



Floral Park News

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Floral Park Achieves 501(c)(3) Status!



Mark McLoughlin
FPNA President

I am very happy to announce that the Floral Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) has been designated by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity.

Each year the FPNA looks at ways to improve the quality of life for our neighbors and others throughout Santa Ana. To continue to foster that with which we have already been successful, we found it absolutely necessary to have our current IRS status changed

from 501(c)(4) a non-profit organization to 501(c)(3) a non-profit public charity.

All organizations that are described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code are either private foundations or public charities. FPNA qualified to be a public charity, not a private foundation.

Having this new tax status is a WIN-WIN for the Floral Park Neighborhood Association and you, its membership.

As a non-profit public charity, our status change provides new benefits to the FPNA, its members, and those who wish to contribute to the FPNA. The key benefits are:

- Voluntary membership dues are tax deductible.
- Home and Garden Tour tickets are tax deductible.
- Heart Stone contributions in Sarah May Downie Herb Garden are tax deductible.
- Contributions made to the association by individuals and corporations are tax deductible. (FPNA will provide receipts for contributions over \$250.)
- Grants available to non-profits can now be pursued.
- Food offerings approved by the Home Tour Committee will be recognized by the Orange County Health Department under our non-profit status.

The challenges a 501(c)(3) public charity presents are: we are not permitted to engage in legislative activity (commonly referred to as lobbying) or take positions on political candidates. We are following a 50-page IRS guideline with the help of a neighbor who is a legal specialist on 501(c)(3) and is explaining the nuances so we are in strict compliance for our membership.

Again, thank you for your continued support. I am always available for questions (see page 3 for contact info).

2011 Most Beautiful Yard Award



This year marks the 23rd annual "Most Beautiful Yard" contest that was created by the City of Santa Ana to recognize Santa Ana residents who have maintained or improved the exterior appearance of their homes. The entries were evaluated on:

- Maintenance (condition of driveway, inexistence of common storage problems, special creative efforts in the landscaping)
- Landscaping (good design, aesthetic balance between landscaping and the rest of the property, condition, and different design themes such as herb, drought tolerant, desert, natural)
- Overall general appearance (excellence in home and property maintenance)

Three homes from each participating neighborhood association were selected as finalists and a winner was then selected by the City for each neighborhood. Many thanks to the Gardeners of Floral Park who formed a nominating committee (led by Debbie Wolfenbarger) for Floral Park. The finalists for Floral Park were:

- Douglas and Roberta Kraus (Riverside Drive)
- Steve & Celestie Crane (Bonnie Brae)
- James & Beverly Johnston (Riverside Drive)

Congratulations to **James & Beverly Johnson** who were selected as this year's winners for Floral Park! They were honored at a reception on June 23, 2011, at the SAPD Community Room where they received a photograph of their yard and were presented with a "Most Beautiful Yard" sign to proudly display in their front yard.



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Letter from the Editor...



*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart." (Elizabeth Andrew)*

This newsletter is heavily dependent upon the faithful volunteer contributors who send ideas, write articles, send photos, and provide support in so many ways. Many thanks to the following neighbors and friends who contributed to this issue:

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| Jonathan Anderson | Jessica Carr |
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| Liz Felsen | Julie Humphreys |
| Mark McLoughlin | Penni McRoberts |
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| Erwin Schauwecker | John Schulte |
| Ed Trotter | |

We also appreciate our faithful returning advertisers and some that are new to this issue. We are grateful for their support of the Floral Park News and encourage you to support them in return.

Wishing you a beautiful fall season.

Linda Schulte
Floral Park News Editor
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The Floral Park Newsletter welcomes your ideas:

- Have you visited a local restaurant or venue you would like to recommend? If so, please send the contact info and a brief description of why you liked it.
- Do you know of a Floral Park neighbor or school-aged kid who is doing good things and could inspire others? If so, please send us their story or contact info. We'd love to feature them in an upcoming Floral Park Newsletter.
- If you've moved from Floral Park or are in touch with someone who has and would like to be featured in the "Where are they now?" column, please provide details and a high resolution (min 300 dpi) digital photo.
- Remembrances

Please send your ideas and photos to fpnews@floral-park.com or lsschulte@roadrunner.com. Thank you!

Calendar

Sept

- 13 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2305 N. Heliotrope Dr.
- 21 - FPNA Quarterly General Mtg., 7 p.m., McCormick & Schmick's, 2791 N. Main St., Santa Ana.

Oct

- 11 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 - Floral Park Chili Cook-off & Block Party, North Park Blvd cul-de-sac, 3-6 p.m.
- 22 - MOFP Harvest Festival, 2-5 p.m., Heliotrope Dr.

Nov

- 8 - FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 - FP News Deadline
- 16 - FPNA Quarterly General Meeting / Elections, 6:30 p.m., Rancho Santiago Community College District Bldg, Broadway & Santa Clara

Dec

- 11 - Floral Park Holiday Party
- 13 - FPNA Board Transition Dinner, 7 p.m.

Visit www.floral-park.com for updates!

Garage Sales - Garage sales in Santa Ana are limited to the first full weekend of the months of March, June, September and December.

Com-Link - Meets the fourth Thursday of the month in the SAPD Community Room, 60 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana (visit www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us/ for agenda and directions).

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Minutes?

If you've missed a neighborhood general meeting and would like to obtain a copy of the minutes, you can request a copy to be mailed (or emailed) to you. Just send your request with name, street address and/or email address to:

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or
email your request to azander@roadrunner.com

Join the FPNA Email List and Stay in the Loop!

The FPNA Email List is used for email announcements pertinent to the Floral Park Neighborhood Association and its events. This list is maintained by the FPNA Board and is not shared or sold. If you live in Floral Park and want to join over 416 Floral Park residents and stay informed about the neighborhood, just email fpnews@floral-park.com and your name will be added.

President's Podium

by Mark McLoughlin

FPNA Board Elections



Mark McLoughlin
FPNA President

Traditionally, the September newsletter posts the job descriptions of the Floral Park Board positions to prepare for the November elections and transition of the board in December.

Sometimes I think we do such a good job in describing the duties we actually scare off future volunteers with the formal descriptions.

Each and every position is available and is up for election in November.

We volunteer because we enjoy the experience, so today I wanted to give two versions of the positions, a few stories of the some great volunteer experiences, and then the dry, factual version.

As President, I have had the honor of representing Floral Park in the community by attending the functions of the non-profits FPNA donates to. One of the most rewarding experiences has been the opportunity to go to other neighborhoods and help organize their associations through the City's leadership program. Helping our neighbors on Riverside Drive work with the City to return to them their parcels of land that had been taken years before in the Broadway overpass construction was an achievement that helped increase the value of their homes.

This year Julie Humphreys was the First Vice President and she found the joy of reading through the entire scholarship applications a real highlight. Working with the non-profits and learning what each did in the community to enable her to make sponsorship recommendations made her feel even more a part of Santa Ana. This position enlists a committee to assist in selecting scholarship and sponsorship recipients, so if working with the youth of our community is of interest, this is a great place to volunteer.

The Second Vice President position has evolved into beautification and preservation. Janelle, my wife, has championed re-forestation, parking permit and traffic committees, and is preparing to turn over the historic inventory of the neighborhood for applying for historic district status.

The Treasurer position will be taking on more responsibility this coming year. The bookkeeping and check paying process are on a basic QuickBooks system. An outside non-profit CPA will be hired to assist in re-organizing for compliance of our 501(c)(3) status. Thank you to Erwin Schauwecker for his years of service in this position.

Secretary Alex Hart has streamlined the board meeting process by compiling our written board reports and minutes into an electronic format prior to our board meetings, bringing us into the 21st century in note taking with his warm and kind way.

This year John Schulte had a goal in his membership drive and with his great letters and follow-up is succeeding in reaching that goal. We have a simple welcome gift we try to give to each of our new neighbors as well as hosting two new neighbor mixers each year.

