

SEACM's mission is to welcome refugees and immigrants of all nationalities and assist them in becoming healthy, productive members of our community.

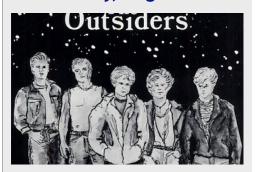
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Save the Date!

Coming Events...

Riverfront Buyout Play The Outsiders Wednesday, August 22nd



A drama adapted by Christopher Sergel, from the best selling book by S.E. Hinton. Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Publishing.

Tickets available through Board Members or by calling the SEACM office. \$25 ea. Appetizers served.

SEACM Celebrates 30 Years of Service!

Dinner at McConnell on Thursday, November 8th

Guest Speaker: Vilaysay "Sai" Chang, Community Relations Officer, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service (USCIS), Sacramento Field Office.

Watch for more details in the Fall.

From the Desk of Director Alice

New Citizens...

- •2 VIETNAMESE sisters who own a nail salon in Redding
- •1 young THAI mother who is co-owner in a new Redding restaurant
- •1 MEXICAN mother from Anderson who has a disabled son
- •1 MEXICAN grandmother from Fall River who took the test right before her cataract surgery
- A MEXICAN married couple from McArthur who became citizens just before the birth of their new son
- A LAO cook and father of 3
- A GUATEMALAN grandmother who is new to the Redding area

SEACM gave these new citizens help in filing their applications and gave them a WIZARD OF OZ moment to have the courage and confidence to apply.....AND PASS in the past several months!

30 Years and 33 Hours

First Presbyterian Church has graciously given SEACM free office space in the basement of the church since 1987. The office was the original pastor's office before all the various expansions to the church. "First Pres" has grown so much in its 130 years of existence that I called the office "The Bat Cave." No bats really but not much in the way of windows though it had beautiful wooden shelves. The Church has found a new tenant, YWAM (Youth With a Mission), to lease the lower level, SOOOOOO in 33 hours we semi-organized 30 years of files and SEACM moved to the first floor of First Presbyterian. We have a big picture window with a beautiful view of the valley. It was like a moment from the old TV series "The Jeffersons." SEACM has definitely "Moved on Up." Those seeking help from SEACM can now enter through the main entrance.

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Your Giving Makes a Difference

Many, many thanks for your continued support. Immigrants and refugees need our prayers and support, now more than ever.

Your giving helps support areas such as the Director's position, citizenship resource materials, ongoing education and training, and administrative costs.

You may mail your donation today to: SEACM, 2315 Placer Street, Redding, CA 96001. Your gifts are a blessing to us and to the people we serve. God bless you.



Farewell to Board Member Father Charlie Poole...and Welcome to Bill Rich

Charlie represented All Saints Episcopal Church for many years as a SEACM Board Member. He and his wife, Evelyn, have moved to Bend, Oregon, to be closer to their children and grandchildren. We wish them well. They will be missed.

Welcome to Bill Rich, the new Board Member representing All Saints. Bill is a former teacher and principal in the Enterprise Elementary School District and is presently a professor at Chico State University.

Immigration Acronyms

DHS - Department of Homeland Security - the broad immigration agency that is divided into 3 parts which deal with immigration

USCIS - United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, which is the agency SEACM almost exclusively deals with

ICE - Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is the policing agency of immigration

BCP - Border and Customs Protection which patrols the borders and entrance into the USA

LPR - a Legal Permanent Resident - often referred to as a "Green Card Holder" - a true misnomer as they have not been green in color for years!

TPS - Temporary Protected Status - as implied, a temporary immigration status given to residents of specific countries that are experiencing natural disasters or government upheaval. May be revoked when the condition stabilizes

An Online Organization regarding Immigration and Refugee Resources and Tools

www.immigrationadvocates.org

The Immigration Advocates Network (IAN) is a collaborative effort of leading immigrants' rights organizations designed to increase access to justice for immigrants and strengthen the capacity of organizations serving them. IAN promotes more effective and efficient communication, collaboration, and services among immigration advocates and organizations by providing free, easily accessible and comprehensive online resources and tools.