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## SNAIL General Meeting Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Columbia Middle School Staff Lounge

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – Look for the **SNAIL** sign

### Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:

- Vote on support for Columbia Middle School Music department to compete in the Heritage Music Festival
- TV Reception Committee status
- Discuss plans for the coming year

SNAIL typically 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. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Membership in SNAIL is always free.

**Mark your calendar now for 2017!**

**2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7**



Warren Scott, Music Director of Columbia Middle School, speaking about the Music Program. SNAIL General Meeting, December 1, 2016.

### Brief Summary of December General Meeting Minutes

**Guest Speaker - Warren Scott, Music Director, Columbia Middle School:** Warren spoke about Columbia School, our award-winning band and orchestra, and their upcoming trip.

Because of a Stanford University Partnership program, Columbia School has become the school of choice in this area. Enrollment is up, with at least 762 students expected next year.

Though demographics have been changing, currently 56% are Latino, 14% Filipino, 30% English-only speakers, 27% are non-English speakers and 58% are disadvantaged. Of the current enrollment, one-third are enrolled in music (245 students).

Our band and orchestra are currently in first place and our choir in second place. Our students hope to attend the Anaheim Heritage Festival at Fullerton College, with all awards presented at Disneyland.

**TV Reception - Jim Quaderer:** In addition to the reception issue, there were many comments and concerns related to this topic. Additional issues are privacy and light pollution as well as reception. John suggested we ask for a 2017 study at the quarterly meeting so there will be a policy in place. Perhaps as compensation the cable company bill could be paid for a period of time, like ten years. Jim made a motion that SNAIL take an official position on TV reception. Phyllis seconded the motion that "SNAIL is opposed to approval of tall buildings without compensation for residents who have lost or degraded TV reception." Twelve were for, one was opposed, and two abstained. The motion passed. Jim asked if SNAIL can start a "TV Reception" committee. Jim Quaderer was elected as Chairman of the "TV Reception" committee.

**Christmas Contest – Connie Cook-Turner:** Connie wants to reinstate the holiday decorating contest next year and put it on next year's agenda. Connie made a motion, June seconded it. Eleven were for, none were opposed, and four abstained. The motion passed.

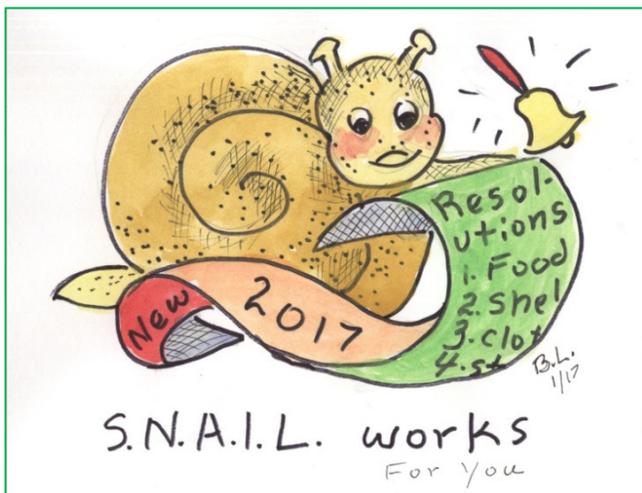
**For full minutes, please visit the SNAILorg Yahoo Group website:**

<http://tinyurl.com/SNAILorg>

-June Valenti, SNAIL Secretary

### SNAIL 2017 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
Fri, Jan 20 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Night Out with SNAIL Officers Seto Restaurant (Japanese) 511 Borregas Ave.	RSVP Bonnie Lloyd (408) 747-1949
Jan 4, 11, 18, 25	SNAIL to Volunteer at the Cold Winter Shelter 6 – 8 p.m.	Valérie Suarès (408) 390-3335
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22		
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29		
Sun, Feb 5	Chinese New Year Dinner Party Location: TBD	Jim and Connie-Cook Turner (408) 739-8490



The publication of our newsletter and SNAIL Neighborhood Association sponsored activities are supported through our annual yard sale, newsletter sponsors and donations.



