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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By this time, you should have received the official ballot for gating of our community and annexation of our streets from the city. If you have not yet mailed the ballot, please remember it must be received no later than December 12, 2007 to be counted. If we do not receive at least 103 ballots by that date, the count will not take place and the Board will deem the ballot failed, since at least 103 "Yes" votes are required to pass this measure.

Many thanks are due the Gating Committee: Linda Sweeney, chairperson; Mike Padgett, Terri Nelson, Chris Sathre and Joyce Cross. These volunteers spent untold hours researching all aspects of street annexation and gating. The information they provided, both in written form and verbally at the Gating Forum, was unbiased and as complete as possible. It's unfortunate that this Committee was the recipient of so many negative comments from homeowners. To those of you who were so unkind during this process, keep in mind you were given the opportunity to be a part of this committee and chose not to be involved. Let your voice be heard via the ballot.

Your Board recently voted to take advantage of the Smart Water Program. This is a program that provides a grant and rebates for installation of a replacement irrigation system. This replacement irrigation system is ecologically sound in that we will use much less water due to electronic monitoring. Our current irrigation system has been in use for nearly 16 years and many areas are now in need of replacement. In addition, the grant and rebate program is unlikely to be available in the near future. This replacement will initially be paid from our reserve account. However, between the grant and the rebates from the governmental agency plus our annual savings in the cost of water, our Association will completely recover all funds within 3 years. This huge savings to our community is due mainly to the efforts of Nick Ruddick, our landscaping company and our property management team at PCM. Thanks!

Have a great holiday season and be safe.

--Connie Cain

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, December 2  
Wednesday, December 12  
Monday, December 17  
Thursday, December 20

*Race for the Cure*  
Gating Community Ballot deadline  
Holiday Decorating Contest, 7 PM  
Board Meeting, 2 PM

## YOUR BOARD AT WORK

*The Missions Homeowners' Association Board of Directors held their monthly meetings on September 20 and October 18, 2007 at the Oceanside Public Library, Mission Branch Community Room, 3861-B Mission Avenue at 2PM. The November Board meeting was cancelled. All Homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend. At the start of the meetings, all visiting homeowners are welcome to provide their inputs and ask questions.*

In its on-going effort to improve and beautify the common area, the board approved the removal of a tree that was considered a hazard. As is customary this time of the year, the board spent a great deal of effort reviewing our budget and reserves. Our treasurer prepared a detailed proposed budget for 2008. It was agreed that an updated reserve study should be contracted for. The results of the reserve study may impact the final budget for next year. Subject to receipt of the reserve study, the board approved a budget for 2008 which increases the dues from the current \$49 a month to \$56.

### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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### RESTAURANT REVIEW

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A great deal of board discussion centered about the "Smart Water Program. Water rates are scheduled to increase next year by approximately 22%, with additional increases anticipated in future years. By joining the smart water program, which entails installing water sensors and new controllers, we have the potential of reducing our water consumption by some 20%. The government is encouraging us to participate in this program by subsidizing the cost by approximately 50%. We estimate that we would recoup our costs in two to three years. The board approved the program and installation of the equipment has begun.

The board agreed to the mailing of the ballots to decide the issue of whether or not to gate the community and take ownership of the streets. Three homeowners were appointed to count the ballots. The results of the balloting will be available at the next board meeting, in accordance with the information provided with the ballots.

From the entire board, we wish you all a happy holiday and a healthy new year.

*Gerry Wolfson  
Secretary*

We welcome your  
comments and  
input.

### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

Thursday, December 20                      January 2008 - cancelled  
Thursday, February 21

All meetings are held at 2 PM in the Community Room of the Missions branch of the Oceanside Library,  
3861-B Mission Avenue – next to the Police station.

### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Friday,  
February 15,  
2008

## From Pat's pen. . . .

No one claimed the prize for finding their mystery address in the last issue. Be sure to read every page carefully. If you find your encoded address, just call me within five days of receipt of the *Mission Bell* to claim your prize.

This newsletter would not be very helpful or interesting if it were not for the dedicated folks who write the special columns and others who send items of interest for each issue. My personal thanks to all who help make this user-friendly newsletter what it is.

Remember, the newsletter can only publish news, milestones, great kid accomplishments, and community interest items that are brought to the editor's attention by the published deadline. Clairvoyancy is not one of my gifts!

Just a reminder, be sure that a neighbor knows how to contact you in an emergency, if you plan to be away from your home during the holidays. It's also a good idea to turn off the water spigots behind your washer – so you don't come home to a wet surprise!

Wishing you and those you love a very Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah!

—Pat Kellenbarger, editor

## OUR GREAT KIDS

Isn't it great to see our collegians back in the community for the holidays? Have a great holiday break with your family and friends.

