

Members Helping Others: Students, Peace & Darfur

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On Halloween, many CASD members once again participated in the “Halloween Read-In” event at Central Elementary in San Diego. CASD member **Michelle Macosky** organized this event for the 10th consecutive year as part of the Lawyer’s Club Community Outreach Program. The Read-In is the main Halloween celebration at Central Elementary which is in a neighborhood where it is generally not safe to trick-or-treat. The children are among the poorest in the school district. It is a treat for them to have a chance to interact with professional adults. Many of them may not have thought about the importance of finishing high school, or going to college, or getting a professional job. The attorneys spend about half of the time in the classroom reading to the kids and the other half talking with them about what it is like to be an attorney. Joining Michelle this year were CASD members **Elizabeth Banham, Jane Engelman, Sabrina Green, Diana Khoury, Pamela Parker and Cathy Richardson**. Sabrina Green said the Read-In was “truly the most rewarding event I have been involved in this year and I would encourage all members to participate next year.” As always, the students were really appreciative and asked the lawyers who participated about their jobs and what they do to help people. Thank you again, Michelle, for your tireless efforts in organizing this event each year!

CASD Member **Janice Atkinson** and her husband **John Atkinson** are the coordinators of the San Diego County branch of “Americans for a Department of Peace” (“AFDOP”) which organized a “Walk for Peace” held in Balboa Park on Sept 17th. The event was a non-partisan, pro-peace, family-friendly walk with picnic afterward to promote the educational activities of AFDOP and to raise funds for members to go to Washington in February to lobby for a “Dept. of Peace” Bill. CASD members who helped with the fundraising efforts included: **Diana Khoury, Joel Selik, Kane Handel, Rebecca Lack-Mowbray, Denise Asher, Karin Wick, Patty Lewis, Michele Macosky, and Ellen Turnage**.

In November, CASD member **Janice Miller** participated in the “San Diego Walk for Darfur” to raise funds for critical emergency medical services for residents of South and West Darfur. The walk is organized by the International Medical Corps, a global humanitarian, nonprofit organization established in 1984 by volunteer doctors and nurses who seek to rehabilitate health care systems and bring devastated communities back to self-reliance. Other CASD members donating to Janice’s fundraising efforts included **Elizabeth Banham, Thomas Gilmore, Bonnie Kane, Karin Wick, Stanley Tomlinson and Rebecca Lack-Mowbray**.

As a reminder, our CASD List Serve is a terrific tool for members to keep fellow CASD members informed of charity events and/or organizations we are involved in that could use volunteers, donations, or fundraising efforts. You may also forward your information to me directly regarding any such efforts you might be involved in at: KWick@KWickLaw.com or call at 619-544-9425.