

## July 2022 Newsletter



### Message from the President, Pat Robitaille

Happy Summer! What a wonderful time of year this is with so many fun activities. I will be out of town enjoying many family events and vacations over the next two months. FOCUS will be in great hands with our wonderful board of directors and our members who have volunteered to chair upcoming events:

- Doreen Acampora: FOCUS 4th of July Parade Entry
- Mary Shapiro & Ethel Kallsen: FOCUS Backpack Project

Thanks for your incredible support!

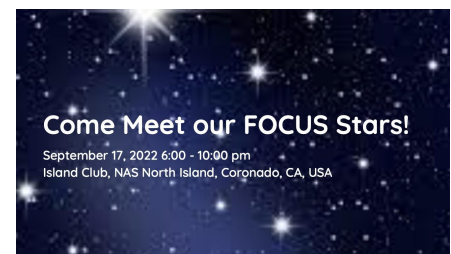


Special thanks to chairpersons Roger Clapp and Sharyn Blongiewicz for another great FOCUS Fundraiser and to the many FOCUS volunteers who contribute so many hours to making this a success. Of course, these members help buyers understand the many uses of our items for sale as witnessed by member Lynda Pippenger.

This year, we raised almost \$5,000

I would call that a HUGE success!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Annual Membership Meeting on September 17th. Special thanks to Therese Pallares and Denise Donato- McConnell for co-chairing this wonderful event. See more details from Therese in the "Membership" report of this newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you then and all the potential FOCUS members that you invite to join us that evening.





**Executive VP, Denise Donato-McConnell**

## **Please be a Part of the 4th of July Parade for FOCUS!**

Join fellow FOCUS members and friends for a fun morning as we walk the famous Coronado 4th of July Parade! This is a wonderful opportunity to share with our community and visitors the amazing work we do to help children in need!

We still need volunteers to represent FOCUS by carrying the banners which showcase the causes that make up our mission.

All are welcome and your support is greatly appreciated and valued! FOCUS has been known for the participation of our wonderful group with members walking or riding in golf carts along with children on bikes or scooters.

Once again Betty and John Lepore have generously offered their front yard! We will gather between 7:30am - 8:00am at 167 F Ave. We will have plenty of patriotic decorations for children to enjoy decorating their bikes or family golf carts that morning! This is an amazing opportunity to hang while we await our place on the parade route. Thank you Betty and John!

It promises to be a wonderful morning and we could really use your participation if you are able! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to walk with a banner, please reach out to Doreen at [acamporadoreen@gmail.com](mailto:acamporadoreen@gmail.com) or 862-222-5805. Hope to see you there!





## An opportunity To Make The School Year Easier for Children in Need



Most of us still remember the feeling of starting the school year with the new school supplies needed to be successful. That isn't the case for so many of San Diego's children. That is why FOCUS is pleased to be able to deliver 500 backpacks to multiple agencies for distribution.

This year, Ethel Kallsen and Mary Shapiro have generously stepped up to chair the project. It is only through the efforts of our members who volunteer to assist them, that FOCUS can make our backpack distribution a reality.

The project will span 2 days, July 25th and July 26th. Please volunteer to help create a successful school year for these children. We will have a great time socializing with fellow FOCUS team members as we work to bring a smile to 500 children in need!

Please stop by the HOA offices at 505 Grand Caribe Causeway either day at 10am to help with this fun and rewarding project.



## Financial Report from Treasurers, Sharon Shelton & Kathy Tyner

What a great month we had with income from two great fundraisers: 1. Ruby Gala and 2. Rummage Sale.

<b>Profit and Loss</b>	
<b>June 2022</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>	
4050 Meeting Income	200.00
5030 Gala Income	72,115.00
5040 Rummage Sale	4,522.04
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 76,837.04</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 76,837.04</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
7011 Projects & Grants 2022	12,114.47
7030 Office Supplies & Software	107.98
7080 Advertising & Marketing	533.79
7090 Meeting Expenses	2,406.10
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,162.34</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 61,674.70</b>
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<b>Balance Sheet</b>	
<b>As of June 30, 2022</b>	
	<b>Total</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
1010 Chase Checking (7523)	151,873.49
1020 Chase Savings (3836)	50,020.47
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 201,893.96</b>



**Projects Report: 2nd VPs, Sharyn Blongiewicz & Carin Cross**

***June has been a very busy month!***

**FOCUS** supported **Coronado Camp Able** and **Adaptive Sports and Recreation's** wonderful summer camps with t-shirts, a laptop, a printer and necessary first aid products. Additionally, **Camp Wamp** (Steve Wampler) received much needed flotation devices for their disabled campers.

