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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very pleased to be writing my first President's Message. There have been a lot of "comings" and "goings" since our Annual Meeting on April 1. Tom Coley and I were re-elected and Jenny Flynn was elected for her first time to your HOA Board of Directors, for two-year terms, respectively. Serge Duarte resigned from the Board. Your new Board was appointed as follows: I as President; Ellen Stotmeister, Vice President; Tom Coley, Chief Executive Officer; and Jenny Flynn, Secretary. The Board then convened in Executive Session on April 15 and appointed Gigi Gleason to fill the remainder of Serge's term as Member-At-Large. Please welcome our two newest Board members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Serge for his service to our community this past year as President and Member-At-Large.

After many years of outstanding service on our HOA Board, Connie Cain has retired. We will surely miss her knowledge and leadership. We can't thank you enough, Connie, for everything you have done for the betterment of our neighborhood!

Also retiring as Editor in Chief of our *Mission Bell* newsletter is Pat Kellenbarger, as she and Charlie have moved from *The Missions* to a retirement community in Escondido. The 'Bell' has been a wonderful newsletter, thanks to her dedication and hard work. Further demonstrating her dedication, she agreed to publish this newsletter as her last (Ellen & Jenny will take over as co-editors). We wish Pat and Charlie all the best in their new home.

I am looking forward to serving as your President and helping to keep *The Missions at Ivey Ranch* the premier community in Oceanside, thus preserving our property values, especially during these difficult economic times.

Let's all have a great Spring & Summer and see you at the cul-de-sac parties!

-- Rex Martin

The Missions website:
<http://the-missions.org>

LOOKING AHEAD

Book/Reading Club (new time)
HOA Board Meeting
Cul de Sac Party
Holiday - Memorial Day
Flag Day - Fly your flag!
Mission Bell Deadline

Tuesday, May 18, 10 AM
Thursday, May 20, 5PM - Library
Friday, May 28
Monday, May 31
Monday, June 14th
To be determined

YOUR BOARD AT WORK

Much has happened since our last newsletter. There have been many changes to the Board, which Rex explained in his "Message from the President". We welcome Jenny Flynn and Gigi Gleason to the Board and look forward to working with them on your behalf.

The topic that took up most of our time recently was, of course, the wall repairs and painting. We appreciated your input concerning the color of the walls, and have decided to paint them as close to the former color as possible. Many neighbors liked the two colors, but after realizing that the repairs would be much more extensive and expensive than originally thought, we decided that a single color would better fit within our budget. The repairs are now completed and the painting will also be completed, or soon be completed, when you receive this issue of the Bell.

We have asked an arborist to walk the perimeter of our neighborhood with Board members and advise us on which trees need to be removed because of disease and which trees may be successfully treated. They will also advise us on the kinds of trees to select to replace these dead or dying trees. There is a category of trees known as "perimeter trees", which do not affect the sidewalks and which do not cause problems for pedestrians or to adjacent homeowners.

The next HOA Board meeting will be on Thursday, May 20 at 5 PM at the Mission Branch Oceanside Library.

-- *Ellen Stotmeister*,
Secretary

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We welcome your
comments and
input.

**DEADLINE FOR
NEXT ISSUE**
TBD - August

DIRECTORY UPDATES

It is important to keep *The Missions Homeowners' Directory* as current as possible. Please send any corrections or updates of phone or email contact information to Sue Ruddick. Her email address is sue@ruddick.com

MISSIONS RESIDENT HONORED

March 8, 2010 – State Capitol Assembly Chambers, Sacramento, CA. During a Special Session of the California State Assembly, Ellen Stotmeister was among 80 California women honored as "Woman of the Year" representing their respective California Assembly districts. Diane L. Harkey, Assemblywoman Seventy-Third District, nominated and sponsored Stotmeister for this distinction. Cited on the impressive certificate declaring her Woman of the Year, were numerous charitable associations and activities in which Ellen has provided leadership, guidance and volunteer service. Among them was Oceanside, California's *Women's Resource Center* serving victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse where Stotmeister has served in officer roles, as a board member and as Chair of major fundraising events and committees. Also listed was the *Oceanside Museum of Art* where she again served as a member of the Board of Trustees, as an officer, as well as Chair or Co-Chair of major fundraising events including the annual black-tie gala. Other organizations listed and benefitting from Ellen's volunteerism in the community included Oceanside's *Brother Benno Foundation*, *KOCT* – local public access TV station, the *Mission San Luis Rey*, *North County Health Services*, *Tri-City Medical Center* and the *Moonlight Angels* organization.

