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Summer Games



Camp Hollywood



Bedford Pinkard Skate Park  
Night Skate



VVR Car Show



## Oxnard PAL Dinner Auction & 15th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, March 7, Oxnard PAL will be holding its 2nd Annual Dinner Auction & 15th Anniversary Celebration. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and be held at the PAL Gymnasium on 350 S. "K" Street in Oxnard.

The event is one of two fundraisers held each year by PAL's nonprofit board. Members of the board include, Board President, Sr. Officer Ken Klopman; Vice President, Greg Barnes; Treasurer, Chuck Hookstra; Secretary, Marie Briggs and members Gil Ramirez, Debbie Estrada and Sgt. Randy Latimer.

The organization's purpose is to raise funds for the support, expansion and enhancement of PAL's youth services.

"We feel very lucky to have such a wonderful group of individuals advocating for our organization," said PAL Development Director, Mike Ramirez.

To view a partial list of event auction items, log on to the PAL website at [www.oxnardpal.org](http://www.oxnardpal.org). The site also contains an electronic version of the event invitation and response card.

Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or donating items for the silent or live auction should contact the PAL office at (805) 385-8230 or email Mike Ramirez at [mrmikeramirez@oxnardpal.org](mailto:mrmikeramirez@oxnardpal.org)

**\*Mention this article and receive early bird ticket pricing.**

### Oxnard PAL Award Recipients

#### Youth of the Year

Bryanna Sullivan

*Sponsored by Councilman Bryan MacDonald*

#### Business of the Year

Courtyard by Marriott

#### Corporation of the Year

Driscoll's

#### Charity of the Year

NFL—Youth Football Fund

#### Distinguished Donor of the Year

Sr. Officer Ken Klopman

#### Community Sponsor of the Year

Q104-7 FM

#### Volunteer of the Year

Keith Spencer—U.S. Navy

*Sponsored by Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.*

### Special Honorees

Barry & Mary Mullen

Wells Fargo

Oxnard Walmart

24 Hour Fitness

Oxnard PD - Custody Unit

Durham School Services

Cruisers Car Club

## 'A MILLION'

It is often said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Well if that's true, PAL's video production program, Keepin' It Reel, has crammed at least a **million** into its new video, The PAL 2008 Summer Recap. The short 3-minute video highlights several PAL activities from this past summer including, Camp Hollywood, the Bedford

Pinkard Skate Park—Night Skate, the Cal-PAL Girls' Softball tournament, Oxnard PAL's Summer Games, and the Cal-PAL State Boxing Tournament. To watch the video, visit PAL's website at [www.oxnardpal.org](http://www.oxnardpal.org) and click on the *Videos* tab.

Other videos available online include, PAL's Employee Contribution Video and

Challenger Football's Time-Warner news report. Other PAL videos are scheduled to be uploaded soon. In the meantime, look out for PAL's new anti-graffiti commercial, which is scheduled to be shown on City Watch and during previews at Oxnard's Plaza 14 Cinemas.

*For more information on PAL's video program, contact the PAL office at (805) 385.8230.*

# Oxnard PAL: on the Green



Participants Tony and Jeffrey Chavez look on as Geraldo Gonzalez prepares to putt.



Thanks to River Ridge Golf Course and a grant from the River Ridge Senior Men's Golf Club, Oxnard PAL was able to offer several youth the opportunity to participate in a

six-week golf instruction program this past winter.

Participants in the program included Selene, Santiago, Fernando and Raymundo Reyes, Geraldo Gonzalez, and Araxy, Jeffrey, and Tony Chavez.

New Player Development Director, Jon Gomez, provided instruction over the six-week program and was assisted by volunteers Denise Brennecke, Andrew

Salinas, and Lynette Fenton of the Oxnard Police Department.

Oxnard PAL is currently compiling an "interest list" for future golf activities and encourages all interested participants and volunteers to contact the PAL office at (805) 385-8230 for more information.



New Player Development Director, Jon Gomez, working with first-time golfer Fernando Reyes.



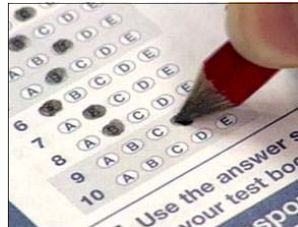
## LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



Halloween, the holiday of terror; fake blood, vampire fangs and scary costumes. While most people are packing away their cauldrons and witches brooms till next year, for thousands of Oxnard's youth preparing for their future, life is only getting scarier. Despite all the warnings, it still seems to sneak up on them, three letters... B-O-O! No, actually, it's much worse. Try S-A-Ts... or A-C-T. The truth is, planning the rest of your life at 16 years of age can be a bit terrifying.

