



# The Shape

*Newsletter of The Episcopal Church in Almaden*

## From the Rector

This is the point in summertime when I always used to get bored. When school finally let out in June I was ready. *So* ready for the long, long days of unstructured time, time when I could play outside for hours, go for walks after dinner with my parents in the late evening twilight, go to the library with my mom and return with stacks of delicious books to read, stuff myself with raspberries and blackberries and other summer fruit. It was wonderful. And then, after a while... it got boring. In August there was still a month to go before school started (unlike our San Jose kids this year!), the grass was brown and no

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## Service Schedule

### SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30 am and 10:30 am

### THURSDAY SERVICE

7:30 am

## ***Rector***

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*Worship*

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*Lay Readers*

**Ann Avoux**

*Prayer Vine*

**Dave Byers**

*Ushers*

**Bonnie McPherson**

*Junior High Youth Group*

**Todd Lukanc & George Romer**

*Stewardship*

## **Worship Schedule**

- Aug 4** Transfiguration (transferred from August 6)  
7:30 AM Thursday Morning Eucharist
- Aug 7** 8 Pentecost, Proper 14  
7:30 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- Aug 11** Feast of St. Clare  
7:30 AM Thursday Morning Eucharist
- Aug 14** 9 Pentecost, Proper 15  
7:30 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Folk Sunday)
- Aug 18** Feast of William DuBose  
7:30 AM Thursday Morning Eucharist
- Aug 21** 10 Pentecost, Proper 16  
7:30 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Healing Sunday)
- Aug 25** Feast of Louis IX  
7:30 AM Thursday Morning Eucharist
- Aug 28** Pentecost 11, Proper 17  
7:30 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

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# Rector

*[Continued from cover]*

rain would come for a while, Christmas was still a lifetime away. I would look through catalogs of fall clothes and agitate to go shopping for school supplies way too early, longing for new structure and routines to perk up my ennui. And sometimes I'd even put on records of Christmas carols, until my mom made me stop.

In the church professions, August is the month of intensive planning. It's the month before everything is supposed to kick off, when you're supposed to plot out the year ahead, get your goals set, line up your committees and order the books. Which suits my rhythm pretty well – in June and most of July I'm in lazy mode (or what passes for it in a Type A person), but by the end of July, I'm winding up. I'm refreshed and ready to tackle new ideas and new programs. I want to make flyers. Only problem is, everyone else is just going on vacation. Hard to get those meetings scheduled. I get impatient.

Because there are so many places we can go this next year (and the next and the next). We can make our welcome more real to visitors with improving our building and facilities. We can reach out more to families with programs that teach kids and all of us what our faith is about (and give parents some tools and help as well). We can be more inspired and joyful in our worship, especially with our new music director Kristal. We can find ways to engage more of our congregation in service to meet needs in our local community. So many possibilities lie in front of us.

We could just get like the Old Sailor in the poem by A.A. Milne. Shipwrecked on an island, he becomes so overwhelmed by the number of tasks he should do that he finally gives up:

*And so in the end he did nothing at all,  
But basked on the shingle wrapped up in a shawl.  
And I think it was dreadful the way he behaved -  
He did nothing but bask until he was saved!*

But I think with a little prioritizing – something my husband Jim is better at than I – we can get ourselves started well. And then instead of doing nothing, our motto will be, “Oh, the places we'll go!”

*And will you succeed?  
Yes! You will, indeed!  
(98 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  percent guaranteed.)*

My dad was an Air Force guy, and for many years we had a poster inside one of our kitchen cabinets with a drawing of an unsavory looking old geezer in pilot's gear. Below his picture were the words, “Sleep tight tonight – your Air Force is awake.” I used to puzzle over that one a lot as a child. But it's coming to mind now: “Enjoy your vacation, ECA – your rector is planning.” It's true, there might be a little more summertime left for me too – a family gathering up north, maybe even one more back-packing trip to squeeze in. But come September, well, you'll be hearing from me.

*Blessings,  
Kate*

## JV Music Director



**T**he JV Music Director Search Committee is delighted to welcome Kristal Kim as Music Director of Joint Venture Churches of Almaden. Kristal will officially start in the position on Sept. 1, but will be around the church during August as she prepares to join us.