The website and newsletter have been managed by Linda Schulte, who with her grace and ease makes hard work look easy. Recently Linda took a new web design class at Santa Ana College and is in the process of redesigning our website. Each quarter we need articles for the newsletter so we need help in big and little ways. We are always open to suggestions.

The Home Tour committee, chaired by Sandy DeAngelis, is going into its 20th year. Sandy is looking for great homes and gardens north of Santa Clara for this year's home and garden tour. As always, we are also looking for all those that can help by being a docent, selling or buying an ad in the Home Tour book, bringing friends and family to the event, or helping with clean-up.

Parliamentarian is a sweet job keeping us within the guidelines of the trusty Robert's Rules of Order. Thanks to Kim Sinclair for having the book at her fingertips at each meeting.

We have typically had a Social Director who has been in charge of all the social events such as the Freedom Fest and Holiday Party. This year the board and volunteers have formed committees and are bringing social events to the membership. So for next year we are open to suggestions and new twists of old formulas. If you have an idea for one great event and would like to chair it, this might be a new approach for 2012.

We have a basic mission statement: To preserve the integrity and historical significance of our homes and to develop a sense of unity within the Floral Park Neighborhood and to act as a communication vehicle to represent the Floral Park Neighborhood to outside entities, local businesses, other neighborhood associations, government agencies and officials.

Your board is committed to this Mission Statement. If you would like to help the neighborhood association, please step forward and consider running for one of the 2012 FPNA board positions.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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Official Job Descriptions from the FPNA Bylaws

President: The President shall preside over all meetings of the FPNA and shall perform such duties as are necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of FPNA. The President shall prepare agendas and ensure that all meetings are conducted according to parliamentary procedure.

First Vice President: The First Vice President shall assist in the administration of the affairs assigned to the President, and in the absence of the President preside over any association meetings. The First Vice-President shall co-chair and direct the Sponsorship Committee, and oversee all Committee Chairs.

Second Vice President: The Second Vice President shall co-chair and assist the First Vice President in the direction of the Sponsorship Committee and neighborhood projects.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the FPNA, accounting to the Board at its monthly meetings and at such other times as prescribed by the Board Members. The Treasurer shall also serve as Treasurer for the Home Tour Committee.

Secretary: The Secretary shall serve as Recording and Corresponding Secretary, shall maintain the association records, minutes and agendas of all meetings. Shall take roll call at Board meetings. Shall maintain the Standing Rules. The Secretary shall be responsible for the key to the P.O. Box.

Membership Director: Shall maintain membership roster in cooperation with the treasurer. Publish list of paid members in quarterly newsletter to acknowledge receipt of dues paid. Prepare and deliver a welcome gift to new neighbors as quickly as possible after information is known.

Home Tour Director: Shall plan with the assistance of the Board the annual FPNA Home Tour. Shall present a Home Tour budget for Board approval.

Newsletter Director: Shall publish and distribute a minimum of four (4) newsletters to the Membership per year. Shall sell advertising space and collect fees. General newsletter content is to be approved by the Board.

Parliamentarian: Shall act as Parliamentarian, annually review Bylaws and the Standing Rules making recommendations to the Board. Will be required to fill a vacated board position or take on a specific projects as directed by the consensus of the board.

Social Director: Shall plan with the Board approval all social events and dates.

Mothers of Floral Park HARVEST FESTIVAL 2011

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2pm ~ 5pm



In less than eight weeks the air will be crisp and pumpkins will be glowing on Heliotrope Drive between 19th and Santa Clara. Costume contest, parades, sweet treats, lizards, fortunes, slime, song and games galore will bring all a festive time for this year's 2011 MOFP Harvest Festival. Are you up for a fun, fantastic, festive and fabulous time?

October 22, 2011 from 2-5 p.m. we will trick and treat on lower Heliotrope with a parade of kids, snakes and song! We will need many volunteers and donations of Halloween candy, Halloween novelty prizes, and books! This year to offset the cost of Harvest Fest and promote literacy and the love of reading, our MOFP group will sponsor a Book Booth with used children's and adult literature for you to purchase at very reasonable cost. So please clean out your bookshelves and help us promote the love of BOOKS! We have two drop-off locations at Claudia Jordan's house at 19th and Olive and Liz Felsen's house at 2043 N. Victoria Drive.

Volunteers are still needed for several tasks as well as donations of Halloween candy, novelty toys and party favors, used books (children, novel, cook, mystery and more!) Contact Liz Felsen at lizfelsen@mac.com or 443-677-5733 or just stop by 2043 N. Victoria to volunteer or donate to a Spooktacular Harvest Festival 2011!

Home Tour

by Sandy DeAngelis



*Sandy DeAngelis
Home & Garden Tour
Director*

Well, can you believe it? We will be holding our 20th annual Floral Park and Garden Tour this spring. That's two full decades of work, fun, engagement and charity. Where did the time go? I have to say, it's truly been a joy to head up this absolutely wonderful group of volunteers who, year in and year out, put on such a great event.

I can tell you, professionally speaking, this event provides tangible added value to each and every home in Floral Park. That's because it's clearly visible evidence that while our neighborhood is chock full of charming, exquisite homes, its real essence is in its people. Where else can you find hundreds of friends and neighbors coming together every year for common cause? It's no wonder we were named USA Neighborhood of the Year in 2005.

The event is set for the weekend of April 28 and 29 and, as always, will start promptly at 10 a.m. and run until 4 p.m. each day. As has been our custom, in the even-numbered years the Tour will feature homes and gardens from Santa Clara north. Of course, there will be vendors selling collectibles, neighborhood groups providing food and beverages, and the display of vintage cars spread up and down North Park.

One of the continuing needs is always for volunteers, and the easiest way to pitch in is to serve as a docent. This crucial service provides our homeowners with a great sense of security that someone will be there to both assist visitors and to maintain security. Docenting is both fun and rewarding in that you get to play house and also receive free admission to the Tour!

You'll see elsewhere in the newsletter a report of a special docent appreciation and information event set for October 1. Please join us for some fun and fellowship and also to learn more about what you can do as a docent.

While we have a few prospective homes and/or gardens lined up, we are still short of our goal. We typically like to have six or seven homes and three or four gardens for our guests to visit. And, this being our 20th, we want to make it very special. So, if you've ever thought about participating, this year is the time. We'll undoubtedly be getting special attention for the Tour.

Homeowners get a lot of tender, loving care from the committee to include two free nights' lodging during the Tour to make the early mornings of the event that much easier to manage. We can even suggest ways to spruce up the home or garden just the way you always wanted it.

That being said, many, many veterans of the Tour have thanked me for giving them that extra push to do some of the enhancements to their homes that Mr. Procrastination keeps them from doing. I simply cannot tell you how many times my clients have fixed up their homes, with relative ease, to get them ready to

sell. They always ask themselves, "Why didn't I do this much earlier so that I could have enjoyed the improvements?"

Well, let the Home Tour be your friend!

Of course, there are many other ways to contribute besides being a docent or providing your home or garden. We always need help on the committee, a group that meets about once a month from about August on to plan the Tour. We have a good time coming up with improvements, new ideas, and generally enjoying one another's company.

If committees are not your thing, we can always use help staffing the ticket booth, doing set-up and take-down, publicity, signage, you name it. If you've got something to give, please join us.

And, for you car buffs, if you have a vintage car that fits into the age criteria set by the subcommittee in charge of that area, contact us. We'd love to have you involved.

Home Tour Docent Recruitment Breakfast

Saturday, October 1st ~ 9-10:30 a.m.
2121 N. Victoria Dr., Santa Ana

If you wish to participate in the FPNA's major fundraising event for the neighborhood to help raise money for our charities and want to docent, you are invited to our pancake breakfast. Docents provide a visual presence and directional information in the homes to which they are assigned and receive one complimentary ticket to the Home Tour in appreciation for their efforts. We provide you with a script from which to guide visitors through the featured homes. Not only do you get a free ticket to the tour, but you get a first-hand look at some of the wonderful homes in the community.

