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Upcoming Community Events

- Sep 17: PAL Jail 'n' Bail
(Sign-ups begin 8/10)
- Aug 29: 805 Cruizin' Car
Show & Concert
- Nov 25: PAL Thanksgiving
Celebration
- November: Cruizin' 4 Kids
Car Show & Toy Drive (TBA)
- December: PAL Christmas
Party Registration and Event
(TBA)

Photo Gallery



PAL Youth of the Year - Bryanna Sullivan

Each year, at PAL's annual Dinner Auction Fundraiser, the organization recognizes several outstanding contributors. Among this year's awardees was PAL's 2008 Youth of the Year, Bryanna Sullivan, a 16-year-old Junior at Oxnard High School. In addition to her Youth of the Year honors, Bryanna also received a special commendation from State Assembly Member Pedro Nava, who was in attendance for the event. The evening was then appropriately concluded when Bridell Institute, a donor at this year's auction, made a surprise announcement and



From left—PAL Board Members, Sgt. Randy Latimer and Retired Asst. Chief Chuck Hookstra; PAL Youth of the Year, Bryanna Sullivan; and State Assemblyman Pedro Nava

presented Bryanna with their SAT/ACT preparation package, valued at approximately \$1,500.

To read more about Bryanna or any of PAL's other 2008 award winners, visit the PAL website at www.oxnardpal.org and click 'photos.'

THE NEW OXNARD PAL

When discussing the PAL facility, it is not uncommon to hear the line 'Old Oxnard High School.' Most use the phrase simply to provide a point of reference. However, until just recently, it also served as an extremely accurate physical description. Working hard to create a new line, has been a very dedicated and selfless group of individuals, businesses and City departments.

Beginning back in June 2008, with the demolition of the old classroom structures, Oxnard

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Oxnard PAL's "Community Cinema" is a free weekly event where local residents can enjoy a fun and safe evening out with family and friends. The movies, which play at a different park each week, are shown on a 20' x 12' screen and begin at approximately 8 P.M.

Rusty's Pizza has personal

size pizzas and sodas available for purchase and PAL's youth leadership program, Y.D.C., sells popcorn and candy.

Current sponsors for the event include; The Southern California Gas Company, Rusty's Pizza, and Pacific Oaks Federal Credit Union.

To view an exact list of movies

and park locations, log on to the PAL website at www.oxnardpal.org.

Businesses interested in sponsoring the event or placing an advertisement or commercial prior to a movie showing should contact Mike Ramirez at 805-385-8230 or via email at mike.ramirez@oxnardpal.org.

PAL Youth "For SAIL"



In April, Oxnard PAL partnered with local university, CSUCI, to offer three one-day introduction courses in sailing and kayaking. Josh Wade, Coordinator of Lifetime Leisure Programs for the University, played a major role in the partnership,

helping to coordinate the program, providing instruction and securing funding for equipment, training and staff.

In fall of this year, CSUCI and Oxnard PAL will offer a more extensive program which will take place across several weeks. The program will be open to all youth



ages 9 to 17 (18 if still in high school). To receive an email alert when sign-ups begin, send your name, your child's name, along with your phone number and email address to info@oxnardpal.org.

805 Cruizin' Car Show and Concert



Saturday, August 29, Oxnard PAL along with Q104.7 FM and Cruisers Car Club will host the 805 Cruizin' Car Show & Concert.

The family event will be held from 10 am to 6pm and include local vendors and activities for youth.

Admission to the event is \$12 for adults and \$7 for youth ages 6—17. Admission is free for youth age 5 and under.

All vehicle types are welcome

at the show including motorcycles and bicycles.

Scheduled performers include New Boyz, Lil' Rob, Colby O'Donis, Far East Movement, The Majors, The Bangz, Cold Flamz, Spirit and Butch Cassidy, Miguelito and a surprise special guest.

All proceeds from the event go to benefit the Oxnard Police Activities League.

Vendors interested in



participating at the event should contact the PAL Office at (805) 385-8230 or send an email with their request to info@oxnardpal.org.



A Closer Look: Nick Curtis

Like many PAL staff, Nick started out as a PAL kid, shooting pool in the youth center and jump shots in the gym. And while Nick's billiard play is still a question mark, his hoop game is certainly not. From Rotary tournament titles to Pacific View League Championships, Nick made the most of his time at PAL, honing the skills that would eventually earn him a full scholarship to USC.