## HANDY HINT

If, and when, your "toe tap" bathtub drain stopper starts leaking, you can find a replacement here:

Plumbers Warehouse, 2785 Loker Avenue (off Palomar Airport Rd) in Carlsbad. PH: 760-8644.

Thanks to Terry Craig for sharing this information, after experiencing numerous frustrating trips to local hardware stores. \$7 is lots cheaper than replacing the whole drain!

## SHARING IS CARING

Several neighbors are involved with local charity organizations that benefit our community and world at-large. Here are some alternatives to putting your discards on the curb on Tuesday morning. If you have a favorite local charity with specific needs, please share this information. Non-cash donations are tax-deductible

Gently used bicycles are urgently needed by the Community Resource Center for their Holiday Basket program for 1200 families and seniors. Pat Kellenbarger is point of contact.

Furniture, baby items, kitchenware – needed by junior enlisted military families. Ginny Parrish

Blankets, sleeping bags, jackets – needed by several local agencies during cold winter months – Pat Kellenbarger will pick up and deliver to agencies.

Gently used clothing & shoes – Brother Benno's, Assistance League & Women's Resource Thrift Shops, Oceanside

Books and recent magazines are welcomed by the Mission Branch Library used book shop.

Old cell phones – Women's Resource Center, Oceanside

## QUILTS FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Two teams of ladies, headed by Ginny Parrish and Pat Kellenbarger, assembled 29 queen-sized quilts in 9 days at *Gleanings for the Hungry* in Dinuba, CA. Due to the number of families who lost their homes in the SD County fires, *Gleanings* staff instructed Ginny and Pat to bring these quilts back to North San Diego County for distribution to displaced families. Earlier this year, this same team of ladies (\*25 A\*c\*\*s Ct) made more than 46 sets of curtains for new homes built in Tijuana over Memorial Day weekend, and helped to complete more than 400 Cool Collars, heat-stress reduction aids, for our troops in Iraq.

"Ginny's Sweat Shop" meets twice monthly to sew for charity. We welcome donations of new fabric and willing hands.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

**Carmela**  
833 Grand Ave. San Marcos  
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In the realm of Italian restaurants, there are good, fair and indifferent. Carmela succeeds in being excellent, offering the cuisine of Abruzzi in her restaurant.

At a recent visit with a group of friends, we enjoyed the outstanding Lasagna, a specialty prepared by Carmela substituting crepes in place of the regular pasta. The large dinner menu includes Chicken Langostino Di Gina with capers, sun-dried tomatoes and asparagus in a garlic, white wine-lemon sauce; Stuffed Shrimp Florentine in a special spinach cheese sauce topped with crabmeat; Veal Abruzzes, milk-fed veal sautéed in garlic and oil with hot peppers, sweet peppers, mushrooms and white wine. The evening we were there, a wonderful White Sea Bass Livomese was featured. Pasta dishes abound: Gnocchi Di Carmela; Veal Tortellini; Fettuccini A Moda Nostro, black fettuccini, asparagus, sun-dried tomato and shrimp in a light rose sauce.

This is just a sampling of the extensive dinner menu. An abbreviated Lunch menu is available Tuesday to Friday, 11am-3pm. Dinner Tuesday -Thursday 4pm - 9pm. Friday and Saturday till 10pm. Sunday 3pm - 9pm. Closed Monday. The friendly and caring staff headed by Carmela and her chef husband, Zoro make you feel welcome. Go and enjoy some great Italian food!

--Ray Chesloff

## LOST AND FOUND

A child's orthodontic retainer has been found by Sandra Everlines. Please call her to claim it.

## LET'S LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

In these busy pre-holiday times, let's keep our eyes open for unusual activities, suspicious people or vehicles, neighbors-on-vacation's homes and vehicles, garage doors left open by accident, and vehicles on the street on street-sweeping days. That's what good neighbors do every day – not just at the holidays – and that's what will make this community even a more special place to live. A quick phone call may prevent an unfortunate incident.

## GARDENING IN THE MISSIONS

I'm sure you are all in the middle of the holiday rush and your plants are the last thing you want to think about. Luckily, your garden doesn't need much attention this month. If you prepared for winter in the fall, your plants will make fewer demands with just an occasional boost from you.

If you have container plants outdoors, they should be moved to a protected area in your yard in the slight chance that we will have a frost. Just don't forget to water them. They withstand cold weather better if they are kept moist.

Your roses need to harden off for the winter, so don't fertilize or prune them. Also pick the flowers or water them. Maybe you want to move a plant to another spot in your garden. Now is the time to prepare the area for January bare root season. Roses thrive in clay soil, but be sure to check the drainage. Add some gypsum to the soil which will condition the area. It will be ready for your pruned bare root rose that you will be moving.

