

RWCSDC - LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP JANUARY 7, 2023

CARING FOR AMERICA

Presenter - Lorraine Place

The role of Republican clubs in local community projects is based on the interest and personal involvement and willingness to find activities that a club can enthusiastically support. Choice of activities can be political or non-political. Each club will make their own determination on that subject. It is important that good publicity is secured and that the activities are in the club newsletter.

Caring for America is not only for community projects but can be individual recognition for specific areas of outreach that have an impact on areas of work, personal interaction that has made an impact or impression on specific areas that personally relate to an individual.

Ideas for Caring for America - Community

Consider a project that would support our Young People.

Promote a youth RWC membership at your club with a nominal membership fee.

Research your community for groups that offer special support that your club could assist. (Homeless projects, food delivery projects, etc.)

Literacy programs have been successful for years and continue to be good projects. (Dictionaries for 3rd graders and U.S. Constitution Books for 8th graders; club scholarships for graduating high school seniors.)

Military Support programs are plentiful. (Shelter to Soldiers, Toys for Tots are two we are familiar with. (Be sure to carefully match your club's abilities with the support group(s) you wish to help.) Contact the unit's Public Affairs Officer and Chaplain for more information.

Ideas for Caring for America - Individual

Recognition for an individual that has gone above and beyond their normal Activities, whether it be work related or personal activities, that have had an exemplary impact either on lives or community.

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Ideas for Caring for America - Individual (cont'd)

One major idea is a gift of yourself. This gift of SELF can be in done in all areas of life. At church, schools, job or just doing good deeds for friends or someone in need. We all have something to give - we just have to find our fit.

Personal Story: One young woman, who recently became a nurse after going back for a nursing degree, has given to her community while working the night shift in the emergency room at a hospital during the horror of COVID. Just three years into her new career, she was nominated from her hospital and chosen for the "Daisy Award" which is an international award for being an outstanding nurse. Her supervisor said glowing words about her ability and how other nurses looked up to her for help and leadership and then he went on to comment "When there is a Code or a critical patient she always rushes to help or take the lead." He continued "She is a caring and compassionate person with a huge heart. I have seen her hold the hand of dying patients as they passed away and have watched her comfort a newborn baby in withdrawals."

She in one of many, many medical workers that give of themselves along with doing their normal tasks. I am proud to share with you that this young Registered Nurse is my Granddaughter Coree Dewlaney. I share this because she doesn't share her experiences (good or not so good) but considers what she does is part of being a good nurse.

Ideas for Caring for America -Community

Club Story: East County Transitional Living Center has been around for years in El Cajon. El Cajon Valley began an association with them about 8 years ago. We started the "Bear Closet" and began bringing bears to the office to give one to every new child (that wants one) that comes in the facility with their parent (or?) as they are being interviewed to determine eligibility (homeless) to stay at the facility. We saw children looking so forlorn when waiting for the interview to be over we felt that a warm huggable bear might give them comfort. It has worked and we still continue to support them with bears but also at other fundraising events. Last count there were almost 200 children at the center. We are proud to be affiliated with such a fine program.

EXAMPLES OF CARING FOR AMERICA PROJECTS

STEP info@teamSTEPusa.org Support the enlisted project

FRESH START michelle@freshstart.org children cosmetic, birth defects repair

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER SD info@SDyouth.org/volunteer

FATHER JOE'S VILLAGE - WEB - Neighbor.org homeless issues

SD COUNCIL ON LITERACY - Contact@literacysandiego..org create more readers

SAN DIEGO JUNIOR THEATER juniortheater.com

USS MIDWAY SAN DIEGO midway.org

SD AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM INC. sdautomuseum.org

LITERACY FIRST CHARTER SCHOOLS lfcsinc.org

SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY & SPCA sdhumane.org

SHELTER TO SOLDIER shelteretosoldier.org

RADY CHRILDENS HEALTH SERVICES SD rchsd.org

COMMUNITY ELDERCARE OR SD ST.PAUL'S PLACE stpaulspace.org

MAMA'S KITCHEN mama'skitchen.org

FRIENDS OF BALBOA PARK friendsofbalboapark.org

ADOPT A PLATOON adoptaplatoon.org

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