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# Stroke Recovery Center NEWSLETTER

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## 31<sup>st</sup> Winter Wonderland Ball

Sunday, November 28, 2010

### Harold and Dorothy Meyerman – *Ann Angel Award Honorees*



The Board of Directors of the Stroke Recovery Center cordially invite you to the 31st annual Winter Wonderland Ball Sunday, November 28, at the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Mirage. Ball chairman Jerome Angel, co-chairwoman Lee Appel and Ball committee members Walter Baumhoff, Elva Casey, Janie Hughes and Julie Rogers have arranged a beautiful evening of dinner and dancing. Back by popular demand is the fabulously fun entertainment by the Wayne Foster Entertainment Group. Hosted cocktails at 6 PM, dinner 7 PM, black tie.

We are pleased to be honoring Harold and Dorothy Meyerman with the *Ann Angel Award* for their charitable work in the arts here in the desert. It is only because of the work of people like Harold and Dorothy that we are home to a world class museum offering both entertainment and education to all our citizens.

We will be holding a unique **Live Auction** of an original metal sculpture by artist and stroke survivor Kevin Robb, thanks to the generosity of David Katz/Coda Gallery. Sculpture photo, details on the live auction and how to bid on page two.

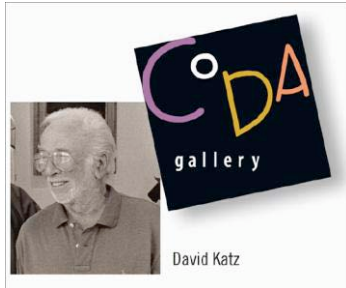
This is the Stroke Recovery Center's main fundraising event each year and we look forward to having you join us. Tickets are \$325 per person (tax deductible portion \$200), tables of ten \$3,250. You can support the Stroke Center by purchasing a table of ten, choosing one of the following sponsorship levels (listed below), tribute book ad, or contribution of your choice.

- Platinum \$10,000 – includes premium table for 10, special recognition at Ball, and one full page color tribute book ad.
- Gold \$5,000 – includes table for 10 and half page tribute book ad.
- Silver \$2,500 – includes 2 Ball tickets and one-quarter tribute book ad.
- Bronze \$1,000 – one-sixth tribute book ad.
- Business \$250 – business card size tribute book ad.

For more details, call James Martinez 760-323-7676 ext 112. If you cannot attend, please help us continue the Center's work with your contribution. Thank you.

# BALL LIVE AUCTION

## “Points of Inspiration”



Through the generosity of David Katz of CODA Gallery, Palm Desert, the Stroke Recovery Center is honored to be able to offer a unique piece of art for auction at our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Winter Wonderland Ball. The monumental stainless steel sculpture, **Points of Inspiration**, by artist Kevin Robb – a recent survivor of a massive stroke – makes this extraordinary piece of art a story of triumph, celebration, and endurance. The sculpture measures 98”x28”x34”, valued at \$38,000. While

we at the Stroke Recovery Center focus on the physical and cognitive aspects of health, we recognize the importance of the artistic to recovery. Kevin Robb is the living embodiment of that and **Points of Inspiration** deserves a place of honor to remind each of us what can be achieved.



You will have the opportunity to meet Kevin and his wife at the Ball but even before that you may see **Points of Inspiration** at the Coda Gallery, 73151 El Paseo, Palm Desert. The piece will be on display at the **October 27<sup>th</sup> Pre-Ball Gallery Reception** which will be held at the Coda

Gallery. The hosted cocktail reception is from 5 to 8 PM with entertainment by the Wayne Foster Ensemble. Admission is free.

Sculpture bidding: We are taking early bids for the piece valued at \$38,000 (minimum bid is \$24,000) on-line at the SRC website [www.strokerecoverycenter.org](http://www.strokerecoverycenter.org) and at the Coda Gallery. Make sure to get your bids in early. Final bids will be made the night of the Ball, November 28<sup>th</sup>. While you will not need to be present to record the highest bid, it is an evening you will not want to miss.

