

# S.N.A.I.L. News

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### January 2011

### SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – January 6

Location: Columbia School • Time: 7:00 p.m.
The meeting will be held in the Staff Lounge.
Look for the SNAIL Sign.

The January 6 regular meeting will have Don Hall, Executive Manager, from PG&E discussing safety and responsibilities in our neighborhood. Stands to be informative! We will also be making our activity calendar for the entire year 2011. 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.



Attend our Jan 6 meeting to find out!

#### **SNAIL Dinner Night Out**

We will be dining at 6:45pm on Wednesday, Jan. 12th at Tia Juana Mexican Grill, 901 E. Duane Ave., (Fair Oaks Plaza) Sunnyvale. This event is being organized by Jeannie. RSVP 734-0739.

### **Support Local Eateries**

During this rough economy, try dining at local eateries more often. We'd like to see them stay open and thrive. If you are interested in organizing a SNAIL monthly dinner,

choose a restaurant and a month and contact Jim at SNAILchair @ snail.org or 737-9479. *Jeannie Biddle* 

#### Message from the Chair

Happy New Year SNAILs!

I find myself back in the Chair seat for 2011. Last time I was Chair was in 2007. I thank Michael Rose, Connie Cook-Turner, and Bonnie Lloyd for volunteering their time and "keeping the chair warm" over the past few years. If you look at the roster of SNAIL officers on page 3 of this newsletter, you'll notice that ALL four elected offices have changed for 2011. Jeannie Biddle had been serving as Treasurer for the past 9 years; now Bonnie is taking over that job. Tarik Peterson had been our Secretary for the past 8 years plus he has been editor for most of that time. June is taking over the office of Secretary while Gianfranco has volunteered to continue as editor. Jeannie and Tarik deserve special thanks for a job well done.

As always, the success of SNAIL in 2011 will entirely depend upon the willingness of volunteers to step up and run our various activities such as our neighborhood yard sale and dumpster day, BBQs, dinner parties, feeding the homeless, decorating our trees with red bows, neighbor helping neighbor, newsletter writing, proofreading, and distribution --- to name just a few. We need more of our neighbors to show up at meetings to listen to the monthly issues and to discuss actions to be taken.

Jim Quaderer



SNAIL members at the Annual Holiday Party held at the Aubin residence on San Diego Ave., Dec 19, 2010.

#### **Lost Your Newsletter?**

If you ever lose your newsletter you can always find it on our web site: www.snail.org. Easy to remember, eh? Look in the "Newsletter Archive".

### **Ladies Night**

Knitting, crocheting, other handicrafts. Lets' get together. Call 497-0827.

### **Dominoes Anyone?**

Any gentlemen out there who would like to get together to play dominoes one or twice a month, call 739-8490.

#### **Notes from December 2 General Meeting**

Due to Bonnie Lloyd's absence, Connie Cook-Turner was requested to chair the meeting. Bonnie's Agenda made it easy. SNAIL business conducted covered discussion of requiring 2 signatures on future SNAIL checks starting January 1st, 2011. There are several good and practical reasons for this. Motion passed and Treasurer will be 1st signature in accordance with By-Laws, and Current Chair will be second signature.

Guest Speaker, Alicia Gonzales, spoke on programs available through Columbia Neighborhood Center and gave handouts. Center will remain open in portable units during construction phase. Stop by the Center and pickup flyers on available programs.

Guest Speaker, Jamie Emmings, SPCA, spoke on adopting pets especially for holidays, but available all year long. A new program has opened at Petco (through SPCA) on El Camino Real in Sunnyvale. Take the kids and check this out! Refreshments and a nice social followed. In neighborly friendship,

Connie Cook-Turner

#### **SNAIL Yahoo Groups**

Complete meeting minutes from all general meetings can be found in the "Messages" section of the SNAILorg Yahoo newsgroup. SNAIL has a second Yahoo newsgroup for general information about the neighborhood; it is called SNAILChitChat. These are private groups. If you are not yet a member, you may email your name and address to: SNAILgroups @ snail.org to receive an invitation to join.

#### **Red Bows Day**

Red Bows Day, December 4th, was a huge success! 26 neighbors attended the breakfast social at Connie's and picked up their Bow packages. Another 7, who couldn't attend, called for Bow packages to be delivered. Still more had their packages stored from last year and decorated their blocks. We had a total of 55 blocks decorated in the SNAIL area this year, creating a great festive feast for the eye, and contributed to the overall holiday spirit.

A sincere "Thank You" to all who contributed to this event and I look forward to entertaining you all again next year. When we take them down in January, please be sure they are dry when you lay them flat and store them for next year. We appreciate anyone who has the room to keep yours with you. If for any reason you can not store them, please call 739-8490. Again, thank you all so much for your participation.

Connie Cook-Turner



One of the Red Bows at Kirk.



A Line of Red Bows at Balsam Avenue.

20th Annual Evenings of Cultural Arts Season
January 8 - The Berefoot Nellies - Bluegrass festival
performing traditional songs, country and rock classics.
February 12 - Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot SkilletLickers Band - Jazz and blues of the Forties and Fifties.
March 26 - Naser Musa Ensemble - Music from Arab
world countries including Egypt, Iraq, Persia and Jordan.
April 16 - Vagabond Opera - Neo-cabaret sensation will
perform Paris hot jazz, Klezmer, Balkan and classic opera in
theatrical style. Tickets are on sale through the Sunnyvale
Box Office at the Sunnyvale Theatre (408)733-6611. The
box office is open Monday through Friday, 4:30pm 6:30pm, and two hours prior to performance. Tickets also
available online at Arts.inSunnyvale.com.

#### Pet of the Month



Cuddles is the baby of the Lloyd Family on Borregas and is about four years old.

Your pet could become famous! We will publish photos of pets living in the neighborhood, space permitting. The editor will choose photos that will print well in black and white. 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.

### **Newsletter Update**

Following our Fall Outreach (October, November, December) we still have openings for 3 block reps to deliver the newsletter on your block. Please join us. We need a volunteer for the following blocks:

300 Block Cypress

300 Block East Eaglewood

200 Block East Ferndale

Delivery takes about 20 minutes, once a month and it's a nice way to meet your neighbors. Call 739-8490.

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

We are looking for volunteers to make a home-cooked meal and deliver it in the neighborhood once a month. If you would like to be a part of this team, please call 739-8490.

### **Incoming Treasurer 2011 News**

There is no way I can be the "hub" of SNAIL like Jeannie has been. My only hope is that I can learn enough to keep things moving along! I'll always need your receipts for events approved by our SNAIL group. Here's to a Happy New Year! *Bonnie Lloyd, Treasurer* 

**Serving the Homeless at the Armory - January 2011** Available dates are on Tuesday Jan. 4, 11 & 25. If you can help on any of these dates please call me at 408-747-1949 so we can put you on the schedule. Thank you. *Malcolm Lloyd* 

#### **The Small Christmas Ornament**

I received a small Christmas tree ornament shaped like a snail; it had a thought on the card that accompanied it and might well be a new years resolution for us...I know for sure I don't want my wonderful neighbors to change! "Snails are one of the few creatures that have remained unchanged for millions of years. Ever constant with its small "steps," the snail makes progress steadily. This ornament reminds us that if you persevere and are steady, you will get ahead." Hope this advice works for us in 2011. *Jeannie Biddle* 

#### 2011 Chinese New Year

Our Chinese New Year Dinner will be on Feb 16, 2011, Wed., beginning at 6:45 p.m. more details next month! *Bonnie Lloyd* 

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