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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Summer is almost over and the school year is about to begin. Both King Middle School and El Camino High School will start classes at 7:30 AM and end at 2:15 PM. Unfortunately, it appears no bussing will be provided, so be aware of these start and end hours as you are driving in and out of our community.

Hopefully you have enjoyed the monthly Cul-De-Sac happy hours. Thanks go to the Social Committee for their organization and advertising of this successful event. And speaking of the Social Committee, many thanks go to outgoing chair, Terri Nelson, for her hard work. Ellen Stotmeister has taken over the helm of this committee and is busy planning the Annual Block Party, to be held on Saturday, September 13th. See information elsewhere in this issue for more details.

It was with much regret the Board accepted the resignation of long time member, Ron McAfee. Ron has been so very instrumental in his oversight of the company that's brought our community's landscaping back up to par. His self-imposed responsibility for this accomplishment, plus numerous others, is to be applauded. The Board elected Tom Coley to replace Ron for the remainder of his term. Tom will currently take over the position of Vice President.

By now, you have received your updated neighborhood directory. Many thanks go to Sue and Nick Ruddick for the publication of this important community tool. Additional copies of the directory are available for \$3.00 each by contacting Sue Ruddick at 754-2410.

The Board recently instructed the management company to obtain bids for a new landscaper, with two companies responding. The Board asked for this action to ensure our association is getting the best service for the best price. A decision will be made in the near future to either keep the company we now have, or contract with a different company.

See you at the annual Block Party.

--Connie Cain

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 11	FLY YOUR FLAG Day (Honor 9/11 Heroes)
Sept. 13	Annual Block Party 5 PM
Sept. 18	Board of Directors meeting 2 PM
Nov. 4	Election Day
Nov. 20	Board of Directors meeting 2PM
Nov. 21	Mission Bell deadline

Website: www.the-missions.org

YOUR BOARD AT WORK

The Missions board meets every other month on the third Thursday at 2PM at the Oceanside Library, 3861-B Mission Ave., Oceanside, unless otherwise notified on your monthly billing statement. All homeowners are welcome to attend and participate in the homeowners' forum.

Ron McAfee, recently re-elected to the board submitted a letter of resignation. His resignation was accepted with regret. The board appointed Tom Coley to replace him as a board member. As runner up in the recent HOA election, Tom received the next highest number of votes.

The board requested an updated reserve study in preparation for preparing a budget for 2009. Final inspection of the smart water system will take place during the last week of August. A system will then be setup to allow us to evaluate the water savings resulting from the smart water system installed.

The board is in the process of soliciting bids from new landscape companies to replace Bemus. As previously reported, a traffic committee has been formed to address a number of issues and seek remedies. The committee is headed by Bill Fischer and is comprised of seven members. To date, the committee has met three times and has recently submitted an interim report for review at the next board meeting in September.

-- Gerry Wolfson, Secretary

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Traffic Committee Progress Report

The Missions Traffic Committee has been meeting regularly and working steadily throughout the summer to address parking and traffic safety issues. Committee members have met with Bob Rowe, Principal at MLK Middle School, to explore cooperative steps that can be taken to alleviate congestion at Justina and Ivey Ranch when students are dropped off and picked up. The committee is also in the process of arranging a meeting with the Principal at El Camino High School. The Committee is discussing other parking and through-traffic problems solutions with Paul Pace, Transportation Operations Engineer for Oceanside. The city has already monitored traffic flow on Justina in August, before school opens, and will do another count on Justina after school is in session, in order to measure the traffic increase.

Once school opens, and Paul Pace has a chance to assess parking and traffic flow problems stemming from student and parent drivers, the committee will meet with him to discuss feasible solutions. Contingent upon that, the committee will craft a proposal to present to homeowners for approval. Prior to submitting the proposal to a vote, the committee will conduct a door-to-door canvass to explain the proposal and solicit feedback from homeowners which can be incorporated in a final version.

If any residents in our community have questions about the committee's work, Bill Fischer, chair of the committee, would be glad to hear from you. He can be reached at wcfischer@yahoo.com, or at 760-435-0046.

-- Bill Fischer

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From Pat's Pen. . . .

Reading the newsletter carefully paid off when Gigi Gleason found her hidden address in the June issue. Can you find the hidden address in this issue? If it's your address, call me within five days of newsletter arrival in your mailbox – and you'll get a prize.

