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January 2012

SNAIL General Meeting Thursday – January 5th

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

Partial List of General Meeting Agenda Items:
Plan calendar of events for 2012

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

Happy New Year!

“New blood” is something we’ve talked about often -- we’ve been fortunate to get some this year. Not that there’s anything wrong with the “old blood”. Generally officers volunteer for a few years and then step aside when other commitments get in the way. Craig Black did an excellent job as 2011 Vice Chair taking care of our meeting venue and he was always ready to step in and run the meetings in my absence. Craig was the only person to volunteer to accept the “Guest Chair” position on several occasions in 2011. The idea is to give SNAIL members experience running meetings by letting them lead sizeable parts of them. We were also very fortunate to have June Valenti perform the duties of Secretary in 2011. June has years of well-rounded experience in SNAIL; she has always been great to have at our meetings and activities. We are fortunate to have John Cordes join us as the 2012 Vice Chair and Kirstin Sims join us as Secretary starting in February. Both will be learning the ropes, asking a lot of questions, but also bringing in their own styles and ideas. Please welcome John and Kirstin in their new roles in SNAIL!

Jim Quaderer

SNAIL Survey

With a few special exceptions, SNAIL has been meeting on the first Thursday of the month for 16 years. When asked why they don’t attend our meetings, some people have said things like, “I have class that night.” or, “My PTA meeting is also the first Thursday of the month.” Last fall, the SNAIL membership decided to distribute a survey which was inserted inside the December 2011 newsletter. We are mainly interested in knowing which day during the first week of the month is the most convenient for our neighbors to attend the General meetings. If we hear at least a few requests to meet on a different night, or even during the day on weekends, we will change our meeting time to accommodate more people. But we have only received a handful of responses to our December survey; we don’t have enough responses to reach any conclusions. At the December meeting, we decided to not review the survey results until we get more responses. We are postponing the survey deadline until January 4th in the hopes that we can get some more feedback. You can still find the survey in three places:

1. In your December newsletter.

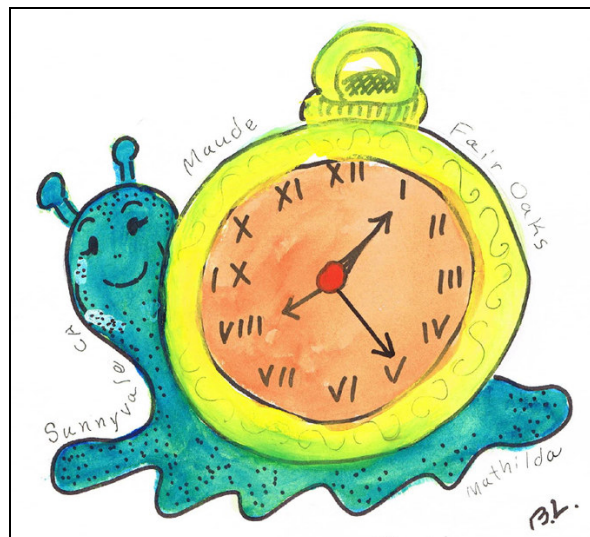
2. Download it from www.snail.org. You can then email it to SNAILchair@snail.org.
3. Call Connie at 408-739-8490 and she will read you the survey questions on the phone and record your responses.

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE SURVEY NOW!

Jim Quaderer

Guest Speakers in 2012

Guest speakers typically present on topics of general interest for 30 minutes at the beginning of our monthly meetings. Do you have any requests for guest speakers this year? If so, please contact the SNAIL Chair.



Time to attend a SNAIL meeting – 2012.

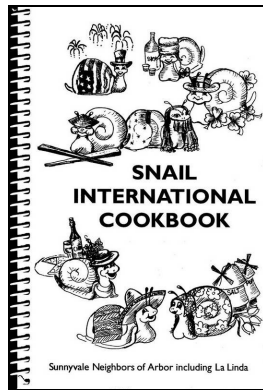
Brief Summary of December General Meeting

1. Connie spoke about separating the secretary and editor position in the bylaws since both are very demanding jobs.
2. We discussed the feasibility of having a rotating chair rather than a full-time chair.
3. Kirstin Sims volunteered to be our next secretary & will be eligible to start in February after attending two meetings
4. Our newly elected officers are: Chair-Jim Quaderer, Vice Chair-John Cordes, Treasurer-Bonnie Lloyd, Secretary-June Valenti
5. The SNAIL survey was discussed.
6. Malcolm Lloyd has recruited five people to volunteer at the Armory, including himself. Mark Aubin can recruit more if needed.
7. SNAIL has more of our great cookbooks available to those who have not yet bought one, \$10 each.
8. Valerie Suarez is our contact person with an individual promoting an I-Phone app to obtain further information.
9. We discussed the possibility of entering a SNAIL float in the Sunnyvale Centennial Parade on August 25th, 2012.

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.

