire advocacy team, Supervisor Arcularius worked collaboratively with a diverse group of stakeholders, as well as state and federal agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Lands Commission, and the U.S. Department of Fish and Game, to address numerous natural resource and land use issues. Additionally, Supervisor Arcularius served as a constant and consistent advocate on Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) monies – a critical source of funding for Inyo County.

RCRC members and staff will surely miss working with Supervisor Arcularius, and we wish her and her husband Howard the best as they embark upon their next leg of their journey.

**Greg Norton,
President and CEO,
Rural County Representatives
of California**

IN APPRECIATION

Grateful to all who helped make Christmas dinner a success

There are so many wonderful people we want to thank for helping make the 2014 Community Christmas Dinner such a beautiful success:

The Methodist Church for the use of their warm and spacious fellowship hall and kitchen facilities; Emily Braffet for the spectacular decorating; Roberta Cummings for all your amazing organizing and work to help the whole event run so smoothly; Alex Printing for the beautiful posters and flyers; all of our local media for getting the word out inviting everyone to enjoy the happy celebration; our delightful musicians Ellen Siegal, Pete Watercott and Charlie Broten who played so much beautiful Christmas music; Santa for the special visit and Stan Smith for the trumpeting; Bishop Veterinary Hospital for purchasing all the beautiful Prime Rib roasts; Smart and Final and Vons for donating so many wonderful turkeys; Steve and Patty at Holy Smoke for spending so much of your Christmas smoking to perfection all those turkeys for us; Ken Lloyd and the Bishop Lions Club for purchasing everything for our "Mojo" Potatoes and Christmas Punch; Erik Schat's Bakkerly for all the scrumptious dinner rolls; Joseph's Bi-Rite Market for the cases of fresh lettuce for our salads; Corrie and Dustin del-Giudice of Looney Bean for the oh so delicious fresh roasted coffees; and Carl's Jr. for the fresh-baked biscuits.

Thank you also to all the groups and individuals who made cash contributions, including Calvary

Baptist Church, The River Church, Bishop Lions Club, The Toggery, Eastside Sports, John Louth and Nancy Upham and the many anonymous contributors.

Great appreciation goes to all our wonderful volunteers including the many cooks, carvers, servers, hosts, greeters and clean-up crews. Great job, team.

Thank you to all the 350 of you who attended, joined in the singing of Christmas Carols, and for sharing so many of your special Christmas desserts.

It was another very special Christmas Day in our little City of Bishop. To offer a beautiful full-course holiday meal along with warm fellowship and festivities to absolutely anyone and everyone is just a part of our "Small Town" charm.

For us, it is an absolute honor and privilege to be a part of the special celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus.

We hope to see all of you again for Christmas 2015.

**Laura and Greg Smith
Bishop**

Much appreciative of SIH's wonderful care

I wish to praise Southern Inyo Hospital for all that they did to help aid me in making it back to our home here in Lone Pine, where I was accepted to the SNF (Skilled Nursing Facility Unit) with open arms and loving care after having been given a major surgery in Los Angeles County at The Palmdale Regional Medical Center. I needed to be transferred to a facility until which time I would be able to have my sutures removed and I would be able to attend Physical Therapy in order to regain the strength that I



LETTERS AND TOP OF THE MORNING POLICY

- Limit for letters is 500 words; for Top of the Morning, 1,000 words.
- Submission must be original and not published in any other print and/or online media. We will not print letters also submitted to other local media for publication.
- Writer must include a daytime phone number for confirmation of authorship and town. (Number will not be published.)

needed before returning to my home.

People rarely hear about our hospital and their skills, love and devotion to not only Lone Pine residents, but also to the surrounding communities that rely on our Emergency Room care and life-saving skills and SNF unit for additional communities in the lower Owens Valley including Independence, Cartago, Olancha, and east to Keeler and Darwin.

I realize that Northern Inyo Hospital has some of the best equipped kinds of facilities and doctors available from both Inyo and Mono counties, and I do give them the respect and credit they are due, but I believe that it is equally important to give Southern Inyo Hospital recognition for all that they give of themselves, unselfishly, to make sure that anyone who comes there is treated with respect and a family atmosphere

- Anonymous submissions and pseudonyms are not permitted.
- Inyo County writers and local topics are given priority.
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- Emailed and typed submissions are preferred.
- Writers may submit one item during a one-week period.

which is beyond reproach.

I was treated with utmost care and respect and they made my stay there over the Thanksgiving holiday such a blessing. Dr. Jones (whom I refer to as Dr. Gentle Ben) and all of the staff went out of their way to help me to accomplish my personal goals with a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem. When people need help they are always there, in every department, from the great food from the kitchen, to the squeaky clean rooms, floors, laundry and friendly faces of the nurses, CNAs and even residents who are there – no matter whether you are there for a short stay or a lifetime of needed companionship and love. I would like to thank the Activities Department for the enjoyment that they give to everyone individually. So when you think about your favorite charities, I pray you will remember our Southern Inyo Hospital along with

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the other hospitals in the precious mountain home God has blessed us to be a part of!

Sincerely and gratefully yours,
**Bonnie Marie Barry-Nyholm
Lone Pine**

Choir thanks its generous benefactors

The Bishop Union High School Choir would like to thank the Nazarene Church and the AARP for their generous financial support of our choir and upcoming competition. Thank you for all you give to encourage our choir. We appreciate your support.

**BUHS Choir,
BUHS Honor Choir,
Diana Lanane,
Director**

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