Kristal impressed the search committee with her spirituality, energy, impeccable keyboard skills and passion about music. She is warm, encouraging and shows a sense of humor.

Formerly Director of Music at First St. John's United Church of Christ in Cincinnati, Kristal is a Doctoral Candidate in Musical Arts from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She holds a Master of Music degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in Piano Performance and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from UCLA.

An award-winning piano soloist who has performed internationally, Kristal also has extensive experience accompanying major choral groups. In addition, she served as rehearsal accompanist for the American Conservatory of Theatre for three years. She has been giving piano lessons for all ages

and levels of skill since 2004. Kristal is looking forward to further developing her own playing skills on Joint Venture Churches' Phoenix organ.

"As a Christian myself and having grown up in a pastor's family," Kristal wrote in her cover letter, "I believe that a spiritually and musically well-prepared music offering is essential for an enriching worship experience."

Kristal recently gave birth to her first child, soon to be 100 day old son, Theo. Her husband Steven owns the dry cleaning business near the Safeway at Camden and Almaden Expressway. They live just a few miles from the church.

Members of the Joint Venture Music Committee deserve abundant praise for their vision, dedication and willingness to adapt to a tight interview/audition schedule. The committee members are CCA-VUCC members Debbie Bemis, Carolyn Crowley, John Hawes and Lynn Widman (co-chair), and, ECA members Betty Consorte, Rev. Kate Flexer, Andy Kerr and Todd Axtell (co-chair). The committee greatly appreciates benefiting from Pastor Rodney's blessing and Rev. Kate's guidance.

The search committee wants to thank all of the choir members who participated in the auditions for the candidates. The committee feels blessed to have had the choice of a number of excellent candidates who applied.

We all look forward with joy and excitement to Kristal's leadership of our music program.

## Stewardship

For those with whom we have talked you know that my niece, Julie, came through her spinal tumor surgery with “flying colors”. Thank you all for your prayers. This next week she endures thyroid cancer surgery. Wouldn't it have been wonderful to be in Star Trek and have “Bones” pass a wand over her and not have to do these things in series and with all the pain. Again, we ask for your prayers that this surgery is as successful as the doctor's confidence is high. They say that thyroid cancer is the best cancer to have, if you have to have one.

In July your Endowment Fund Committee (Todd Lukanc, Bill LaVallee, Todd Lukanc, & George Romer) met with the account manager at Comerica Securities to re-align the signature “card” and hear recommendations on re-balancing our investments in line with current realities, our risk tolerance, and future expectations. We will consider Comerica Securities' specific recommendations in August. Current (7/17/11) Endowment Fund balance is \$247,179.94, virtually unchanged since the June Shape.

Again, I will be calling for help to plan and execute our annual in-gathering campaign to support our joint mission in Christ. If you are moved to be a part of that effort, please let your intentions known to me soon. Many hands make lighter and more joyful work. Thanks in advance!

*George Romer*

## Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care team has gotten off to a great start. We are pleased to publish our updated ministry contact directory which will appear in every issue of The Shape from now on. If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please give one of our willing volunteers below a call!

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## From the Editor



I feel like I am losing my mind lately, it has been such an insane few weeks since the last Shape went into print. I have been to Houston for my grandmother's funeral and the inevitable family drama surrounding the disposal of her estate (something which will undoubtedly take years to execute due to her lack of planning). I then flew to Seattle twice in as many weeks for press previews of pre-production cars and after a month of travelling am finally home trying to catch up on my home life and the "tasks around the farm". It's a funny thing calling home a "farm"; I can't say that I ever dreamed about living on a farm as a child (mostly because my vision of a farm was of something in Kansas with row crops). However, according to just about everyone from the county to PG&E we're an agricultural property and of course we have just a few more chickens than your average back-yard egg operation. This of course meant that while we were gone we had to con a friend into coming over to take care of the three hens, 24 pullets and 27 chicks; no small favour mind you.

