

troubled conditions of young children by serving as a founding member, committee chairman, and board member of the acclaimed Buckaroo Ball, an annual event held in Santa Fe, NM, that aids children at risk.

In its 3-year existence, the Buckaroo Ball has donated a total of \$1.3 million to charitable entities. Only the 11-year-old Santa Fe Opera annual fundraiser in Santa Fe rivals the financial success of the Buckaroo Ball. Alexanna Padilla Heinemann recently served as cochairman of this June 22 event, and a lion's share of the credit can be given to her for its success. Her leadership, combined with tireless, dedicated and skillful efforts, resulted in a \$500,000 net profit. The funds will be donated to painstakingly chosen programs and agencies that provide food, clothing, shelter, protection, and love to children in jeopardy.

I am including an article which was published in the Santa Fe New Mexican on June 27, 1996, in order to provide my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives additional information about the Buckaroo Ball.

In addition, I am sharing a July 1, 1996, commentary by Alexanna Padilla Heinemann, which was also published in the Santa Fe New Mexican. I provide it to my colleagues because it demonstrates Alexanna's unselfish spirit and unifying philosophy.

I am extremely proud and grateful to know Alexanna Padilla Heinemann. I respectfully invite all of my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in giving tribute to this esteemed New Mexican.

The article follows:

BUCKAROO BALL NETS \$500,000 FOR CHARITY
(By Hollis Walker)

For the third year in a row, the 80 women who put on the Buckaroo Ball proved they could do a better job than they predicted.

Preliminary accounting shows last Saturday's ball, a three-year-old charity benefiting Santa Fe County children, netted about \$500,000-\$200,000 more than the Buckaroo Ball Committee pledged to raise.

After this year's contributions are made, the ball will have donated nearly \$1.3 million to charities.

Buckaroo Ball co-chair: Alexanna Padilla Heinemann said she could not credit any single aspect of the multi-faceted fund-raising effort for the increased success this year.

"But this party had a particularly good feeling about it," she said. "Everybody's spirits were so high; Pam Tillis was an incredibly energetic performer, the tent decorations, which only cost \$500, looked great.

"And it even rained for us, just before the party," she said. "It was perfectly cool and wonderful."

Regular sales of 1,000 tickets to the event (at \$200 apiece and up for sponsors) raise only about \$70,000, she said. Private and corporate donors contribute the rest.

This year's largest single donor was Ron and Susie Dubin, a Connecticut couple who have a home in Santa Fe. The Dubins contributed \$25,000 toward the entertainers' fees, Heinemann said.

The only other fund-raiser in Santa Fe that rivals the financial success of the Buckaroo Ball is the 11-year-old Santa Fe Opera gala weekend, which begins tonight with its annual ball at Eldorado Hotel. The gala weekend raises at least \$500,000 a year for the opera's apprentice program.

Heinemann said the Buckaroo Ball committee soon will begin conducting its usual research to develop its list of charities to which it will contribute next year. That research also will be used to determine to

which charities the extra \$200,000 raised at this year's ball will be donated, she said. Decisions will be made by late August.

Charity projects already slated to receive money from the proceeds of this year's ball are:

The renovation of the Teen Center at the Santa Fe Boys & Girls Club;

A salary for an adult leader for an after-school program offered by Girls Inc.;

Children's educational opportunities and pediatric dental equipment for La Familia Medical/Dental Center, which serves primarily low-income families;

The expansion of grief support and counseling for youth in 10 Santa Fe County elementary schools offered by the Life Center for Youth and Adults;

And a program to identify and treat children and teen-agers with eating disorders coordinated by Women's Health Services.

NEWCOMERS, NATIVES BOTH HAVE THE
SOLUTIONS

(By Alexanna Padilla Heinemann)

Santa Fe. A place of astonishing beauty and startling anger, with plenty of printed space locally and nationally, devoted to both. Stories abound about the divisions between races and classes, between native and newcomer, with almost celebratory coverage given to this purported fissure. But there is a seed of change being planted in Santa Fe and I have seen it up close and personal.

On a clear, starry night, June 22, the citizens of Santa Fe had reason to cheer. The plight of children at risk mobilized this community and a committee of 80 women volunteers to produce the third annual Buckaroo Ball. The count came in a couple of days later: the Buckaroo Ball had netted \$500,000, which it would hand over to meticulously researched children's programs and agencies.

As Buckaroo Ball co-chair this year along with Elizabeth Smith, I can be proud of a committee and grateful for a community that could make it possible to pour this unprecedented amount into a cause that desperately needs it. But there is a subtle dynamic at play here, no less profound than the splashy party or abundant funding the Buckaroo Ball affords.

