



# ALPINE ECHOES



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## GOD GAVE MINISTERING ANGELS

(Hebrews 1:13-14).

Marilyn Porter, founder of Alpine Angels, was inspired by God to start this support group, Alpine Angels, to help maintain and upgrade the facilities at Alpine Covenant Conference Center. Events in her life had led up to this -- first, her son made a commitment to Jesus Christ at Alpine when he was ten years old and, secondly, she recommitted her life to Christ in April, 1980. Within twenty four hours God had



revealed His plan for her. Marilyn shared this with her husband and then with three friends. They all responded enthusiastically and pledged their prayers and support.

Marilyn's vision became a reality in June, 1981, when the Alpine Board of Camping unanimously gave her authorization to start the organization -- Alpine Angels. The specific purpose of the Angels is to support the work of the Alpine Covenant Conference Center. This support group or auxiliary has a vital purpose in assisting the function of bringing people of all ages into a strong Christian

environment. Dedicated Christians were enlisted. These people had also experienced what God does through a camping experience at Alpine. From this group the founding Board of Alpine Angels came into being as well as a network of liaisons to Covenant Churches in Southern California and Arizona.

A membership campaign was started that resulted in almost 400 people signing up!

## MORE THAN AN ATTIC



*Standing on the porch of the Alpine Attic Thrift Store in Lomita, CA, are Marilyn Porter (left), Alpine Angels Founder; Dale Westberg, Director of Camping at Alpine Covenant Conference Center; and Donna Carlson, Manager of the Attic. Store earnings benefit the camping program at the Alpine Covenant Conference Center by way of direct support for improvement projects and through campership funding.*





## MUTUAL BENEFIT

*Alpine Attic Thrift Store Manager, Donna Carlson, assists a young shopper while Cashier Evelyn Allen watches. Marilyn Porter (right), Founder, prices some new merchandise. The concept of the Thrift Store is that of mutual benefit -- your donations of thrift help the store and the store helps those who need items.*

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What a start! Support was genuine and enthusiastic. On page four of this newsletter you can find out how to be an Alpine Angel. The membership is from all over the United States, however it is mainly in Southern California and Arizona, which is the area served by Alpine Covenant Conference Center.

In July of 1981 a building was made available for the thrift store and on August 10, 1981, at noon, Sid Kullberg, Business Manager of the Pacific Southwest Conference of Evangelical Covenant Churches, cut the ribbon and the store was officially open for business!



During the store's first year of operation there has been a steady increase in the amount of business. Seasonal situations cause a fluctuation and certain times of the month are busier than others. Some customers stop by daily and others frequent the store weekly or when doing their shopping nearby. Most customers stop by only occasionally -- whenever anyone enters the store there is always a warm and friendly welcome extended!

VOLUNTEERS man the Alpine Attic. There are no paid personnel. The contribution of time by the volunteers has been the precious commodity that sets the Alpine Attic apart. Each month some 360 volunteer hours are accumulated. The volunteers are from the various Covenant Churches in the area. Many

## LOOKING FOR



## SOMETHING?

*Customers are shown here looking through the clothing selection at the Alpine Attic. One will find a variety of sizes, styles, and types of good clothing. Many other items are also stocked and if there is a special item you are looking for, just ask. Some customers have been accommodated by reserving special merchandise when it comes in. When you are looking for something, be sure the Alpine Attic is asked.*

come from the Rolling Hills Covenant Church (2222 Palos Verdes Drive North) and from the other nearby Covenant Churches. Some groups will come from as far away as San Diego to give a day to work in the store. We are grateful for this gift of time and talent.

## UNIQUE FIND



*Treasurers abound at Alpine Attic. One will find many items available. Newlyweds are even supplying their first home at the Attic.*

THRIFT IS DONATED to the Alpine Attic by many people. It seems that whenever anyone goes near the store from outside the area they bring along a bag or two of items to donate and you will most often find Marilyn Porter collecting thrift when she visits friends or attends a meeting. Thrift may even come from the mountain area where the Alpine Covenant Conference Center is located! As people get to know about the Alpine Attic they remember to save their items to donate.

## IT'S WORTH IT!



*Cashier Evelyn Allen finds great reward in giving her time at the Alpine Attic. Helping an inquiring customer find an item or just sharing a bit about Alpine while completing a sale has been a blessing.*

As the thrift is received at the Attic it must be sorted and prepared for sale. A bag or box received at the store may contain a variety of items: kitchen items, clothes, shoes, garden tools, home repair items, a camera or jewelry. Some seasonal items are set aside for later sale. If items are received that have no market or are perhaps a bit too worn to really be a good sale item they are either passed along to other charitable organizations that do need those items or, as in the case of clothing, volunteers may convert them into rags, which are in very high demand and sell at a good price.

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*It's serious business at Alpine Attic, but sometimes a bit of humor comes along to brighten the day. Like the day a donation of a couple hundred spotted bikinis arrived and the next day the shoes to match! Leave it to the people at the Attic -- sales bloomed as bikinis were carried away by the half dozens. In this photo Donna Carlson and Joy Westberg show you this unique item. Another day of laughs was when some oversized trousers (58" waist) were discovered among the donations and no one could figure out how to display that large donation. There is also the joy a telling some weary customer about the Lord. Ministering Angels are there -- one customer came in saying, "I needed a lift today so I came to the Attic." Thank you, Lord.*

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## WARM WELCOME

Raggedy Andy will greet you on the steps and let you know you are welcome at the Alpine Attic. On the inside one finds a loving spirit ready to serve each customer. This is the love of Christ flowing through the volunteers who staff the Alpine Attic. You won't be in the store long until you, too, experience this loving friendship. No wonder customers return regularly!

You, too, may lend your support to the Alpine Angels as they work as an auxiliary organization for the Alpine Covenant Conference Center. Membership is open to anyone who wants to join and no obligation is assumed with membership. You will be showing your support for the work of the Angels and encouraging the continuation of the organization. A \$5.00 annual membership fee is



# YOU

## An Angel ?

charged per person. Please send your name, address, telephone number and the name of your church along with your membership fee to the Alpine Angels at the address below.

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