

## FIRST FOUR FAMILIES FOR DANA ST.

The **Fraser Family**: Kevin's dad came to FB when he was 5 and Janelle moved here in 1989. Kevin works for Walker Towing and Janelle calls herself "a home engineer." Janelle folded and mailed this newsletter for 2 years singlehandedly.



*Jaey, Janelle, Kacey, Kevin, Jessie, Brittany*

The **Perkins family**: Carolyn is a single mom who manages the office of Dr. Sussman in FB. She is the new Secretary and Treasurer of the Family Partners and has been hard at work with Gina and Justin to complete her sweat equity hours.



*Gina Seago, Carolyn Perkins, Justin Seago*

The **Gaetas**: Juan came to FB in 1986 and works as a tree faller. Irene came here in 1992 and is working as a housekeeper. Juan, nicknamed "Rambo" worked hundreds of hours on several Habitat houses before applying for his & is the new VP of the Family Partners.



*Irene, Evan, Esteban and Juan*

The **Madens**: Charlie and Waldi took over the Cafe Vienna where they serve Viennese and local specialties. Charlie is the past President of the Family Partners and one of the Chefs for the Kite Festival.



*Cyrus, Waltraud, Charles and Tibor*

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## DANA STREET GETS 1ST

Following a positive Staff Report and a wealth of support from the Partners and the Board, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend Approval of our Dana Street Phase Vested Planned Development on April 10. As this Application involves rezoning and the resolution of legal issues clouding title for the completed projects on Oak and Maple, it must still be reviewed and Approved by Council on May 28th. One person strongly opposed our application.

Habitat has requested a legal, but unconventional use of the State Density Bonus Law and the City Planned Development provisions to solve an outstanding problem. The homes on Oak at Sherwood and those on Maple were permitted between 1992 and 95 in the expectation of a new lot split law that failed to pass, leaving Habitat unable to divide these lots and convey title.

By combining these projects with the new ones on Dana at Oak we become eligible for special provisions of law written to promote affordability by allowing greater than standard density [more units on smaller lots.] Because Habitat represents the broad efforts of the Community [yourselves] we are seeking the widest latitude possible to accomplish the spirit of these laws and do justice for our Partners.

If you wish to speak at the upcoming meeting please call Chuck Greenberg at 937-2418. Please plan to attend on the 28th. Please write City Council requesting approval of our application at 416 N. Franklin St. Fort Bragg, CA 95437 or come the 28th and speak. Your letter matters.



Cano Ku  
Remodel Crew  
Photo by Tom  
Hawkins of Coast  
Mendocino  
Board of Realtors



Pat Dunbar by Jim Austin

### BOARD OF REALTORS PROVIDES BUILD CREW LUNCH

*Many Different Opportunities For Service by Pat Dunbar, President*

*Habitat houses don't just "happen" - contributions of all kinds, large and small, make them possible. Some can contribute construction know-how, or muscle power, or money, or - lunch! Yes, on every build day, our hard-working volunteers need a good meal to help keep that enthusiasm level high. During last fall's renovation of the Cano Ku house, the Coastal Mendocino Board of Realtors came through with a delicious lunch. Tom Hawkins delivered it, and then snapped the accompanying photo, showing the appreciative crew! This was a creative, and welcome, way to be part of our mission.*

*Last month, I spoke to Sally Welty's AVID class at Mendocino High School about Habitat's mission and local activities. The students wanted to help - what could they do? Well, guess who put the mailing labels on this newsletter!?! You see, there are lots of things to do in addition to hammering and painting: post flyers, help at the Kite Festival [June 1st at Todd's Point] or the Mexican Dinner [May 4th at Pentecost Hall], etc. Or maybe you have a new idea for contributing? Give me a call at 937-3409. We are always looking for new ways to involve our community.*

Photo : Chet Anderson



### Family Partners Elect New Officers For 2002-2003

**Wilbert Escobedo** (photo left), whose home was recently finished, will be the new President and **Juan Gaeta** will be his Vice President with **Carolyn Perkins** as Secretary and Treasurer. They plan a much more active role for the families in planning as well as staffing Habitat events.

### RECYCLE CANS & BOTTLES FOR HFH

F B Disposal has a special account for Habitat. If you take your recycle to Pudding Creek and carry it to the shed to be weighed, the proceeds will go to build our next house. Just tell them to credit Habitat's account.

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Max Mitchell, Bill Mertle, Hank Mahon, Scott Anderson and Robert Schlosser of Leventhal and Schlosser, architects design the first of ten Habitat homes in 1991. Board Members (not shown): Penny Honer, Tom Lonergin and Susan McNeil

## THE FIRST HABITAT BUCK STARTS HERE: HAROLD ST. 1991

*In 1990 Hank Mahon and Max Mitchell had the same dream: to house working families in no-interest, below-market, well-built homes. In 1991 with many volunteers and a small group of donors, they launched our Affiliate with the backing of their two Presbyterian churches and Our Lady Of Good Counsel. Over the years Habitat's focus has grown to include much more than houses as we came to realize how ownership changes how we all feel about our lives and our community. We still build the houses, but the theme of strengthening community through Partnership has come to direct much of our thinking. We are now actively networking with other non-profits and private entities in an effort to address the many different housing needs of the Coast Community in a more systematic way. With your help, we will continue to fulfill the dream Max and Hank started.*

## 10 YEARS - 10 HOUSES - 10 FAMILIES - 10 STORIES

*Photos: Chet Anderson Text: Chuck Greenberg*

The **Morales** family, Habitat's first, was picked in 1991. Joel was a grader for GP and Graciela a dietician at Sherwood Oaks. Theirs was the first Blitz Build to introduce Habitat to the Coast. They have followed their dream by moving on in 2000 to open the La Playa Restaurant in Casper serving Mexican food to the Coast. Graciela was the VP and Secretary of the Family Association in its first years.



