Festival Ballet Theatre received a grant for its arts education programs introducing at least 7,230 people, mostly children, to the art form of ballet. Funds would allow for the expansion of the Community Outreach and Donated Admissions for Disadvantaged Children Programs. The mission of Festival Ballet is to enrich Orange County's artistic and economic vitality, to inspire love and appreciation for dance and to invigorate ballet through exhilarating performances, a nurturing environment for dancers and choreographers and stimulating educational outreach programs for children and adults.

Many of the teachers and performers have donated classes and costumes to young performers to help discover and enjoy the art of ballet. Festival Ballet Theatre also received a grant from the Leo Buscaglia Foundation in March 2015.

Click here to learn more about Festival Ballet Theatre.
Jubilee Consortium

Jubilee Consortium to received a grant to support their Jubilee Jump youth program for one year. The Jubilee Jump program provides jump rope classes, nutritional training, mentoring and leadership development to low-income children in and around Los Angeles. The Jubilee Consortium is a collaborative effort by inner city Episcopal churches to serve low-income communities in Los Angeles. Their mission is to create healthy and just neighborhoods through enrichment opportunities and leadership programs that contribute to providing access to healthier lifestyles and knowledge of how to lead a healthier life.

Jubilee Jump has not only given kids an outlet that encourages physical education, but also encourages a nutritional diet. One mom was so inspired by what Jubilee Jump did for her own family’s diet that she mentoring friends and neighbors on making healthy choices as well.

Click here to learn more about Jubilee Consortium.

South Bay Village Incorporated

South Bay Village Incorporated received a grant to support program expenses associated with volunteer recruitment, training and retention, as well as activities associated with connecting volunteers to seniors in need. The mission of South Bay Village is to help seniors in their community age in place with dignity and self-respect. Their purpose is to coordinate and deliver a range of volunteer driven services and programs that support health and wellness among older adults.

South Bay Village has a team of 57 committed volunteers who give their time to ensure seniors have access to community resources.

Click here to learn more about South Bay Village Incorporated.

Bus 9 to Paradise Book Review

When I began the book, I expected a story about a trip on a bus. The title is based upon a listing on a bus schedule. It is much more that a story about a trip. It is instead a book of meditations on a myriad of things we think about:
love (of course), self-respect, dignity, overcoming frustration, celebrations, all states of life, and more. Reading it during the pandemic has been a balm and quietly urges further thought. Perhaps more important is recognition that Leo’s words are timeless.

The book was released in 1986. Here are a few quotes which I hope you will enjoy….

“We did not take Bus 9 to Paradise. I am happy that we didn’t for it seems clear that paradise is to be found only in our own immense and limitless minds, shaped by our own unique experience and willingness to continually grow and change.”

“What we call the secret of happiness is no more a secret than our willingness to choose life.”

“Life is paradise for those who love many things with a passion: people, family, learning—an endless list. There is no need to seek happiness in some far-off future. The more passionately we love many things, the closer we come to paradise NOW.”

Perhaps you will consider browsing Bus 9 to Paradise or another of Leo’s works, I hope so.

In closing, here are two quotes that are special to me:

“Get wildly enthusiastic about the little things, play with leaves, skip down the street, run against the wind”

"Only when we give joyfully, without hesitation or thought of gain, can we truly know what love means.”

by Keri S. Botello

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