Docenting requires three hours commitment on Saturday, April 28 or Sunday, April 29, 2012. Docents must be 18 years or older. No previous experience necessary. Come find out what you need to do to become a docent.

Already been a docent? Look in the mail for your postcard invitation to the breakfast.

RSVP required to attend

Please respond by September 15th to Nicki Curran, 714-542-5859 or photonatr@aol.com

Neighborhood Spotlight ...

Floral Park is blessed in many ways. We generally pursue a lifestyle that could provoke envy in many others. The gentle nature of the community is its greatest attribute. Yet, we also live near communities that have extremely great needs, both financial and personal.

One of the treasures of our general area sits less than two miles away in the St. Joseph Health System. While St. Joseph Hospital itself is the flagship institution in the system, it also includes the well-regarded St. Jude in Fullerton and Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo as well as more than a dozen other medical institutions, mostly in California.

St. Joseph Hospital itself has been a Floral Park neighbor since 1929, before the vast majority of our neighborhood was built.

Among the many missions that St. Joseph Hospital has is the care for the poor. Crucial in meeting that mission are two services: La Amistad de Jose Family Health Center and Puente a la Salud Mobile Community Clinics.

As a charitable outreach of the Sisters of St. Joseph Hospital, they recognize its unique obligation in this community to provide regular and on-going health care to those whose financial and other life circumstances otherwise would significantly restrict such access to a healthy life.

One Floral Park resident has taken that mission in her own hands in at least a couple of ways.

The indefatigable Ruth Seigle, of Flower Street, decided that she needed a new challenge after more than two decades of significant volunteer and financial contributions to the Bowers Museum.

"I felt I had done what was needed at the Bowers," she said recently. "I wanted to do something more, somewhere else. And, since David and I feel that St. Joseph Hospital is 'our hospital,' it was an obvious choice."

Clearly, it is evident that Ruth and David see Floral Park as integrated into a larger community - Santa Ana and North Orange County - and that we all are in this journey together.

"We are clearly in the St. Joseph Hospital sphere of influence," she said. "It is a part of us and we are a part of it," she added, speaking both for her family and her neighborhood.

So, just how does this desire to be of assistance manifest itself, she was asked. An observer might suggest in ways both big and small.

By big, one could say really big. Ruth has served on the St. Joseph Hospital Foundation Board for 4 1/2 years and the Care for the Poor Committee for four years, now chairing the body. While any contribution is significant, Ruth and her committee decided that a grander vision of financial support was needed for

the two medical outreach efforts, La Amistad and Puente a la Salud.

In just her first year as chair, the campaign attracted a gift of \$500,000, completely obliterating any goal the group had set.

But, her grand vision can become very focused as well. In an effort to better understand the needs of the clinics which serve the working poor living at or below the federal poverty level, Ruth has taken it upon herself to spend every Tuesday morning doing basic clerical tasks such as scanning documents, filing and general office work. It's almost as if a well-honed race car driver had to get under the hood to really understand the inner workings of the machine.

Cathy Teschke, Director La Amistad and Puente Clinics, commented in an e-mail, "It's evident Ruth has her heart in our mission, not only by the work she does at our clinic, but also by the countless hours she spends working to raise money for La Amistad and Puente a la Salud (our mobile medical, dental and vision community clinics)."

"(We are) very blessed to have someone of Ruth's caliber volunteer at our clinic," she added.

A clear description of the clinics can be seen at the St. Joseph Hospital web site: "Some of the services the La Amistad de Jose Family Health Center

provides include public insurance enrollment assistance, comprehensive acute and chronic care for persons of all ages, physicals, immunizations, and diagnostic tests, including laboratory and x-ray, medications and diabetic supplies, women's health services, registered nurse case management for patients with chronic conditions, health promotion and education classes in English and Spanish, comprehensive basic and restorative dental services for adults and children."

Clearly, Ruth believes that it is crucial that those who have the means assist those that do not. It's been evident by her own life's work that she is willing to put her efforts, both large and small, behind those beliefs.

So, how can you help Ruth? Simply by being as much a part of your larger community as she is of hers. And, of course, should you feel the need to park some of your own resources into a very worthy and nearby cause, Ruth would love to accommodate you. Just give a look at the St. Joseph Hospital website for ways that you, too, can walk in Ruth's footsteps.

Our community is a better place for her work.

(Do you know of a Floral Park neighbor or school-aged child who is doing good things and could inspire others? If so, please send us their story or contact info. We'd love to feature them in the spotlight an upcoming Floral Park Newsletter.)



Ruth Seigle

Social

by Julie Humphreys

This year's Freedom Fest on Ross Street on July 2nd was a rousing success, featuring our own Santa Ana firefighters who brought their fire truck and grill rig and cooked up tasty hotdogs, chicken legs, peppers and onions for event goers to enjoy—and enjoy they did! The firefighters came out in force with endless smiles and energy to volunteer their time for the evening and help make this event special for all. It was



such a big hit, we hope to secure a return visit from them again next year. The kids especially enjoyed inspecting the hook and ladder truck and receiving stickers handed out by the firemen.

The country sounds of Brent Payne & Dakota provided a festive atmosphere throughout the evening and lured many out to dance. The kiddie

parade, waving flags, and watermelon-eating contest rounded out the festivities. But, as usual, it was the opportunity for neighbors to gather and visit under a balmy summer sky that draws us out each year to remind us how fortunate we are to live here ... Floral Park, USA!



Thanks to everyone who helped to make this event possible, with special thanks to Judy Johnson and Janelle McLoughlin for all of their efforts.

3RD ANNUAL FLORAL PARK CHILI COOK-OFF & BLOCK PARTY

It's that time of year again!! The 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Block Party is set for October 15th from 3-6 p.m. The location will be the North Park Blvd. Cul-de-sac and Peanut will be rocking the house once again!

All types of chili entries are encouraged. This is not the pro circuit and there are no rules like beans or no beans, tomato or verde based, etc. Just make your best chili and bring it on. As usual the judging will be blind and awards will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and the coveted People's Choice award.

We are also adding more booth award categories beyond just "Best Booth." Now keep in mind the booth does not have to be western themed; it can be anything you want. Get creative and have some fun!

Unlike "regular" chili cook-offs, this one will not be serving alcohol. Water will be provided but you can bring any other beverages you care enjoy. We will have the family-style table again but you can definitely bring your own chairs and blankets. And remember: the chili is in tasting portions only and the tickets are \$1 each. You might want to bring additional snacks.

If you want to volunteer and/or join the committee, just give me a call or send me an email and I will get you dialed in. And if you want to enter the Cook-Off, see the newsletter insert for registration.

Jessica Carr
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Heart Stones Still Available

Due to popular demand, the Floral Park Neighborhood Association is continuing to offer the Heart Stones in Sarah May Downie Herb Garden for a donation of \$200 (up to 25 letters). The proceeds will be used for neighborhood beautification projects, including the Sarah May Downie Herb Garden.

The stones can display the name of your family, friends, pets, or they can be used as a loving memorial for a dear one.

Space is limited so please put your request in ASAP. The deadline for submission will remain open as space permits. The order form can be obtained online at <http://www.floral-park.com/Hearts-Rev3.pdf>. Please use a separate form for each heart being ordered.

If you have any questions, please email them to janellemcloughlin@gmail.com.



2011 Freedom Fest Highlights ...



The crowd gathers for the 2011 Freedom Fest



Leah Schmidt & Sydney



*Linda Nelessen, SAFD Capt. Steve Snyder,
Janelle McLoughlin*



Eliana Tiritilli, Liberty Miller, Abby Rosado



Singers from OCCTAC

Thank you to our event co-chairs Judy Johnson and Julie Humphreys!



Brent Payne & Dakota Band

It's All In A Day's Walk ...

by Jessica Carr

Several times a week I head out with Joy on her twice daily trek around the 'hood with the dogs. We get to see familiar, friendly faces (and dogs) and, as usual, having a dog along is always a great conversation starter. Some of those conversations have turned into beautiful friendships. But just when you think you know someone, you find out something new.

