

A 40 - Year Happening

Voz Vaqueros

The Singing Men of Las Cruces

1971 - 2011

105 North Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, N.M. 88001

January 1, 1971

- TO : ALL MEN of Las Cruces, and surrounding area;
FROM : George H. Jarden, Jr., M.D.
WHAT : a NEW all-MEN'S Singing Group -- "VOZ VAQUEROS;"
WHEN : Wednesday, January 13, 1971 -- First Meeting -- 7:30 p.m. and, each Wednesday thereafter, 7:30 p.m.
WHERE : The Elks Club Lodge, Elks Drive, Las Cruces

George H. Jarden Jr., M.D.

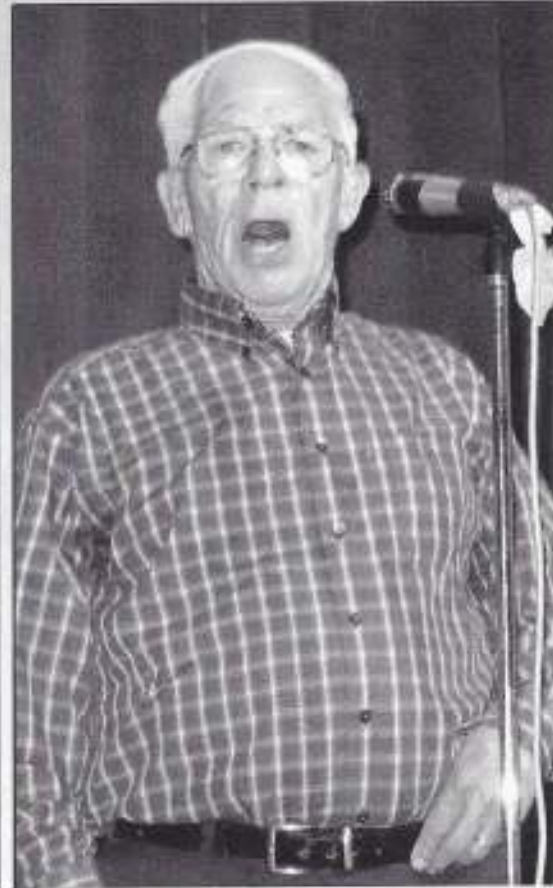
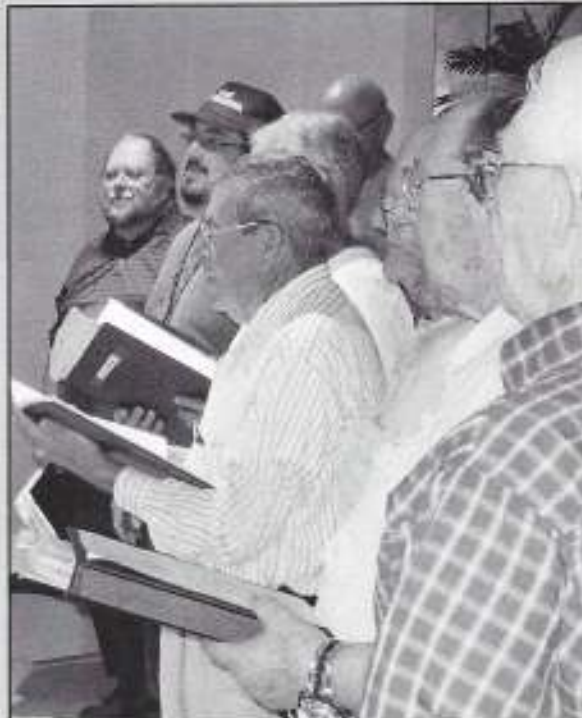
Dear Men,

Here is an invitation to all men in this area to join with us as we form **VOZ VAQUEROS** --the singin'-est bunch of hands in the Southwest!

