

# PCBA Notes

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## Oct 6 Shoreline Stroll to Feature Jazz on the Waterfront

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoreline Stroll, the October 6 fund-raising event for the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate, will this year include “Jazz on the Waterfront” and a picnic along with the traditional 5K walk. The band, “Rok N Rev and the Deacons,” features SMGG’s new chaplain, the Rev. Roger Bauer.

SMGG, a ministry partner of the Pacific Coast Baptist Association, serves Seafarers coming to the port in Oakland. This 65-year program, originally established in San Francisco by Baptist churches in Scandinavia, now works ecumenically with other denominations at the International Maritime Center. It offers a ministry of hospitality through its chaplains and volunteers. Seafarers have a place to relax, place phone calls to home, use the center’s wi-fi and money transfer services, and have transportation to shopping areas. Personal and spiritual care is provided by the chaplains. Funds raised by the stroll are for support of SMGG’s chaplain and the Maritime Center.

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“Strollers,” who are soliciting support from sponsors, are to register at the Center at 9:30, with the Stroll to begin at 10:00. The morning’s events will conclude with a lunch, rumored to include corndogs prepared by Board member, John Claassen, who chairs this year’s stroll. Registration and lunch will be at the International Maritime Center, Berth 40, at 4001 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Picnic tickets for non-strollers may be purchased in advance at \$5.00.

Last year’s Stroll raised nearly \$3,500. The goal for this year is \$10,000. Further information may be secured at 510-893-3104 or [chaplain@seafarersministry.com](mailto:chaplain@seafarersministry.com)

# Why I plan to vote for Proposition 30

Comments by the Editor

I plan to vote for Proposition 30 because I believe education is a human right and is essential to the health of our society. Because families face an inordinate challenge if their schools do not have teachers and colleges are not affordable and health care is not obtainable and libraries are closed and neighborhoods are unsafe. Because my faith demands that I work for a just society.

Because it is the best of the economic proposals on the November 6 ballot. Because without it, public schools, community colleges, and early childhood education will be cut an additional \$5,500,000, and the University of California and California State Universities will each be cut an additional \$250,000,000.

Because it will raise six to nine billion dollars to restore cuts that have been made in the last three years to our schools, libraries, health benefits, and essential services.

Because it is fair and just to expect the wealthiest among us, who have benefitted themselves from the state-supported programs, to bear more of their costs through modest increases in taxes (1% for those making \$500,000; 2% for those making \$600,000; and 3% for those making \$1,000,000 or more). Because the one-quarter cent sales tax increase on all of us is needed to raise the necessary funds (calculated by someone as a penny increase on a \$4.00 cheese-burger).

I plan to vote for Proposition 30 because my ballot has a moral dimension, and casting my ballot for Proposition 30 will be a step toward greater justice.

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## Christmas at Sea

Christmas can be a little brighter for the many seafarers around the world who celebrate the holidays away from families and loved one when, on Christmas, they open the "ditty bags" prepared by the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate.

Those who wish to participate in the Christmas-at-Sea program may either make cash contributions, designated, "Christmas at Sea," or make or donate items for the bags.

Suggested gift items are toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, colorless lip balm, small first aid kits); knitted caps; warm socks; gloves; hard wrapped candy (soft candy may melt); travel-size games or playing cards; double A size batteries; writing paper and envelopes; sewing kits (buttons, thread and needles).

It is important that gifts be at the International Maritime Center, Berth 40, 4001 7<sup>th</sup> Street, by Wednesday, October 24, 2012 as packing days are scheduled for Saturdays, October 27 and November 3, starting at 9:00 AM at the Center. Volunteers and helpers are needed and all are welcome to help pack the ditty bags. Lunch will be served. Further information may be secured from Alodia Corpuz, 510-530-5743.

### Fall BLT Speakers

("Baptists Lunching Together")

*Wednesday Luncheons at 12:00  
Grand Lake Gardens  
401 Santa Clara Ave., Oakland*

#### **Sept. 19 - Robert Wilkins**

*Executive Director of the  
East Bay YMCA  
ABSW Alumnus & Trustee*

#### **Oct. 17 - Panel: Gay Clergy**

*Jim Hopkins, Moderator  
Esther Hargis, Wally Bryen,  
and Rick Mixon*

#### **Nov. 28 - Don Ng**

*Vice-President, ABC-USA  
Pastor, First Chinese Baptist  
Church, San Francisco*

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*Reservations by Monday:  
Joan Thatcher, 510-350-7008*

### **Jim Hopkins Co-authors Article for *EdSource* Journal**

Jim Hopkins has co-authored an article, "Give Parents and Students a Voice in Teacher Evaluations," currently published in the on-line journal, *EdSource*. The article argues that effective evaluation of teachers requires input from parents and students and urges support for current legislation aimed at this. The article can be read at [www.EdSource.org](http://www.EdSource.org), clicking on "Commentary."

## In Memoriam

*Compiled by Joan Thatcher*

Our sympathy goes out to President and Mrs. Paul Martin, who lost their son, **Paul Melvin Martin II**, on July 27. A business owner in the technology field in Los Angeles, he died of a heart attack at the age of 43.

**Miriam Robinson**, a longtime ABC missionary in India and Thailand, died in July at the age of 94. When First Baptist Church of Stockton ordained her in June, 1973, she became the first American Baptist woman ordained in California.

**Rodney Ross Romney**, 81, died on June 30 at his home in Idaho Falls. Rod grew up in Arco, Idaho and taught school in that state for five years. He earned degrees at Linfield College (BA) and at American Baptist Seminary of the West (M.Div. and D. Min.). After a year of counseling military dependents in Verdun, France, he was called as youth pastor at Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church in Oakland. When he became Senior Pastor there in 1963, he continued leadership in fostering the integration of the congregation and neighborhood. Author of six books and several hymns, he is survived by his wife of 48 years, Beverly Romney of Idaho Falls, his brother, Verl, and sister, Dixie, both of Idaho. Memorial services have been held in Arco, at Lakeshore, and Seattle First Baptist, where he served from 1980 to 2000..

**Miriam Bjornson**, widow of Harold Bjornson, pastor of First Baptist Palo Alto from 1967-82, died on July 18. A long-time member of the Palo Alto congregation, Miriam lived at the Terraces at Los Altos (Pilgrim Haven), where her memorial service was held.

### Save the Date!

PCBA Annual Spring  
Conference  
Sat., May 11

### “Seminary Saturday”

*Nov. 10 - 9:00 to 4:00*  
“A taste of ABSW education”  
Workshops by  
faculty, alumni, and students  
Am. Baptist Seminary of the West  
*www.absw.edu or 510.841.1905*

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