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JANUARY 2009

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – January 8th

Location: Columbia School
Staff Room
Social Time: 6:45 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The first Thursday of the month was New Years day so we put the meeting off a week. Our speaker will be the Principal of Columbia Middle School. She will listen to our concerns regarding students littering and the destruction of many of the holiday bows. We will have the opportunity to remedy this ongoing problem. All SNAIL area homeowners, residents and guests are invited. Children are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

San Jose Taiko

Saturday -- January 10th

Enjoy a spectacular show of drumming and dance. Founded in 1973, San Jose Taiko is one of the country's oldest Taiko guilds. Performing at Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive. Tickets: \$25.00. Call 733-6611 for further information.

Hanna House Tour and Potluck

Sunday -- February 15th

Hanna House is a Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece on Stanford Campus, at the corner of Serra St and Galvez St. It was designed in the mid 1930's. SNAILs will tour this house at 11:00a.m. We have 28 tickets available. The fee is \$10. per person, parking \$5 per vehicle. Parking is limited, carpools will be arranged. Payment is required *by January 20th* to reserve your reservation.

Immediately following the tour, Toni Damberger will host a potluck dinner. Toni will be making a big pot of soup. Bring a potluck item and what you want to drink. RSVP to Toni at 736 9996.

SNAIL Election Results

We held our elections in December. Our new Vice Chair is Jim Quaderer. The other three officers were re-elected.

Time to Store Bows

Volunteer elves, remember to remove your bows by January 4th. Please clean the bows and store them flat so they won't look crumpled next year.

Message from the Chair

As we enter 2009 it is apparent to all of us that the world is in economic turmoil. Many are doing okay and many more of us are hurting...badly. Our incoming national leaders remind us that "We're a strong people," and while that may be true, words do not put food on our plates, clothe us, nor do they pay our bills. We hear these same people tell us we are going to have to both sacrifice and "Pull together." However, other than those words I have heard little in the way of directing us as to what we can do.

My thoughts are to check-up on our older and disabled neighbors and ask if there is anything that can be done for them, i.e. raking and/or mowing their yard; run an errand or two for them; drive them to the bank or market; and other such tasks that an older or disabled person might find difficult or impossible.

If we have a few extra dollars we can donate to our own Community Services, which help feed, clothe, and assist those in our own community who are in desperate need. We can even contact our City Hall and find ways in which we can donate our time in helping others.

And while we are ourselves are having a tough time, so are our local merchants. On that subject let us choose to shop at businesses, especially small businesses, in Sunnyvale. On our own "Historic Murphy Avenue" there are businesses that would not only gladly do business with you, they will treat you in a manner that is rarely found in the "Big box" stores. There are some unique gift shops, a fine stationary store, restaurants, and a wonderful new and used bookstore. Shopping with these merchants not only helps our city, it also keeps our neighbors, who work in these establishments, employed. If we must spend our money, let's spend it at home!

So, it is my hope that in this New Year we can find ways to help those less fortunate in ways that money cannot. That we will reach out with our hearts, to feel; and with our hands, to help.

In my heart I believe that as members of our community, as well as a global community, we truly need one another to survive. I believe that without each of us caring for one another we are lost. Many phrases come to mind, and they all apply; "A random act of kindness," "Paying it forward," and "One people one Earth."

If you have any questions on how to donate money and/or time, or ideas how we can help, please contact me at chair@snail.org, or Sunnyvale Community Services

It is with these sentiments that I wish you a wonderful and peaceful New Year.

- Michael Rose

Fifth Annual Chinese New Year Celebration
Tuesday -- January 20th

Welcome the Year of the Ox at our favorite event. Once again, Shanghai Restaurant is honoring SNAIL residents by serving us eleven items for the low cost of \$20 per person including tax and tip. This year's menu is as follows:

House Special Chow Mein	Egg rolls
Sweet and Sour Pork	Orange Chicken
	Honey Sesame Fish
Hot and Sour Soup	Lemon Chicken
Beef with Broccoli	Dry Sauteed String Bean
Honey Walnut Prawns	Peking Pork Spareribs

Festivities begin at 6:45 p.m. Cash only, drinks and rice dishes extra and paid and tipped for when ordering. Children under ten are free. We always have a wonderful time. Reservations are necessary. RSVP to Jeannie at 734-0739 by the 18th, please.

Shanghai Restaurant
 Location: 253 E. Maude (just east of Sunnyvale Ave.)
 Phone: (408) 245-1342

Free parenting Classes
Evenings, 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.

Presented by the City of Sunnyvale. To register, call 523-8150.

January 15th	Parenting for Toddlers
February 12th	Criando Adolescentes (Spanish)
March 19th	Parenting for Positive Behavior

Founders' Corner

"The system of banking [is] a blot left in all our Constitutions, which, if not covered, will end in their destruction. I sincerely believe that banking institutions are more dangerous than standing armies; and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity is but swindling futurity on a large scale."

Thomas Jefferson, third President

"The nearer any disease approaches a crisis, the nearer it is to a cure."

Thomas Paine

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