From Pat's pen. . . .

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this column. I have served as editor/publisher of numerous newsletters over the past 45 years, and have enjoyed each one. Being editor of the *Mission Bell* has been especially enjoyable because of the wonderful support given by the Board of Directors, those contributing their talents by writing restaurant reviews, garden hints, household hints, and those who shared in spotlighting the great accomplishments of the wonderful children and young adults in our community.

I was prepared to publish the *Mission Bell* to arrive in your mailbox in early April, but the Board asked that the newsletter be delayed in order to report the results of the HOA annual meeting and election of HOA officers.

My phone did not ring announcing that the secret address had been decoded in the last issue. Will you win the prize this month? Read very carefully! This will be *my* last prize offer! My new phone number is 760-690-2414.

Charlie and I are happy in our new retirement setting. Our Missions home is nearly ready for renting and we are actively seeking a tenant. Although we are not physically living in *The Missions*, we have left parts of our hearts there, plan to continue our friendships, and attend the cul de sac parties in the coming months. We extend an invitation to you to come and visit us in our new "digs". We love not having to cook, garden, clean, maintain..... and having the assurance of having our future health needs cared for.

We are busting with pride and will be in the audience at Arizona State University in a few days to see our #2 grandson, Nick Wright (Escondido), receive highest Honors upon his graduation. He will attend Northern Arizona University to obtain his PhD in Physical Therapy. We will also travel to Sacramento later this month to share in grandson #3's high school graduation in Elk Grove. He will attend UC Santa Cruz to major in chemistry. Grandchildren are, indeed, among life's greatest blessings.

I don't say "goodbyes"but always say, "Until next time"

--Pat Kellenbarger, editor

The Missions' Reading Group/Book Club

The Missions Book Club has met twice since January. We invite you to join us on Tuesday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. We decided to try a morning book meeting to see if other people would prefer that time. Our book club is easy-going and fun - we meet every other month, to allow plenty of reading time! We'll meet at Joanne Henry's house at 230 Borrego Court. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call Jenny Flynn at 760-529-5118.

Our current book is "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. This book will surely spark some interesting conversation.

From Amazon.com: "From a single, abbreviated life grew a seemingly immortal line of cells that made some of the most crucial innovations in modern science possible. And from that same life, and those cells, Rebecca Skloot has fashioned in *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, a fascinating and moving story of medicine and family, of how life is sustained in laboratories and in memory. Henrietta Lacks was a mother of five in Baltimore, a poor African American migrant from the tobacco farms of Virginia, who died from a cruelly aggressive cancer at the age of 30 in 1951. A sample of her cancerous tissue, taken without her knowledge or consent, as was the custom then, turned out to provide one of the holy grails of mid-century biology: human cells that could survive--even thrive--in the lab. Known as HeLa cells, their stunning potency gave scientists a building block for countless breakthroughs, beginning with the cure for polio. Meanwhile, Henrietta's family continued to live in poverty and frequently poor health, and their discovery decades later of her unknowing contribution--and her cells' strange survival--left them full of pride, anger, and suspicion. For a decade, Skloot doggedly but compassionately gathered the threads of these stories, slowly gaining the trust of the family while helping them learn the truth about Henrietta, and with their aid she tells a rich and haunting story that asks the questions, Who owns our bodies? And who carries our memories? --Tom Nissley"

