

## St. Max & St. Jude Homeless Breakfast November, 2019

The morning was just slightly brisk, but clear — with no threat of wildfire. Many of us were remembering one year ago, when we had to cancel the November Breakfast due to fires in Thousand Oaks AND Ventura.

Present were: Pam, Betsy, Kay & Gary, Donna & Phillip, Rowie & Sophia, Linda, Carolyn, Steve, Ron, Gerald, & Sally (14 of us)

As we were setting up operations in the kitchen, we noticed that the burner knobs for the warming trays were missing. We then found that the gas underneath had been turned off. There was no written notice about the situation, so we felt it would not be safe to turn on the gas & light the pilot lights. We use all of those trays to keep the food almost “steaming” hot, but had to quickly come up with a Plan B. We used the trays, but with smaller portions of food, keeping the “back-up” supply hot in the oven & on the burners. After we called a member of the Family to Family group that “governs” our Breakfast, we learned that the knobs had been **STOLEN!** No one knows why. ... Another of life’s mysteries.



We serve a side salad that consists of mainly canned fruit, which we “enliven” with fresh green apples, for color & crunch. Check those cores: **NO WASTE!** (Thank you, Rowie!) ... And, an attractive combination.

We were blessed with a **BOUNTY** of clothing-related donations. The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Max collected 4 **HUGE** bags of beautiful hand-knitted hats, scarves, & lap blankets. (Some are pictured below R)

Many of these were chosen by our guests. Also, the Loaves & Fishes Ministry at St. Jude gave several large boxes. Some were filled with women’s handbags containing toiletries, & others featured warm jackets for both men & women. Peter was thrilled to find this very warm nearly new jacket, & happily posed with his friend, Kenny.



Thank you all for your resourcefulness & dedication. For a few hours, we make the lives of our guests happier.

Sincerely, Sally Holland