Because our friend has a life outside of our small attempt at rural nirvana, he was only able to drop 'round in the evenings around every other day. As it turns out, this caused one of our hens (named Stew) to turn broody. For the gentle reader not acquainted with chicken husbandry, broody is a term

used to describe a hen that has decided to start "setting" on her eggs (why it is not called sitting on eggs is beyond me). You see, birds don't lay all their eggs at the same time, it takes a while to gather a clutch together. Once the clutch is complete, the hen will pull out the feathers on her abdomen to make better contact with the eggs and then nestle down in the nest to keep them warm. Of course, our hen has no idea her eggs are not fertile, nor does she care that the eggs she is caring for are not her own (she sits on anything that looks like an egg, her neighbour's egg, stones, whatever). The instinct to nest is so strong with this hen that simply removing her from the nest and taking the eggs daily is not enough for her. I'm not yet sure how we will break her of the habit and many of the recommendations we have had from farmers border on the bizarre or cruel to our minds.

Even though I don't personally lay eggs, I can sympathise with Stew. Now that we have a place of our own, whatever the condition, I miss home far more than when we lived in an apartment, and I don't have any eggs calling me home. It's funny, I get the same feeling about ECA when I've been away too long. There's that drive to return to the nest and stay for a while. Maybe Stew is onto something? I've tried asking but she's not the most talkative bird.

*Alex Dykes*

## Senior Warden's Corner

*"Allow yourself time to be lazy and even unproductive. Rest isn't luxury; it's a necessity." - Unknown*

I spent some time on vacation this past month. My companion and I drove to Southern California, attended a wedding, spent time in Disneyland, and worked our way back up the coast. My favorite part of the trip was travelling up Highway 1 from Morro Bay to Monterey. I had miles and miles of beautiful coast to see and photograph, so we didn't rush. There were plenty of opportunities to see the magnificence of the coastal cliffs mixed with sunlight filtering through blue sky and gray fog. The only excitement was the family of Pacific Coast ticks that attached to my clothes as I pushed through the high grasses to get to the edge of a cliff for a perfect picture. I never got bit, but we found these critters for days on our clothes, in the car, and in our hotel rooms. Yuck! But I got the photograph I wanted.

I found this vacation to be very refreshing, and an opportunity to step back from the hectic retired life that I lead, and appreciate what's around me. I found it spiritually uplifting, and could see God's hand in everything around us. The absolute beauty of the California coastline is breathtaking. I have always found it to be a place where I feel like I'm standing in God's presence. I feel a peace of mind and spirit, and a warm glow wells up inside of me whenever I can stand on a cliff overlooking a cove with crashing waves, smelling the summer flowers mixed with ocean spray, and the contrast of blue sky with grey and pink clouds. It makes me a whole person and one with God. I'm ready to tackle the world again with God's help.

*Doug Dunham*

## Good Question!

*This is a new monthly column to answer questions about being an Episcopalian, our customs at ECA, the building, or anything else that you've wanted to ask about – send your questions to [TheShape@eca-sj.org](mailto:TheShape@eca-sj.org). This month's question and answer come from Welcome to the Episcopal Church, by Christopher L. Webber.*

### Why Is Singing So Important?

The practical reasons are that sung words carry better and more clearly than spoken words and that voices stay in unison better in singing than in speaking. But music also adds expressiveness, especially joy, to the words we speak. And music also expresses, better perhaps than any other medium, the universality and inclusiveness of the church. We no longer speak Latin, but we can still sing the ancient plainsong melodies. Few of us speak German, but we can sing Luther's great hymns. None of us has experience slavery, but we can sing the hymns created by African-Americans during the years of slavery. An ordinary Sunday morning in an Episcopal Church will find a congregation singing hymn tunes from Ireland and Wales and Russia with words from ancient Greece and medieval Spain. Many musicians and others who love music have come into the Episcopal Church primarily because of its music. God gave us the gift of music, and in the Episcopal Church the great music of the whole human race – from the simple plainsong of the Middle Ages to the great organ music of recent centuries – is a familiar part of the offering of worship.

## Thursday Morning Bible Study

Since September 2005, the Thursday Morning Bible Study has studied and discussed the biblical books of Matthew, Romans, Ephesians, John, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John, Hebrews, James, 1st & 2nd Peter, Acts, and last May we finished the Gospel of Luke. I would like to acknowledge all those who have devoted many hours of their time to study these books. I personally have learned so much from the discussions we've had, and for that I am extremely grateful.

