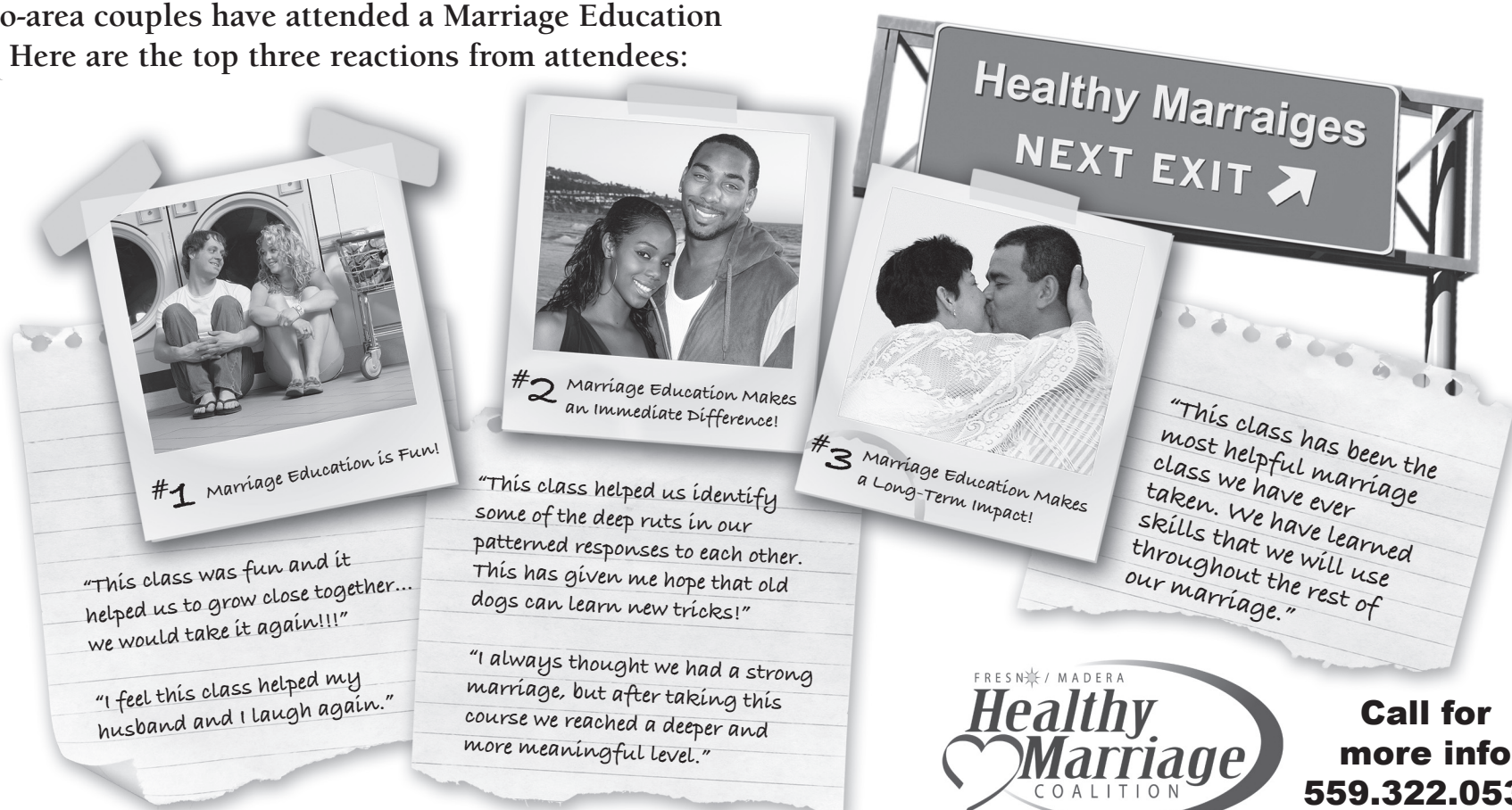


# Hundreds of Fresno-area Marriages Flourishing! Yours Can Too!

Couples tout better relationships, better communication and better sex lives!  
**Why? Marriage Education!**

More than 300 Fresno-area couples have attended a Marriage Education class... and loved it! Here are the top three reactions from attendees:

**Marriage Education is for newlyweds, oldyweds or somewhere in-between!**  
Make your relationship better or move it from good to great!



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*"A meta-analysis of over 100 studies on the impact of Marriage Education found clear Evidence that Marriage Education programs work—to reduce strife, improve communication, increase parenting skills, increase stability, and enhance marital happiness."*  
Patrick Fagan, Robert W. Patterson and Robert E. Rector, "Marriage and Welfare Reform: The Overwhelming evidence that Marriage Education Works"

## Leaders Want More Fresno-area Marriages to Flourish & Thrive!

### Fresno/Madera Leaders Commit to Champion Marriage Education!

Five step action plan to reduce divorce and strengthen marriages!

#### How? Fresno/Madera Community Marriage Education Agreement

To give marriages in our community the best chances to thrive and succeed, and to see a maximum number of people attend a Marriage Education class and benefit in their own relationships, we are committed to Marriage Education. We commit to Marriage Education in at least one of the following ways.

- Promote** Marriage Education by informing people about the importance of M.E. and directing them to sources that help them find a variety of M.E. offerings.
- Deliver** Marriage Education for couples to (a) prepare for marriage, (b) enrich their marriage, and/or (c) restore a troubled marriage.
- Expand** Marriage Education by recruiting healthy married couples and individuals to facilitate an expanded offering of M.E. classes and workshops.
- Share** Marriage Education with others by making M.E. offerings inviting and affordable for couples not associated with our organization.
- Support** Marriage Education by encouraging married couples to regularly invest in their relationship, including participation in M.E. at least once a year.

