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*Long-time volunteers Tina Alvater and Marvin Vigo watch a guest bid for one of the many Big Board auction items.*



*Long-time Great Chefs Committee Member Jane Thompson, and her husband Fred.*

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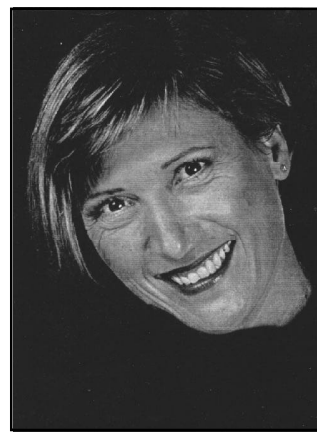


*Ross Valley Brewing Company proudly shows off its brews. The restaurant also served Crispy Polenta with Wild Mushrooms, Toasted Hazelnuts and Organic Baby Arugula.*

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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Meet Andrea Nixon



**Andrea Nixon**

Andrea has been with Lifehouse for almost three years as the Receptionist/Administrator.

She is the first person you see when you arrive at the Lifehouse office. She is also likely the very friendly person you've spoken to when you call the office. And, if you've been in the office, she's the one responsible for the spic and span look and the healthy plants. (Responsibilities she assumed but mostly likely not in her job description!)

Andrea was born in a small village in Austria with a population of 400. She is the 11th out of 12 children. The age spread from youngest to oldest is 19 years. Andrea says that she learned a lot growing up with so many sib-

lings such as modesty, sharing, caring and making peace early on – character traits that are important in our adult lives. She hopes to visit her family in Germany in the near future.

She came to the United States when she was 20 to visit her brothers. One brother lived in Sacramento and the other in Marin. She decided Marin was where she wanted to be, and has lived here ever since. Her first job was as a flight attendant (or stewardess as they were called in those days) for the now defunct Pan Am Airways. She was stationed in Hawaii for one year and through her work, traveled to the Orient, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Tokyo, Guam, Alaska and Aus-

tralia. After about a year, her wanderlust was satisfied and she settled in Pacheco Valley, making her commute to work a whopping ten minutes.

When her children were younger, she spent many hours volunteering at their schools and as a kindergarten aide for five years. She says her happiest memories are raising her children and being the domestic “engineer” of the household. Her two children, now fully grown adults, both live in San Francisco and adore and dote on their mother.

Today, Andrea has the company of Duncan – a dog who was promised to be 35 pounds and grew to weigh 90 pounds. In her spare time, Andrea likes to garden and hike and test her knowledge by watching her favorite television show, Jeopardy. She readily admits to being a sun worshiper. For Andrea, the hotter the weather, the better.

Andrea loves working at Lifehouse. Having a sister in Germany who is devel-

opmentally disabled sparked her desire to work at Lifehouse. She often volunteers at our events and is part of the Picnic and Holiday Committees. She feels all of the staff are very caring and compassionate not only towards their clients, but amongst themselves as well. “It takes special people to do this work and I think everyone here is special.” As you are too, Andrea!

## Great Chefs Auction Items continued from page 6

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Home Ownership Workshop

November 5, 2003  
Marin Housing Authority

### Lifehouse Board of Directors Meeting

November 20, 2003  
January 15, 2004  
Lifehouse Office

### Lifehouse Holiday Party

Thursday, December 11, 2003  
San Rafael Community  
Recreation Center

### 1st Saturday Night Novato Dance

(monthly)

### 3rd Friday Night

Larkspur Dance  
(monthly)

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## Lifehouse Clients Comment On New Agency Name

Shortly after we announced our new name, Community Living Program client Maureen Wall said we should ask clients what they think about the new name. We said what a great idea and here are her findings:

Cathy Pitzak—CLP

*"The people are really good up there. I like it better than MARC."*

Tim Martin— Fairfax House

*"I've been there for 17 years. I like the name. I like it better than MARC."*

Maureen Wall— CLP

*"I like Lifehouse because it's a pleasant name and it doesn't label anybody."*

Tanya Noske— CLP

*"I do like the name change. We all have a life and we have a house."*

Kellie Greenwald—Corte Madera

*"I think it's fantastic."*

Cindy Johnson—CLP

*"I like it. It's a nice name. It's better than the MARC name."*

Alex Bunnell—CLP

*"I think the name is great. It's better than the MARC name because MARC stands for Marin Association of Retarded Citizens and we're just like everybody else even though we have disabilities."*

Greg DeSouza—CLP

*"I think it's a good name."*

Jenny Schaefer—Corte Madera

*"The name is perfect for the agency."*

**And, to sum it all up:**

Jason Fesler—CLP

*"It's pretty cool."*

## With a Little Help From Our Friends

In our Spring 2000 Newsletter, Virginia De Voto and Ruth Jonas quickly responded when we asked for a sponsor to cover a lift for the pool at the Sunrise II House to enable our clients in getting in and out of the pool.

Now, three years later, the pool is in dire need of repairs, estimated at a cost of \$25,000. Our ICF clients, most of who are in wheelchairs, use the pool quite often. The pool provides our clients a totally different environment, especially for

non-ambulatory and visually impaired individuals. The warmth of the water helps to loosen limbs, making it a good venue for range-of-motion exercises.

The Lifehouse staff worked diligently to attain their water safety training to be able to work with all our ICF clients in the pool. Our clients will have limited access to the pool until it is brought up to code. Any help we receive in covering the costs would be very much appreciated.