Hardly a week goes by that I am not learning of the genuine concern that residents of our community have shown to those in need, fear or pain, both near and far. Several serve selflessly as board members of non-profit agencies; many serve as faithful volunteers with community and faith-based organizations. Others donate gently used items to local charities that help those in need. Just think of the examples they are setting and the legacy of service they will leave to family and friends.

If you are not currently involved in a sharing project, I urge you to look about and find a place where your time and talents can be used to make this community and our world a better place. Elsewhere in this newsletter, several opportunities are announced.

Also, as a tiny first step in making a world a better place, you can vow to stop using plastic shopping bags. Did you know that US residents alone use 380 billion per year? Most of these will be here long after we are gone — in landfills and polluting our waterways and oceans. I'm trying very hard to keep several re-useable tote bags in my car – and using them when I shop. Won't you join me in this silent witness of concern for our environment?

■ *Pat Kellenbarger, editor*

STRAW POLL

The *Mission Bell* publishes four times each year. The newsletter would be more timely and useful if published six times per year. Increased mailing costs prohibit additional issues.

Please vote by phone, voice or email to the editor:

I use a computer with email access and would like to receive the Mission Bell 6 times per year via email.

No, I don't have email.

I have email, but don't want newsletter delivered via email.

Keep 4 issues coming by US Mail.

Other ideas???

OUR GREAT KIDS

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Jonasson on earning a 4.0 grade point average. Sincere apologies to Kaitlyn and her family for totally misspelling her name in the June newsletter. We'll expect to hear more great grades news from this young lady!

Belated congratulations to Casey Scanlon who graduated with a degree in Communications from UC Santa Barbara this Spring.

After some busy summer days, our collegians are heading back to their studies and reconnecting with their campus friends.

Tyler Varnals -- University of Redlands for sophomore year.

Jennifer Marquardt – senior at Long Beach State & working with a high school ROP program.

Kristin Marquardt -- sophomore at Palomar and on basketball team.

Alex Sortino – Phoenix College and working in AZ

Dennis Sortino – quarterback on Saddleback College football team; sophomore

Kyle Noble – senior UCLA, in UCLA Band, had a summer Internship with Northrop-Grumman

Lucas Mesa – sophomore at UCLA; in UCLA band.

Erik Jepsen – junior at SCSD; school news photographer

Lou Gin Green – junior at San Diego State

Mia Mogavaro – sophomore at Mira Costa

Brittany Bennett – freshman at Stanford U.

Briana Bennett – junior at San Diego State

Megan Phillips – freshman at Cal State San Marcos

Christopher Noble – freshman at UC Berkeley

Chris Farrell – freshman at Cal State San Marcos.

We are proud of you and the goals you have set for yourselves and we wish you great success.

If we failed to mention any scholars, please send this information to the editor for the next issue.

Restaurant Review

Rosina's

3613 Ocean Ranch Blvd. (off Rancho Del Oro)
Oceanside PH: 721-5000

A welcome addition to the local restaurant scene, Rosina's Italian restaurant is almost in our backyard. Judging from my recent visit, it should be around for a long time.

The impressive menu has many excellent choices. Antipasti, appetizers include Insalata di verdure, (stacked fresh mozzarella, grilled eggplant, zucchini, red onion and tomato topped with basil infused extra virgin olive oil); and Calamari con spinaci, (sautéed calamari with garlic, diced tomatoes and red wine vinaigrette on a bed of spinach). Nine pasta selections with various style sauces. Main entrees include Pollo con carciofi, (chicken breast sautéed with artichokes, capers in a white wine sauce), Saltimboca Del Oro, (pork tenderloin topped with prociutto, mozzarella, fresh sage and white wine demiglaze), Pollo Parmigiana, (chicken breast breaded and sautéed, topped with sauce, parmigiana cheese and mozzarella), and Fish of the Day. On the evening I was there it was halibut.

This is a brief list of many excellent choices available. Rosina mingles throughout the dining room assuring each guest is pleased with their dining experience. Italian music plays in the background and the feeling is Italy. The prices are moderate. Open for lunch and dinner. Closed Sunday. Enjoy!