We will have a group of 50 - 70 men singing for fun, entertainment, and for the benefit of any activities in the area we wish to sing for. Las Cruces needs a group of enthusiastic men to sing the songs we all like best -- to represent the area in song and comederie [sic!!]. Nothing can quite match the effect of an all-men's chorus -- **VOZ VAQUEROS.** → ... and then ... →

for 2011

Tuning up

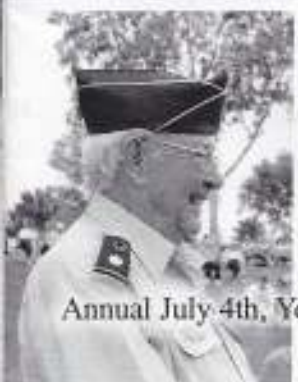
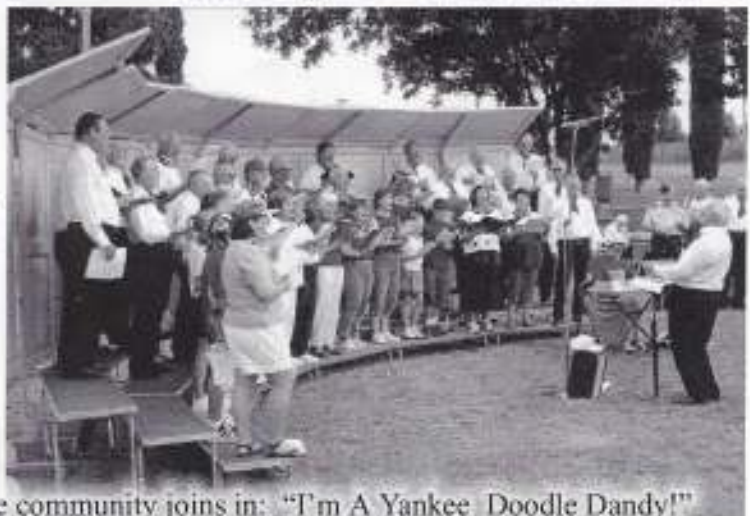


Twenty-two men (**"vaqueros"**) showed up that January evening, 1971, with their **voice ("voz")**, guitars, banjos, and their **enthusiasm**. There followed an action-packed "start-up" 1 ½ years of **fifty-three (53)** appearances: **concerts, inaugurals, City observances, openings, benefits, banquets, parades, church services, Christmas concerts, "Songs We Like To Sing" concerts, Easter Sunrises, weddings, funerals, dedication of the original Memorial General Hospital, football and NCAA TV basketball "National Anthem"s, halftime shows...on and on...**

...and on...for forty years, growing to 70 men in strength...through some **125 Christmas concerts / thirty Easter Sunrise 'services-in-song' / Fall Concerts of Sacred Choral Classics / Thanksgiving Eve Services / V V Community Carol Sings / Memorial Day "travel-around-town-on-a-flat-bed" singing patriotic songs at "your neighborhood corner" / funerals, weddings, inaugurations / some twenty-five record albums.** **1972 – "Songs We Like To Sing" theme first created by Voz Vaqueros. 1972 – created "Las Cruces" – the City's "unofficial official" song. 1973 – The Las Cruces Community Chorus formed, i.e., women singers; created to perform with Voz Vaqueros some eight times over the next twenty years. 1973 – First Latin Liturgical Concert, Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, resulting in record VV-101, "Greatest Hits of The Latin Liturgy" (2nd one, in 1981, VV-110, "Laudate Dominum.") 1975 – Voz Vaqueros city-wide "illustrate-the-song" contest to illustrate the 40 songs in VV's American Bicentennial album, "A Harmony of Cultures." The Las Cruces Public School participated. With over 1,000 entries (hung outdoors at the downtown mall for a festive day of judging by area artists!), the winners were included in the Commemorative Booklet insert accompanying the album. 1976 – Ceremonies: Las Cruces designated "Official American Bicentennial City." 1976 – The Bicentennial Album and Commemorative Booklet (VV-104) – were encapsulated in the hermetically sealed Bicentennial Time Capsule buried at the cornerstone of the (now "old") City Hall – to be opened in the American Tricentennial Year, 2076. And, V V initiated, and headlined, the Pan American Center American Bicentennial Pageant, "Echoes Of An Era." 1980 – V V presented The Choral Festival of Southern New Mexico for the benefit of the NMSU Symphony Orchestra; guest choral conductor: John Raymond, Dean of the Fred Waring Choral Workshop. Performed, with orchestra and The V V Las Cruces Community Chorus, Mozart's "Coronation" Mass, and "Songs We Like To Sing." 1982 – V V Educational Grant Program is inaugurated: over the next 15 years, 88 monetary grants were awarded to stimulate interest in area young men to join in the Voz Vaqueros singing experience. 1984 – The Voz Vaqueros Children's Chorus is formed, which sang and recorded with V V for many years. 1987 – V V named "Official Southern New Mexico Chorus" in celebrating the bicentennial of the signing of the United States Constitution. Performed "The Song of America" with orchestra at the NMSU Performing Arts Center. 1991 – presented The International Choral Festival with the Musicum Collegium Bremen and Chamber Orchestra, from Bremen, Germany, whom V V hosted and performed with, along with V V's Las Cruces Community Chorus: Haydn's "Mass St. Cecilia," and Mendelssohn's "Lauda Sion." The 'nineties, aughts, and beyond... continuing with more of the same: Christmas, Easter, "Songs We Like To Sing," and....?**