10. Barry Boole reminded us we need to start planning Dumpster Day early to get the resources we need from the city.
11. Next meeting we will plan SNAIL's yearly events.
12. Our new neighborhood officer will be contacted and invited to our meetings.

SNAIL International Cookbook



SNAIL International Cookbooks Have Arrived.

Make Your First New Year's Purchase A SNAIL International Cookbook. They can be found at:
 Tangerine's on Murphy Avenue
 Damburger's Insurance Agency in Mt. View
 Olson's Cherry Orchard on El Camino
 Palo Alto Hearing Aid Store on Middlefield Rd.
 Connie Cook-Turner on Carolina Ave.
 and last, but not least, Jeannie Biddle on E. Eaglewood

SNAIL 2012 Event Calendar

Date	Event Name	Organizer
2012	All events	To be determined on Jan. 5th

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

Yahoo SNAILOrg

- Agenda for the General Meeting.
- Complete minutes of the General Meeting.

Yahoo SNAILChitChat

- December activities at Columbia Neighborhood Center.
- Below market rate home purchase opportunity.
- Santa Clara County upcoming job opportunities.
- Tree trimming service referral.
- Debit/Credit card numbers stolen at nearby Lucky.
- Excess fruit picked from your tree for free.

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

Sunnyvale Armory -- Feeding the Homeless

The dates we are scheduled for the year:

Tuesday Jan 3 10 24 Thursday 19

Tuesday Feb 7 14 Thursday 23

Tuesday Mar 6 13 Thursday 22 29

Remember to bring in your TB test results from last year or your new test results this year. We will meet at the armory around 6pm and we will finish around 8pm. Call Malcolm Lloyd by the Monday before the service date if you can serve. 408-747-1949.

Malcolm Lloyd



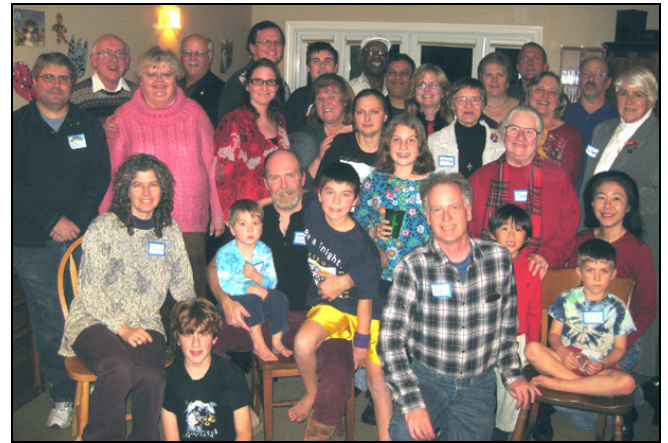
An inside view of the Sunnyvale Armory.

Neighborhood Holiday Party

Many thanks to everyone who came to the holiday party on December 10. We had a marvelous spread of delicious food. Neighbors were able to meet new neighbors and catch up with others we have not seen for a while. The children who came enjoyed playing throughout the evening. We were visited by current and newly elected council members Jim Davis, Jim Griffith, and Dave Whittum. And to top it all off, neighbors who lingered to the end of the party were treated by a mini-concert from Jesse and Zachary Aubin on their violas.

We look forward to continuing the sense of neighborly sharing that we experience at this party year after year. Maybe we'll see you at the next SNAIL gathering, too!

Georgina Aubin



Attendees who stayed later at the Dec 10 Holiday Party.

Bishop Elementary's January Events

Tuesday January 3 : Return to school – WELCOME BACK!

Jan 5	PTO Meeting	Teacher's Lounge 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Jan 6	Coffee with Principal	Teacher's Lounge 8:15 - 9:00 am
Jan 10	Teacher Learning Day	Early Release – All Grades – At 12:30
Jan 10	Dine Out Nite Fund-raiser	Chipotle 5:00-8:00 pm – we get 40%!
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day	NO SCHOOL today for students
Jan 20	Family Game Night	Come play family games together 5:00-7:30 pm
Jan 30	Staff Development Day	NO SCHOOL today for students

Happy New Year to our Bobcat families!

Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS)

Chronic Disease Management Program

Event: A FREE six-week chronic disease management program, The Road to Healthier Living, provided by the Health Trust of Silicon Valley in both English and Spanish.

When: (English) Wednesdays, January 11 – February 15, 2012, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

(Spanish) Thursdays, January 12 – February 16, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Where: Columbia Middle School Staff Room, 739 Morse Ave.

Description: A peer-taught health education workshop for persons with chronic conditions (asthma, high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, etc.) The course is facilitated by 2 trained leaders who have experience with chronic disease.

Goals:

- Increase skills necessary for individuals to manage their diseases and work effectively with their health care professionals.
- Help individuals take day-to-day responsibility for their care.

Participants will learn new coping skills, problem-solving and decision-making to enable them to confront the ever-changing challenges of living with a chronic illness. Anyone suffering from a chronic health condition is welcome to attend, along with a friend or family member.

