

FIRST ANNUAL CLAMBAKE A SUCCESS!

About 70 people attended the First Annual CLAMbake at the Dance Palace on June 22.

After a lunch of clam chowder, corn chowder, salad, and dessert, all largely donated by community businesses, we heard Supervisor Steve Kinsey praise those

in attendance for their support of CLAM's work and promise continued County support. Occupants of the Gibson House, the Bolinas Land Trust's new affordable housing project, serenaded us with an affordable housing song



written by Stu Art. Don Deane of the Bolinas Land Trust spoke about the opportunities and challenges of providing affordable housing.

CLAM's warm thanks go to all the local businesses that donated food and drinks, to the volunteers who cooked, served the food, helped with set-up and clean-up, and to all who attended.

OTHER OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Boxholder mailing introduced CLAM and provided founding member information to 2,400 residents of Tomales, Marshall, Point Reyes Station, Inverness Park, Inverness and Olema.

Introduced CLAM at meetings with local community organizations, including the Inverness Association, Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Sustainable West Marin, West Marin Nonprofit Alliance, Pt. Reyes Village Association, West Marin Senior Services, West Marin Chamber of Commerce.

Spoke with advisors from the Latino community about how best to reach and involve Latino residents who might benefit from and support CLAM's work.



Western Weekend Parade: CLAMvan received third place for a group entry. The slogan read, "Affordable Housing Doesn't Mean Living in a VW Van." Much applause from parade-goers as we crawled down Main Street.

*We will stand behind this effort and the county will continue to support it... There are enormous challenges. That's why it's great that each of you here is expressing your personal interest in affordable housing. We need to commit to support a human community as well as a natural community. **The smiles on the faces of the first family to move into CLAM's first affordable housing project will be as broad as the horizon.***

—FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE KINSEY'S REMARKS AT THE FIRST ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

Published letters and articles related to CLAM in the Point Reyes Light, interviews on KWMR Radio, and posted an ad on Horizon Cable TV 47, launched Web site: www.clam-ptreyes.org

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Held CLAM's **first Annual Meeting in March**, at which the initiating members adopted the organization's Bylaws and elected the first official Board of Directors.
- Became a member of the **Institute of Community Economics (ICE) Network of Community Land Trusts**, which provides resources for community land trusts and access to what others have learned.
- Was approved by the **Marin County Community Development Agency** as a Community Housing Development Organization, which enables CLAM to receive valuable technical assistance and access to potential funding for property acquisition.
- On an ongoing basis, CLAM is assessing the appropriateness of **potential properties** for CLAM housing. We are developing informational materials for prospective donors/sellers on tax and other benefits.

FUNDING NEWS

- As of July 17, 2003, **87 Founding Members and Friends** have contributed \$41,980, with an additional \$1,550 pledged. \$20,000 included in that total has been allocated to launch CLAM's Property Acquisition Fund. All board members have made significant donations.
- CLAM received a **grant of \$10,000 from the County** in August 2002 for initial operating expenses. We are hopeful of receiving similar support for the new fiscal year.
- We continue to keep in touch with **Marin Community Foundation**, which has a strong commitment to affordable housing in Marin.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There's still time to become a Founding Member.

Memberships in CLAM through December 31, 2003 bear the distinction of being "Founders." See yourself listed as a Founder for expanding affordable housing in

West Marin. For more information about how to give, call the CLAM office at 663-1005 or e-mail to info@clam-ptreyes.org. For further information about CLAM and land trusts, check CLAM's website www.clam-ptreyes.org.

Want to get more involved? Become a volunteer

Be the **CLAM historian**, keeping a scrapbook of CLAM accomplishments and activities (we will provide materials).

Table for CLAM at the Farmer's Market. Spend two hours at the Farmer's Market at the CLAM table. See your friends—invite them to become CLAM members! Take your pick of Saturdays and we'll provide table, training, and materials.

Invite your friends to join CLAM. Send us the names of anyone you think would be interested in being a CLAM Founder and we will write to them (let us know if we can use your name). Or, if you prefer, we can send you materials to send them with an enthusiastic letter of your own.

Keep your eyes out and **let us know about potential properties** for donation or sale to CLAM.

Office space needed: CLAM needs an office in a central, accessible Point Reyes Station location for the fall, preferably donated, but would consider a negotiable rent. We would also be willing to share space, using it only a day or two a week.

***Don't forget to check the website for updates:
www.clam-ptreyes.org.***

Look for CLAM at the Farmers' Market, the Inverness Fair, and at other local events.

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