

S.N.A.I.L. News

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November 2011

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – November 3

Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge. Look for the SNAIL Sign. Due to SNAIL elections, there shall be no speaker this month. Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- SNAIL Elections for 2012
- · Holiday planning: red bows and neighborhood party
- Neighborhood survey

SNAIL always meets on the first Thursday of the month. The rare exceptions are when the first Thursday is also the same date as a big holiday. **Mark your calendar now for the rest of the year!** All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

Message from the Chair

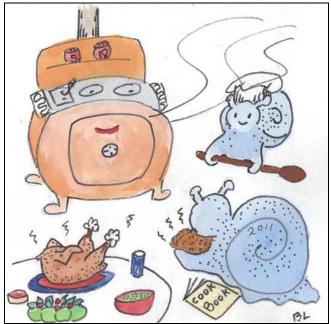
The SNAIL / San Miguel candidate forum attracted all of the candidates for City Council and was organized flawlessly. A lion's share of the preparation work was done by Michael Rose and Patsy Duke. A few of the many things they did was: arrange for a date that was acceptable to everyone, arranged for a venue, precisiondesigned the agenda so that the most questions could be asked during the short time available, arranged for the tables & chairs, and purchased refreshments. During the event Louie Angulo from the San Miguel neighborhood helped with the set up and was a Sargent-at-Arms, Patsy Duke was the moderator. We received many compliments regarding the "professional" manner in which the event was organized.

The only disappointment was the turn-out. Our candidate forum two years ago was packed – we had great attendance. This time we repeated the date and venue according to what we thought was the winning formula from two years ago: a Saturday evening event held at the nearby Fair Oaks Park building. The Candidate Forum was mentioned as early as the July newsletter and the October newsletter distribution was done early to further announce the event. We also posted advance information on our Yahoo newsgroup.

Still... low attendance. Around 20 people showed up for the nine candidates. With over 60 empty chairs, it looked more like the candidates were talking to themselves. Since this event, we have talked and talked about the low turn-out. After putting in so much hard work with little response from the neighborhood, it is easy to become demoralized. But we will learn from this, change a few things, and hope we get better attendance at the next candidate forum two years from now. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact any of the officers listed in this newsletter. *Jim Quaderer*

Thank you SNAIL for valuable public service Dear Editor,

I am writing to thank SNAIL for posting the responses of candidates for the Sunnyvale City Council to a series of questions emailed to the candidates by Michael Rose. I have not attended any candidates' forum to learn more than what candidates choose to put into their respective campaign flyers, and found the candidates' answers to the emailed questions most helpful in my decision making process. Best Regards, *Paul Clarke* (*Editor's note: These questions/answers can be found at: www.snail.org*.)



Happy Thanksgiving

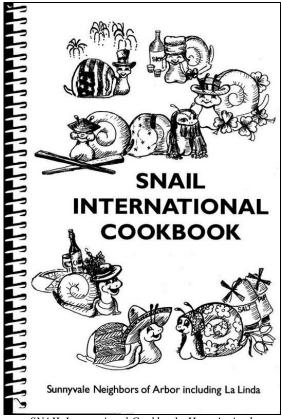
Brief Summary of October General Meeting

- 1. Discussed the Candidate Forum and possible improvements for next time.
- 2. Voted to accept By-Law changes.
- 3. Discussed including a neighborhood survey in a future edition of the newsletter.
- 4. Voted on authorizing \$46 for SNAIL PO Box.
- 5. Confirmed 12/10 as date for SNAIL Christmas Party.
- 6 Confirmed Red Bows would be put up on 12/3,
- with breakfast social at Jim & Connie Cook-Turner's. 7. Treasurer gave report.
- 8. Planned next month's SNAIL elections.
- 9. Mark Aubin discussed neighborhood traffic safety.
- 10. Announced the SNAIL Cookbooks are ready to be picked up.

Holiday Events - Save These Dates!

SNAIL's red bow distribution will be during the morning of Saturday, December 3^{rd} at the Turner house. Our annual holiday party will again be held at the Aubin residence on Saturday, December 10^{th} , starting at 5:30pm with a pot luck dinner. All neighbors are invited. New attendees are the most welcome!

