



COMMISSION

HUMAN

CONCERNS

**Honoring
Ms. Lee Riggan**



**Courtyard by Marriott
Oxnard, California
June 1, 2005**

Lee Riggan
Executive Director for the Commission on Human Concerns
September 1981 Through January 2005

My work with the Commission began as a volunteer. In 1974, as part of my master's program at CSUN, I was required to do community volunteer work. I heard about the Commission and called to volunteer. Ruben Castro, my first contact, introduced me to the Community Action Commission and told me I would be a Community Developer. It was important to make a commitment of time and I committed almost 30 years.

Through my many years at the Commission, I served as community developer, planner and grant writer, administrator and general contractor, and leader of numerous organizations. Our mission in the Commission has been to assist the low- and no-income individuals and families in times of economic crises. Helping them achieve self-sufficiency and empowerment has been my personal mission. Our success has been measured in the individual lives of our clients and in the success of our programs. These programs and services have weatherized homes, paid gas and electric bills, prevented eviction and homelessness, helped people move into their own homes, taught children how to build their own greeting card business, helped the homeless obtain jobs and shelter, provided food to families, provided assistance during disasters, provided legal assistance, provided assistance filing tax returns, provided refrigerators, furnaces, water heaters, housing for men, and casework support. Our agency purchased its own building, upgraded the facility, built a drop-in center for the homeless, a walk-in cooler for the food program and a disaster response center. So many hearts and lives have been touched in this work, including my own.

To leave you is very challenging. I looked at the Board and realized they are ready to take on the challenge of Community Action and to build the Commission on Human Concerns into a greater organization. I leave you, Commission on Human Concerns, with my blessings, and my love and appreciation for all you have given me in my service to the poor and homeless.

Program

Welcome.....Bruce Stewart
CHC Board of Directors
Invocation.....Rev. Robert L. Cox
Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Oxnard
The Occasion.....Dr. Roseann Mikos
Chairperson, CHC Board of Directors

Lunch

Presentations

Jesus Torres.....35th Assembly District
Kathy Long.....Board of Supervisors, District 3
Murray Rosenbluth.....Mayor, Port Hueneme

Remarks.....Summer Nichol and Other Friends

Acknowledgments

Letter from Dianne Feinstein, United States Senate
Certificate of Recognition from Tom McClintock,
State Senate
Certificate of Recognition from Audra Strickland,
37th Assembly District, State Legislature
Letter from the CHC Board of Directors..... Mildred White
Presentation of Gift.....Les Goldberg, CHC Lifetime Advisor
Remarks.....Lee Riggan
Closing Remarks.....Dr. Roseann Mikos