We supported **San Pasqual Academy's** graduating seniors who all got duffle bags filled with necessary items. These foster kids are venturing into the world on their own for the first time.

Additionally, **FOCUS** approved support for the **Got Your Back** agency weekend food program - for kids who are dependent on school programs for meals.

***As always, a big thank you to all our shoppers!***

**FUN! And a great opportunity for FOCUS!! Thank You Intuit!**



**FOCUS** was invited to attend their event and find a good home for 8 brand new bikes! Eight teams of **Intuit** employees from all over the USA and Canada assembled the bikes to be donated as a part of their annual team building and charitable giving programs. We were asked to be the conduit to place the bikes with an agency where they would be used most effectively and to tell the team members more about **FOCUS**. **Vista Hill**, the agency we selected, was immensely appreciative to have the bicycles for their youth program. Executive Director, Rachel, was on hand to pick them up and will deliver them to eight very happy children.





## **Barbara Donahue & Therese Pallares**

We had an amazingly successful fundraiser gala in May and even after the event we continued to receive significant donations as many saw the vision of FOCUS and wanted to contribute. It is touching and inspiring in receiving these donations as it is a reminder of how important it is to grow our membership.

YOU the members are the volunteers in helping the many agencies FOCUS supports with the donations received!

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:** Our New Membership Drive event is scheduled on **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** in the beautiful, ocean view Trident Room located in the Island Club on North Island Naval Base! Many of our attendees at the Top Gun I Bar event and May fundraiser gala event this year are not members of FOCUS and we are asking you to please come and invite a person or persons who would like to understand and possibly want to become a FOCUS member. A fun atmosphere of music with an open bar, cocktails on the patio and inside and followed with a sit down dinner. While watching the sunset, we will be honoring our Stars of FOCUS, meeting various agencies FOCUS supports and explaining what it means to be an active or patron member. We will have a FUN raffle prize which will give back to FOCUS!

The tickets go on sale August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and the pricing is \$60 per person or \$50 per person if purchasing a table of 10 seats (\$500).

As you know fundraisers are how we purchase the supplies for the FOCUS agencies and the Membership Drives are how we get the volunteers to make it ALL happen!

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We will be sending an addition to our Membership Directory with all our new members' information, rather than publishing a new edition this year. All our new members will also receive our latest directory.

So for those of you who have yet to renew (or to join), please do so soon. Our website makes it quick and easy. Please use the following link for online renewals.

<https://focus-sdkids.org/membership/>

We accept both credit and debit cards, as well as PayPal payments on our website. If you prefer, renewals may also be made by mailing a check, payable to FOCUS, to:

FOCUS  
P.O. Box 180023  
Coronado, CA 92178



Wishing a very happy birthday to all of our members  
celebrating their birthday this month!

**7/2 - Dianne Lookabaugh**

**7/6 - Lois Maxam**

**7/7 - Stephanie Abbott**

**7/12 - Jon Webster**

**7/13 - Debby Syverson**

**7/17 - Carla Bacon**

**7/20 - Sandy Shugert**

**7/24 - Carin Cross**

**7/26 - Jeri Barsz**

**7/27 - Trish Murnighan**

**7/30 - Sue Gormican**

Many of you have not provided us with your birthday so we are unable to acknowledge you.  
When you renew your membership, please provide your birthday so that we can update our  
files.

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*Wishing much success, health and happiness for a wonderful 2022."*



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# AMAZON SMILE

## ANOTHER WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR FOCUS!

### Steps for shopping on Amazon Smile

1. Go to the website [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)
2. Log in just the same as you do with Amazon.com, using the same username and password.
3. On your first visit to Amazon Smile, you'll be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations. Search for **Friends of Children United Society Coronado** and select it.
4. Proceed with placing your order as you usually do.
5. Amazon Smile will remember your charity selection so that future eligible orders will result in a donation to FOCUS.



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