

# WINDOWS of OPPORTUNITY

*"Recognizing Potential, Rewarding Determination"*

Jonathan Tarr Foundation

Summer 2009



## July 4th Festivities!



Robin Tarr, Founder of JTF, received the San Diego Hometown Heroes Award sponsored in part by KyXy Radio 96.5 and the San Diego County Fair at the July 4th Celebrations in Del Mar, for making a difference in the community. JTF representatives Michael Woodey, Sherry Yardley, Beth Atuatasi and Dot Saurer also enjoyed the Hometown Heroes Parade, Southwestern Marines Band, Fireworks Display, and Mo Town's Smokey Robinson Show.

"This poem written in tribute to **Robin Tarr** of Encinitas, one of the recipients of the 2009 KyXy Radio 96.5 Hometown Heroes Award on July 4, 2009. July 2nd, marked the 11th anniversary of her son's tragic death." - Dorothy Saurer, Santee, CA

### A MOTHER'S LOVE

When Jonathan Tarr died at seventeen,  
It was the saddest day his mother had seen.  
At first she didn't know what to do,  
Tears and heartaches were all that she knew.  
Now, 11 years later, she knows,  
Jonathan's memory blossoms and grows.  
Through a Foundation that she began,  
To help others with a future plan.  
And Jonathan smiles from heaven above,  
Because he knows of his mother's love.  
The world is a better place by far,  
Because of that mother -- ROBIN TARR.



Robin Tarr

Dot Saurer,  
Michael Woodey,  
Sherry Yardley,  
and Robin Tarr



## Upcoming Events:

- JTF Business Meeting  
Wells Fargo Towers La Jolla  
9/17/09 Thursday 6pm
- Pacific Islander Festival San Diego  
Ski Beach Mission Bay  
9/26 and 9/27 10am to 4pm
- Holding Hands with JTF  
Cookbook First Edition only \$20  
Call 760-818-0462 to reserve your  
copy by 10/1/09
- Tribute/Benefit Luncheon  
Handlery Hotel San Diego  
For reservations call  
760-818-0462.  
11/7/09 11:30 to 2:30pm
- JTF Business Meeting  
Wells Fargo Towers La Jolla  
11/19/09 Thursday 6pm
- Hawaiian Trip Raffle Tickets \$10  
Call 760-818-0462 to purchase.  
Lucky winner to be drawn  
12/5/09 Saturday 7pm
- Breakfast with Santa  
Encinitas Community Center  
For reservations call  
760-818-0462.  
12/19/09 Saturday 9am to 11am

## SAVE THE DATES



### Windows to the World Luncheon & Fashion Show!

Saturday, November 7, 2009  
11:30 am to 2:30 pm  
\$50

Handlery Hotel, Crystal Room  
950 Hotel Circle North  
San Diego, CA 92109  
Tula Striffler, Pacific Islander Advocate  
7th Annual Humanitarian Award  
Reservations call (760) 818-0462



### Ho! Ho! Ho! Breakfast with Santa!

Saturday, December 19, 2009  
9 am to 11 am

\$20 Adults  
\$10 Children (under 10)  
Encinitas Community Center  
1140 Oakcrest Park Drive  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
Reservations call (760) 818-0462

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## Did You Know?



*“Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you’ll land among the stars.”*

*“We returned from Oahu where we spent five wonderful days at the home of Dr. Don and Colleen Weir in Kailua. They are the embodiment of aloha spirit! Their hospitality was gracious, accommodating and fun.”*



*Hawaiian Trip Winners, Steve & Linda Klosterman of Encinitas and Don & Colleen Weir.*



Dane Porlas, 2004 University HS San Diego, graduated University of Hawaii Manoa in Honolulu in May with a degree in Hotel/Travel Industry Management. His graduation party for friends and family was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Don Weir in Kailua, Oahu.

**We’re sorry!** Incorrect spellings in the 2009 Spring Newsletter. Should be: Linda Doughty, Director CAL-SOAP and Marilyn Gies, North Coast HS Encinitas.

Encinitas Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Awards Banquet at Bentley’s Steak House in Encinitas. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to “Mr. Encinitas” Edgar Engert (JTF 2003 Humanitarian Award Honoree) and Suzanne Swanson (JTF Advisor) Owner of “Business Blossoms” received the award for Small Business of the Year.

March 5, 2009 Evelyn Kheo, JTF Board Director and CAL-SOAP Associate Director, and Emily Wood (2008 Granite Hills El Cajon) were guest speakers at the CAL-SOAP 30th Anniversary Reception for 22 consortium participants representing San Diego and Imperial Counties held at the University of San Diego.