We met Jan while she was walking her dog Barney, who is a cute fluffy white pup with tan markings. I am sure most of you have seen her! Of course we struck up a conversation about our dogs but over time that led to talking about all kinds of things. Now I know that Jan Magdelano is an artist. She has done portraits of our dogs for us, we have seen her studio and she is the person solely responsible for creating those super cool watermelon eating contest T-shirts and the Chili Cook-Off aprons. But did you know she shows in a gallery??? She had been showing her work at the Esther Wells Gallery in Laguna Beach for 30 years. Sadly that gallery closed earlier this year but she was invited to join The Schroeder Studio Gallery right here in Old Town Orange.



Jake, Joy Ridout, Jessica Carr, Riley

So Joy and I took a field trip. We visited the gallery one Sunday afternoon and did not know what to expect. Wow! What a cool spot. They display everything from watercolor to ceramic to all types of glass art. The list goes on and on. They are celebrating their 13th year and I encourage everyone to go check them out. They also have an adjacent space for studio and classroom. Check their website for classes and workshops of all types. www.schroederstudio.com

I digress ... back to Jan. She is a gifted artist with a broad range of talents that not only include drawings that use charcoal, pastel, graphite, conte crayon or pen and ink but she also loves to paint with watercolor, oil and gouache! Her muse seems to be any and all subject matter, but, of course, we are partial to the dog and animal drawings and paintings. You must visit that gallery and take a look at her work!

So here's where it gets crazy! You know the guy who walks multiple Australian Shepherds around the hood? His name is Ken Wiant and his wife's name is Susan. I am sure you have seen them both at various times with their dogs. Actually our dog, Riley, and their pup, Max, brought us together. And once again, I think I know someone and then ... I knew Ken was an architect but did you know he also carves wood?

So here we are wandering around the gallery looking at Jan's work and we stumble across these carvings that include stunning heirloom spoons and walking staffs. I am staring at this picture of Ken next to his carvings saying to Joy "Is that our Ken?"

OMG. It is Ken!! Needless to say, we bought a few of his spoons and will display them proudly in our home. Beautiful craftsmanship and artistry.

The walking staffs are made of diamond willow and are truly a sight to behold.

But for the spoons, he selects only wood found locally like Hollywood Juniper, avocado, oak, almond, etc. I hear he also likes to rescue wood that might even be tossed into a fireplace or wood chipper. Who knew that discarded chunk of wood could become something so beautiful!

I think I am going to start walking more with Joy and the dogs. There are more people out there like Jan and Ken and I want to meet them. So whether you have a dog or not, I may just stop and chat you up. You probably have a very interesting story too!



Congratulations, Floral Park Neighbors! You create the neighborhood ambiance through your efforts and Orange Coast Magazine acknowledged it in its July "Best of 2011" issue.

"With its Neoclassical mansions and small Mediterranean dwellings, its Art Deco balconies and broad, 1950s ranch homes, Santa Ana's Floral Park remains graceful, quiet, and calm. Trees are allowed to grow big - not just tall, skinny palms, but those with mighty trunks whose branches extend across the sidewalk. Pause under the comfort of this canopy, collect your thoughts, and let peace wash over you." (Orange Coast Magazine, July 2011)

Neighborhood Notes ...

Restaurant Reviews

The Hobbit

No, we are not going to recount J.R.R. Tolkien's prequel to Lord of the Rings. But, we will tell you about an amazing restaurant that reliable word has it, was given approval to call itself "The Hobbit" in a letter from Mr. Tolkien's widow.

The restaurant has been on Chapman Avenue in Orange for going on 40 years, so we are sure most of you already know it, but if you haven't been in a while, it's time to go back. They renovated the inside recently and are celebrating the upcoming 40th anniversary. This makes for some great special offers, so get on their email list.

For those not familiar, the restaurant is in an old home on Chapman Avenue that is reminiscent of a bungalow in The Shire. The chef and co-owner (with his wife) has eating and drinking down to a science, a particularly "artsy" science. In fact, it is really an experience.

Each evening of dining begins in the wine cellar, one that would make a Hobbit blush. Hors d'oeuvres and champagne are served in the perfect atmosphere among an astronomical selection of wines. With tasty delights in hand, you may choose your wine for dinner.

Then it's back upstairs to the recently renovated dining rooms for a seven-course prix fixe meal like you seldom find. The main dining room has a fireplace adding to the atmosphere at The Hobbit and explaining its particular popularity during the holidays. Our favorite element though, is the cove ceiling. The new décor is modest, but elegant.

Keep on Truckin'

Food truckin' that is. These are not the "roach coaches" of yesteryear. We are talking gourmet, fusion, and "delectables" beyond belief. Several trucks boasting varied cuisine gather like circled wagons in commercial parking lots for lunch and most evenings, all over the South Land. Take your folding chairs - it's a festive scene - a bit like "tailgating." (By the way, what would you call a group of food trucks? Bevy just doesn't fit. Maybe a pod?)

This format of food distribution allows for unique culinary creations. Combinations of Latin and Asian foods is a common theme. We had a burrito made with Korean BBQ and complementary fixins that was more flavorful than entrées for which I have paid through the nose (And it was much cheaper!). While there has been great hoopla in the press about food trucks, we discovered them in our quest for Hawaiian shave ice (see tropical-shaveice.com).

Not only is the food modern, there are smartphone apps to schedule the trucks for catering or to find where they are located and when. Moreover, they all Twitter and have Facebook pages, naturally. We recommend starting at thefoodtrucker.com. You won't regret it.

E. Thomas Chappell

How Much Is That Doggie In The Window?

No doubt most everyone has passed a neighborhood pet shop and seen the adorable puppies on display in their stores. They are cute as a button and more often than not, come with a hefty price tag. What you don't see reflected in those furry little faces is where they came from. In order for the pet stores to make a profit, they must purchase their fluffy inventory from puppy mills.

Puppy mills have been around for decades. They continue to thrive because they prey on unwitting consumers who are smitten by too-cute-for-words puppies in pet store windows and on legitimate-seeming websites. Puppy mills house dogs in shockingly poor conditions. After their fertility wanes, breeding animals are often killed or abandoned.

Although the store staff will tell you that they only purchase their puppies from USDA regulated facilities, the fact is that puppy mills operate under the USDA and its requirements for health and safety are minimal at best and violations are abundant. The bottom line is that the stores could not make a profit unless they purchase their dogs from puppy mills and the puppy mills could not make a profit unless they minimize the care they provide for their breeding dogs and puppies.



If you are contemplating adding a furry friend to your family, here are some suggestions to help ensure you choose wisely.

- Check the shelters - There are loads of amazing dogs and puppies just waiting to choose you for their forever family.
- Check the rescues - Rescue groups pull dogs from high kill shelters and give them a second chance at a new life. Adopting from a rescue gives you the benefit of choosing a dog that has been well socialized and evaluated with adults, kids, other dogs and sometimes cats.
- Choose a reputable breeder - Do your homework and make sure you are getting a dog from a breeder that produces puppies in a responsible and humane way.

The puppies you see pictured here are alumni of Lovebugs Rescue and have chosen their forever families. If you would like more information about puppy adoption or fostering, I am always happy to answer any questions.

Stacey Olson
stacey@lovebugsrescue.org, 714 290-4717

(Editor's Note: Stacey has been a tremendous help in rescuing and helping to find foster or forever families for dogs found in the neighborhood. Thank you, Stacey!)

Membership



John Schulte
Membership Chair

It's hard to believe that there are only four months left to 2011. On behalf of the FPNA I would like to sincerely thank all of those generous neighbors who have contributed their dues payment for this year. Your commitment to keeping our association operating for the benefit of our neighborhood does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. At the same time, we still have a ways to go to meet our goals for the year, so if you've not had a chance to contribute your dues payment for 2011, please note that a form is printed on page 13 for your convenience.