Starting in September 2011, we will be going back to the first book of the Bible, Genesis. Genesis is the origin of many themes throughout the Bible, and some say it is foundational to understanding the rest of the Bible. God's sovereignty, human-

ity's origin, its fall and predicament, God's justice, mercy, grace and provision, the concept of sacrifice and the need for atonement for sin all find their roots in Genesis. It is a book about relationships, especially between God and people. We say in our liturgy,

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

So, how was it in the beginning? We are going to start at the Bible's beginning and find out.

I invite anyone who is available to come and join in our discussions. We meet at 10:30 am on Thursdays, beginning September 22. Some folks come regularly, and some come sporadically. We welcome everyone. Think about what you would like to get out of Genesis and join us.

*Mary McPherson*

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# Talent Show Recipes

There were requests for the recipes from the talent show and rather than send them out individually I decided to put them into the newsletters. The recipes can be "lighted" up by using light sour cream, cream cheese, low fat milk, etc. And, amounts can be varied depending on taste. Because of the quantities needed, the high calorie version was prepared for the dinner.

*Amy Griffith*

## Strawberry-Spinach Salad

*8-10 servings*

1 small bag of baby spinach, rinsed  
1-2 baskets strawberries, stemmed & quartered  
1/4 red onion, sliced thin (according to taste)

Toss with Poppysseed Dressing:

1/2 cup mayonnaise  
2 tbsp white wine vinegar  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup milk  
2 tbsp poppyseeds  
Mix together well.

## Parmesan Chicken

6 chicken breasts, cut in half or 12-16 chicken tenders (chicken tenders were used for the dinner)

1 cup soft bread crumbs (2-4 slices white bread)  
3/4 cup Parmesan cheese  
1/4 cup chopped parsley  
1 clove garlic  
1/2 tsp salt  
dash pepper

Put bread, cheese, garlic, salt and pepper into a food processor to mix.

Melt 1/2 cup butter

Dip the chicken in the butter, then bread crumbs.

Put in a baking pan or cookie sheet with sides and bake at 350 degree oven for 30-40 min.



## Potato Casserole

*serves 8-10*

6 potatoes, peeled, cut in chunks, cooked, drained and mash with:

4 tbsp butter  
4 oz. cream cheese  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/2 tsp salt  
dash pepper

Mash and mix with:

2 bunches chopped green onion

Put into a buttered oblong pan, sprinkle with paprika, and bake in 350 degree oven for 30 min.

## How We “Found” Wendy

**D**uring a recent vestry meeting, it was mentioned that a new column was being developed: why we go to church and why ECA. That thought intrigued me so I wrote a few things down and someone said that I looked interested and that maybe I could write an article. I took it on as it would give me a chance to process these questions and share my thoughts on the matter. Since then, home duties took priority and my inspiration and ideas dwindled to that of just another thing on the list of things to do. Come back inspiration, come back!

So, why church, why ECA? As I have shared before, my son's friend inspired us to attend ECA through a social studies project he and Nick were doing on our kitchen floor back when they were in the sixth grade. That was the hook for Nick. You see, we had been rotating to different churches for about three years trying to find a new "home", closer to home. We had been attending St. Jude's Episcopal church in Cupertino since Nick was about 20 months old and, over the years, the commute was just becoming too much, adding about 1.5 hours on top of actual church time. Moreover, the kids would soon need to be in a youth group. The distance would, selfishly speaking of course, take most of my Sunday waiting and traveling back and forth from Cupertino for any youth events and making it next to impossible to make any youth events during the week during, or after, work hours. Moving to Cupertino was financially out of the question. So where to go? We tried several different churches and different faiths, all which worked for at least one of us in one way or another. The trouble was, my daughter, Ashley, Nick and I each felt comfortable, and for me "fed" at different churches. So for a while, we rotated where we attended church.

As the parent though, I knew it was time to plant our roots and engage ourselves in a community of faith so, after the social studies project, we committed as a family to attend ECA for 3 months. What helped me plant my roots here was attending the Thursday morning Bible study group for a couple of months, though I will admit, it was a phone call invitation that got me to actually show up. I had the pleasure of getting to know some of ECA's members better and was then greeted by name and hugged on Sundays. That did it for me: I was welcomed by name, smiled at, and hugged. Nick found his connection through his friend attending church and my daughter, well, she was comfortable after the first few weeks at ECA. Her hook was becoming an acolyte. So what have we learned? Being of service helps us feel connected.