The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter advertisements, a grant from the City of Sunnyvale, coupon book sales, and donations.



SNAIL International Cookbooks Have Arrived.

They are selling so quickly with a few more sales we will have paid for publishing, printing and shipping, the entire cost of the cookbooks will be credited to SNAIL's bank account. People are buying more than one, looking forward to shipping them at book rate for Christmas presents. Merchants will put them on their counters, sell them at a small profit to themselves. To get some of these unique books at \$10 make an appointment with Jeannie by calling 734-0739, any hour.

SNAIL	2011	Event	Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Nov 3	General Meeting	
Nov	Homeless @ Armory	Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949
Dec 1	General Meeting	
Dec	Homeless @ Armory	Malcolm Lloyd 747-1949
Dec 3	Red Bow Distribution	Connie Cook-Turner 739-8490
Dec 10	Holiday party	Georgina & Mark Aubin

Some of what was posted on SNAIL Yahoo Groups last month: Yahoo SNAILorg

- New bylaws uploaded to files section.
- Candidate Forum.
- September general meeting minutes posted. *Yahoo SNAILChitChat*
- Hawaiian flags lining the 600 block of Madrone.
- Found a cat.
- Full Circle Farm.
- Free agapanthus plants.

If you would like to join these groups, send an email to SNAILgroups @ snail . org.

SNAIL Bylaws Amended

We discussed and voted to amend the SNAIL bylaws at the October general meeting. The new bylaws have been posted on our Yahoo newsgroup, SNAILorg and also our web site, <u>www.snail.org</u>. If you would like an electronic or paper copy please contact Jim at SNAILchair @ snail.org or call 737-9479.

SNAIL Elections This Thursday Evening

SNAIL's elections for our 2012 Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer are to be held at the November 3 general meeting. Nominations shall be accepted up until it's time to vote. Selfnominations are encouraged.

Bishop Elementary's November Events						
Thu Nov 3	PTO Meeting	Teacher's Lounge 6:00 -				
		7:00pm				
Thu Nov 10	Dine Out Nite Fund-	Hobees 5:00 - 8:00. Say Bish-				
	raiser	op We get 25%				
Fri Nov 11	Veteran's Day Holiday	NO SCHOOL today for stu-				
		dents				
Nov 14 - 18	Parent Teacher Con-	Early Release - All Grades - At				
	ference Week	11:20				
Nov 23 - 25	Thanksgiving	NO SCHOOL these days for				
		students				

Bishop Elementary's November Events

PTO would like to give A BIG THANKS to all who volunteered and participated at our annual Health & Fitness Walk-a-thon! sign up for our e-mail messages! at www.sesd.org/bishop *Sue Johnson*

Pet of the Month.

Email your pet's portrait with you name, the name of your pet, your street name, and anything you would like to say about your pet to the editor at: SNAILeditor @ snail.org.

Candidate Forum, October 1st



Patsy Duke posing questions to the candidates.



All 9 City Council candidates at the Oct. 1st candidate forum, L-R: Dave Whittum, Steve Hoffman, Pat Meyering, Bo Chang, Jim Davis, Tara Martin-Milius, Jack Walker, Maria Pan, and Fred Fowler.

Candidate Answers to SNAIL Questions

All nine of the candidates for City Council responded in writing to SNAIL's questions. Their informative responses are posted on <u>www.snail.org</u>.

Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8th Don't forget to vote!

Dedication Of Life Flags on 600 Block of Manzanita



Hawaiian Flags lining the 600 block of Manzanita

You might be asking, why were there Hawaiian Flags all the way down the 600 block of Manzanita Ave from September 29th through October 2nd?

It was in honor of Terry Ahyo of 693 Manzanita who lost his battle against cancer. There was a celebration of life for him the weekend when the flags were flying. It was our street's way to honor our dear friend and his family. There's no doubt that Terry has left an incredible footprint on our neighborhood and will be remembered for all his hard work and dedication in helping to improve our lives and preserve our homes. There wasn't anything he couldn't fix and make beautiful and he was always willing to help a neighbor in need. Terry was a true gentleman with a huge heart and skills that never ended! He will be missed dearly and we all will keep him in our hearts forever! Sam Singer • 601 Manzanita Ave.