### Columbia Middle School Choir

SNAIL's own Columbia Middle School Choir recently provided entertainment for the Holiday Luncheon at the Sunnyvale Senior Center and at the Christmas Tree Lighting in Downtown Sunnyvale. Please start saving your Goodwill Donations to bring to the Columbia Middle School Carnival on March 4<sup>th</sup> to raise money for our trip to Anaheim for the Heritage Music Festival Competition. We enjoyed seeing those of you who made it out to our holiday performances. Thank you all for your continuing support.

-Linda Garcia

### Columbia Neighborhood Center (CNC) News

For current information on programs, call CNC at (408) 730-7800 or email [CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:CNC@sunnyvale.ca.gov) or go to the CNC web page at <http://CNC.InSunnyvale.com>.

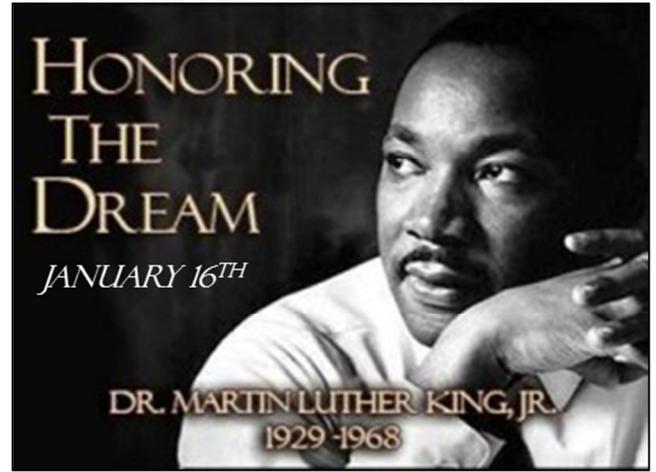
**Free Parent Workshop:** Kindergarten Readiness: Activities to Prepare Your Child for School - Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 6 to 8 p.m., Sunnyvale Public Library, Program Room, 665 W. Olive Ave. Parents will learn the basic building blocks for kindergarten readiness and activities you can do at home to prepare your child for the transition. Representatives from local school districts will be available for a question and answer session after the kindergarten readiness presentation. Registration required. Please provide your full name, telephone number and the school district your child will be attending in the Fall 2017. Email: [childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:childcareresources@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

**Free Evidence-Based Program for Older Adults:** Matter of Balance is an 8-week program for older adults (age 65+) to reduce the fear of falling and improve activity levels. Learn to view falls as controllable, set realistic goals for increasing activity, change environment to reduce fall risk factors and exercise to increase strength and balance. Program is scheduled on Thursday mornings, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> thru March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at CNC. Registration is required; call or email CNC.

**New Year, New You:** Start a new healthy routine with CNC. Bring in the New Year with a week of themed fitness programs; \$2 per person/night, and pay at the door.

- ♥ Aloha Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 7 p.m., U-Jam with a Hawaiian twist;
- ♥ Super Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 8 p.m., Zumba wearing your super hero gear;
- ♥ Sports Fan Friday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 7 p.m., Zumba wearing your favorite sports team apparel and;
- ♥ GLOW Party Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Oh yeah! U-Jam and Zumba MashUp. Wear bright/neon colors.

-Angela Chan, CNC Manager



### Martin Luther King History

Martin Luther King Day celebrates life and accomplishment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. MLK promoted Civil Rights through nonviolent civil disobedience. He is perhaps best known for his 'I have a dream...' speech in 1963. He was assassinated in 1968. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day became a federally recognized holiday in 1983. The first year this holiday was observed was 1986, and not by all states. In 2000, it became a nationally observed holiday in all states. Martin Luther King Jr. Day takes place on the third Monday of January each year.