*Standing: Evelyn Kheo and Emily Wood, Sitting: Dr. Judith Liu and Robin Tarr*

Tawnee Austin (2006 Granite Hills HS El Cajon). She graduated in June with B.A. from the Fashion Institute San Diego and starts an internship with Bloomingdale’s.



*\*Donations have been sent to JTF in memory of dear friends and family.*

**Mildred Kuulei Moanalaha Lucas**  
**Elizabeth W. Jiles**  
**Benny Hanaike**  
**Robert D. Yaussy**  
**Fred Santos**  
**Paula Ramiscal**  
**Jonathan Tarr**  
**Eileen Rue**

*Those we love don’t go away! They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Folsom, CA  
Cochran, GA  
San Diego, CA  
Cardiff, CA  
San Diego, CA  
Waipahu, Oahu, HI  
Cardiff, CA  
Carlsbad, CA

Mother of Wayne Lucas  
Mother of Anne Chase  
Husband of Dottie Hanaike  
Husband of Martha Yaussy  
Brother of Alvin Santos  
Mother of Ariel Ramiscal  
In Memory by Sherry Yardley  
PEO Sister, F-PS Del Mar

## JTF Community Outreach

Natisha Tuua, Youth President at First Samoan Methodist Church in Vista, CA., thanked JTF for attending Samoan Youth Day to tell about various scholarships available to Pacific Islander students in San Diego North County.



*Natisha Tuua and Savali Li'o*

Jaysen Sucrad, Micronesian Community San Diego, attended the 4th Annual Kumu Open House to invite JTF to speak at an informative meeting for parents and students at the Micronesian Outreach Center.



*Darren Smith, San Diego County Office of Education AVID, Robin Tarr and Jaysen Sucrad*

**Rancho San Diego - Spring Valley Rotary Club** hosted Michael Woodey, JTF President, to tell about the impact that JTF has made in the Grossmont Union HS District. 2003 to 2009, 10 high schools have received 34 scholarships and \$30,000 for graduating high school Seniors.



*Back: C. Dan Conaway, Michael Woodey, Sam Ciccati, & Fire Chief Augie Ghio Front: Beth A. Atuatasi, Cheryl Minsheu, President & Barbara Nowak*

## Aumatagi Siblings Receive JTF Scholarships!

Kelly received the JTF scholarship upon graduation from Mt Miguel HS 2003. She recently completed a B.A. in graphic design from the Art Institute of California Los Angeles. OJ received the JTF scholarship when he graduated from Helix Charter HS 2009. He will be attending San Diego State University in September.



*Kelly Aumatagi, Robin Tarr and OJ Aumatagi*

## In Deepest Sympathy

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## Gifts for 2009 Scholarship Recipients



Terry Tillman is the author of **The Writings on the Wall**, a historical non-fiction book about the Berlin Wall. November 9, 2009, marks the 20th Anniversary of the Fall of the Berlin Wall. An international celebration is being planned to position Germany as a “bridge to peace.” The book will be reprinted with messages from Horst Köhler, President of Germany and William Robert Timken, Jr. U.S. Ambassador, and Mr. Tillman has set out on a world-wide speaking tour. JTF student recipients received this book through the generosity of The I AM Foundation San Diego and 22/7 Company.



MusiVation International and Michele Blood of La Jolla, CA., donated autographed sets of inspirational and motivational books and CD's for each Class of 2009 graduate.

Several elected officials awarded Certificates of Recognition to the Class of 2009 Graduates! This collection of valuable documents can be used by the students for internship portfolios or accompanying applications for jobs and scholarships.

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| Arnold Schwarzenegger | Governor State of California            |
| Brian Bilbray         | US Congressman 50th Dist                |
| Mark Wyland           | CA State Senator 38th Dist              |
| Martin Garrick        | CA State Assemblyman 74th Dist          |
| Pam Slater Price      | San Diego County Supervisor Dist 3      |
| Teresa Barth          | City of Encinitas Council Member        |
| Ken Gross             | President Encinitas Chamber of Commerce |

## 6th Annual Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival

The 6th Annual Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival was held on June 6, 2009, at Quail Botanical Gardens. 700 Guests tasted international wines and beverages, sampled entrees and desserts from local restaurants, and listened to live music. Over \$75,000 was raised for local charities, including Jonathan Tarr Foundation.



