SHOWTIME!
Annual Luncheon, Boutiques and Garden Party

The West 79th Street Funk Jazz Band provided the background music for the Garden Party that opened the Annual Luncheon on June 27 at the Sheraton Universal.

The guests enjoyed shopping at boutiques with unique jewelry, purses, clothing, and other hand crafted items; opportunity drawings for beautiful gift baskets; and chatting with friends.

At noon, everyone gathered in the ballroom where Bob Saget was the Master of Ceremonies. He is currently starring in the new ABC prime time comedy series, Surviving Suburbia, with costars Cynthia Stevenson, Jared Kusnits, G. Hannelius, and Jere Burns. NBC4’s weathercaster Fritz Coleman delighted the audience with his comedy routine about the ins and outs of doing the weather in a one weather season city. Then Los Angeles City Council Member Dennis P. Zine, an honorary Foundation Board member, joined Bob on stage for the live auction. Dennis has a special talent of whipping the audience into a frenzy of excitement, especially when he auctioned the Hawaiian Luau for our clients. Other live auction prizes were passes to Disneyland, SeaWorld, and Rankin Ranch; certificates to the best restaurants in Los Angeles; Dodgers tickets; a day of shopping with retail and boutique certificates and a weekend stay at the Hilton Woodland Hills; and lunch at City Hall with Mitchell Englander and Cliff Ruff, who are the chiefs of staff for Councilmen Greig Smith and Dennis P. Zine, respectively.

NBC4's weathercaster Fritz Coleman delighting the audience with a wonderful comedy routine.

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RENOVATED SUNLAND FACILITY REOPENS

The Sunland Day Program facility was reopened in March after extensive renovation that added 1,500 square feet, a new patio with wheelchair accessible gardening boxes and the new S. Mark Taper Foundation Community Room. The expansion allows Valley Village to serve about 20 more clients and the census is at about 72.

The expansion will also give Valley Village the opportunity to make a further analysis of the community needs with the possibility of providing space for an after school program for children. The community will also benefit from the renovation because the multipurpose room will be available.

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Our mission is to protect, foster, develop and advance the rights and interests of people with developmental disabilities.
To ensure that our programs are of the high quality that Valley Village was founded to provide.

Thank you also to our loyal group of sponsors. In these challenging economic times, I particularly want to thank our loyal friends who continue to stand by us: our Presenting Sponsor, Bank of the West; and our Title Sponsors: Lee Hamer Memorial Charities, Marion Letsch, and the Winnetka Neighborhood Council. Their generosity as well as that of the silver and patron sponsors, and other donors is truly appreciated.

As for the program itself, we were thrilled once again to have Bob Saget honor us by being the Master of Ceremonies for SHOWTIME! He has been a good friend for many years. Further, Bob arranged for us to have his friend, Fritz Coleman, perform as our featured comic entertainer. What a delight that was! As I looked around the room, everyone I saw was totally engaged and laughing.

Opportunities for learning more about us and getting involved are coming up. Our General Membership Meeting will take place on September 24, 2009. At that time, our Executive Director, and members of her staff will report on the state of Valley Village and its various programs.

Please contact the Development Department at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120 for more information on how you can become an active participant.

If you would like to have friends or relatives added to our mailing list to receive The Village Spirit and our e-newsletter, please contact the Development Department at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.
As we have stated many times in the past, plan for yourselves, plan ahead. It is not too early to begin thinking about your estate planning, whether or not you have a will. We are all going to die one day. If you have been procrastinating on this issue, I urge you to begin research, or get in touch with your attorney, and start working on your estate plan.

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**Annual Luncheon**

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- World Records Museum
- Hot’s Cantina
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- Penny Inye
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on behalf of the Foundation let me offer congratulations to Valley Village for another successful Annual Luncheon at the Sheraton Universal Hotel.