-- Ray Chesloff

COMMUNITY NEWS

We extend our sympathy to Dee Oppenheim and her family on the sudden passing of her husband, Tom. Dee and Tom had been married 55 years.

MISSIONS DIRECTORY

Thank you so much to the following folks who helped get the directory delivered to each resident: Sandy Eberlein, Mary Tucker, Norma McAfee, Annette Bramhall, Nancy Lavelle, Cris Sathre, Ellen Stotmeister, Linda Sweeney, Rex Martin, Connie Cain and Carola Phelps. With so much assistance, it made my job very much easier.

If you have not yet received a copy of the directory, please get in touch with me. Sue Ruddick 754-2410.

Carola's Corner

A Canadian friend passed on some forty "Odd Uses" for common household products. I have selected a few to try sometime around our home and thought you might find them worth further research, or perhaps find them amusing!

- Dry nail polish - try Pam cooking spray.
 - Toenail bacterial and fungus infections - try Vicks vapor rub
 - Clean dishwasher pipes - use Kool-Aid instead of detergent and run a cycle (sans dishes)
 - Clean toilets - use Kool-Aid again (and children drink the stuff!)
 - Remove labels - rub with peanut butter or WD-40
 - Set-in grease stains - apply Coca Cola or WD-40, wait, then wash again.
- And finally,
- Condition your hair - rub in some beer (but don't go out in public without rinsing!)

Can't vouch for how well these work but we'll see.

--Carola Phelps

Your Old Eye Glasses Can Promote Peace

The Rotary Club of Camp Pendleton will be collecting old eye glasses for those in need in Iraq.

- Glasses are distributed to battalions for use in their Cooperative Medical Engagements (CMEs)

- Multi-national Corps Iraq optometry teams, along with Iraqi providers, accompany the battalions to the villages during CMEs. They perform eye exams and then distribute glasses that most closely match the persons' need for correction.

- Public Affairs will record this along each step of the process: collection, assessment, transport, distribution.

Should you care to contribute, please contact either Trish Munley at 721-8887 or Carola Phelps at 967-1970.

Thank you for your support.

--Trish Munley

GARDENING IN THE MISSIONS

September is the time we shift gears in preparation for winter. We switch from summer blooming to winter and spring blooming annual flowers and vegetables.

The nurseries are full of spring-flowering bulbs, so shop early to make sure you get the biggest and healthiest bulbs with the papery skin attached. You can plant them now or wait until October, which is the best planting month of the year. Bulbs are easy plants to grow, (*40 *stre*o*) especially the bulbs from South Africa. There is a great variety to choose from, such as babiana, freesia, ixia, sparaxis, watsonia and many more. I have all of these in my yard and they do very well. Don't plant anemones, daffodils, ranunculus or crocuses until next month. Keep them cool and dry.

The rule of thumb is to plant large bulbs at a depth that equals twice their diameter and small bulbs a little deeper than twice their diameter. If you want to try growing bulbs in a pot you might try layering. Get a large pot and mix the soil with one part perlite, one part coarse sand and two parts potting mix. Put the soil mix in the bottom 1/3 of the pot, then put in a layer bulbs pointed side up. Add mix until the tops of the bulbs just poke through the surface. Then position a second layer of bulbs in between the first layer. Add another layer of mix until you can barely see the tops of the bulbs poking through. Daffodils and tulips do especially well with this type of planting.

Your vegetable garden should still be producing if given a feeding and water. You can still plant tomatoes, such as *Early Girl* and *Celebrity*. The biggest pests for tomatoes are hornworms. Just look for their droppings and remove them by hand. This should be done every morning and should keep them under control. If you see a hornworm with clusters of little white eggs poking up all over its back, don't kill it. They are cocoons of braconid wasps, which are hornworm predators.

All of your plants should be fertilized this month and kept well watered. Deadhead your roses and begin to remove all worn out and faded plants. You can plant sweet peas now and you may have blooms by Christmas. You can also plant your cool-season vegetables now. There are so many things to do in September that you will be spending a lot of time in your garden. It is a very rewarding past time. Just relax and enjoy your garden.

-- Norma Craig

THE WALKING WARRIORS

The Walking Warriors are gearing up for the 2008 *Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure*. The 5K walk/run race is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., November 2, 2008 at Balboa Park.