Since we live in a coastal zone, we can still plant annual winter flowers. Now is the time to start planting seeds for Spring blooming and be sure to plant in a sunny spot. The seeds won't germinate in partial shade. Sprinkle the seed bed every morning until the plants come up, then water as necessary.

It is a good idea to remove the mulch if you have put it around your perennials if we get a lot of rain. Plants get soft if they sit in soggy mulched soil.

Plants make nice holiday gifts. You can find all kinds of things at your nursery if you have a family or friends who like to garden. I'm sure you can find something they don't have and would appreciate.

I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy and looking forward to the New Year. Best wishes for a great holiday season.

■ Norma Craig

## CAROLA'S CORNER

Carola's Corner is taking a holiday break and will return in the March *Mission Bell*.

## YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE AT WORK

### THE ANNUAL MISSIONS BLOCK PARTY

For those of you who missed it, the Social Committee hosted The Missions Block Party on Sat., Sept. 29th. The party started at 4 PM. This gave everyone time to purchase their raffle tickets and select the prizes they were interested in. It also gave all of us a chance to meet new neighbors and catch up with others. Along with the raffle prize tables, a table was set up for people to donate monies to *Komen San Diego Race for the Cure*. We were also fortunate to have live music this year, provided by Duane Eberlein and Bill Fisher. Dinner was served at 5:30; the food was incredible and bountiful. After dinner, it was time to watch the kids take their best shot at the piñata, and that they did. It only took 3 or 4 hits and the candy spilled all over the ground. Lastly, the children drew the raffle and door prize tickets.

This years raffle prizes consisted of a Pamper Me basket, Gardening basket, Children's basket, Italian basket, Tailgate basket and a beautiful Afghan all donated by members of the Social Committee. In addition, we raffled off a Margarita basket donated by Connie and Harvey Cain, a Picnic Basket donated by Carola and Jim Phelps and a box of Golf balls donated by Hooters restaurants. In addition, Hooters also donated four \$25 gift certificates and three large mugs which were given away as door prizes along with a hand made clock donated by Richard and Gloria Becker, Partylite candles donated by Luey Huggins, 20 tickets to the Carlsbad Oktoberfest celebration donated by Ellen and Kevin Stotmeister and a Chipotle gift certificate donated by Natalie and Max Meyerson. Thank you all for your generous donations. This day would not have been possible without all the help of the Social Committee and community members who volunteered. I would like to thank Terry Craig for volunteering his truck and Chris Kleszewski, Rick Nelson and Serge Duarte for their time and muscles for pick up and delivery of personal belongings. Lastly, thanks to all the homeowners on Borrego Ct. for your help; we could not have done this without you. See you at the Block Party next year.



### COMMUNITY CAROLING

We regret to say it, but the Social Committee is not hosting a community caroling event this year.

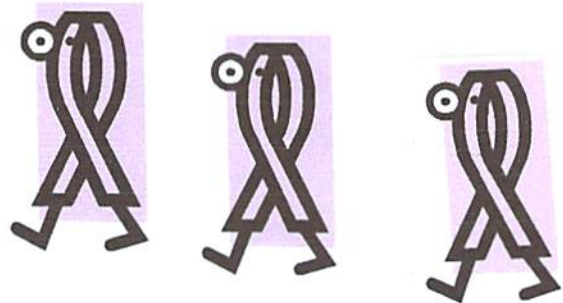
If you would like to organize an evening of caroling with friends and neighbors, we encourage you to do so. It is very easy. All you do is pick a date, call a few of your friends and neighbors and ask if they want to go caroling and off you go. Sheet music is available by contacting Linda Sweeney at 433-6668.

### HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Put up your holiday decorations and light up your homes for the annual decorating contest. This year judging will take place on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Be sure to mark your calendars and have your lights on. Rather than money prizes, we have decided to put holiday lawn ornaments in the yards of the winners so everyone can see who was voted Most Festive, Creative and Beautiful. We will collect the lawn ornaments after the holidays so you will not have to store them.

### THE WALKING WARRIORS

A walking team has been formed in the neighborhood and is called the "Walking Warriors". This team was formed by fellow committee member, Sonia Bauer. The team was set up for the purpose of walking in the *Komen San Diego Race for the Cure* which is in support of Breast Cancer research. This is a 5K walk in Balboa Park rescheduled for Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, due to the fires canceling the November date. If you are interested in making a donation or participating in the race, please contact Sonia Bauer at 966-1872.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE (continued)

### WINE TOUR

The Social Committee is considering Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for *The Missions* annual wine tour. In order to come up with an accurate cost estimate, we will need to know how many people are interested in attending. Please contact Terri Nelson at 757-8455 before January 31<sup>st</sup> with the number of family members and friends who want to attend. We plan on visiting three wineries with a no-host picnic lunch at one of them. Look for additional details on the website and in the next issue of the *Mission Bell*.