Hoping to ease this tension is Cal-PAL, a support organization for PALs across the state. The organization's event, *Life After High School*,

seeks to create a true "college experience," allotting youth the opportunity to sleep in a college dormitory, eat at a university cafeteria and receive tips from actual college students. In



addition, PAL youth receive information on other after-high school options, including Police and Fire, the military, junior college and trade school.

With only 37% of students earning their degrees within four years, readiness is key. For that reason, the event

focuses heavily on the importance of preparing financially and taking the appropriate high school classes. Even details regarding the differences between the UC and CSU systems are discussed.

Attendees this year included Ruben Avalos, Sarah Medina, Yvonne Flores, Victor Hernandez, Steven Marron, Alyssa Cabral and Janelie Gutierrez of Hueneme High School, Catherine White of Rio Mesa High School and Roy Burgos, Bryanna Sullivan, Thiare Pena and Vanessa Padilla of Oxnard High School.

For more information, visit the Cal-PAL website at [www.calpal.org](http://www.calpal.org).

# Giving Back

**INDIVIDUALS**

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 Margaret & Sampson Brue  
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 Karen & Allen Burnham  
 Janice Cabildo  
 Alfredo Cadiz  
 Ryan Carey  
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 Donna Ellis  
 Kathy Ennis

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 Debbie Estrada  
 Julie Estrada  
 Uriel Estrada  
 James Evans  
 Lynette Fenton  
 Daniel & Lisa Felix  
 Richard & Penny Garcia  
 Liz Garibay  
 Daniel Gildea  
 Irene Gonzales  
 Karsten Guthrie  
 Alex Hamilton-Smith  
 Terrel Harrison  
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 Rogelio & Sagrario Hernandez  
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 Ventura Vintage Rods

**2008 Cal-PAL**

## GIRLS' FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



Cal-PAL's 2008 Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Tournament was held this year in Los Banos, CA. The



2002's U16 Championship Team. Coaches Barry & Mary Mullen (right).

tournament, which drew teams from as far north as Sacramento and as far south as Calexico, included three divisions and catered to over 300 participants.

Volunteers, Barry and Mary Mullen have coached Oxnard PAL's tournament team for the past several years. During that time, the PAL team has

captured 2nd, 3rd and three 1st place trophies, including 2008's 1st place finish in the U16 division (16 years of age and under).

In total, the team played five games over two days, averaging more than 5 runs per game and allowing less than one.

"Without Barry and Mary Mullen, this program would not exist. It's a slim thread, but that's what makes the program special. It's a balanced partnership between



Clip from 2008 Summer Recap Video police, youth and the community," Police Chief John Crombach.

\*2009's tournament will be played in Oxnard and is tentatively scheduled for June 20 and 21.

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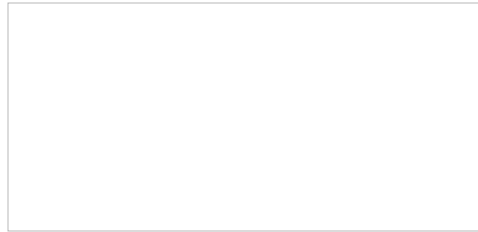
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**Youth Center Supervisor  
Kingsley Garrick**

## A Closer Look: Kingsley Garrick

Kingsley Garrick is an ideal staff member. Once a PAL kid himself, he use to frequent the center he now supervises. Then, Youth Center Supervisor, Mike Ramirez, recalls the vibrant young high schooler.

"Kingsley and his friends came to the center just about every day. He was in to break dancing and the teen center floor was perfect for that. They would practice until the whole center reeked of sweat. {laughing} It's hard to forget." As a "product of the system," Kingsley is an excellent example of the long-term

benefits PAL's youth services can provide.

"I understand where these kids are coming from and I remember all the little things that made a difference for me," said Kingsley. "I just try to make sure that they know I'm here for them and I never underestimate the small stuff."

In addition to supervising the PAL Youth Center, Kingsley coaches Flag Football and Basketball. He also coordinates PAL's "open mic" nights, Christmas plays and Chess Club.

"Those programs make a big difference. I remember when I

was younger the confidence it gave me—knowing how to play chess or performing in front of crowd," said Kingsley.

A student at Oxnard College, Kinglsey has just completed his EMT and Fire Tech 151 courses, receiving an "A" in both classes. Kingsley's long-term goal is to work as a paramedic, and eventually become a firefighter.

"Whatever guidance and support he received as a PAL youth, he's given back many times over. He's why we all do what we do."

—PAL Co-Director, Terrel Harrison