

# CLOSET CHATTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE AUBURN INTERFAITH FOOD CLOSET

## Message from the President

It is hard to believe the holidays are here again. Where did the year go?

Thanksgiving provides us a time to reflect on the blessings that God has given us. Even though some of us are going through very rough times health wise or financially, God is faithful and promises to be with us and to provide for us in all things.

Sometimes things are so rough that it is hard to recognize that God is present, but He always is. Holidays are the hardest for struggling families and those without loved ones nearby. We can show some measure of love by extending a

hand of friendship to those we serve.

I am hoping that you and your family draw nearer to God this holiday season and that you feel His presence.

Thank you so much for making the Food Closet what it is and helping others.

Sandy Bassett, President



### Needs

Food Donations

Diapers

Paper Products

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## AIFC on KAHI

Max Kane and Joe Irvin were interviewed in October on local radio station KAHI AM950.

Speaking for the Auburn Interfaith Food closet, Max Kane told of the Stuff-A-Bus event at both Raley's and Grocery Outlet, both in Auburn. There will be representatives from the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet at the entrance door(s) handing out flyers with ideas for food the customer might add to their shopping list. As they exit the store, there will be a shopping cart where they can deposit the food they bought for contribution. Or they can also contribute cash or a check in lieu of buying food.

Joe Irvin spoke on the increasing need in the community and asked for contributions from local businesses.

## *Our Heartfelt Thanks to ...*



**Longhorn Meats** who recently donated 50 lbs. of fresh hamburger to the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet.

(From L to R:) Joyce Smith, AIFC; Max Kane, AIFC; Ashley Countryman, Longhorn Meats, and Phil Kattenhorn, owner, Longhorn Meats.

**Auburn Transit** for donating the use of bus for the Stuff-A-Bus Event.

**The eighth grade algebra students from E.V. Cain** who spent a weekend day at the Safeway parking lot conducting a can drive for the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet.

**You are appreciated!**



# Giving Thanks



**11/23/2011**

The Colfax Lions Club will host their annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner on Wednesday, November 23rd. There is no charge to attend the dinner and everybody in the community is invited!

A complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings and pumpkin pie will be served from 5 to 7 pm at the Sierra Vista Center, 55 School Street.

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**11/24/2011**

Elijah's Jar presents the 6th Annual Thanksgiving Love Dinner

Because no one should be alone on Thanksgiving.

Thurs. November 24, 2011 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: Veteran's Memorial Hall, Foresthill

This free turkey dinner is for all seniors and others in need of food and comfort. To make a donation or get information: 367-3085.

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**11/24/2011**

The Salvation Army - Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Gold Country Fairgrounds

For more information call (530) 889-3990

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## Pioneer Presents

**Pioneer United Methodist Church  
In Partnership with Auburn Community Concerts**

### **OUR NEXT CONCERT:**

**November 27, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.  
Pioneer United Methodist Church, 1338 Lincoln  
Way, Auburn, CA 95603**

### **FEATURING:**

**Larisa Migachyov - Russian-born pianist and composer -  
classical, ragtime.**

**Cello Sound - A cello trio.**

**Foothill Chamber Winds - Wind quintet with varied reper-  
toire.**

\$20 Donation is suggested and may be made at the door

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**Seasons  
Greetings**

**Benefit Concert: Friday, Dec. 23, 3 p.m.**

**TOOT SWEET BRASS CO.  
A HOLIDAY BRASS CELEBRATION**



**TOOT SWEET BRASS CO**

Free-will donation for Auburn Interfaith Food Closet and Pioneer building restoration fund.  
**Pioneer United Methodist Church, 1338 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603**

## ***Client's Corner***



### ***FLU SHOTS***

Placer County will administer Flu Shots for a fee of \$20 per person (fees are waived for those who can prove enrollment in Medicare part B and are not assigned to an HMO) only at community clinics this season.

Rural residents will have to travel to a clinic rather than have the health department send a team to their community.

Flu information and clinic locations can be obtained by calling (530) 889-7161.



Grocery stores and pharmacies are also offering flu shots for fees ranging from \$27.99 to \$30.00 insurance is accepted. Call your local store for more information.

### **JoJo Potatoes**

*by the panhandler*

4 medium to large russet potatoes  
 3/4 cup all purpose flour  
 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt  
 1/2 teaspoon onion salt  
 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
 1/2 teaspoon mild paprika  
 2 Tablespoons margarine  
 2 Tablespoons olive oil

Place flour and spices in plastic bag. Shake to mix well. In 350F oven melt margarine and oil on cookie sheet. Remove pan from oven and use spatula to distribute oil evenly across the pan.

Wash (do not peel) potatoes, and cut into wedges. Place in bag with flour mixture and shake well to coat.

Place coated potato wedges on oiled pan and bake at 350F for 30 minutes. Turn potatoes over and cook for 30 minutes more until golden brown.

Makes 4 to 5 servings.

### **Do you shop at Save Mart?**

A Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. card is a very easy way to support the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet.

S.H.A.R.E.S. is an acronym for Arts, Recreation, Education & Sports in our community. By using the S.H.A.R.E.S. card when making most purchases at Save Mart, the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet will receive up to 3% of your purchase. Save Mart will send the food closet a quarterly check.

The S.H.A.R.E.S. card does not contain any identifying information or money attached to it, other than it is encoded already for AIFC as the intended beneficiary.

Contact Max Kane for SHARES card.

**Can Volunteers Take Home Donated Food?**

The short answer is no.

The AIFC is a public benefit corporation accorded a tax exempt status by the IRS on the basis of our public mission of providing food to needy families. This tax exempt status could be withdrawn if the IRS were to determine that volunteers were accruing a private benefit. The following is a quote from the IRS Compliance Guide for 501 (c) (3) public charities: "A public charity is prohibited from allowing more than an insubstantial accrual of private benefit to individuals or organizations. This restriction is to ensure that a tax-exempt organization serves a public interest, not a private one. If a private benefit is more than incidental, it could jeopardize the organization's tax-exempt status." More information can be obtained at the IRS website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo).

The policy of the AIFC is that a team leader may distribute perishable food to the volunteer staff only if that food would spoil before it could given to our clients. If food can be frozen (e.g., bread) to avoid spoilage then it should be frozen. Non-perishable food may not be distributed to volunteers. If we have an abundance of food, then it will be distributed to other agencies who can give it to clients.



**It's A Mystery !?!**

The food closet telephone is being used to make long distance calls to "exotic" places such as Grass Valley, Lincoln, Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, etc. Calls involving food closet business are A-O-Kay, but for all other long distance calls please use your cell phone or wait until you get home.

Everyone loves a mystery ----HOWEVER this one is costing us money at a time when we are trying hard to be frugal.

***Thank You!***