--Jenny Flynn

Editor's note: Jenny has written reviews of the first two books read by this group, available for the asking.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Gregorio's Restaurant
300 Carlsbad Village Drive Suite 208
Carlsbad, CA
PH: 760-720-1132

Last year I visited Gregorio's Restaurant in the village of Carlsbad, and have since enjoyed several meals there. The restaurant is quaint and rustic, and there is also a large partially enclosed patio. The menu is expansive and most items come in large and small portions. Soups are \$8 for a cup, and \$10 for a bowl. (The homemade chicken noodle with homemade bread and a glass of wine, and I'm in heaven!) There are several salads including antipasto, shrimp and rosemary chicken (\$6-\$19). Meat and seafood entrees include potato, pasta or veggies. I have enjoyed the Halibut Limone (\$22), chicken and pasta dishes (\$17-\$20) and have sampled handmade ravioli (\$14-\$17) and sausage cacciatore (\$17). Gregorio's also has several specialty pizzas (\$9-\$19) with dough that is made daily. Torpedo rolls are also baked daily for their selection of sandwiches (\$9-\$12). Beer and wine are available, and Gregorio's also caters.

On a final note, owner Greg Nelson has said he will never be able to repay the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad for all it did for him as a boy attending on an almost daily basis. So, for the entire year of 2010 Gregorio's Restaurant is **donating 100%** of their profits to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad!

--Linda Sweeny

GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR GREAT KIDS

Ray and Sonia Bauer's son, Bryant Lowe, graduated from Naval Basic Training in Great Lakes, IL on April 16th, 2010. His current plans are to stay at RTC in Great Lakes, IL for seven months for training before shipping out. His parents and his entire family are very proud of his accomplishment.

Ruth Dimetros (Jonasson) is studying abroad in Florence, Italy for about four months as a freshman at Mira Costa.

On June 16, three Missions students will graduate from M L King and be incoming freshman at El Camino High School in the Fall. Congratulations to Paola Zilli, Jonathan Flynn and Patrick Goldman.

Kevin Quigley was recently named Athlete Scholar/Snowboarder by the *Union Tribune*. He also is on The Bishop's School's football and lacrosse teams. He also plays bass for the school's jazz band.

(Great Kids, continued)

Jonathon Flynn will attend Arrowhead Music Camp this summer.

If you have news about your great kids, please send it to the newsletter editor.

GARDENING IN THE MISSIONS

May is the month to watch everything grow if you finished your spring planting in March or April. We have had quite a few nice rains this year, which makes everything grow rapidly. You can help your plants to continue to thrive by adding mulch and fertilizer. Only native plants do not need the extra water as they are in the process of drying up and dropping their seeds.

You should transplant your potted bulbs into the ground if you want to reuse the containers. Just slip them out carefully and plant in a sheltered spot. Give them a little liquid fertilizer after they bloom to store up strength for next year. Don't cut off leaves until they go brown.

After you remove the tired cool season plants replace them with pony packs of summer annuals for instant color. You must always remember to loosen up the roots when planting, or they will just sit there thinking they are still in the pot.

Keep your roses looking beautiful by controlling rose pests and diseases. Water, fertilize and prune them by picking flowers and disbudding. Irrigate twice a week, up to 1-1/2 inches of water per irrigation.

There are so many beautiful flowers and vegetables growing in May, so don't forget to enjoy them. The hard work is worth it.

This will be my last contribution to *the Mission Bell*. Not only because Pat will no longer be publishing it, (which, incidentally, she has done a great job) but because we are moving to La Mirada. I am going to miss my wonderful friends, my wonderful home and the neighborhood. These have been some of the best nineteen years of my life being part of the Missions! Our two children are insisting that we move closer to them, which is the sensible thing to do, but it doesn't make it any easier. We love you all and would love to have you visit us any time!