As a fifth-generation New Mexican with a father who was a city councilman and an uncle who designed the state license plate, my regional roots are firm. I have had my turn at a lamenting, divisive frame of mind. But those years of criticizing and complaining were fed by an erroneous notion: that newcomers are coming here to leave their cash and build their flash without giving one crumb beyond self-serving consumption. The error and harm that lie in this notion hold the potential to undo this community.

What I have seen as a founding member, committee head, board member and, finally, co-chair of the Buckaroo Ball is a vision that totally disputes that erroneous notion; one that should command the attention and inspire the reflection of the community: there are newcomers with the means and energy who, not content with simply writing a check, want to use their resources to better the community. They are searching for ways to help.

In a perfect position to guide them are the native and longtime local Santa Feans who, keyed-in to their community, can shape the incoming resources in an informed and professional manner. One may have a bed the size of a ship; the other, a desk the size of a file folder, but each have talents essential to the process. It is a waste of time for the native or newcomer to show anything but appreciation for the other's assets.

Short-term, righteous anger may satisfy. But how far can that take us in getting the

job done? The surge of adrenaline may serve as a motivating force but being either the victim or the blamed leaves neither the position to help the community.

Conversely, an idea driven by a clear understanding, appreciation, and implementation of all the resources in the community has a life of its own.

The questions then become, "Who has a good idea?" and "Who has the ability to get it done?"

In one arena at least, the walls have come down and, three years later, the children of Santa Fe are over a million dollars richer for it. You don't have to have an agenda, you simply have to love children and feel that gnawing sickness in your gut when you encounter a little one who doesn't have enough: enough food, or safety or love.

You don't have to be either rich or have roots embedded in this dusty soil, to make a big difference in this town. You simply have to be a clever funnel of talent, energy, and resources. The more ideas brought to the pot, the better.

Think of the children who might have lost these benefits had we not chosen to keep our eyes open to possibilities.

TRIBUTE TO DELAWARE COUNTY'S
SWEETHEART

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding singer-comedienne, woman, mother, grandmother, and wife, Mrs. Julie DeJohn Patterson, who passed away Sunday, July 14, 1996, at the age of 68. Julie was born and raised in Chester, PA, and spent most of her adult life residing in Concord Township, PA, with her husband, David, and their two sons, David and Patrick, who is a longtime member of my congressional staff.

Known to many as Delaware County's Sweetheart, Julie had a career in show business which lasted for over 40 years. Her career took her around the world to the most popular night clubs and concert halls in Canada, Europe, Australia, and the United States, including an engagement at Carnegie Hall. Julie's television career included the "Ed Sullivan Show," the "Tonight Show," and a record 77 appearances on the "Mike Douglas Show." But some of her brightest moments came when she was performing locally before audiences in Delaware County and the New Jersey Shore.

Even though it would have been easy to remain totally absorbed in her career in show business, Julie's greatest pleasure in life was being a wife, mother, and good neighbor in Delaware County. She was a role model for many women today who seek to balance the pressures of a demanding career and the challenges of raising a family. In addition, her involvement in her community was exemplary. She helped raise money for various youth clubs, local charities and also produced and directed youth variety shows and presented benefit concerts to raise money for uniforms and equipment for community sports organizations.

Julie will not only be missed by her family, but by her countless friends in and out of show business, and by the many people and

organizations she touched throughout her life. The Philadelphia area and, indeed, the Nation has lost a great talent and role model.

TRIBUTE TO SUTTER COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the commitment Sutter Community Hospitals has made to the good health of millions of northern Californians. For over 70 years, this institution has earned a reputation throughout this region for superior medical care and an unparalleled record of advancement and innovation.

In this spirit, I am proud to announce the opening of the new Sutter Cancer Center, which brings together the talent, resources, and technologies necessary to offer an all inclusive program of care to residents of the greater Sacramento region and establishes northern California's most comprehensive cancer center.

The Sutter Cancer Center, established in 1942, serves as a regional oncology center to more than 1 million northern California residents. The center has 100,000 visits per year and treats more than 2,000 new patients annually. Sutter Cancer Center's research activities have yielded important medical breakthroughs, including development of many new treatment options. Each year, the cancer center is an active participant in the prestigious National Cancer Institute clinical and prevention trials, and serves as one of the 10 registries for cancer surveillance. Recognized for innovation and clinical excellence, the Sutter Cancer Center's treatment program is on par with many of the Nation's renowned cancer centers and provides Sacramento area residents with vital community health resources to help prevent and detect cancer.