THE SINGING MEN OF LIS CRU

Leading The American Bicentennial Pageant
Pan Am Center, Spring 1976 - "It's A Small World"



Annual July 4th, Young Park. On left, Ed Farris. On Right the community joins in: "I'm A Yankee Doodle Dandy!"



Warming up, July 4th



Mike Rundle, Tiny Powers, July 4th



Bonnie Schurtz
Accompanist
'80s/'90s, Aughts/'10/'11



Wide awake! Easter Sunrise - 1974



Kay, Rich Larsen yuk-it-up with Owen Bennett.
From V V inception, Larsen is recording engineer,
("Rudolph") - & V V photographer.

Voz Vaqueros
 "Specialties"
 1970s



Ray Regan - "Take These Chains..."



Paul Zickefoose - "This Ole House"



Carl Williams - "Maria"



Dave Hogue - "The Genius"



Skipper Boesford - "Goober Pens"



Jim Horn - "Auctioneer's Song"



John Phillips - "Golden Fingert"



Everardo "Gilito" Lopez
 "Val de ri... val de rah!..."



Mike Grijalva - "Please Release Me"



Elsie Chamberler
 Accompanist 70s-'80s
 Composer, "Las Cruces"



Bill Rowland - "Music Box Dancer"



Georgi Jarden
 Accompanist
 '70s - '80s



Alex DuPuis, Milt Schoenbrun
 "Oh, It's Darkness, on the Delta!"



1977



1985



O
COME
LET US
ADORE
HIM

1987



Cutline Deming (N.M.) Headlight, January 27, 1971

Voz Vaqueros, The Singing Men of Las Cruces, after a recent rehearsal at the Elks Lodge, Las Cruces. Front row, kneeling, from left, J.L. "Skipper" Botsford, Bill Randall, Lou Gomez, Milton Schoenbrun, Ernie Stenmark, Jose Vargas (standing), and Johnnie Florez. Second row, from left, Everardo "Gilito" Lopez, Pierce Hubbard, Bob Byrd, Conductor George Jarden, M.D, Bill DeBoy, John Cyrus, Ralph Contreras, and Al Nunez. Third row, from left, Jay Holland, Hon. Jerry Apodaca, Dr. John Phillips, Elias Meraz, Jacob Tejada, Frank Lujan, Frank Couch, and Bob Berry. Fourth row, from left, Les Bruce, Prof. Paul Zickefoose, Don Ferguson, Prof. Ken Melgaard, Forrest Broom, D.D.S., Prof. Phil Hosford, David Hogue, (accompanist), and Bob Starman. Last row, from left, R.R. Regan, Esq., Frank Carbajal, Mike Mutter, Art Ballman, and Tony Gomez.

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VOZ VAQUEROS

Christmas Concert

For the eleventh consecutive year, Voz Vaqueros, The Singing Men of Las Cruces, are preparing for their Christmas Concert series, to be performed Dec. 15-16, 18-19 at 8 p.m. St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Candlelight atmosphere and the singing of beautiful Christmas music from many lands are the hallmarks of this yearly Las Cruces attraction.