## CONGRATULATIONS CLIENTS ON PROGRESS

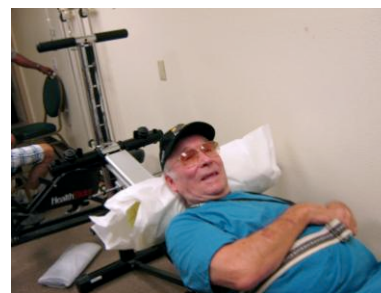
by Bootsie Crawford



**RON BENSON** had his stroke in 2004. Ron lives on his own and is brought to the Stroke Center in his wheelchair by van, so it gives him some freedom. Ron is a

quiet person but you can find him engaging in conversation with other clients. At first Ron could only do 10 minutes on the MotoMed machine. Gisela, one of the volunteers noticed this and since she leaves to go home to Germany every year and comes back on September, she and Ron have an agreement that he would increase his time on the MotoMed bike by at least one minute. Now he is up to 15 minutes and Ron is happy, as are we, with his progress.

**SYLVIA IONITA** had her stroke in 1993 which affected her right side. She lives in Los Angeles part time but since August comes to the Stroke Center 3 or 4 days a week. She practices walking on the parallel bars to combat turning in of her knees. In the picture Sylvia is on our NuStep unit which works upper and lower body at the same time. Sylvia is from Romania originally and speaks only little English but she always has a smile for us which gets bigger each time she comes to the Stroke Center.



**RON SILVER** had his stroke in September 2009 while traveling across country. What a way to get a ride in a helicopter (to the hospital). He started at the Stroke Center in

January 2010. Ron’s left side was affected and he was not able to close or grip with his left hand, and his left leg and ankle weren’t strong enough to hold him up. He has been coming to the center four times a week and continues with an exercise program at home for several hours a day. Ron is very determined and when he can’t do an exercise right away we’ll catch him saying “come on Silver”. He is now able to close his hand and “not squish”. In the photo Ron is using the Bayou Fitness machine (a kind of sliding board) for strengthening his legs.

## ROCKY RANDALL'S RIDE FOR STROKE



We were lucky to have Rocky Randall do another fundraiser for the Stroke Center. Rocky rode her Harley motorcycle on a round trip from Palm Springs to Minnesota to raise funds and awareness of the Stroke Recovery Center. Our deepest appreciation to Rocky. The following is Rocky's diary of her trip.

### *"MY 2010 S.R.C. 4,680 MILE ROAD TRIP*

*5 a.m. Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. All packed and ready to roll, on my way for my summer Big Ride. Cortez, Colorado my first overnight. (700 miles in one day!!!) Three and ½ days of riding through Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota, I literally blew into Minnesota. September 3<sup>rd</sup>, after suffering the indignities of 65 mph winds. Getting back on my bike on September 10<sup>th</sup>, I continued the rest of my trip.*

*I left Minnesota, in strong winds and cloudy skies. But, you all know I'm a trooper! "Neither wind, rain, sleet or snow can keep this Harley Babe down!!!" Horrendous rainstorms settled me overnight in Murdo, South Dakota. Early next morning I took off for Nebraska, then Durango, Colorado, not knowing what to expect as I was caught in a snowstorm there, on my bike in June. Rested there for a few days then headed homeward, enjoying the amazing Panorama of the Grand Canyon and wild Mustangs.*

*Next night I stayed in Flagstaff, Az. The HEAT was already blazing and I wondered if I could make it home. (When it's 110 and you're riding in the desert(s), 3, one after another, the road throws up an additional 40 to 60 degrees more in your face). I was gasping for my next breath and praying for a miracle, to keep me from dying of heatstroke. My guardian angel appeared in the form of the woman, working in the gas station at Vidal Junction. She got me to relax and helped me 'stay alive'!!! I expected the standard wet-rag-around-the-neck procedure when she grabbed my shirt and shoved two huge bags of ice cubes down, inside next to my skin. Instantaneous Relief. She helped me zip my leather jacket and sent me on my way. I made it back home, alive! And before I said hello to anyone, I jumped fully clothed, boots and all, into my pool!!!! Dripping wet, I called James to say, "I'm baaaack!"*