Good News! As also reported elsewhere in this newsletter, our association has been granted 501(c)(3) status by the Internal Revenue Service as a public non-profit organization. This makes your contributions fully tax deductible ... see article on page 1. So please take a few minutes to write a check or use PayPal on our neighborhood website to join the other neighbors who contribute to the operation of our neighborhood association.

Street Competition. Below are the current numbers of residents by street who have paid their membership dues. Currently, Heliotrope leads with the most members paid, while Victoria has the lead for highest percentage. Join the competition to make your street number one in total numbers or percentage.

| Street | Total Homes | Paid Members | Percentage |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 19th St. | 26 | 6 | 23.1% |
| Benton Way | 8 | 3 | 37.5% |
| Bonnie Brae | 32 | 11 | 34.4% |
| Flower St. | 88 | 18 | 20.5% |
| Greenleaf St. | 71 | 19 | 26.8% |
| Heliotrope Dr. | 103 | 34 | 33.0% |
| Jefferson St. | 5 | 0 | 0.0% |
| North Park Blvd. | 52 | 11 | 21.2% |
| Riverside Dr. | 71 | 13 | 18.3% |
| Ross St. | 74 | 17 | 23.0% |
| Santa Clara Ave. | 27 | 10 | 37.0% |
| Victoria Dr. | <u>37</u> | <u>17</u> | 45.9% |
| Total | 594 | 159 | 26.8% |

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For the Love of Sunny

by Louise & George Medina (Bonnie Brae)

Our beautiful little lovebird Sunny has bid us farewell and if there is a "pet heaven," we feel certain that is where he now resides. Sunny was quite a character, adding joy to those who knew him. He was smart and affectionate and loved just "hanging out" with us. Visitors marveled at how Sunny seemed to be in charge of our household. Yes, they were right, and we catered to his every whim.

Many Floral Park neighbors came up the driveway to visit Sunny on our side patio. He loved everyone -- except, well -- cats (sorry, Eric) and ladies who wore bright colored nail polish. The children enjoyed feeding him, watching him bathe, and having him sit on their heads. They would squeal with delight when it was time to play with Sunny. The more mature visitors seemed amazed at how "trusting" Sunny was as he was held or sat on their shoulder with his head nestled in their hair.



Sunny was a yellow, peached-faced lutino lovebird who hatched in April 1992. We often kidded him that he was born on April Fools Day, although the actual day is unknown. He joined our family at just three months old on the fourth of July amid the fireworks and celebrations. He was given many nicknames over the years such as Sonario, Sunny Bunny, Sunny Brown (for Charlie Brown) and Sunny Boy. He was there through good times and bad and he could sense our moods -- playing "hide and seek" or cuddling and giving kisses. Sadly, Sunny passed away on May 10, 2011. We feel blessed to have had such a wonderful pet for 19 years. We thank everyone who loves their pets and those of others.

"Though you cannot always see the bird singing, if you listen with your heart, you can always hear his song."

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Welcome! We are happy that you have chosen Floral Park as your new home. Whether you have come to raise a family, work at a new job, retire, or perhaps start a business, we hope you enjoy your new life in our beautiful neighborhood.

The FPNA would like to "officially" welcome you to the neighborhood with a welcome gift. If you moved here in the past six months and have not been contacted, please let us know your name and contact information. Contact: John Schulte, Membership Chair, johnschulte@firstteam.com or (714) 392-1463.



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Out and About...



by
Ed Trotter
Resident "Foodie"

They say travel broadens you. In my case, I think it was meant literally. Sandy and I had the opportunity earlier in the summer to spend some time in Washington, D.C., prior to heading off to France and Spain for about 10 days. I think by the time we returned, there was little left to eat in any of those places. Or, so it felt.

Did we ever have some good food! And, where there's food, there's fun.

My good friends from England, Allan and Jan, invited us to join a group of 17 for a week in a farmhouse in the Haute-Garonne region of France. Who could pass up a week of free lodging in France? Back to that in a bit, however.

Our itinerary was a couple of days of play in D.C. before a two-day meeting, followed by a flight to Barcelona for the four-hour drive to the farmhouse, and then three days back in Barcelona to cap off the adventure.

Now, you may know that Washington is one of the best restaurant towns in the world. All that lobbying money, I suppose. Anyway, as we knew we were going to spend time in Barcelona, another foodie haven or perhaps, better said, heaven, I thought we'd make our first night Spanish. One of the world's more prominent and inventive chefs, Spaniard Jose Andres, is based in D.C. While he is known for what is called "molecular gastronomy," our time with him, so to speak, was at Jaleo, the first restaurant in which he worked after coming to the United States.

He ultimately bought the place and now his company, Think Food Group, owns a dozen or so other places throughout the country.

Jaleo, while not in the stratosphere when it comes to the final tab, would be a good introduction to Spanish cuisine, I thought, with its wide array of tapas and Spanish wines. We were not disappointed.

Since I have to be brief here, let me just say that if you've never had Spanish cured ham, you've missed something very, very special. Jamón ibérico Fermin is one special treat. Of course, like anything else, it seems better at home than afar, home being Spain in this case. I suppose you might confuse it with the likes of prosciutto or even some kinds of cured hams from America at first taste.

The Spaniards are quite proud and protective of their own way of feeding the famous black-footed pigs from which the ham is produced. Fed on acorns, the pigs are revered world-wide for the exquisite taste. It's a definite "don't miss."

In D.C., we also joined Wolfgang Puck at The Source. Well, not literally, but you know what I mean. The Source, located on the ground floor of the Newseum on Pennsylvania, is an Asian fusion restaurant. It's very grown up, if you know what I mean, and clearly appeared to be a meeting place for some of the power

structure of Washington. In fact, my nephew, who works as an attorney for the House Judiciary, pointed out Senator Maria Cantwell as she entered the front door.

While the food was excellent, I have to mention the Newseum, which we visited a couple of days later during daylight hours. The Newseum presents a masterful look at media history, with an emphasis on more modern-day aspects. For an old journalism professor, the time spent there was entirely too brief. When I get back to D.C., I definitely will set aside more time to visit. If you get there, I highly recommend a stop.

Our final night in town was with a group of folks from other California universities. We convened at Cieba, a Latin American/Caribbean establishment that Sandy and I both thought was simply outstanding. My choice, slow-braised pork shank "feijoada" was layers of well-flavored black beans, rice and kale topped by the pork shank. I was in heaven. I don't know why, but black beans are, to me, one of the true treats of the culinary world. Magnifico!

After D.C., we headed off to Barcelona via Miami on a Friday night. By midday Saturday we emerged in Barcelona. Alas, two of our three bags did not emerge in Barcelona. Having no other choice, we registered with the airlines and headed off for France. We ultimately recovered our bags two or three days later at the Toulouse airport when we were dropping off a friend for her trip back to the Maldives. It turned out our bags had a two-day vacation in Madrid, apparently.

So, it was around the bend, more or less, from Barcelona along the Mediterranean Coast skirting the far eastern end of the Pyrenees and on to our farmhouse, located about five miles from anything you'd call a town and a few miles from a village, even. To qualify, in my book, a village has to have a restaurant, bakery, and a place to buy a glass of wine. That's not exactly a high bar to reach in France, of course.

This farmhouse is owned by some British friends and colleagues of Allan, who spent his career in the retail side of the wine trade. Completely restored, the place managed to handle all 17 of us. I guess 11 large bedrooms will do that.

On our first night, we were treated to the legendary dish of the region, cassoulet. In fact, we had just passed through Casetnaudary, the self-proclaimed capital of cassoulet, some 10 miles back on the final leg of our journey.

Cassoulet may be the finest traditional food on earth. As you might guess, the word casserole derives from the round, earthenware cooking vessel in which cassoulet is made. With a white bean (haricots blancs) or navy bean base, one adds Toulouse pork sausage, duck confit, or whatever other meat, poultry or game is available. After a lengthy simmering, the dish is finished off with fried bread and cracklings. It's country food at its purest, most fattening, most flatuating, and most fantastic. I had it three more times in France.