Carina, Joel, Joel Jr, Graciela, Lizbeth & (Angie, not shown)



The Morales home, S. Harold St., built Fall 1991



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PHANTOM MARATHON

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JULY 1, 2002!

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\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group:      Youthful \_\_\_\_      Midrange \_\_\_\_      Mature \_\_\_\_      Undesignated \_\_\_\_

**Category:** Please check one ✓

Full Race Participant and Habitat Supporter ..... Entry Fee = \$35 .....   
(Full benefits including T-Shirt and Official Winner's Certificate, which will be mailed)

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The **Canul** Family came here in 1982. Silver, 17 at the time, loved to cook for his family. He started busing in local restaurants and, after picking up some skills as a cook, went for more training and went on to become Chef for Little River Inn Restaurant. You can sample some of his food there or at the Kite Fair in June. His wife, Laura, is a housekeeper at a local inn.



*Fabiola, Claudia, Melissa, Silver, Laura, and Ariana The Canul home, 1538 Oak St. built Fall of 1992*

The **Mora** Family came here in the 80's. Tony was a choker-setter for Philbrick. After an injury, Tony and his wife Rosa started a business located in The Depot called Zapateria La Mexicana where they sell Mexican goods. Tony was the first Treasurer of the Family Association.



*Isabel, Rosa Maria, Tony, Jamie and Marco (in front) The Mora home, 1536 Oak St., built fall 1992*

The **Chilton** Family is a Habitat romance. Rick came here with his family in 1966 and Carol with hers in 1972. They were high school sweethearts. Years later after Carol's divorce, they met again, fell in love and married in their new home. Carol works for Gin Paul Kremens, DDS and Rick after several other cooking jobs has settled in as Cook for the Hospital. Carol just started her own business, Happy Machines, to repair sewing machines. Rick served as President and VP of the Family Association and Carol was its Secretary.



*Jessica Frey, Carol and Rick (Jamie & Clarissa Frey not shown)*

*The Chilton home, 634 S. Corry St., built 1995-96*

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**Stewart Street**  
(Across from Rossi's)

**SATURDAY,  
MAY 4, 2002**

For Info & Advance Tickets  
**964-9021**

**5:00 PM**  
**'til 8:00 PM**

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

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Each Full Race Participant will receive a stylish, high quality running  
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Deadline for postmark on entries: July 1, 2002

NOTE: YOUR ENTRY FEE IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. ALL PROCEEDS  
WILL GO DIRECTLY TO THE MISSION OF HABITAT:  
**"BUILDING HOUSES - BUILDING LIVES"**



The **Padilla** Family. Rosendo came to Fort Bragg in 1982 and worked in the fishery and then as a choker-setter for Schuster. His wife Ignacia "Nacha" came here in 1991 and is housekeeper in an inn. Last year they had a big surprise—twins. Nacha was Treasurer of the Family Association for a year and co-chair of the Mexican Dinner Crew.



*Ignacia, Ricardo, Rosendo Jr., Elizabeth, Rosendo and Joyce The Padilla home, 632 S. Corry St., built 1995-96*

The **Renteria** Family: Hipolito "Polo" came to Fort Bragg in 1969 and worked as an applepicker and later as a hook-tender for Philbrick. His wife, Alicia, came here in 1988 and worked as a housekeeper. She now does prep for the pizza shop in the Boatyard. He led the Cal Trans Highway Cleanup Program twice for the Family Association and the Board.



*Roberto, Alicia, Hipolito Jr, Hipolito and Elizabeth (Agustin & Gonzalo not shown) The Renteria home, 543 Maple St., Spring 1998*

The **Taylor** Family: Trina was born and raised in Fort Bragg. She was a baker at the Seagull in Mendocino and since 1991 worked the counter at Rossi's. She was selected for a house already partly completed, leaving her little time to complete her hours. She set a local record for the most sweat equity hours in the shortest time as she was eager to qualify before her home was done-500 hours in 4 months with the help of the kids and her ex-husband, Robert.



*Bobbie, Trina and Julie*

*The Taylor home, 541 Maple St., built Fall 1998*

The **Martinez** family: Ausencio came to Fort Bragg in 1980 and worked in agriculture and then as a choker-setter. As logging work tailed off, he recently went back to full-year work on a ranch. His wife, Juana, came here in 1994 working in the fishery and now is a housekeeper in an inn. Ausencio has put in more hours than any other Family Partner in Habitat, showing up for every event and build since 1997.



*Maria, Eriberto "Eddie", Ausencio, Juana, Homero & Sandra      The Martinez home, 1365 Oak St., Winter 2000*

The **Escobedo** family: Wilbert and Maria came here in 1986 and worked in agriculture. Maria is now houskeeping for a motel and Wilbert buses, cleans and cooks at The Wharf and other venues. His Chicken Fajitas is a Habitat favorite at events. Meetings, partly in Spanish if needed, can be translated both ways for the first time by the President. See The Partners box P1 for more of his plans.



*Wilbert Jr, Maria, Wilbert, Yuli, Miriam and Patti front      The Escobedo home, 1353 Oak St, Spring 2001*

The **Cano-Ku** Family: Raul came here in 1986 and worked processing urchins. Now he is a full-time fisherman. His wife, Ligia, came to Fort Bragg in 1996 and will soon give birth to their 2nd child. Raul worked to help Habitat hauling materials and build cleanups for years before applying for a home. He is the first to have completed his 500 hours of sweat equity *before* applying for a home.



*Raul, Yeni and Ligia*

*The Cano-ku Remodel, 1367 Oak St., Winter 2001*

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