75% of net proceeds from the *Komen San Diego Race for the Cure*® stay in San Diego to support uninsured and under-insured individuals touched by breast cancer in the areas of diagnostics, screening, treatment, services and education. The remaining 25% goes to support important national research.

Last year, the team had 21 team members, consisting mostly of residents here at *The Missions*, along with other friends and family. Vikki Varnals has generously volunteered to co-captain the team this year to help coordinate some fundraising events. In 2007, The Walking Warriors exceeded their fundraising goal and raised over \$4100. Please help the team meet their goal this year of \$7500 by joining the team or contacting a team member to make a donation for this very important cause.

For more information on joining the team, you can either call Team Captain, Sonia Bauer at 966-1872 or email her at sgbinca@sbcglobal.net. You can also join by going straight to the website, www.komensandiego.org, click on "Race for the Cure" and "Join Existing Team".

--Sonia Bauer

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTIES

The Cul de Sac Happy Hours have been very successful this summer . We alternated the locations throughout the neighborhood on the third Friday of each month, and had great attendance. It was a wonderful way to meet and greet neighbors while relaxing after a busy week

The Social Committee has decided to forego the September Happy Hour, and replace it with our annual Block Party (see details below).

We, the Social Committee, represent you, the neighborhood. Please let us know what fun things you might like us to plan.

STILL LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Social Committee is actively seeking new members.

If you enjoy our neighborhood and want to keep the community spirit going, then give Ellen a call. This does not require a great deal of time or experience; it just requires a passion for our community and a desire to bring our neighborhood together on a social level.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS CALL ELLEN
STOTMEISTER AT 754-227 FOR DETAILS.**

BLOCK PARTY

Please join us for our annual neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, September 13 in Borrego Court. The party begins at 4 PM and food will be served at 5. There will be a piñata for the children, a book exchange, and a food drive collecting non-perishable items for Marine families. Of course, we will be selling raffle tickets for chances to win the always fabulous auction items! Please bring a dish to share, your own beverages, and your own chairs. Paper products and silverware will be provided by the Social Committee.

The Missions Garage Sale was very successful, with over 20 households participating. Special thanks to Trish Munley for collecting money and placing ads, and to Natalie Meyerson and Annette Bramhall for putting out both reminder and directional signs. We'll plan it again next year, if there is enough interest in the neighborhood to participate. Thanks everyone!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

BLOCK PARTY
Saturday, September 13, 2008
4-7 PM
Borrego Court

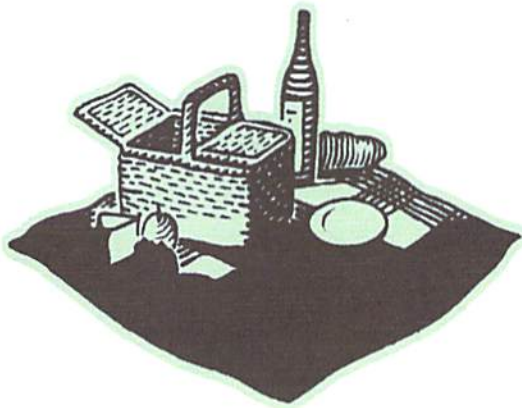
Please bring tables for dining, if you'd like. We will not be picking up tables and chairs this year.

VISIT "THE-MISSIONS.ORG" FOR MORE COMMUNITY EVENT INFORMATION

THE MISSIONS 2008 ANNUAL COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

SPONSORED BY THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
BORREGO COURT
4:00-7:00 PM



FOOD WILL BE SERVED AT
5:00 PM

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SERVE
12-14 PEOPLE (APPETIZER,
SALAD, SIDE DISH, ENTREE, OR
DESSERT) AND BEVERAGES OF
YOUR CHOICE.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING NONPERISHABLE ITEMS FOR THE MILITARY FAMILIES AT
CAMP PENDLETON (CANNED AND DRY FOODS, PERSONAL AND BABY PRODUCTS).

PINATA FOR THE CHILDREN

BOOK EXCHANGE

DOOR AND RAFFLE PRIZES



PLEASE CALL *Ellen Stotmeister* AT 754-2227 IF YOU HAVE
ITEMS TO DONATE FOR RAFFLE AND/OR DOOR PRIZES.