A few of the free tickets required for admission are still available at St. Paul's, Budget Tapes and Records, Converso Music Center, La Flecha Music Center, Nannies, Melody Music, The Music Box and Trax Records and Tapes.

“SONGS WE LIKE TO SING”

1971 - 2011

A 40th - Anniversary Selection of Songs of Special Significance in Voz Vaqueros' History

Here we are!!!

Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog! * We've Only Just Begun * Always

Chisholm Trail Days

?we ARE cowboys?

If I Had My Way

Ride The Chariot * Good Old Mountain Dew * Bendito Sea Dios

LA CARCAJADA!! – HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! – LAUGH WITH US!!!!

Cool Water * Skipper Botsford

Audience and Performers: Please Stand or Step Forward

To recognize the BRANCH of the United States Military which has special significance to YOU

ARMY NAVY MARINES AIR FORCE COAST GUARD MERCHANT MARINES

What A Wonderful World

INTERMISSION

Say "Hi" to some friends. Make some new ones.

Here we go again!!!

Gonna Rise Up Singin'!

The Happy Wanderer

!!CHRISTMAS!!

Here We Come, A-Wassailing

(a song we like to sing and "do")

Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer

(recorded 1972)

Sholohm Ahlaychem

("Peace Upon You")

in memory of our friend, Milt Schoenbrun who first taught us this song in 1973

The Lord's Prayer

special chanted arrangement by one of the "fathers" of our singing: John Raymond
sung by V V at virtually every appearance

America, The Beautiful * The Star Spangled Banner

Golden Oldies

You're ON, audience!! Sing WITH us!!

Las Cruces

the City's unofficial official song, created by and sung by V V since 1972

It's A Small World

Soloists for "Songs We Like To Sing" – every man in the group!! – Ain't they GRAND??!!

Voz Vaqueros

President – Bob Hulsman

Vice President – Haney Pearson

Secretary – Eric Sletten

Treasurer – Frank Moreno

Member at Large – Al Nunez

Conductor – George Jarden

Piano Accompanist – Bonnie Schurtz

Assisting – Charlotte Johnson, Accompanist Alumna

First Tenor

Skipper Botsford **

Joe Nyce

Tom Reader

Eric Sletten

Second Tenor

Russell Fox +

Dick Hiss

Doug Jackson

Konrad Kundig

Lou Lyons

David Martinez

Paul Olson

Haney Pearson

Gilbert Perez

Gerry Schurtz

First Bass (Baritone)

George Conrad

Mike DeMers +

Billy Gavin

Bob Hulsman

Frank Moreno

Evy Myers

Al Nunez **

Julie Siegel

Second Bass

Gordon Butler

Don Fletter

Charlie Kurowsky

Ray Neher **

Ron Paynter +

Jeff Peckham

Louis Tonn

** Charter Member

+ Temporarily Inactive

Joining Voz Vaqueros for our 40th are three special "brothers in singing" and friends of Voz Vaqueros. Conductor Jarden's singing roots go back to Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, class of 1958. There he and our three guests encountered conductor John Raymond, who established a kind of singing dynasty at Lafayette – so much so that graduates from the 1940s onward still go back to Lafayette to sing at Reunion, and at the annual Christmas Vespers begun by Raymond. And, further, there have been three prior reciprocal visits from Lafayette's "Graduates" to Las Cruces, and Voz Vaqueros to Lafayette, to sing joint concerts – as many as twenty singers making the trip! The four stalwarts joining us now are: **Konrad Kundig**, Lafayette '60, from Oro Valley, Arizona; **Charles (Charlie) Kurowsky**, Lafayette '75, from Avenel, New Jersey; **Lou Lyons**, Lafayette '58, from Grants Pass, Oregon; and **Joe Nyce**, Lafayette '60, from Hopewell, New Jersey. Welcome, men!