If I was a newcomer today, Kate's sermons would probably be my hook. I hunger for hearing God's word and learning how to apply it in my life - to be salt and light. Getting to know God better helps me be more accountable for my actions, my words, and my thoughts. When I see it reciprocate in my children, I feel like I am doing my part to help them know their heavenly Father - again, salt and light. God has given me the privilege of being a parent to help them develop a relationship with God: the God they will come to grow in based on Bible readings, sermons, other books, life experiences, family discussions, youth group, and youth camps. I teach my children that God is not found only at church, but everywhere and in everyone, in some way or another. God speaks through people, experiences, readings, and of course that wee little voice inside each of us, should we choose to listen. I get to teach and share with them what I learn and understand and they get to develop their own relationship with Him. Being at ECA helps me do

## How We “Found” Wendy

that by being surrounded by people of all ages and of the same faith, hearing God's word, and joyfully worshipping Him through our music. I must say, if I was a newcomer and attended on a day the folk choir was performing, I would be hooked for the music they play fills my soul (especially if it's Cur-sillo music). De Colores!

I consider the people at ECA “God with skin on” and a source of energy, strength, knowledge, and experience that my kids and I can draw from. For that, to me, is what a church community is about. Supporting each other in any way we can and being of service in any way we can. We in turn, give our time, talent and treasure back to the church community in the things we do as part of the church community: teaching Sunday school, acolyting, attending youth group, being on Vestry. ECA is our church family where we get to share and grow with others who have the same belief system and choose to worship God in a similar way. We get to give and to receive. We get to laugh, cry, share, and of course eat! We get to step out of our comfort zone and try new things. We get to challenge ourselves with new tasks, discover the values we have in each other, and build our character to do the work God has sent us to do - whatever that is for each of us. As Kate mentioned in her sermon July 10th, we get to be the path, the rocky soil, the thorny soil, and the good soil, and still be loved for it!

*Wendy Martin*

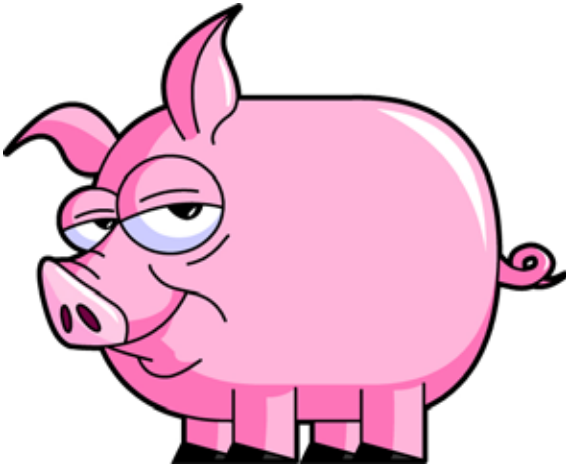
### *Senior Warden's Note:*

In these past few months, I've tried to write about my spiritual journey in my “Senior Warden's Corner” articles in the Shape. I've had some very encouraging feedback about how my story has touched others. And so I challenged your vestry to think about their spiritual journey and perhaps create an article sharing their experience with you. You've seen some of these articles in recent issues of the Shape.

I would also like to invite you to do the same. Every one of us is on a walk with Jesus and God, and our journeys are all in different places. It's part of our growth to tell these stories so we can all relate to them and realize that our journeys aren't so different after all. If you're moved to write something for the Shape, you can send it to [theshape@eca-sj.org](mailto:theshape@eca-sj.org).

*Doug Dunham*

## Swine You Say?



**B**y now you have hopefully received a post card in the mail inviting you to our first annual Wine & Swine dinner. First off, let me apple-o-gise for the misspelling on the front — my fat fingers and rush to get them off in the post will no doubt lead to a deluge of e-mails pointing out my error. I'll just blame it on the swine: piggie did it.

**What:** ECA's social event of the year!

**Menu:** We'll be feasting on a southern-style pit-roasted pig, delicious sides, fantastic desserts and more.

**Dress code:** This is important, so pay attention. An award will be given for the "best dressed" in the crowd, take that to mean what you will. Fancy, tacky, Hawaiian, kilts, impossibly large hats, you name it. *Extra points will obviously be given for grass skirts, pig-tails and edible head-wear.*

**What to bring:** a guest or two or three, and a beverage of your choice (wine, soda and all water you can drink will be provided).

