



Mission Honors Employees, Volunteers at 2009 Appreciation Luncheon

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif., January 27, 2009 – Mission San Juan Capistrano honored its staff members and volunteers for their outstanding service at the 2009 Volunteer and Employee Appreciation Luncheon at the El Adobe Restaurant on January 27. Special guests at the event included **Tony Moiso**, President of the Mission Preservation Foundation, and City of San Juan Capistrano council members **Dr. Londres Uso** and **Laura Freese**.

Mechelle Lawrence-Adams, Executive Director, remarked, ‘It’s a great deal of fun and pride to be in a position where we say ‘thank you’ all day to our wonderful volunteers and staff. Father Art, the Board, and our President Tony Moiso, truly value and appreciate all that each of them do to make the Mission a magical place of inspired learning and history.’

Special volunteer awards included:

2008 Lifetime Achievement Award for Inspiration, Education and Preservation –

Roger & Venus Franceschi

2008 Outstanding Service Award for Preservation — **Pamela Hagen**

2008 Outstanding Service Award for Education — **Mitzi Birdsell** and **Bea**

Torres

2008 Outstanding Service Award for Inspiration — **Ann Thiel**

2008 Special Volunteer Recognition Awards — **Jeanette McGregor**

Mission Benefit Gala Committee — **Diana Arrigoni, Barb Beier, Georgiana**

Hales, Dr. Mozelle Sukut, Madeline Swinden

Employees receiving service awards for 10 years of service included **Jacinto Mendez** and **Dee Vukelich**.

Additional volunteers are always needed. Visit www.missionsjc.com for information, or call Pat March at (949) 234-1322.

*Mission San Juan Capistrano is open 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. **The Mission operations are funded by gate admissions – preservation work is funded by grants and fundraising efforts.** To reach the Mission, take I-5 to the Ortega Highway exit to San Juan Capistrano. Admission: \$9 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children ages 3-11, and under 3 free. Price includes self-guided, digital audio tour. Information: (949) 234-1300. Mission address: 26801 Ortega Hwy., San Juan Capistrano. Website: www.missionsjc.com.*

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