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Beacon House of Wax Halloween Festivities to Run Three Nights

Taking our cue from a hit horror film and envisioning a movie-style set, organizers of this year's unprecedented three-night Beacon Street Halloween funfest titled **Beacon House of Wax** have been preparing for weeks now.

This year, one evening's \$5 adult admission cost (\$3 for kids under 10) covers as many trips through the ghastly frightening haunted movie theater maze during that same night as you think your pounding heart can handle. **Don't push your luck. Our creeps scare for keeps.**

Terrifying tours of the doomed movie palace will occur on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 28, 29 and 30** from 6 to 10 pm.

Each of our residential facilities as well as the ladies from the House of Hope and the Shawl House are creating terrifying experiences for your ghoulish curiosity.

There'll be plenty to eat with hot dogs and nachos, beverages, plus the Alumni Association famous coffee cart.

In addition, there will be vendors specializing in items from the ghostly world of the macabre.

Attendance for Halloween fun and festivities is free, but we must charge for the guided haunted **House of Wax** tours, to cover creative props and production, more elaborate than ever this year. The cost is a fraction of that charged by commercial theme parks and some say Beacon House does it better.

Saturday evening will also feature a **Scary-oke sing-a-long event**—always more fun than a barrel of eye balls—including perennial favorite DJ, **Donaldo**. A clean and sober dance kicks off at 9 pm.

Sunday evening's concluding event will include a live rock concert, provided they aren't waylaid en route by the Vampires of Venice or the Banshees of Burbank.

Many aficionados of Halloween happenings ranging from agonizing apparitions to spectacles both awesome and awful insist, Beacon House's big show is to die for.

Are you ready?

BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Gratitude and generosity are uppermost in the minds of millions of Americans this fall as we welcome Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah holidays, wishing our tables were big enough for folks of several hurricane ravished states.

We'll be remembering them all when Beacon House again provides a community Thanksgiving Dinner, anticipating probably some 500 persons who've joined us the past two years.

Men of Beacon House will welcome our usual community volunteers of all ages from preteens to seniors joining in the spirit of the season. Many individuals or church groups join us as volunteer servers, or contribute to the feast, everything from turkeys to cakes, pies and cash. If you'd like to be of assistance in any way, or just come to share fellowship with a broad spectrum of our community, call us at (310) 514-4940.



On Wednesday, December 1st, the Annual Beacon House Christmas Tree Sale will open its 2005 season. Beautiful trees of every size and shape will be available for your selection. The sale takes place at the Beacon House—1003 South Beacon Street, corner of 10th and Beacon Streets.

Trees are on sale seven days a week from 9 am to 9 pm and the Beacon House will deliver trees locally for a \$5 dollar donation.

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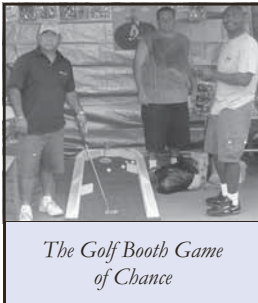
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21st Block Party Biggest Success Yet For Fundraising and Fun in The Sun

Comfortable temperatures, glorious sunshine and happy crowds were factors in making the August 13-14 Beacon House Block Party the most successful in a 21-year history, with record fund-raising figures.



The Golf Booth Game of Chance

Several thousand persons participated during the two-day event which also highlighted a return to the traditional Saturday Night A.A. Speaker Meeting prior to the customary dance end-

ing at midnight.

Growing success of the annual summer family fun festival contributed to a record number of vendors offering everything from jewelry to clothing, arts and crafts as well as information tables set up by human services agencies. More than 70 applied and some had to be turned away for lack of space.

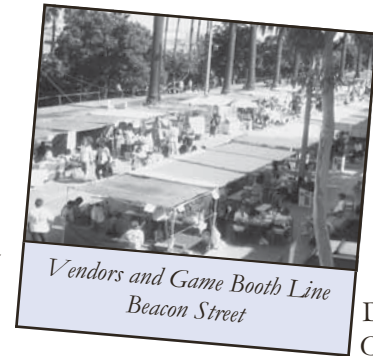
Good planning also kept things running smoothly as the Block Party came of age in its 21st year, which featured an unprecedented \$2,000 grand prize jackpot sponsored by the Koalas men's service club.