Shopping and Dining Out

THE TANGERINE is offering a discount coupon for your holiday shopping! It's a great little Boutique with "one of a kind" gifts for that special person. While you are there, grab a bite to eat at the ROK, both on Murphy Street. Individual seating or groups are available on Duane at PIZZA DEPOT and TIA JUANA restaurants.

There are other advertisers on the back of this Newsletter. Give them a call! Bonnie Lloyd

Neighbor To Neighbor

Hi! I'm Connie Cook-Turner, your neighbor, and I will be 80 years of age on my next birthday.

My family moved to the SNAIL neighborhood in 1997. The SNAIL newsletter was left at my door in 2001 with a flyer telling about the Neighborhood Association's activities and achievements and stating that if there were a volunteer to deliver the newsletter once a month, our block could join FREE and participate in the meetings and activities.

I was so excited!! I ran inside to tell my husband, "We have a neighborhood association with activities and everything. If I deliver the newsletter once a month, our street can join!!" His reply, "Well, call them before someone else does."

I called Elaine Rowan whose name and number was on the flyer and left a message. I delivered the newsletter on Carolina Avenue for the next few years. I found Sunday morning to be a good time. Several neighbors were out in their yards and I began to know my neighbors. We participated in most SNAIL activities, coordinating some, serving on the Board - once as Vice-Chair, twice as Chair over the years. This has been a most enjoyable experience. However, I find as I approach my 80th birthday there are other things I would like to do as well. We plan to visit our children and grandchildren (we even have four great-great grandchildren) who are spread across America from Oregon, California, Iowa, Illinois, all the way to North Carolina - a real "Road Trip". Then a journey to visit friends in India and see the Taj Mahal.

I wrote all that to say this: There are several SNAIL members who, like us, are getting older, and will not be participating as actively as before. We have contributed in leading your neighborhood association this past 15 years, and bringing together all the great activities that we have all enjoyed.

Now, your association needs younger adults, hopefully some with children still in school, to come forth and lead our neighborhood through the next 15 years. Consider serving on the Board. It is only a one-year commitment, 12 monthly meetings, about two hours each. You will enjoy it, and you will feel a real sense of achievement.

Please come to our November 3rd meeting with "service" on your mind. Your neighborhood needs you.

Red Bow Kickoff

Invitation to Breakfast Social

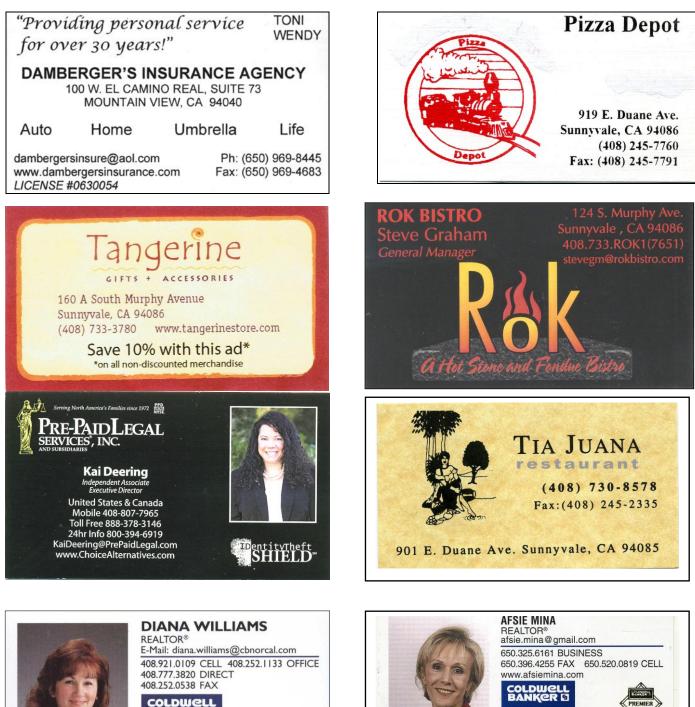
Jim and Connie Cook-Turner's 810 Carolina Avenue

Saturday, December 3, 2011, 9:00 AM All Block Reps & Volunteers

Please call 739-8490 soon

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