### CUL DU SAC HAPPY HOURS

With the holidays fast approaching and cooler weather upon us, the Social Committee has decided to place this popular event "on-hold" until next Spring.

### WHAT ARE YOUR IDEAS?

If you are interested in joining the Social Committee or have ideas to offer, please contact Terri Nelson (Terri\_Nelson@cox.net). We are always looking for new people and new ideas.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Community events and previous issues of the *Mission Bell* are posted on our community website at "The-Missions.org".

Dates of future community events are also posted on your monthly HOA statement under "Special Message"

### LOOKING AHEAD

January 31<sup>st</sup> - Wine tour head count deadline  
April 27<sup>th</sup> - Wine Tour (tentative date)  
(9:30 AM – 5 PM)

Wishing you and yours a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season.

-- Terri Nelson for the Social Committee

### PINK T-SHIRTS RAISE NEARLY \$9,000 FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Donning pink T-shirts with the words "Walking Warriors" boldly printed on the front, twenty-one lovely ladies, the majority from our Missions community, will lend their feet and their hearts on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and participate in the Susan G. Komen 5K Race for the Cure in Balboa Park. They will join approximately 8,900 other participants in this charity event which benefits the San Diego chapter of the Komen for the Cure organization which is committed to finding the cure for breast cancer.

Team captain, Sonia Bauer, has worked tirelessly in coordinating the team's efforts. To date, nearly \$9,000 has been raised by team members, Sonia Bauer, Rhonda Balcarcel, Wendy Duarte, Sandra Eberlein, Pat Kennedy, Therese Kleszewski, Kristen Kuncl, Nancy Lavell, Susan Marquardt, Norma McAfee, Trish Munley, Terri Nelson, Nicki Noble, Jennifer Perkins, Karen Scanlon, Debbie Stemley, Ellen Stotmeister, Linda Sweeney, Jill Theodossi, Vikki Varnals and Laurel Wykes.

Through the generosity of neighbor and "Party Lites" distributor, Luey Huggins, who donated her profits from a team "Party Lites" fund-raising event, the team was able to add to their growing contribution.

The ladies will walk for those family members, friends and neighbors who had been victims of this terrible disease – some of whom have survived and some who have not. They also walk for the future and the hopes that the words "breast cancer" will no longer exist in our vocabulary.

The Walking Warriors would like to personally thank Luey Huggins and all those who have generously donated to this cause.

--Trish Munley

*Editor's note:* Look for photos of this event, and that of a special "on board on the high seas" team of Mission residents who walked for the cure on a recent cruise.

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## THE MISSION BRANCH LIBRARY NEEDS YOU

The Mission Branch of the Oceanside Public Library needs you! If you have a couple of hours each month to select library books and delivery them to a homebound senior in Oceanside, an opportunity awaits you. The library's "Homebound" program provides books for seniors who are unable to visit the library due to health issues. Each library client is contacted once a month, and arrangements are made for the delivery of new books and the pickup and return of the previous month's delivery.

I have been volunteering in this program for about a year and find it to be fulfilling. I would be happy to explain the program if you are interested, or you can contact the Homebound Services Coordinator, Oksana Radomyshefsky at (760) 495-5657.

--Connie Cain

## CHEERS & JEERS

**Cheers** - To all who helped fire evacuees who were sheltered at El Camino High School and Mira Costa College.

To all who responded with replacement food donations for the Pendleton families affected by a 30 hour power outage during the fires

To our firefighters and emergency crews who put their lives on the line for us - 365 days per year.

## HOSPITALITY

Please be sure to let us know if there are corrections to be made to your Directory entry. We try to keep the information as up-to-date as possible, and that requires your assistance.

## FAREWELL

Charles and Veola Hubbs  
421 Benevente

Joe and Rita Dlugokecki  
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-- Sue Ruddick  
-- Norma Craig

## CONDOLENCES

- To the Eberlein family on the loss of Sandy's brother, Gordon.
- To Jim Stewart on the death of his wife, Marti.
- To Kevin Munley on the death of his father.
- To Mary Schlyer on the loss of her husband, Nick.
- To Joyce Cross on the loss of her mother.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- Scott Rehn was named Motor Sports Announcer of the year by a major racing association.
- The annual Oceanside Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot (5K run) winners list included:

Michael L'Annunziata (2<sup>nd</sup> place; 60-64 male)  
Maria L'Annunziata (3<sup>rd</sup> place; 55-59 female)

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