

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE

FROM: MEALS ON WHEELS OF WEST LOS ANGELES

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We're going on seven years old now and Meals on Wheels continues to bring together many people from our community in serving meals to the frail elderly and others who are home-bound.

Some things remain the same:

Many of our 130 volunteers have 6 stars on their badges showing they have worked since we began in 1976. They interview prospective clients, serve on the Board of Directors, make salads and carry chairs for social events, mark bags and lids with names and diet information, raise funds and deliver meals in all kinds of weather. These remarkable people represent many churches and temples, community organizations, UCLA staff and families.

UCLA Hospital continues to prepare good food at low cost (\$4.00 regular or \$4.50 special diets) for up to 60 hungry people per day.

Carol Umber continues to coordinate all volunteer scheduling. Carressa Carlstedt serves as Director. Marguerite Herman continues to lead the organization although she's now called President of the Board rather than Chairman of the Council.

Some things grow:

The number of people needing assistance in paying UCLA for their meals.
The amount of money we must raise each year to meet this and other expenses.

Last September we celebrated our 6th birthday in conjunction with the opening of the new offices of the Western Los Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce in the McCullough Building on Wilshire. Joining with the Chamber in honoring Meals on Wheels were commendations from U.S. Senators Alan Sieroty and David A. Roberti, State Assemblymen Howard Berman, Mel Levine and Herschel Rosenthal, County Supervisor Ed Edelman, City Councilman Marvin Braude and City Attorney Ira Reiner. Gray Davis presented a letter from Governor Jerry Brown and City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky presented a resolution from the City Council signed by Mayor Bradley. Mixing with the politicians and representatives of the local business community were many MOW volunteers including Libby Stern who got it all started and her fellow URC Board members Norm Miller, Mike Fink and Luther Olmon.

Cordial relations with the Chamber and in particular President Dori Pye have helped make it possible for us to meet our growing budget. Dori's personal letters to business leaders followed up diligently by volunteers such as Alice Lyche have provided at least 25% of our income in recent years. Local churches, temples, service organizations and individuals continue to be generous in their financial support.

Through Meals on Wheels the URC helps provide a vital community service. We look forward to another year of working together.