P.R. shot in the V V studio - 1977

Dick Lansing
 Emerson W. Wright
 Jacob Tejada
 Alan Jay Levine
 Gilbert R. Fung
 John L. Follieri
 Karl Wm. Zink
 Bill Randall
 Mike Strijahn
 Ed M. Jacobi
 George Con
 Paul Pompeo
 Jimmie
 John Archdale
 D. W. ...
 Andrew Battenperger
 Howard Palmer
 Thomas
 Steve E.C.
 Bob Chetish
 Bob Bonnar
 Bob Wood
 Phil Wilkes
 Paul S. Pompeo
 Paul W. Zuckrose
 Martin Wese
 Raylus Cade
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 Diego

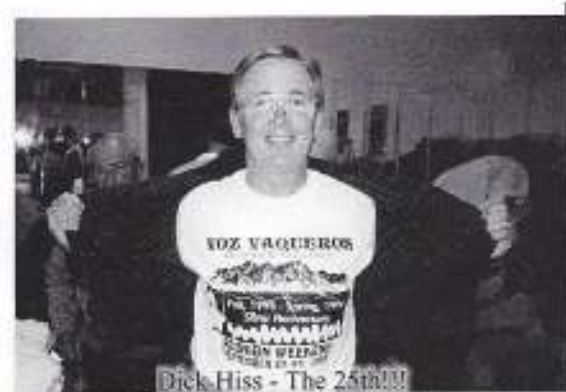




"Oh, say, can you see?...." GO AGGIES



"Un par de ojitas negros, Cielito Lindo...." (SNM State Fair - 1990)



Dick Hiss - The 25th!!!



The Graduates are here!
State Theatre - V V 25th - 1996



Bob & Al
Starman /Nunez

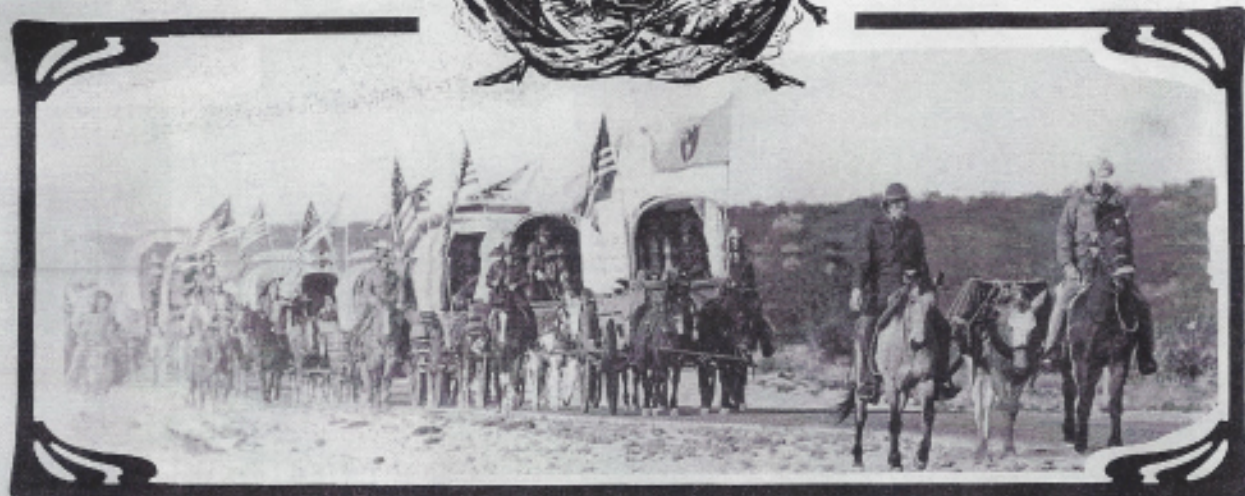


The Animal Ball - 2008



Easter Sunrise - Young Park, 1978

Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
and
Dona Ana County Bicentennial Commission
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★ ECHOES OF AN ERA ★
a Bicentennial pageant



FEATURING VOZ VAQUEROS ★ THE SINGING MEN OF LAS CRUCES

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PAN AMERICAN CENTER ★ ★ ★ LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

MAY 19 & 20 ★ 1976 ★ 7:30 P.M.