*Thank you all for your prayers and donations of over \$2000. I Love You. Rocky"*

Thanks to the following generous donors for supporting Rocky's Ride For Stroke: Michael Alva, Jerome & Mary Angel, J. William Baker, Richard Smith Derby & Myrna Lee Owen, James & Mary Dooney, Fashion Nails, Norman Feuer, Rhea Foley, Stan & Ros Hack, Jeanne Hartough, Jim & Jackie Lee Houston, Bill & Fran Hurlbut, Rhea Isaacs, Jack & Leona Kendrick, Lawrence Kent, Dee Nyland & Joe Lisante, Edward & Joyce Ragone, Harold Ring, Martin & Sue Ring, Kaz & Nancy Rudaitis, Al Schuster, Hank & Jeanne Schweighardt, Valley V-Twin Motorcycle Sales & Service, Skip & Carol Zeller.

## COMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 21 – MIRAGE INN COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES RECEPTION.** 5 to 7 PM at the Mirage Inn, 72750 Country Club Drive, Rancho Mirage. Entertainment by Organic Sol. \$20 per person. Call Mirage Inn 760-346-7772 for reservations. Benefits the Stroke Recovery Center

**NOVEMBER 19 – SONS OF ITALY DOLLY SINATRA LODGE #2400 PASTA DINNER.** Benefiting and held at the Stroke Center from 5 to 8 PM, \$10 per person, tickets at the door. Entertainment by Evaro Brothers. Menu created by Chef Hector Salvatierra of the Camelot Café.

**JANUARY 29, 2011 – CABARET DINNER SHOW FEATURING ROCKY RANDALL AT THE IW CLUB IN INDIAN WELLS.** Cocktails 6 PM, dinner 7 PM. \$75 per person. Benefits Stroke Recovery Center. Call 760-323-7676 ext 112 for tickets.

## Jackie Lee's Thrift Shop

We get new items in our shop weekly, so come take a look at the best bargains in town. We have lots of great furniture, small appliances, lamps, sheets, towel sets, knickknacks, jewelry, books and more. Donations are always appreciated and we are especially in **need of furniture**. Call At 323-7676 extension 122 for local pickups, or drop by Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. All donations are tax deductible. Thanks for your support.



### WELCOME NEW CLIENTS



Joseph Angeletti, Natlie Carey, David Christianson, Skip Creaser, Janet Dvorak, Molly Gillette, Earl Greif, Marilyn Henderson, Burt Level, Rhonda Marez, Richard Oeder, Wally Sells, Bonnie Settle, Marilyn Smedman, Stan Teskey, Reymundo Tiznado, Virginia Williams, Efren Zarate

### WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

Robert Atkins, Leslie Back, Jonathan Carretero, Fanaisha Daniels, Mimi Egan, Marc Eisman, Joseph Giarrusso, Tyler Hoffman, Cedric King, Beth Lebow, Maira Linares, Dan Mackie, Maggie Moran, Zoe Navarro, Nathaniel Orr, Amanda Sarkowsky, Richard Wilkinson, Darlene Williams



## THANK YOU FOR DONATIONS TO THE STROKE RECOVERY CENTER

**\$5,000 and over:** City of Rancho Mirage – Grant, Desert Healthcare District – Grants

**\$1,000 to \$4,999:** Walmart Stores Inc.

**Up to \$500:** Maria Arechiga, Olive Barker, Joseph & Audrey Bernstein, Bill Borine, Bill Boyland, Beth Mack Castle, Tony Chapa, Nancy Cornicelli, Josephine Diaz, Robert Garcia, Mark Gauthier, Al & Betty Gitelman, Victor Gonzalez, Michael Green, Jack & Leona Kendrick, Charles Lockhart, Herbert & Jane Phillips, Sherry Ponce, Ron Powers, Gene Robinson, Bonnie Settle, Ron Silver, Brenda Thomas, Donna Wherry, Bill & Karla Wilson, David Zuniga