The lucky winner was Gary, coincidentally the general contractor on our Bartlett Center kitchen and din-

ing hall renovation project expected to be finished before the end of this year.

Our bands included the best of prior years among a record number of applicants seeking to play the three-block venue that includes 10th, 11th and Beacon streets.

Our thanks in particular to the many sponsors including private businesses,



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Councilwoman Janice Hahn and the County Office of Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA).

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CARRYING THE MESSAGE TO TEXAS ROBERT J. STILL "BEING OF SERVICE"

A 1996 Beacon House alumnus, Robert Jacobs settled in Texas' hill country, just in time to be of service in helping save a recovery retreat founded by legendary 1950s professional wrestler "Dutch" Schultz.

"He was something' else," says Robert. One of the original showmen of the sport, Schultz finally grappled his own greatest foe, the bottle, into submission and vowed to make his Bastrop, TX, ranch a haven for others.

Schultz and his modest spread hosted A.A. meetings, gave homeless drunks a bed, fed the hungry, offered odd jobs, hope and hard advice. There were family days, gala barbecues and other clean and sober festivities. But when age took the elderly grappler, there was trouble.

His heirs gave the sober community a deadline to clear out because they had other plans for the property. Robert notes old Dutch had believed in spending what he had to help those who had little more than a 30-day chip. The heirs apparently felt ill-served by their patriarch.

The evicted A.A. fellowship including Robert and his wife Vickie organized to found a nonprofit corporation to continue Dutch Schultz' work with alcoholics. They were offered a two-acre plot outside Bastrop. Robert is vice president and oversees fundraising, since it takes \$700 to \$1,000 a month to keep it going. He learned at Beacon House that in a crisis one must take action.

"I just think this is a wonderful story," says longtime Beacon House Board member Phyllis Schmidt, a pal of Robert and his wife for years.

ALUMNI BREAKFAST A GARDEN AFFAIR DUE TO BARTLETT CENTER RENOVATION

A fine crowd, coming from right around the corner and as far away as Texas., turned out for the annual Beacon House Alumni Breakfast. This was the second year the event was held in conjunction with the Block Party.

The breakfast was held in the gloriously flowering Bartlett Center gardens due to kitchen and dining hall construction. It was a grand morning for seeing old familiar faces and hearing stories of what's new in lives enriched by sobriety.

Robert Jacobs (*see accompanying story*), who makes a yearly pilgrimage from Bastrop, Tex., to help as a Block Party volunteer once again took honors for traveling the farthest to join us. Oldest was Beacon House staff member Art V. (1987) and youngest was Larry A. H., our under-30 pro-boxer.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT BOB VALENTINE



As the now infamous Beacon House Haunted House, our annual “FUN-RAISER” fast approaches, I am given cause to ponder the term “house” and how that word relates to the Beacon House story and experience.

In January, 1993, Beacon House had just finished dedicating its newly-acquired Veterans Building. The Fleet Reserve Association had generously donated its building to Beacon House since it, the Fleet Reserve Association, was winding down its affairs and distributing its assets to other non-profit organizations.

It was a festive event as Mary Proper, our then Executive Director, Father Art Bartlett and Michael Dowling, our co-founders, each spoke and remarked on the progress made at Beacon House: from the germination of a dream, in 1970, of providing a safe haven for those men seeking assistance in their recovery from the disease of alcoholism and drug addiction, to that day’s flag raising ceremony by the veterans of Beacon House.

As the guests disbursed that day, several of us, while seated upstairs and talking in the now Michael Dowling Hall of the Veterans Building, spontaneously concluded that Beacon House was more than just another house. We then asked ourselves, what was it that made Beacon House different, and why was Beacon House “more than just another house?”

Was it because Beacon House was a peer oriented facility - one man reaching out and helping another man? Yes. Indeed. That was part of it. But, then again there are other peer oriented recovery facilities. There must be more!

