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**From the President . . .**

**Unfortunately I am not . . .**



a writer and so what I say in these few lines is simply some thoughts that have been surfacing within me.

As I reflect on what is happening in the world today, and particularly in Iraq and the Holy Land,

I want to scream out to stop the insanity.

I ache inside as I watch burned out cars, bomb shelled buildings and hostages bound.

I grieve for all of those involved in battles that chase the enemy.

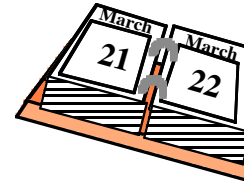
I suffer for all the mothers who bury their children, for all the children who are forced to grow up before their time.

I wonder who the enemy is. Have we created enemies ourselves, to stop us from humanizing the faces of those who do not think as we do? Will we ever know peace?

Although I may not have any control over how world leaders treat each other, and how they respond to discord, I can definitely work on my own attitudes and actions. In the words of Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea here is my prayer for myself:

“May I be no man’s enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides. May I never quarrel with those nearest me; and if I do, may I be quickly reconciled. May I devise no evil against any man, and if any man devise evil against me may I escape unharmed and without the need to hurt him. May I love, seek and attain only what is good.

Peace . . . Ann

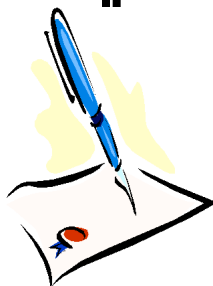


- Oct. 7th Monthly Meeting**  
Hector Quintanna —”Survivors of the Shoah” — archivist.
- Oct. 9th CAIR Annual Banquet**  
Call: Sherrel Johnson — 714-776-1847
- Oct. 8-10th Fiesta**  
St. Polycarp—Rides —Food—Fun for all
- Oct. 23rd FSC -Yard Sale**  
Bring or Adopt gently loved items  
St. Polycarp — Proceeds used for outreach programs
- Oct. 23rd Caring for Creation Conference**
- Nov. 4th Monthly Meeting**
- Nov. 24th Celebration of Thanks –**  
**Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**  
**Reception Following**

**Food for Thought . . .**

*“The most important acts, both for the one who accomplishes them and for his fellow creatures, are those that have remote consequences”*

Leo Tolstoy



# Miscellaneous . . .

## Newsletter by e-mail . . .

We are changing, joining the 21st century. Starting this month we will be sending the newsletter by e-mail and snail mail. *(If we have your correct e-mail address, that is).* Let me know if you can open it and would prefer to have the e-mail only version. It will save greatly on postage and paper copying etc.— To say nothing of energy (*mine*). Let me know how this works: [barbarageorge@highstream.net](mailto:barbarageorge@highstream.net)

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## Peace Pole . . .

Our last meeting was held at St. Anselms Church to dedicate the new peace Pole. If you were unable to attend you can see it on the Galway side in the Rose Garden. It was a wonderful experience for each of us and again reinforces that peace is not confined to one language or culture. It must belong to us and be made visible by us all. It is only together we can unite in love & justice effect our communities and world.

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## Walk for Hope . . .

An experience like no other walk. 1000 people from all walks of life, political ethnic and religious groups banded together to experience the day. An exercise in poverty, parent of a 9/11 victim, memorial exercise —an unforgettable event. Raise funds for charities — Children’s 9-11 Fund, Afghanistan Children and Hokisa for African AIDs child victims. The walk is designed to build inspiration around the anniversary of 9/11. It definitely did. And the children benefit!!! A triple play!

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## Caring for Creation Conference

*The Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment Caring for Creation Conference, October 23, 2004 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1201 Irvine Blvd., Tustin, CA 92780.*

please call Sherri Loveland at (714) 552-0333 - cell. or visit our website at [www.ocice.org](http://www.ocice.org).

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## Celebration of Thanks . .

The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints has offered their space for the upcoming Celebration of Thanks. We will set up the first planning meeting at the next monthly meeting.



Bring Ideas and be prepared to volunteer participants from your own communities. We will need music, sharing and readings from the various traditions. If you’ve never experienced one you are ready for a wonderful evening to celebrate our National Holiday by giving thanks with a community of thankful people.

Wednesday, November 24, 2004 — 7:00 pm  
Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

10212 Stanford Ave.— Garden Grove, CA 92840

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## Speaker for October . . .

Hector Quintanna will tell us of his many experiences working as an archivist/researcher at Steven Spielberg's "Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation", in Los Angeles. This promises to be a fascinating peek into the past.

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## Arab American Festival . . .



A wonderful exercise in diversity! Good food! Good Friends! Good entertainment! Displays! Rides! Wonderful weather! If you missed it you'll have to wait for next year. Something for everyone.

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## In Memorium . . .

Deacon Jay Antunez died August 29, 2004. His work with the poor was expemplary. His touch will be sorely missed by the St. Polycarp parish and the community at large. This leaves a void in our lives that it will take many hands and hearts to fill.

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## Next Meeting:

Garden Grove Community Center  
11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, 714-741-5262.  
12:00 — Bring your own lunch & meet new friends.  
Meeting 12:30 — 1:30 p.m.

## October 7th

Speaker from the Shoah Project of Steven Spielberg.

# See you there! ! !