### MEMORIALS

*(a meaningful way to honor the memory of special friends and family.)*

#### Lily Aguila

*Bob & Nita Lottritz*

#### Shelly Atkins

*Al Brummett*

*Edie Del Fiorentino*

*Rhea Foley*

*James Martinez*

*Helen Spring*

*Billie Viglione*

#### Jane Bellomo

*Andy Bellomo*

#### Elda Carney

*Thomas Carney*

#### Anne Passavanti Costogoe

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*John & Lee Logeman*

*Irene Troiano*

#### Bob Ellingwood

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#### Jerry Mechanick

*Marilyn Hirshleifer*

#### John Smiekel

*Merrill & Edna Lundgren*

#### Lowell Wong

*Nancie Self*

#### Helen Wysocarski

*Antoinette Bushlack*

### TRIBUTES

*(a meaningful way to honor individuals and couples on special occasions and to thank friends for their hospitality).*

#### Jerry Pollack

*Diane Hanner*

### THANK YOU FOR BALL DONATIONS:

Robert & Linda Attiyeh (honor Harold & Dorothy Meyerman).

## Commemorative Bricks

You can have a commemorative brick beautifully engraved and permanently installed on our Wall of Honor in Stroke Center rear yard. For only \$100 per brick you can have laser inscribed up to 4 lines on each brick. Perfect gift in memory of a



loved one, for a special occasion, or just to show your support of the Stroke Center. Use enclosed donor envelope or call Diane at 760-323-7676 ext 107 or Amy ext 117.

### THANK YOU FOR BRICKS:

John Cliburn Family (memory Hazel Marie Powell Fischer), David Marks (memory Sam Cohen), Tina & Ron McEvoy (honor Leona & Jack Kendrick 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary).

## Special Thanks

**MISSION HILLS SENIOR LIVING** for their September 15<sup>th</sup> CASINO NIGHT fundraiser which raised \$660 for the Stroke Center.

**MARILYN IRVIN, ESTATE SALES BY MARILYN** – donations to Jackie Lee's Thrift Shop.

**BOB JOHNSON ESTATE SALES** donations to Jackie Lee's Thrift Shop

## THANKS FOR MEMBERSHIPS

**Family:** Ed Cucchiarella, Steve & Janet Damron, James & Olga Kinsler, Dr. Gerald & Evelyn Leshgold, John Macon & Walter Baumhoff, Beth Nolan & Jane Latham,

**Individual:** Lila Blane, Suzanna Constantinescu, Evelyn Edidin, Lee Merryman, Gene Robinson, Lawrence Samuels, Bobbie Walker

Please help by becoming or renewing your membership. Thank you.

**Individual Membership** - \$25

**Family Membership** - \$45

**Preferred Family Membership** - \$100

**Life Membership** - \$500 per person

### Have you thought about your legacy?

It is said that by the simple act of giving, we receive more than we ever thought imaginable. More than 80% of Americans contribute to nonprofit groups throughout their lifetimes but only 8% chose to continue this support through a charitable bequest. By considering the Stroke Recovery Center in your Will or Trust, your planned gift will continue to assist stroke survivors and their families while supporting your and your family legacy.

In the event you have already named the Stroke Recovery Center as a beneficiary of your estate plan, we would love to hear from you. We would like to acknowledge our legacy circle and express our appreciation. If you would like more information regarding planned giving, please give us a call. We would be happy to help you with this very important decision. Call Beverly Greer at 760- 323-7676. Thank you.

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