One of the fun things we had to do in France was share in the cooking. We arrived to find our assignment was to be Wednesday lunch and the totally British crowd had already

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Out and About cont'd ...

demanded the Yanks do good old-fashioned All-American hamburgers. Well, we couldn't disappoint but it did take a little ingenuity to find the right type of steak *hachette* (ground beef) for the burgers, but procurement was made, and we succeeded in upholding the honor of the red, white, and blue in the home of the tricolors. Note to reader: the UK, France, and the USA all have red, white and blue in their flags. So, we couldn't really miss, could we?

If you've not been to France, one of the great thrills is to visit one of the village or town markets that show up in appointed places throughout the week. As you probably know, the French like to do their shopping more or less every day, although the rise of the super- and even hypermarkets combined with larger refrigerators is cutting into that pattern. We visited two village markets as we had before. I'm always amazed at the quality of what is available in this travelling road show of culinary delights.

I loved the cheese trucks, the seafood monger, and, of course, the amazing variety of fruits and vegetables. Each time I visit one of these markets, I find something new. This time it was une boucherie chevaline, or as we say in English, horse butcher. Yes, horse. Needless to say, I passed on fresh horse meat.

Before we knew it, we had to leave the land of sunflowers for Barcelona. While we truly enjoyed France, we knew that Barcelona would reveal itself to us within a few hours. All we had heard about the city was praise. Our anticipation was not in vain.

On the way down to Barcelona, we stopped for lunch and a visit to the Teatre-Museu Gala Salvador Dali in Figueres, the home of Salvador Dali. This museum was, to say the least, intriguing. Dali, a giant in the 20th Century art world, was truly a genius, combining theology, science, whimsy, and stunning creativity into his work. While most of us know him for his painting, he worked in several media, the most surprising to me being jewelry. The single piece that caught my eye most was a three dimensional heart-shaped locket of fine jewels. The kicker was that the heart actually was beating. Simply amazing.

On to Barcelona we went after a lunch of paella, the jambalaya of Spain. Well, it's probably the other way around, but you know what I mean. I had made paella for my birthday the year earlier and was delighted to savor it on its native soil. Again, it did not disappoint.

I'm running out of space here to tell you about Barcelona. So, let me give you the CliffNotes version and the return next time for a fuller rendition.

Without a doubt, Barcelona is visually one of the most fascinating places on earth. Not only was it influenced by the above-mentioned Dali, the city was home at one time or another to Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró, and, of course, the man most closely associated with the city, Antoni Gaudi, from whom the word "gaudy" derives.

Gaudi put his personal stamp on Barcelona as much as anyone in human history. So, next time, we'll explore Barcelona much more fully, enjoying its art, architecture, city planning, history, and, of course, cuisine.

Have a good fall. Let's eat!!

Wine Review

from Chateau d'Bonnie Brae



Jonathan Anderson

This past July my wife, Leslie, and I were fortunate enough to get to fly to Napa in our friend's private plane. Leslie and I have been to Napa dozens of times but we always stay with family so flying in, staying at a hotel, and eating at restaurants for two days was a new experience for us and we had a blast. As the official Floral Park reporter of all things wine, I thought I'd pass along some recommendations for visiting Napa Valley.

Accommodations:

Napa has a wide range of places to stay ... it has the bed and breakfast thing, chain hotels, retro motels, and ultra high-end resort spa-style places with fancy bidets that can easily cost over a grand per night. For our little adventure, I opted for a B&B in downtown Napa so we could be walking distance from the places we wanted to eat in the evenings.

After much research, I chose The Inn on First and we were very pleased with the place. The Inn on First is a bed and breakfast in downtown Napa that is a big renovated house built around the turn of the 20th century with another five-suite structure in the back designed to complement the grandeur of the original estate.

Jim and Jamie, the two innkeepers who live there and run the inn, are fantastic hosts and they do an outstanding job of keeping the inn in top shape. Our rooms were spacious, quiet, and immaculate and Jim, a professional chef, makes sure to keep fresh baked cookies available in the main part of the inn at all times during the day and night.

Breakfast is included with your stay and Jim makes an outstanding and eclectic breakfast for his guests every morning. In addition to the high quality of the Inn, the location is fantastic as it is a short ten minute walk to the renovated part of downtown Napa along the riverfront. The part of the Inn on First that we enjoyed the most was the personal touches. Jamie makes a point of discussing everyone's day with them, offering suggestions, and getting suggestions from them that he can pass on to other guests. You get the feeling that Jim and Jamie are personally invested in your having a great stay and loving Napa as much as they do. If you're looking for a place to stay in Napa, I can't say enough about the Inn on First. (Rooms cost about \$325 per night.)

Wineries:

Since our friends had never been to Napa before, Leslie and I wanted to take them to some of our old favorites as well as places we've always wanted to go. The three places that we all

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enjoyed the most over our two days were Whitehall Lane, Artesa, and Hartwell.

In previous wine reviews I've mentioned Whitehall Lane and I'm going to mention them again because they're a cool, low key winery that produces top quality wines year-after-year. The tasting room staff at Whitehall Lane is friendly and casual and their wines cover a wide range of prices from the mid \$20 up to well over \$100 for their single vineyard reserve wines. On this trip to Whitehall Lane, we were once again impressed by all their wines but the Merlot and reserve Cab really stood out. Whitehall Lane is right in the middle of the valley off of Highway 29 and should always be on your tasting schedule when you go to Napa.



The final tasting on our first day was at Artesa. Artesa is a Spanish-owned winery that sits atop a hill in Carneros and has commanding views of the San Francisco Bay, Carneros, and the western hills of Napa Valley. With the gorgeous 360 degree view, I always recommend visiting Artesa late in the afternoon so you can end your day enjoying its excellent wines while taking in the valley in the late afternoon sun.

Leslie and I have been to Artesa many times before but on this visit, we had a private guided tour by Sergeant Sonja. Her name is Sonja but she told us she used to be a sergeant in the army and since we had already had a few too many, we started calling her Sergeant Sonja.

The private tour at Artesa is the way to go because the winery is so artistic and interesting that it's good to have a tour guide explaining the details of the winery and the stories behind some of its many interesting sculptures and drink wine at the same time. I don't know if you can request a specific person for the tour, but if you can, I highly recommend asking for Sergeant Sonja as your tour guide. Sergeant Sonja is a very cool lady who knows all the snooty wine terms but also likes to have some fun and enjoy the tour with you. By the time you're done with your tour, you'll probably feel like Sergeant Sonja is a good friend. Sergeant Sonja was not shy with the wine at all but the two we enjoyed the most (and purchased) were the reserve Chardonnay and the limited release Cabernet Franc. Both are excellent choices and are interesting wines from an interesting place.

As a side note, if you're a single guy and you're in Napa with someone you're trying to get to the next level with, you MUST hit Artesa for a private tour in the late afternoon. If doing the tour at that spectacular place with Sergeant Sonja doesn't close the deal for you, you might as well just cut bait and find someone else because it ain't going to happen!

For the final tasting of the weekend, Leslie and I scheduled a private tour at Hartwell. Hartwell is a small boutique winery off the Silverado Trail that makes high end wines (their reds are all over \$100) and is difficult to get into. We managed to get an appointment at Hartwell and although the tour/tasting is expensive at \$45 per person, we were not disappointed! Hartwell is appointment only and is limited to groups of eight or smaller.

The grounds at Hartwell are beautiful and they have a very interesting story about the history of their winery. Once you go inside, Hartwell's entire winemaking operation is visible in a small area. Some of Hartwell's winemaking equipment and techniques are very unusual (for instance, they make all of their white wine in big concrete eggs imported from France), but the real surprise comes when you walk down their caves past all the French oak barrels and into Hartwell's sexy and intimate tasting room. When you enter the tasting room, you notice a table that seats eight (with its own very interesting story), surrounded by red velvet chairs. The walls of the tasting room are adorned with bottles of wine from Hartwell's past vintages as well as some very cool objets d'art (yes, you heard me right, I said objets d'art). On the table in the center of the room, the staff at Hartwell has set out an array of wine glasses for the tasting and a plate of cheeses, nuts, dried fruits, and fig compote for pairing.