Much of the credit goes to the organizers, Jenny Daniels Freese and Anush Orudzhyan who work in the Valley Village Development Department and their team of Valley Village volunteers. Also thanks to the Master of Ceremonies, Bob Saget, who over the years has become a loyal Valley Village supporter, and to Fritz Coleman, his special guest this year. And last but not least, a special thank you to Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Honorary Director of the Foundation for his memorable live auctions.

As we have stated many times in the past, plan for yourselves, plan for your family and especially plan for your special needs child. To help you plan, our last newsletter article focused on achieving a better understanding of the various terms used in estate planning. As a follow up, the following paragraphs will focus on the legal forms that take precedence.

When doing your estate planning, it is advisable to work with an estate-planning attorney to get it right, because when the time comes to execute those papers, you won’t be around to say how it should be done.

As in the last newsletter the following information is from an article by Betty Berry, a senior concerns advocate, that appeared in the Ventura County Star on August 11, 2008, and she has given me permission to reprint her article below:

“Q: My friend and I are trying to get our legal papers in order and are having a disagreement on what paper or papers take precedence over others. She said that a will is the final word, while I was always told that other ways of leaving money, such as naming a beneficiary, would be the form to follow. Can you shed some light?

A: First, congratulations to both of you for putting your legal papers in order. It is important to have these issues set in print, so your assets, when you are gone, go to the person or persons you want to have them.

It is also very important to know which legal form takes precedence. If you don’t, you may end up leaving a particular asset or assets to an unintended person or persons.

To make sure that I understood some of the methods of leaving assets, I spent some time with an expert in the field and found the following:

Beneficiaries that you designate on life insurance policies, certain investment accounts, such as 401(k)s and IRAs, and U.S. Savings Bonds, will take precedence over those you name in your will.

If you fail to designate a beneficiary or name your estate as the beneficiary of your IRA or life insurance policy, the assets involved will be subject to probate, which is a time-consuming and expensive legal process.

Naming your trust as the beneficiary of your retirement accounts can be a problem when there are significant differences in the ages of your heirs. If a tax-advantaged retirement plan’s designated beneficiary is your trust, it will affect the method that withdrawals may be made by your heirs.

A transfer on death designation is another method of leaving assets. You will find this method is commonly used for investments and bank accounts. This method is comparable to a joint ownership, except that with a transfer on death designation, the beneficiary has no control until the owner dies.

Joint ownership is another way to pass on assets, but it does have drawbacks in that the person named as the joint tenant has ownership rights, and there is risk if that joint tenant is sued. Once papers are in place, don’t forget to update beneficiary designations if you divorce, remarry or are widowed. It is so easy to forget to update these important papers when family status changes. Even if family status doesn’t change, your legal papers should be reviewed every few years to make sure that they will do what you intend them to do.

There are many ways to name your heirs, and each family is unique. When doing your estate planning, it is advisable to work with an estate-planning attorney to get it right, because when the time comes to execute those papers, you won’t be around to say how it should be done.”

If you have any questions about this article or about wills or trusts please call Dick Bartus at (661) 254-2900. There is no charge for his service, whether you need an answer to a question over the phone or a meeting with him to help prepare you for a meeting with a lawyer.

Dick is a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors and is a long time supporter of Valley Village. He also has access to a list of lawyers that can help you prepare a will, living trust or a special needs trust. If you have any questions give him a call.

In closing I wish you all a happy and safe summer.
SUNLAND
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for children’s groups on the weekend. “The partitions in the multipurpose room create greater flexibility so we configure the room to meet the needs of our various activities and programs,” said Debra Donovan, executive director. “The patio will provide clients with the opportunity to do gardening, which has been a successful program at our Winnetka campus.”

Valley Village is looking for donations to purchase items for the Sensory Stimulation program, such as light boards, chairs that vibrate, and textured objects. Another need is physical therapy equipment including wheelchair pedal bikes and standing tables.

The Sunland facility was dedicated in early June with former City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel (left) cutting the ceremonial ribbon with Debra Donovan.

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