### Martin Luther King Facts & Quotes

- ✦ Martin Luther King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was 35 years old, which made him the youngest Peace Prize winner at that time.
- ✦ "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."  
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., August 28, 1963.
- ✦ "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"  
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- ✦ "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."  
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- ✦ "Hate is too great a burden to bear."  
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### Martin Luther King Top Events and Things to Do

- ✦ Visit <http://www.thekingcenter.org/events> to find out about local events and ways you can help promote unity, justice, and fight racism.
- ✦ Become a mentor to an underprivileged person in your community through Big Brothers, or another similar organization.
- ✦ Visit the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial. For more info see the Official memorial website.
- ✦ Donate to the United Negro College Fund or other charities that promote college degree attainment by minorities.
- ✦ Watch a movie about MLK. Some popular films include: Our Friend Martin (1999), Selma(2014) and The Witness (2008)

### Loss of a Good Neighbor

SNAIL mourns the loss of George Heynen of 285 Beechnut Ave. George suffered heart complications for over a year and passed away on November 26<sup>th</sup> at age 79. The Heynen family has been in the same house for 54 years. George is survived by his wife, Mary and daughter Beth Heynen.

-Submitted by Jim Quaderer



January 20<sup>th</sup> 2017  
**PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION**



**Chinese New Year History**

Chinese New Year or Spring Festival celebrates a year of hard work and gives people the opportunity to wish for a lucky new year. It is China's most important festival and involves family reunions, elaborate decorations and giving red envelopes. Chinese New Year is based on the Chinese Lunar Calendar and usually falls between January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>. In 2017, Chinese New Year begins on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Calendar functions on a 12-year animal cycle that many associate with the celebration.

**Chinese New Year Facts & Quotes**

- ❖ 2017 will be the Year of Rooster or Red Fire Chicken.
- ❖ The names of the Chinese calendar are repeated every 60 years.
- ❖ The Chinese New Year is celebrated as the Spring Festival in China. It is the nation's most important festival.
- ❖ Every child receives a monetary gift for New Year. The gift is wrapped in a red envelope.



SNAILs gather at the annual holiday party at the Cordes' house, 18 Dec 2016.



**TV Reception Committee Meeting - Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**



New tall office buildings are planned all along N. Mathilda Ave. With the loss of TV reception for SNAIL neighbors due to the Apple buildings at 505 & 555 N. Mathilda, it has become clear that the same could happen to other neighbors as well. SNAIL voted to set up a TV Reception Committee at the December general meeting. The aim of the committee is look for ways to compensate home owners who lose their TV reception due to tall buildings. We are currently a small group of neighbors who are looking for more people who are willing to help out. We will be meeting on Saturday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm and all are invited. If you are interested, please send an email to TV @ SNAIL.org or call me at 408-737-9479.

-Jim Quaderer, SNAIL TV Reception Committee Chair



**Cold Weather Shelter**

From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., a united group of 8 to 10 SNAIL resident volunteers meet at the Sunnyvale Cold Weather shelter to toss salads, serve meals, distribute freshly baked cookies, and pour milk and juice for the clients staying at the shelter. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, the day this picture was taken, we had a full house; women and men, and multiple families with a total of 15 kids under the age of 12. Thanks to a generous SNAIL member, children's books and games have kept the little ones occupied. Toiletry in travel sizes and shampoo by the liter have been donated. The shelter needs to provide some bathroom flip flops or shower sandals. All sizes are welcome, but more specifically, sizes children can wear. Washcloths would also be welcome. Please email me if you can contribute to this month's needs or if you would like to donate other items. Thank you for your generosity and support.

- Valérie Suarès, SNAIL Vice-chair

**February Newsletter Deadline**

All SNAIL neighbors are invited to submit articles of interest to be published in our monthly newsletter. The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next SNAIL monthly newsletter is Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. Send an email to [SNAILeditor@snail.org](mailto:SNAILeditor@snail.org)



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