Long story longer, when you go into the tasting room at Hartwell, you get the feeling that something seriously impressive is about to happen and it does. Like I mentioned before, the experience at Hartwell is not cheap and it's not your standard walk up to the tasting counter and taste type of deal, but if you are really into wine and cheese, and the whole dog and pony show, a trip to Hartwell is certainly worth the time and expense.

Eating Out:

From sandwiches in the limo to Jim's great breakfasts at the Inn on First, to great restaurants, we had some fantastic chow in Napa. But for dinner, the place that stole the show was Morimoto. Morimoto (named after one of the most famous Iron Chefs) is a trendy restaurant right on the river in downtown Napa. Morimoto is no hidden gem, the place is packed and very lively, but the atmosphere, location, and general vibe cannot be beat! If a loud and busy restaurant isn't your thing, you can opt to sit outside on the river and enjoy the evening. The menu at Morimoto featured sushi as well as an eclectic mix of Japanese fusion cuisine. By the time we got to Morimoto, we'd been drinking wine most of the day so we were well primed for our dinner. We ordered a bunch of sushi, appetizers, and dishes that seemed like the type of stuff you can't have every day and we loved every bite of it. Some of the more interesting items we ate were coconut foam, a gyoza dish that was encased in some big pastry thing, and donut holes with dipping sauces for desert...and we had wine and lots of it. Like most things in Napa, Morimoto isn't cheap eats by a long shot, but if you're going to blow some cash to have a great meal in a great location and just generally celebrate life, this is a perfect place to do it! Coconut foam and donuts for everyone!!!

(For questions or suggestions on wines, email Jonathan Anderson at areafiveone@yahoo.com.)

Treasurer



Erwin Schauwecker
FPNA Treasurer

FPNA started the 2011 calendar year with a checking account balance of \$5,216.41 and \$80,826.10 in certificates of deposit for a total asset value of \$86,042.51. Our total assets as of this date are \$40,986.75 in the checking account and \$70,882.57 in savings and certificates of deposit for total assets of \$111,869.32. Review of the Profit & Loss Statement shows that the primary changes of capital this quarter have been as follows:

- Membership income
- Scholarship and charity expenses
- Standard administrative costs

Below is the August 15, 2011, Balance Sheet that reflects commitments of \$11,766.32 and uncommitted capital of \$100,103.00. (Note: the uncommitted capital includes \$10,000 that is planned for return to the savings account.) These figures are based on the approved budget implementation activity. Also below is the FPNA Profit and Loss Statement year-to-date.

For cash flow purposes, it was necessary to move some savings into the operating budget until membership and home tour income became significant. Now that membership and home tour have provided operating funds, these monies can be returned to the savings area. That transaction still needs to occur.

Respectfully submitted,

Erwin Schauwecker, Treasurer

FPNA BALANCE SHEET AS OF 8/15/2011

ASSETS

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Cash brought forward from 12/31/2010*** | \$86,042.51 |
| Net Contribution of membership/administration* | \$6,653.69 |
| Net Contribution of Home Tour/sponsored projects** | \$19,173.12 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$111,869.32 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Commitments: | |
| Reserves committed to sponsored projects: | |
| Trees | \$1,400.00 |
| Other sponsorship | \$3,000.00 |
| | \$4,400.00 |
| Reserves committed to neighborhood events | \$10,000.00 |
| Expenses to date | 2,633.68 |
| Balance Committed for neighborhood events | \$7,366.32 |
| Total Commitments | \$11,766.32 |
| Uncommitted Capital Reserves | \$100,103.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & RESERVES | \$111,869.32 |

* This includes net membership contributions and net newsletter income.

** This includes Home Tour income offset by sponsored projects, new neighbor welcome and neighborhood events.

*** This includes both the checking account balance and the CD balance.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

1/1/2011 through 8/15/2011

INCOME CATEGORIES:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Home Tour | \$57,557.11 |
| Investment | \$185.94 |
| Membership | \$10,081.60 |
| Newsletter / Website | \$5,395.00 |
| Heart stones | \$200.00 |

TOTAL INCOME CATEGORIES **\$73,419.65**

EXPENSE CATEGORIES:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Administrative | \$4,871.72 |
| Business Expense | \$10.00 |
| Event Signs | \$165.84 |
| Home Tour | \$26,186.18 |
| Charitable Sponsorship | \$9,008.47 |
| Membership | \$1,033.35 |
| Neighborhood Beautification | \$1,774.37 |
| Social Events | \$2,633.68 |
| Newsletter / Website | \$2,051.50 |

LESS TOTAL EXPENSE CATEGORIES **\$47,735.11**

NET INCOME YTD **\$25,684.54**

The Grapevine

If you have personally used a service that might be useful to share with other neighbors, please send your submissions to: fpnews@floral-park.com with the subject, GRAPEVINE. Include the company (or person) name, phone number, what you had done and why you liked it. Remember, no self-promotion or promotion of businesses you have not legitimately used and were pleased with. The companies listed in the Grapevine are recommended by neighbors and not the FPNA or its Board. Users of the services shared below are personally responsible for checking references and licenses of the companies listed.

Air Conditioning/Heating

Sol Mechanical - Don Crane
Referred By: Kathy & Steve Cooper
(888) 602-4822, solmechanical@cox.net
We

had forced heating air conditioning put in our 1929 home for the first time. Don and crew were professional, on time, and did what they said they would do. We had no surprises. They are customer service oriented to the max!

Brrrr Air Conditioning and Heating - Robert Humphrey
Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroeffer
714-746-6515, brrrrair@hotmail.com

We hired Brrrr Air Conditioning and Heating to install a new air conditioner and furnace in our home on Bonnie Brae. Robert and staff were professional, dependable, and reasonable, and cleaned up thoroughly at the conclusion of each day.

Cool Air Technologies - Bill McIntosh
Referred By: Stacey and Leslie Kato
714-501-9300, trish@cool-air-tech.com

Bill and his staff are honest, reliable and professional. We have used them for both heating and ac services and have very pleased.

Mick's Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Inc.

Mick Colner
Referred By: Betsy Benton
714-550-9758

Mick replaced a heater and thermostat in just two hours. Three men—all performing the job in a very professional manner. Mick spoke plainly, gave me his best heater as advertised with no gimmicks, doing all the work on schedule. Great job, from a man who takes pride in his work.

Bee Removal

Adkins Bee Removal - Spencer Murphy & Javier
Referred By: Tom Pataca
949-254-6532, ADKINSOC@GMail.com
www.AdkinsBeeRemoval.com
10 years experience

We just had a bee hive removed that contained approximately 20,000 bees. Our concern was not to kill them. I called Adkins Bee Removal and all was a success. The bees were removed with the queen and taken to a beekeeper. We were able to keep the honey and it is the best I have tasted.

Cabinets & Countertops

C & M Kitchen Cabinets, Inc. - Jacques Boulanger
Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm
714-848-1010

Precise, professional, fair and a true pleasure to work with.

Cabinetry - Frank Biondi
Referred By: The Berkerys
562-424-8334
Interior workshop

Chair Caning

Chair Caning by Jerry
Referred By: Nancy St. Jacques & Bev Schauwecker
949-675-2559
Hand-weave, Pressed, Rush

Jean Van Couvering Chair Caning

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel
714-546-5392
She is very reasonable and did a beautiful job on our antique dining room chair. She does not do the staining, but a refinisher did that step and we still saved money.

Child Care

After school care-Donna Oshaban
Referred by Michelle Donahue
714-558-1534

A Floral Park neighbor, Donna provides exceptional care; loving, encouraging and with a level of expectation for great and cooperative behavior-and she gets it! Her home is perfectly clean, she provides the best quality after school snacks and offers a wide variety of fun games and activities after homework is done. I pick up a happy 4th grader with homework done and a smile on her face. Picks up the kids at Santiago but would consider kids from other schools. 6 kids max-2 slots open. Part time optional.