The following names are just a sampling of the hundreds of local residents who have already declared their commitment to promote, provide, and support Marriage Education throughout Fresno and Madera counties.

Assemblyman Mike Villines, Larry L. Powell, Dot Powell, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Lutz, Dr. & Mrs. Troy Gilliland, Dr. Chun-Wai & Jade Chan, Dr. George Gonzalez, M.D., Dr. Brent Lindquist, Robyn Esraelian, Jack & Linda Hannah, Tom & Barbara Sommers, Fred & Jenny Vanderhoof, Wayne & Naomi Cox, Donald E. & Beth Anderson, Ronald D. & Joan McLain, Jim & Irene Reyes, Karen Gaithers, Pastor H. Spees, Pastor G.L. Johnson, Pastor Terry and Lila Townsend, Pastor Ed Anderson, Pastor Tracy Hearnberger, Pastor Jan Van Oosten, Pastor Mike and Theresa Farmer, Pastor Jonathan A. and Rebeca E. Villalobos, Pastor Mike and Katie Bruton, Pastor Mitch Ribera, Pastor Greg Sumii, Pastor Jim Franklin, Pastor Doug Ainley, Pastor Doug & Carol Holck, Pastor Tom and Elaine Doidge, Richard Cavoretto, Pastor Chuck Shillito, Pastor Ed Lee, Pastor Bob Willis, Dr. James T. Page, Pastor Timothy Boynton, Pastor Chester McGensy, Pastor Ferral & Mary Lou Henderson, Pastor Dan Shelton, Pastor Dave Love, Pastor Brian Wiebe, Pastor Kevin McGill, Pastor Powell Lemons, Pastor Rich & Erica Johnson, Dr. Tim and Charity Brown, Pastor Ed Ezaki, Bob Fuller, Joseph Perry & Cheryl Perry, Pastor Brad Grams, Pastor Nick Delgado, Pastor Ricardo Garcia, Christine Kidder, Alan Doswald, Aram Tatarian, Freddie Cota, Danny and Pamela Ramirez, Dr. Ken and Mary Royer, Gerald and Carol Thiesen, Jack and Janene Flad, Ed & Lori Davis, Eric & Kimberly Rawn, Jack & Brenda Fennacy, Ray & Dianne Cox, Rob & Gloria Jones, Dave and Kimberly MacNeill, Sheldon and Sue Erickson, Alan & Olivia Reutter, Bernard and Terri Borchardt, Ernie and Margie Martinez, Brian and Nancy Larson, George & Faith Ordway, Robert & Karen Rockwell, Stephen and Nancy Jameson, Carles and Georgia Beckett, Tom & Lynette Johnson, Dennis and Loree Peterson, Chuck & Jan Bryant, Mike and Linda Owens, Michael and Kelly Avants, Jim and Laurie White, David and Marie Lackey, Rick & Lynn DeFehr, Amy Morris, Bryan & Lisa Franks, Harold and Kathy Belmont, Ben & Karen Shaver, Dave and Gayle Holman, Dan and Vicki Westburg, Ed and Velora Willes, Brodie and Jenny Johanson, Larry & Marti Potter, Robert & Marsha Allen, Willie & Diane Williams, Larry and Margaret Strauss, James & Linda Winter, Rick and Kathy Jessen, John and Rosemary Kane, Mark and Grace de Castro, Sean and Peggy Ryan, Kenny and Renee Worden, Mike and Janet Thomas, John and Lori Martinez, Roy and Rachel Quinto, Tony and Agnes Aspre, Simon & Hannah Molina, Glenn & Carol Finks, Kevin & Sonia Pranger, Chuck & Gloria Hudiburgh, Elaine Alvarez, Manuel Vasquez, Del and Jackie Billingsley, Mr. and Mrs. George Trippel (Sandy), Jon & Amy Dueck, Dan and Jennifer Hunt, Leandro & Lulu Ruperto, John and Anne Bacher, Dana and Jennifer Babcock, Willie & Diane Williams, John & Veronica Grove, Tom & Cricket Whiting, Mr. & Mrs. Rudy and Judy P. Ramirez, Jim & Clelline Talley, Kyle & Shauna Goodman, Aaron & Monique Draper, Russ & Heidi Fowler, Nick and Ginger Parker, Danny and Sandy Alsup, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sause, Val & Kathie Talley, Mr & Mrs Derek Roberts, Jeremy and Lindee Scales, Bill & Lisa Stradley, Dave and Edna Epps, Alvin and Laurie Gulke, Roger & Diane Hitchcock, Ernesto & Dalia Blanco, Dwight and Karen Drew, Robert and Sarah Loomis, Nimfa and Samuel Nadores, Phil & Sandy Henderson, Marita and Paul Kwiatkowski, Gabe & Dorothy Halls, Jerry and Jackie Kelly, Jerry & Karen Neff, Jim & Jan Coon, David and Veronica Mendez, Craig & Lisa Ramsey, Sheldon and Sue Erickson, Cindy James, Jose L. Terriquez, Maria A. Garcia, Jeff and Kathy Kutsch

Join the Cause to Reduce Divorce and Strengthen Marriages! All Residents Can Fill Out the Form Below or Go To Our Website [www.GrowYourMarriage.com!](http://www.GrowYourMarriage.com)

#### BE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY MARRIAGE EDUCATION AGREEMENT

- I/we agree with the above Agreement and commit to doing something to help promote M.E.  
 Please contact me about upcoming M.E. classes in our area

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Healthy Marriage Coalition, P.O. Box 25221, Fresno, CA 93729.

### Save the Date

Monday, September 22nd, 2008  
Courthouse Park | 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to come and attend the public celebration of the Community Marriage Education Agreement. Check out the full page ad in The Spotlight section of next Sunday's Bee for more details.