For more information on the program, call (408) 961-9877 or email THHealthEducation@healthtrust.org.

To register: Pre-registration is required. Contact CNC, 785 Morse Ave., (408) 523-8150.

Children's Dental Center

The new Children's Dental Center of Sunnyvale is a state-of-the-art pediatric dental facility specifically designed to treat children. Located at 897 W. El Camino Real, they accept most insurance plans and Medi-Cal. Appointments are available throughout the day, especially in the mornings. For more information or to make an appointment, call (408) 701-5882.

Free Yoga

The next session of free yoga classes for the community starts on Tuesday, January 3rd at 6 pm in the CNC gym. Come early to fill out a registration form. To sign up, call CNC at (408) 523-8150.

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.

Election Results

We held our (postponed) elections at the December meeting. The following SNAILS were elected:

Chair	Jim Quaderer
Vice Chair	John Cordes
Secretary	June Valenti
Treasurer	Bonnie Lloyd

Kirstin Sims volunteered to run for Secretary at the December meeting but unfortunately we could not put her on the ballot because she had not attended a minimum of two meetings in the past 4 months as required by the bylaws. June Valenti agreed to stay on as Secretary for one additional month until Kirstin can step into that role. At the January meeting, Kirstin will have fulfilled the two-meeting requirement so we will have a separate election for the office of Secretary then. We were in a tenuous position but Kirstin saved the day by volunteering her time to be our Secretary for most of 2012. Thank you, Kirstin!
Equally special thanks also goes to John Cordes who volunteered to run for Vice Chair at the November meeting. Thank you, John!
Jim Quaderer

Columbia Neighborhood Center Information

Introducing the Avenidas **Early Literacy Program** (ELP) and an opportunity to serve the Columbia Neighborhood and the Sunnyvale Community.

The Early Literacy Program (ELP) provides volunteer tutors to local elementary schools in order to help primary students (1st, 2nd, and/or 3rd-graders) who have difficulty reading. If you like to read and enjoy being with children, the ELP is for you! Tutors volunteer two hours a week, working with two children for ½ hour each back-to-back on two different days. Classroom teachers provide the tutors with reading materials and brief instructions about what each child should accomplish in each session. Volunteers will be trained and placed in a school convenient to where you live: currently there are teams of tutors at **Bishop, Lakewood, and Vargas Elementary Schools in the Sunnyvale School District.** (For your information, the ELP is also in five other districts, including

Mountain View Whisman, Los Altos, Palo Alto, Ravenswood, and Redwood City.) The ELP has been serving struggling readers since 1996, when a small group of tutors began working with a small group of students at one Palo Alto elementary school; since then the program has grown to 28 schools and the volunteers now work with approximately 200 students every year. It is a true win-win opportunity for children and tutors alike: students improve and volunteers keeping coming back year after year.

Interested? If you would like to receive more information, a brochure, or an application to become an Avenidas volunteer, please contact Michael Kass, Director of the Early Literacy Program, at 650-289-5419 or mkass@avenidas.org.

The ELP, which serves children in six mid-Peninsula school districts, is sponsored by Avenidas, the Palo Alto Senior Center.

Are You Coughing?

How many of you have been having a cold or the flu the past month? We got over everything but the cough...and realized back in the country (Wyoming) we used to have a tea kettle full of water sitting on the wood stove all day. The stove was always hot for cooking and heating and the steam from that kettle kept moisture in the air. My husband and I put a stock pot 3/4 full of water on the electric stovetop to slow boil for an hour or so at a time -- our deep dry coughs left!!! And we crack our windows a bit to let in fresh air. The furnace and fireplace take the oxygen and moisture out of the air.

Bonnie Lloyd, Treasurer

Red Bows 2011

We had another cheerful send off to Elves of all ages to brighten our neighborhood with Red Bows for the Holiday Season. Twenty-five neighbors gathered at the Breakfast Social on December 3rd to share goodies and good will before starting on their way. Many thanks to all who participated in this annual event. Let's remember to take them down the first week in January and store them for next year if you have space. Anyone who can't store them, please return them to Connie. We appreciate you all so much.

Connie Cook-Turner

Balloons For The Kids – Flowers For The Ladies Family Dinner Night Out Monday, January 23rd 6:00 PM

American Diner - 415 E. El Camino Real

Getting the New Year off to a good start, this will be a Dinner Night Out in a family-friendly restaurant that not only has kids, regular, and senior menus, but is also a treat for the eye. Starting with the Statue of Liberty in the entry, the very American decor includes ages-old era items collaged over all the walls to view and enjoy.

Starting at 6:00 PM, the kids can be home in time to rest for school the next day. Please plan to bring the family and join us. If you have no kids still at home, come and enjoy your neighbors.

We need your response so we can be prepared for everyone. Please call Connie at 739-8490 soon. Thank you.

Connie Cook-Turner

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