Was it because we did not put a deadline or time stop on a resident’s length of stay? Our primary program today is nine months, longer than almost all, if not all, other programs. And even that time period is often exceeded. Perhaps. But there must be more!

Was it because we were engaged in assisting our men in recovering in all facets of their life, including physical health, mental health, vocational rehabilitation, anger management, family counseling, and education progression? Certainly. But, there must be more!

Was it because we at Beacon House so highly value community service, the giving back to the community in which we live and which enriches our lives so consistently? Yes. Indeed. This is part of it.

I submit it is all of the above, and more. It is because our alumni are engaged with the new man, in sponsoring,

in mentoring, in tutoring, and as role models of a successful program!

Men come to us without the ability to read. It is inspiring to see the patience, the help and the encouragement one man gives another at Beacon House, where men are taught by their peers to read. Where men who enroll in school and college are tutored by others who may have taken the same course, from the same instructor, same professor, the year before. It is so like a family, the bonding; the ties that develop; that are forged, tested and endure.

The *Daily Breeze*, Thursday, June 9, 2005, carried this front page article: “**He’s Regaining Control of Life by Degrees,**” as he takes “**A Step On Recovery’s Path.**” The article describes how more than 100 Beacon House men have attended or graduated from Harbor College in recent years, including the six Beacon House men receiving degrees June 8, 2005. Beacon House men have been on the honor roll, as well as the Valedictorian, over the years.

Yes. Beacon House is more than just a house. It is a home where a family develops, where it members help one another; where each shares the joys and sorrows of the others; where each encourages and shares in the successes of the others; where stability begins and is nurtured; and, where a program for living life and landing on one’s feet, without alcohol or drugs, is taught and demonstrated on a daily basis.

While we, as a Board of Directors, are inspired by the significant results we see, we are ever mindful of our duty to see to the stable and successful funding of our entire program, from buildings, to counseling, to feeding, to program development, to schooling and vocational rehabilitation, to recreation, to family support.

We continue to monitor our needs and our needs are many: resulting from reduction in current funding of our traditional contracts for services, to increased expenses maintaining buildings, some of which exceed 100 years in age, to enhancing existing programs and adding more, we strive to always improve our “home” and to always make it more than “just another house.”

We thank each and every one of you who has enriched our program by your contributions, whether in kind, with services, or with a check or support of our fundraisers. Without your continued support the Beacon House mission would not be able to continue its impressive success. I look forward to our continuing relationship and to the continuing transformation in the lives of the men at Beacon House. Thank you.



As a community service residents load supplies for Katrina hurricane relief.

**THE BEAM
Calendar of Events**

October 28, 29 & 30
Halloween Party

November 24
Community Thanksgiving
Dinner

December 24
Christmas Eve Party

December 25
Community Christmas Dinner

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**A NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LUIS M. LOZANO**



By the time you read this we will hopefully be reaching the end of the construction for our new kitchen at the Bartlett Center. After a few unforeseen delays things are moving fast now. The new kitchen is going to usher in a new era here at the Beacon House. Since our founding we have been cooking and feeding our men in a facility that was designed for no more than 18 residents. Now we feed over 60 each meal and more everyday. The new kitchen

will feed about 100. This will allow us to have meals in a family setting where the men don't have to time their meals or eat in shifts.

Autumn is also a great time of celebration and joy around the House. As I write the men are preparing another Halloween Haunted House. It will be totally new design and for the first time will go three days. The theme is "*A Beacon House of Wax and Nightmare on Beacon Street.*" We are re-creating the old Hollywood movie classic in our own style. The street festival will include a dance, games,

prizes, food, karaoke and live entertainment. *You don't want to miss it!*

September is "Recovery Month" and Beacon House has been right in the middle of all the recovery events in our community. I want to thank all of you who support recovery programs, especially Beacon House. Programs like ours provide a place where people can learn how to stay sober, learn to be self-supporting and contributing member of their community and especially save lives and families. *Thank you for joining us in this work.*

Halloween *Beacon House of Wax* — Oct. 28th, 29th and 30th
Community Thanksgiving Dinner — Nov. 24th

Sales Dec. 1st to Dec. 24th
Community Christmas Dinner — Dec. 25th