After graduation, Nick used

his skills to see the world, spending three years playing professional basketball in countries like Norway, Holland, Germany and Belgium. Between seasons, Nick would return home, and it was during this time that he began working at Oxnard PAL.

Now, home for good, Nick shares his life experiences with PAL youth year-round. With a degree in Policy Planning and Development,

Nick's long-term goal is to become a youth counselor. Nick credits organizations like Oxnard PAL and individuals such as Coach Lobo (OHS) and Coach Bibby (USC) for influencing his life goals.

"I've spent my entire life around people who have dedicated their lives to youth and giving back. I know first hand the difference it makes. That's what I want to do."

The New Oxnard PAL



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City Corps chipped in and saved the project thousands of dollars with their capability to safely and effectively clear the structures prior to abatement. Interior Demolition, Inc. then completed the demolition of the structures, recycling close to 80% of the refuse material, and using the profits to reduce the project budget by nearly \$700,000.

Since that time, SBS Corporation and the City of Oxnard Facilities Department and Capital Project Management Division, have been working diligently to

restore the PAL gym, boxing room and youth center. Each going far beyond expectation to turn 'The Old Oxnard High School' into 'The New Oxnard PAL.'

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Still, large corporations and City department's aren't the only one's stepping up. Individuals and local business owners are making a difference too. Individuals like Marilyn Taschek of Oxnard, who donated her beautiful pool table to the newly

restored youth center. And local business owners like

Dan Collier of Rusty's Pizza, who has donated more than \$500,000 in free product to help raise money for PAL's youth services.

In August, Oxnard PAL will begin selling peeler cards for Mr. Collier, and business partner Josh Schreider's new restaurant, Luigi Ortega's, located on 606 N. Ventura Road (formerly Rusty's Pizza). The cards will sell for \$10 and include more than \$200 in value, **PLUS** more than \$20 in **FREE FOOD** coupons.

For more information, including menu items and specials, visit the PAL website at www.oxnardpal.org. To purchase a card, contact the PAL Office at 385-8230 or by email at info@oxnardpal.org

Y.D.C. IN SACRAMENTO

Hi! My name is Bryanna Sullivan, President of Oxnard PAL's Youth Director's Council (YDC). This past April, I attended "The Sacramento Experience", a conference sponsored by California PAL, and organized by kids just like me. The conference brings together youth from throughout California and teaches us life lessons, such as how to motivate others, how to

collaborate as a team, and most importantly, how to be young, mature leaders. One of my favorite activities from the conference was a game we played called "Bend-a-Person." The game helped me to see how seemingly harmless comments and insults could have a major impact on a person's self-esteem. I also really enjoyed interacting with the kids from the other PAL's,

and walking to the state capitol, where I got to meet State Assemblymember Pedro Nava.

Oxnard PAL's Y.D.C. takes trips like this throughout the year, and not only because they're fun, but educational as well. It's a wonderful group to be a member of and I'm very proud to call myself a Y.D.C. kid!



Oxnard PAL: JAIL 'N' BAIL REMIXED

This year's PAL Jail 'n' Bail is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28. The event will take place at local restaurant, Luigi Ortega's. Adding to the fun-filled atmosphere will be one of the restaurant's themed party rooms, a *psychadelic jail cell* located inside what use to be a

bank vault. Participant will raise "bail money" which donors will give to either shorten or extend the participant's "sentence." Free dinner tickets and PAL Support Stickers will be handed out to donors as "Thank You's" and attendees of the event will be qualified for special door

prizes. Several prizes, including a very special Grand Prize will be raffled out to event participants. To be a participant in this year's event, email us at info@oxnardpal.org or contact Mike Ramirez at the PAL Office at 805-385-8230.





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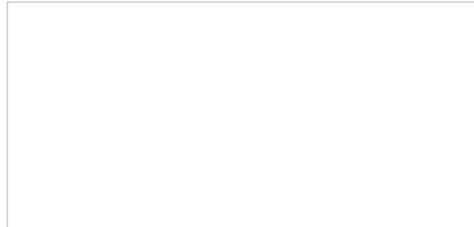
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PAL Dinner Auction Item Donors



Oxnard PD employee, and Bridell Institute representative, Mark Campbell, with 2008 Youth of the Year, Bryanna Sullivan.



Oxnard City Corp provided several staff to help at PAL's Dinner Auction.

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| 24 Hour Fitness | Elite Theater Company | Premier Dance Studio |
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