This new facility is the culmination of Sutter's vision for a comprehensive, patient-focused center which brings together all the necessary resources to fight cancer in a single location. Designed as a healing environment, this premiere center provides the full complement of cancer care services all under one roof, which Sutter believes will make the critical quality of life difference for cancer patients and their families. Committed to patient-centered care, the center has been designed to benefit patients in a variety of ways: Attendant-assisted parking, a separate entry-way, a one-stop registration center and linked information systems all will streamline the seemingly bureaucratic maze of medical services, help minimize travel and mitigate the accompanying stress associated with patients' therapy and rehabilitation. In all, the cancer center increases efficiency, eliminates duplication and enhances collaborative activities among our physicians and allied health professionals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating a new era of treatment for cancer patients in this region. The Sutter Cancer Center is a spectacular testament to the spirit of institution and individual, and represents a cornerstone in the foundation of Sutter's vision for the fight against this deadly disease.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT MULTIPURPOSE SENIOR CENTER

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 25th anniversary of the Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Center.

On July 7, 1971, an extraordinary group of San Francisco citizens recognized the need to provide services dedicated to the senior residents in the Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco. The vision of mother Mattie Kemp and the center's founders has grown into a center that provides comprehensive services for the Bayview senior community.

The center is a compassionate environment where seniors can receive basic health screening, legal assistance and social and recreational opportunities. For the past 18 years the center has flourished under the dedicated and caring stewardship of Dr. George Davis, Ph.D. His boundless commitment to providing quality programs for the elderly has led the Bayview Multipurpose Senior Center to be a model program in the city of San Francisco.

The efforts of Dr. Davis, the staff and clients of the senior center remind us that we cannot forget the critical need for centers such as the Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Center. Our seniors provide an important thread in the fabric of our communities. It is imperative that we continue to support the work of the Bayview Hunters Point Center to ensure the continued vitality of these special individuals.

Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, July 13, 1996, the Bayview Hunters Point Community will hold a parade and street fair to recognize the contributions of this important community resource. Let us join the Bayview Hunters Point community in their celebration of the community's seniors and the people dedicated to continuing the legacy of the Bayview Hunters Point Multipurpose Senior Center.

LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION ESTABLISHMENT ACT

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 1996

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, America's National Parks preserve our historical past, celebrate our cultural traditions, and protect the natural wonders God created.

My own State is a great example. Utah is home to the sculpted rock scenery in Arches National Park, the brilliant colors and intricate shapes of Bryce Canyon National Park, and the spectacular cliff and canyon landscapes found in Zion National Park. Unfortunately these unique places and the other units of the National Park System need help.

Congressional appropriations have not been able to keep pace with the needs of the na-

tional parks. With a severe strain on its finances and dedicated staff, the park service is struggling to provide a quality, educational and recreational experience for the park visitor, while also protecting the natural resources and the cultural heritage in the parks.

This summer, visitors to the national parks have found closed campgrounds, garbage piling up, historic buildings needing repairs and reduced visitor services. Some specific examples: two museums and a campground are closed at Yellowstone; Padre Island National Seashore in Texas won't paint its campground bathrooms this year; and the number of rangers patrolling Yosemite's back country has been reduced from 19 to 3.

The parks clearly need help. This legislation offers important assistance in dramatically boosting National Park funding before it is too late. This bill could increase funding for the National Park Service by as much as \$1 billion over the next 10 years at no cost to park visitors or taxpayers. This money will supplement—not replace—regular appropriations from Congress for the parks.

This bill enjoys strong bipartisan support on both sides of the Hill. I am pleased that Representative RICHARDSON, the ranking minority member of this subcommittee, has joined me in introducing this legislation.

This legislation would grant the National Park Foundation several new authorities. First, it would modify the current prohibition on the Foundation engaging in business. The Foundation's limitation on conducting business is unique amongst congressionally chartered foundations. In fact, two sister organizations that Congress created—the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the National Forest Foundation—are allowed to engage in business.

In addition, this bill would grant the Foundation some of the same powers first pioneered with the Amateur Sports Act in 1950. Under this legislation, the Park Foundation would have the authority to offer a limited number of companies the opportunity and privilege of becoming an official sponsor of the National Park System.

This bill contains multiple safeguards to make sure the images of the National Parks are not tarnished and the reputation of the National Park Service is not sullied. There will be no sponsors of individual units of the National Park System. An official sponsor could not present that its goods or services were endorsed by the National Park Service. There would be no corporate advertising in the National Parks. The Secretary of the Interior must approve in writing each official sponsor.

The list of safeguards goes on, but the bottom line is that there will not be commercialization of our National Parks.

With these grants of authority from Congress, the National Park Foundation will pursue new revenue-generating opportunities outside the parks in partnership with private enterprises. These proposals will make it possible for the Foundation to play the role originally intended by Congress in 1967—making a significant contribution to preserving America's National Parks through partnerships between Government, private business, and individuals.