

# Newsbreak

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## Happy Holidays!

### RNPA Community Involvement One Warm Coat Project

With the chilly days of winter upon us, families in need are challenged with obtaining basic necessities to protect themselves from the elements.

RNPA is partnering with Sacred Heart Community Service in collecting the following items: **blankets, diapers, new socks, coats, toothpaste and toothbrushes**

We will be collecting these items from December 29th—January 6th of 2009.

Containers for your donations will be located near the Nursing Office, Main Lobby, West Wing Lobby, Cafeteria and the RNPA Office.

For outlying areas drop your donation at the RNPA office. RNPA will take care of the rest.

### RNPA Board of Directors - Election Results !

On December 12th RNPA conducted the annual Board of Directors' elections.

We would like to congratulate the newly elected and incumbent officers for 2009.

Vice President, **Liz La Rosa**, Secretary, **Vicki Pham**, Treasurer, **Susette Rowsell**  
Negotiating Team Member, **Richard Hughes**, Area Rep Chair, **Angela Ikeme**  
Continuing Ed Chair, **Daisy Brown**.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the following members who took time out to participate in the process. **A big thank you to:**

\* Lisa Guderian \* Betty Berry \* Jo Scott \* Evangelina Moran



## 2008 General Election Results

Voters in Santa Clara County elected two new supervisors on Tuesday, November 4th. The two county supervisor seats were for District 2, representing downtown San Jose, and District 3, which covers the north and west sections of San Jose, Sunnyvale and Milpitas.

In the race for the District 2 seat being vacated by Supervisor Blanca Alvarado, East

Side Union High School District board member and RNPA endorsed candidate George Shirakawa defeated Richard Hobbs, a member of the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District Board, by a 54 to 46 percent margin.

In Santa Clara County's District 3, where Supervisor Pete McHugh will be vacating his

seat, San Jose Vice Mayor and RNPA endorsed candidate Dave Cortese received 55.3 percent of the vote, to defeat Sunnyvale Councilman Otto Lee. Supervisor McHugh was elected to the Milpitas City Council on Tuesday.

Congratulations to our new supervisors! RNPA looks forward to a collaborative working relationship.

## Passage of Measure A...What does it mean?

Measure A passed with well above the 2/3 needed to provide the necessary funding for Valley Medical Center.

An Independent Citizens Oversight Committee will be created to review how the bond proceeds are being spent and to publicize the results. The Measure requires the Committee to review the annual reports on the collection and expenditures of funds. Additionally, the Committee ensures that the County will not use bond proceeds for Administrator's salaries. The committee will consist of 9 members, none of whom shall be elected officials or employees of the County or City of San Jose.

- Five members, one to be appointed from each supervisorial district
- One member to be appointed by the City of San Jose with a business law, accounting or financial services background, representing the downtown area
- One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors as a whole and selected from a non-profit health-care organization
- One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors as a whole and selected from a labor or building trade organization
- One member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors as a whole and selected from the membership of the League of Women Voters

### The (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding are here ! here.....Yippe

The printing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU, contract) is done. RNPA will be mailing the MOU to the membership within the next few weeks. If you have not received recent mail from the RNPA Office, please contact RNPA as soon as possible!

### SAVE the DATE

RNPA sponsored class,

### Diabetes in the 21st Century

Monday,

February 9, 2009

Wyndham Hotel

*Look for Flyer's on your unit!*

**Did you receive your 4% wage increase in your 11/21/08 paycheck?**