-- Norma Craig

HOSPITALITY

Welcome:

Bryan Gallinger
Scott Davis
Brandon Gibbs
225 Benevente Drive

Farewell:

Marylou Carpenter
550 Estremoz Court

Mark and Lauralee Campbell and family
225 Benevente Drive

Charlie and Pat Kellenbarger
354 Benevente Drive
New address/phone
710 West 13th Avenue, #E-10
Escondido, CA 92025
PH: 760-690-2414

Pat has been editor of the Mission Bell since shortly after their arrival in October 2002. During her time as editor, she has been instrumental in making us aware of the achievements of the younger generation of great students in the neighborhood – great job, Pat! You have not moved too far away so we expect to see you both around the neighborhood from time to time. We wish you well in your new home.

Norma and Terry Craig
455 Zezere Drive
New Address:
14514 Hardaway Drive
La Mirada, CA 90638-

As we say farewell to Norma and Terry Craig, we wish them all the very best in their new home closer to their family. They are original homeowners in *The Missions*, having moved here in 1990. From the start, they have always been very active in the neighborhood, serving on the HOA Board as well as various committees. It is thanks to Terry that graffiti was covered over promptly – no small job! Norma's "Gardening in The Missions" column in the Mission Bell gave many of us wonderful ideas of what we should be doing in our gardens throughout the year. The Bunco Babes will miss you, Norma!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Annette Bramhall and the hardworking social committee have planned the locations of the highly popular cul de sac monthly gatherings and hosts:

May 28 – De Anza Court (Chris Sathre)
June 25 – 469 Benevente (Gloria Becker)
July 30 - Alcaras Court (Carola Phelps)
Aug. 28 - Estremoz Court (Nancy Lavelle)
Sept. 24 – Huelva Court (Annette Bramhall)

Weather permitting, the October party will be announced.

All residents are welcome; bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share – and your chair if you wish to sit. Watch for the reminder signs!

All cul de sac parties will be held on the last Friday of the month at 6 PM.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Missions Property

There seems to be some confusion about what property in the neighborhood is actually owned by the association. The simple answer is NONE. There are areas on the perimeter and some within the actual neighborhood that are maintained by the HOA. Our dues pay for the landscapers to maintain this property, which enhances the quality of our neighborhood, but all of this "common area" is actually owned by individual homeowners.

Those of us who own these "common areas" are not allowed, according to the CC&R's, to alter the property in any way and cannot use it as we would our yards, but it remains private property. There is an area behind the gate on Justina Drive, which we call the "Western Wilderness". It is maintained by the HOA, but it is private property.

Students who climb that gate in order to cut through that area to go to school (or for any reason) are trespassing. Please explain that to your young people who may be under the erroneous assumption that it belongs to the HOA, and as residents of the Missions, have permission to use it. They do not; nor does anyone else.

Ellen Stotmeister
Vice President, Board of Directors

HOA Reminder. . .

If you are planning *any improvements or changes* to the exterior of your home, approval must be given by the Architectural Committee BEFORE you start the project. This approval is in addition to any city permits that may also be required.

Project plans, such as the addition of solar panels, landscaping changes to your front or back yard or additions to your home affecting the exterior must be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for review. If you have questions regarding your project plans, please contact the Architectural Committee chair, Mark Bramhall, ph. 721-3467.

Vendor Recommendations

If you need a recommendation for a tradesman to help you maintain or upgrade your home, a list of recommended vendors is maintained by Trish Munley.

Call Trish at 721-8887 if you need a referral or if you have a great recommendation. If you have had a poor experience with a tradesman, that information might be helpful for others seeking top quality tradesmen.

NON-TOXIC FLY PREVENTION

Fill a small Ziploc bag with water. Add 5 or 6 pennies and hang or thumbtack it where flies are a problem (indoors or out). Flies and wasps mistake the bag for some other insect nest, are threatened – and go away! Try one or two bags (*15 Hu*lv*) on your patio the next time you are dining out on your patio.

Congratulations, Wendy!

Congratulations to Wendy Duarte who celebrated her fiftieth birthday by completing a triathlon in March in Hawaii. This is an amazing accomplishment for anyone at any age, and those of us who are in her age group (or older) are just a little annoyed that she has set the bar so high. Nevertheless, cheers for Wendy!

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