Connie Byer, M. Woodey, Chuck Heidmiller, Randy Heidmiller, Rich Byer



## Class of 2009 Scholarship Recipients Congratulations and Best Wishes!



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|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Steven A. Armendariz    | Palomar Vista            | Vista         |
| Oliva A. Auimatagi, Jr. | Helix Charter HS         | La Mesa       |
| Ryan J. Bredeson        | Grossmont                | La Mesa       |
| Danielle T. Cohen       | Cortez Hill Academy      | San Diego     |
| Kameo K. De La Mora     | Mark Twain               | San Diego     |
| Taylor A. Durkee        | Sunset                   | Encinitas     |
| Alex Ebrahim            | Kearny International     | San Diego     |
| Amber A. Elliott        | Granite Hills            | El Cajon      |
| Ivy L. Ellis            | Valley                   | Escondido     |
| Mallory M. Fallin       | North Coast              | Encinitas     |
| Ivethe Garcia           | Oak Glen                 | Valley Center |
| Kaela M. Isaacson       | Hilltop                  | Chula Vista   |
| Anna R. Lamb            | Chaparral                | El Cajon      |
| Sylvia A. Lopez         | Ocean Shores             | Oceanside     |
| Jarrold Keone Montoya   | Valhalla                 | El Cajon      |
| Merari Morales          | Valley Center            | Escondido     |
| Alijia R. Morrison      | Garfield                 | San Diego     |
| Nancy C. Ojeda          | Twin Oaks                | San Marcos    |
| Alea E. Peiler          | Vista                    | Vista         |
| Reena M. Pousui         | Palomar Chula Vista      | Chula Vista   |
| Edna E. Rodriguez       | Carlsbad Village Academy | Carlsbad      |
| Iliana E. Sanchez       | San Dieguito Academy     | Encinitas     |
| Jericha G. Segi         | Ivy                      | Fallbrook     |
| Fabiola Soto            | Montecito                | Santee        |
| Taimi D. Tutogi         | Chula Vista              | Chula Vista   |
| Christian M. Yapjoco    | Abraxas                  | Poway         |



## Thank You UPS Foundation

JTF received \$2,000 from the UPS Foundation to sponsor the 4th Annual Kumu Open House held at the University of San Diego. This event honored Educators and Counselors from 26 high schools representing 13 high school districts in San Diego County, including the San Diego County Office of Education. *Kumu* is the Hawai'ian word for teacher or leader.



L to R: Karen Rodriguez Co-Chair, Skip Tarr -UPS Foundation, Deepal Sane, Mike Snyder and Michael Woodey.

## 7th Annual Ohana (Family) Picnic Honors Class of 2009!

*In grateful appreciation to:*

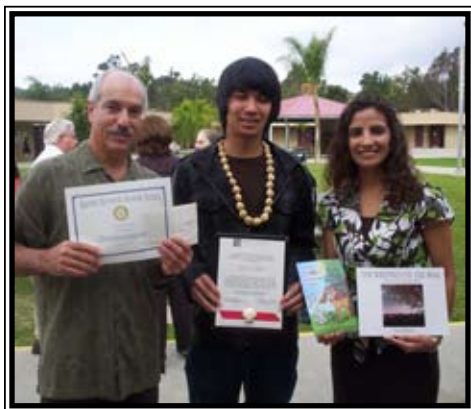
City of Encinitas and the Mizel Family Foundation Community Grant Program  
 Michele Riley, MBA/CPA  
 Tula Productions  
 Encinitas Rotary Club  
 Moonlight Beach Strummers and Dancers  
 Island Pix



*Iliana Sanchez San Dieguito Academy HS  
 Encinitas*



*Alijia Morrison Garfield HS  
 San Diego*



*Christian Yapjoco Abraxas HS  
 Poway*



*Ivethe Garcia Oak Glen HS  
 Valley Center*

## 2009 Woman of Distinction Award

### Soroptimist International

Allison Metzler, Soroptimist International of Vista, CA, presented the 2009 Woman of Distinction Award to Robin Tarr with a \$500 donation to JTF for providing scholarships to students graduating from high schools offering alternative education curriculum including teen moms and Baby-Parenting Programs in San Diego County.

Soroptimist International is a worldwide volunteer service organization working to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.



*L to R: Karen Rodriguez, Allison Metzler,  
 Robin Tarr and Linda Nyberg*

### Class of 2009 Presenter Teams attended Senior Awards or Graduation Ceremonies

Robin Tarr, Diane Doss, Allison Metzler, Nellie Jarrous, Veronica Baker, Thomas M. Buchenau, Beth Atuatasi, Evelyn Kheo, Kim Abagat, Deepal Sane, Jim Chavarria, Dawn Swanson, Michael H. Woodey, Karen and John Rodriguez, Sherry Yardley, John Degurski, Shirley Randall, John Woodman, Skip Tarr, Tiffany Coker, Shelli Carver, Anthia Austin, Tee Furtado, Lani Love, Tana Lepule, Kiki Sotoa Solia, Cathy Paiva, Ellen Lucas, Simione Lomu, Tula Striffler, Carmen Duenas, Roque Pangelanin, Bernie Iseman

### Get Well Wishes!

**Patti Ligon La Mesa, CA**  
**Michele Riley, MBA/CPA Solana Beach**

