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# AHRC news

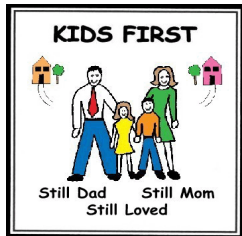
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*“To have great poets there must be great audiences too.”*  
-Walt Whitman

There will great poets *and* a great audience on hand at AHRC’s Holiday Party, which will be held at the Hilton Suites Orange on Saturday, December 10!



## AHRC Members Learn About “Kids First”



AHRC members recently welcomed Pat Reese, MFT, to speak about *Kids First*, an organization helping children and their parents through separation, divorce, and the restructuring of the family.

Pat Reese spoke passionately about the successes he has seen when participants complete the *Kids First* eight-week educational program, which is facilitated by licensed mental health professionals, interns, and trainees. The program is held at Chapman University.

One of the main goals of *Kids First* is to provide a safe place for all family members in which to learn certain skills:

- Help parents understand the experiences of

Pat Reese received his Masters Degree from Chapman University and in addition to his work with *Kids First*, he holds a position with the Boeing Company.



children during and after divorce

- Help children cope more effectively with the changes in their family
- Promote cooperation between parents to better meet the needs of their children
- Improve communication between parents and their children

*You can learn more about Kids First Orange County by visiting [www.kidsfirstoc.org](http://www.kidsfirstoc.org)*

# Projects & Events



*At right:  
ARHC President Sharon Boyd  
thanks Pat Reese, MFT  
from **Kids First OC**,  
for his informative  
presentation.  
A book inscribed with his  
name will be donated to a  
local school.*

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee seeks everyone's help to make the lives of the **13<sup>th</sup> MEU (Marine Expeditionary Unit)** and their families brighter this holiday season!



## How Can You Help?

By making a donation of a gift card or an unwrapped gift  
For more information, go to the website [www.anaheim.net/13thMEU](http://www.anaheim.net/13thMEU)

On **December 17** from 11am-2pm, AHRC will be participating in the **Holiday Carnival** hosted by The Illumination Foundation (IF). IF provides housing, social services, healthcare and behavioral mental health services to reduce the impact of homelessness and prevent vulnerability to future homelessness.



AHRC will host a booth at the Carnival which will help kids make bead bracelets – this activity was a great hit at this year's Oktoberfest, and it is sure to be popular at the Carnival, too!

Please join chairperson **Tracey Clark**, John Wilson, Stacey Giannoulis, and Tony Siragusa who have signed up to participate at the event!



AHRC will host dinner at the **Ronald McDonald House** on **December 19**.

AHRC Members Sterling Gary, Harry Charm, Gianna Solari, and George Gillespie will be preparing and serving a delicious smoked turkey and ham dinner. AHRC has committed to host a series of dinners at the Ronald McDonald House, thanks to the generosity of its members who provide the food for all the dinners.



# Schedule of Upcoming Events

<b>When?</b>	<b>What?</b>	<b>Where?</b>	<b>Who?</b>
Saturday 12/10	AHRC Annual Holiday Party	Hilton Suites Orange	Sharon and George Boyd, Hosts
Tuesday 12/13	Presidents' Meeting	DoubleTree Inn, Orange	Sharon Boyd attending
Tuesday 12/13 4pm	Ronald McDonald House Family Service Project	383 South Batavia, Orange	
Thursday 12/15	AHRC Regular Meeting	AH Golf Club	Speaker TBD
Saturday 12/17	Illumination Foundation Holiday Carnival		Contact Tracey Clark for details
Monday 12/19 6pm	AHRC Board Meeting	Rosegate Corporate Offices	
Thursday 12/22	No regular meeting MERRY CHRISTMAS!		
Thursday 12/29	AHRC Regular Meeting	AH Golf Club	Speaker TBD

*December is Rotary Family Month*



## **Anaheim Hills Rotary Club**

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