**Cost:** \$20 per person (please contact Kate if the cost is a concern, we want everyone to attend!)

**RSVP by 8/16:** Alex Dykes at (408) 839-2632 or by e-mail to: alex@dykesfamily.net or sign-up in the fellowship hall.

**Childcare is provided but optional, kids are always welcome! Be sure to RSVP for childcare!**

Feel like a swine? Contact Alex Dykes to join the crowd and help out with the event.

## Youth Updates

SHYGS and JHYGS continue to meet on Monday nights from 6-9pm for BBQ and fellowship. If you haven't come you are missing out on a great time!

The position for Christian Education/Community outreach person is still open as we look through resumes and have our interviews going on. No timeline for when we will have that person in place, as we deal with vacations, work schedules and the like, and we are prayerfully trying to let the Holy Spirit work through us to choose the person that is meant to be here.

*Bonnie McPherson*

## Nautical Prayer Writing

He said, “It’s the difference between sailing in a sail boat and rowing a row boat.” I supposed it came down to how much work one had to do, or how difficult it would be, or how quickly you could move in your intended direction. I wondered, too, if the difference were about the joy of working with the wind, having the wind’s help. When I thought about it, I wasn’t sure the sail boat was necessary in order to get where you wanted to be. Either way you would have work. But with a sail boat you’d have a lively, even surprising companion on the way.

He was talking about prayer, about recognizing the Holy Spirit’s involvement in your life. And here in this painting are the sail boats waiting, in the morning or perhaps at night with a full moon, on a calm sea, with a whisper of a breeze. Here the moored boats, sails reefed, pulled by the current all slued in the same direction, almost blend into the depth of the ocean beneath, as though one on board could sail through even the darkest most difficult issues of life.

*By Sandie Mueller in Lynn Rogers Writing Class and inspired by one of her paintings. 7/14/2011*



# Thanks!!!

*Special thanks to the following people for their service to the congregation recently:*

- Susie Ferguson and Betty Consorte, for their work in coordinating the Red White and Blue Dinner and Talent Show.
- Amy Griffith and her crew, for preparing great food every other week for Montgomery Meals, and also, thanks to Dave Byers and his crew, for delivering and serving the food downtown. They are rewarded every other week by the gratitude of those on the receiving end, but we thank them too.

# Anniversaries

Jack & Winnie Jackman 20

# Birthdays

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Kele Lavery        | 7  |
| Bethany Nollette   | 11 |
| Sarah Dunn         | 13 |
| P.J. Gallego       | 13 |
| Jessica Skowronski | 14 |
| Roger Hoyt         | 16 |
| David Byers        | 17 |
| David Hoyt         | 19 |
| Robb Moore         | 22 |
| Allan Jones        | 24 |
| Jim Wooldridge     | 25 |
| Frances Sandrock   | 30 |
| Lynne Kelly        | 31 |



## Old Glasses

**D**o you have old eyeglasses that you are ready to be thrown out? Bring them to the church and put them in the basket that's labelled on the shelf in the Narthex. They are taken to Lenscrafters, picked up by the Lion's Club and then given to VOSH (Volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity). This group, composed primarily of optometrists and optometry students across the country, donates their time and energy to help those who would not otherwise receive vision care. The group collects, refurbishes and categorizes the glasses and dispenses them to the needy in both the United States and foreign countries. For more information call Amy Griffith, (408) 268-0920.



## Toiletries

**H**ave you been on a trip and gathered shampoos, conditioners, lotions, shower caps, etc. from hotels? If they have accumulated and you're looking for a place to donate them, there is a basket on the shelf in the Narthex. They will be collected by Nancy Romer and taken to West Valley College to be given to students that are in need of these items. For more information call Amy Griffith, (408) 268-0920

## Free Food!

**T**hat's what you can have if the food in the refrigerator, freezer, counter or pantry has not been marked. Please mark any food that you intend to use again with your name/organization. And, don't forget you have them. Anything spoiled or aged will be thrown out. If there are paper goods that do not belong to JV, mark them. Call Amy, (408) 268-0920, if there are questions.

## Lost & Found

### *Found*

Cutco serving fork. Call Amy: (408) 268-0920.

*You are cordially invited to ECA's first annual*

# *2011 Wine & Swine*

*August 27th, 6pm*



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