ADMISSION \$1.00

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

- FIRST NATIONAL BANK
- FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK
- CITIZENS BANK
- MUTUAL SAVINGS AND LOAN
- DONA ANA SAVINGS
- MONTGOMERY WARD

- VOS VAQUEROS
- LOS NIÑOS
- LARSEN'S STUDIO
- MELODY MUSIC
- TAPE RACK
- JACQUELINE'S

- LAS CRUCES DRUG
- DAY'S PHARMACY
- BAKER DRUG
- CITY DRUG
- GEORGE'S
- RED DOOR



Abby and Friends - Bob & Lottie Hulsman



Downtown Mall Illustrate the Song Contest
"...little arrows in your hair!" - '76



Jumpin' Joe Provencio - '75



Dick "Javapai Pete" Hill & Maxine - 1978



Trifless examines
The V V Scrapbook



Bill Randall howlin' for friend



Dick Lansing: "Ha! I've seen
that foot before, George."



Bob Stanton, Gerry Smith, Mike Wainman - '76



"Cass" - Richard Casanova



"The Float" - winning the Vaquero
Days Parade Trophy 1972



V V sound engineer
Bob Heyser



Carole Jarden

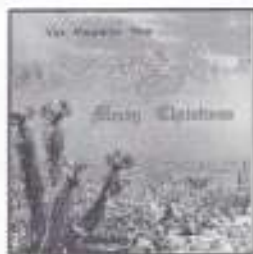


Jim Stanton flyin' high! - 1972



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The Singing Men of Las Cruces CD Order Form

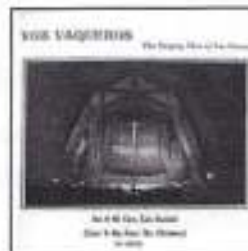


VV-100CD
Merry Christmas

Price: \$10.00

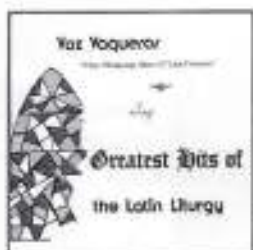


VV-105CD
6th Annual
Christmas Concert
2 CD Set
Price: \$18.00



VV-109CD
10th Annual
Christmas Concert

Price: \$10.00



VV-101CD
Greatest Hits of
the Latin Liturgy

Price: \$10.00



VV-106CD
Feliz Navidad

Price: \$10.00



VV-110CD
Laudate Dominum

Price: \$10.00



VV-102CD
Songs We Like
To Sing

Price: \$10.00



VV-107CD
This Little Babe

Price: \$10.00



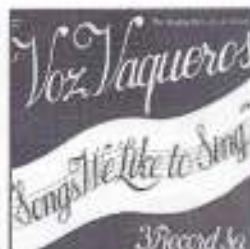
VV-111CD
December Child

Price: \$10.00



VV-103CD
O Holy Night

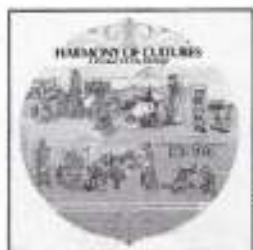
Price: \$10.00



VV-108CD
Songs We Like To
Sing
3 CD Set
Price: \$25.00



VV-112CD
Christmas
1983/84
2 CD Set
Price: \$18.00



VV-104CD
Harmony of Cultures

2 CD Set
Price: \$18.00

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Please check a box to indicate your selection.

CDs may be purchased at our concerts or by
calling the number listed below.

Questions?? Call: 526-6307

Thank You! Voz Vaqueros thank The Village at Northrise for their generosity in making available to us their Activities Room for our rehearsals. And, The Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village for the use of their Performance Auditorium.

Beg Note: Hey, you big spenders...you loyal Voz Vaqueros Fans! We have expenses! How about throwing some tax-deductible 501(c)(3) \$\$ bucks into the "kitty" at the door as you leave??!! We'd sure appreciate it!!!

Untold numbers of XXXXXX's and OOOOOO's !!



40th anniversary booklet compiled and created masterfool-ly by Rich Larsen & George Jarden

Voz Vaqueros 40th Anniversary "Songs We Like To Sing" Concerts
Saturday, May 21st, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday May 22nd, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.
Good Samaritan Village Auditorium