Closet Design

Tailored Living - Scott Barnes
Referred By: Douglas Kraus
714-279-2402, Scott@TailoredLiving.com

Scott redesigned our closets to maximize space. He did a fantastic job installing lots of shelves, racks, drawers and rods and now our closets hold twice the items and are neatly organized. He provided a design (free with consult) and a quote that he stuck to. Very happy with the job and can recommend him highly.

Contractors

Valley Custom Finish - Mike Ruisiewski
Referred By: Patricia Lockhart
714-767-4903

A Master Craftsman with over 33 years of experience, Mike will make your restoration creations a reality with his imaginative and quality craftsmanship. He installed and re-sized a door to fit the door frame and also explained what hinges look best on vintage doors.

Tyler Burns (TBCC) General Contractor

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff
714-270-6555
Tyler and his crew did quite a bit of building work for us. He was on-time, professional, courteous, kept within budget limits, and reasonably priced. His work product was outstanding.

Driveways

Systems Paving - David Hess
Referred By: Allan & Nancy St. Jacques
949-433-8353

Removed old cement and installed new Castle Cobble stone driveway in two days.

Electrician

MacFarlane Electric
Referred By: Betsy Benton
714-5439265

In Santa Ana since 1933. Jerry came out on emergency for me, and performed very professional service to the main electrical panel which was no longer to code. He has more than 30 yrs. in the profession, and many years working for MacFarlane. Jerry completed this task in two hours; a job that I had previously been quoted requiring a day's work costing hundreds more. I highly recommend this company to my neighbors.

C & D Electric

- Corey Gonyez
Referred By: Susan Giampietro
714-240-4430
Certified journeyman electrician who helped w/lighting, etc.

Advanced Electrical & Lighting, Inc.

- Hugo Rodriguez
Referred By: Mary Coleman
714-285-1700, 94-219-0909; fax 714-285-1702
Has done excellent work both at our restaurant and home. He is very good at troubleshooting ... He is reasonable, licensed and bonded, member of the BBB and an all around nice guy. So easy to work with.

Lovell Electric

Referred By: Judy Michel
951-817-1637, CA Lic# 899295
Ron Lovell checked all our home wiring and installed two chandeliers. He is knowledgeable, prompt and his work is reasonably priced.

Fireplace & Chimney

Far West Construction

- Russell Lutman, owner
Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel
714-776-1397, 714-803-1604
Russell specializes in fireplace and chimney repair. He repaired our 1926 firebox bricks and capped the chimney. Honest and easy to work with. Showed expertise with old masonry and fireplaces.

Flooring / Tile

Robert Tusko Tiling
Referred By: David Seigle
714-527-3167

Greg Galbraith (Tile Restoration)

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel
714-926-3587
We were impressed with the careful, clean job he did restoring our Batchelder fireplace tile and front entrance tile. Very reasonable. He stays busy. Call well before you need him.

Sandra Terwilliger (Sam)

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
949-581-8088
Hardwood floor maintenance

Grapevine cont'd on next page ...

Jim Schwanke Hardwood Flooring

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd / Mike and Cheryl Conradson
714-638-3300

Did a great job at repairing and refinishing our hardwood floors. (Ladd) Repaired and refinished all our hardwood floors. Very reasonable and honest. Finished floors are beautiful. (Conradson)

Bill Markle

Referred By: Melanie Choi
949-422-1513

His tile and marble are great!

Bob's Shade & Linoleum

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm
714-538-5322

Retro linoleum floor complete with new thresholds and baseboards. They are professional experts in their field.

Empire Carpets (Barbara Stowers)

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart
949-412-0918

I recently had my carpets replaced by Empire Carpets. The sales rep was professional, extremely helpful and very educated in the field of interior design. I would gladly recommend her.

Anaheim Hills Tile Supply

Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroeffer
714-283-8522, Joe Ribble, Owner

We've purchased tile from Anaheim Hills Tile Supply on several separate occasions. His is a locally owned and operated business. We've always been impressed with his professionalism and reasonable prices and we couldn't recommend him more highly!

Rick Moore, Moore's Floors

Referred By: Joseph Gerda
714-622-4476

Rick Moore was the primary worker for Schwanke Flooring that I and many of our neighbors have used multiple times for both refinishing and installation of hardwood floors. His work was always excellent with reasonable prices and now he has his own business.

Golden Oaks Hardwood Flooring - Amir Makmatchi

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
949-394-7881

Great wood floor guy!

Under Foot, Surface Restoration

Referred By: Krista and Frank Arellano
877-644-7688, www.underfootinc.com

Used a high-pressure steam cleaning process to clean and reseal our bathroom tile floors, steam-clean our back patio, front and back driveway, brick walk-way and the top of our slate bbq. I was so impressed by their professionalism and willingness to go the extra mile. They re-grouted parts of our bathroom floor, repaired a piece of loose slate in the back-yard and even cleaned and resealed our bathroom countertops. This was all done in a half day and at an extremely reasonable price!

Furniture Restoration

Castelazo Cabinets - Roberto Castelazo

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball
714-557-4854

Mr. Castelazo repaired two tables for us (both 75-100 years old). His work is fantastic. The oldest table had a leg sheared off and his replacement is undetectable. The other table had been refinished poorly by several people. Mr. Castelazo restored it to original condition!

ZEFERINO ANTIQUE RESTORATION & REFINISHING

Referred By: Mark & Janelle McLoughlin
714-401-5833

A master artisan, highest quality workmanship, knowledgeable of antiques and period correct repairs. Great attention to detail, fair and reasonable prices, and an excellent communicator. Zeferino refinished all our kitchen cabinets including building our center island and dishwasher front. Once we saw the quality of work we had him restore our dining room and bedroom furniture.

Handyman / Carpenter

Bill Miller

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
714-832-9402

Extremely gifted carpenter and fabulous handyman.

First Rate Remodeling, Inc. (Robert Cline)

Referred By: Ken and Linda Mesesan
714-225-2458

We have worked with Robert since 2006. He has substantial experience that includes roofing, carpentry, finish carpentry, window repair, door hanging, architectural molding, concrete, plumbing and electrical. He's great to work with on any project scale. We highly recommend him!

Mr. Ramin Faiz (Floral Park Resident)

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball & Christine Switzer
949-302-3249, www.inhousearchitecture.com

Everyone is always looking for a wonderful, honest, dependable, reasonably priced, and a talented handyman. Mr. Ramin Faiz is the answer we have all been waiting for.

Home Theatre / Audio Visual

Video Sonics

Referred by Ron and Cindy Wilsie
714-281-0641, Wayne Nicklin

Housekeeping

Floral Park House Keeping

Referred by: Heather Morin
Cell: (714) 721-6510

Wonderful housekeeper available. Excellent, reliable, hard-working. English Speaking/bilingual. Juana is a very dear lady, she takes care (and walks) our dogs too along with cleaning our home for many years. Any business her way would be much appreciated.

Housekeeping - Cathy Mendez

Referred By: Leslie Kato
(714) 929-9436

Reliable and thorough. While she does speak English, it is best to talk with her husband on the phone.

Marcella & Edwin

Referred By: Douglas Kraus
562-469-8189

Been cleaning our house for 14 years. Very nice and totally trustworthy. Speak English, hard working, cleans under rugs, windows and will work to your satisfaction. Recommend highly.

Landscaping / Sprinklers / Trees

Greg McCollum Landscaping

Referred By: Boe Boezinger
714-647-0174

Designed and implemented front garden landscaping. Great ideas, easy to work with.

Ladd Modern Irrigation

Referred By: Robin Romain
714-542-9733

Takes care of our whole water system.

VT Tree Service

Referred by: Guy and Lisa Elston
714-997-0903

Have done a beautiful job trimming our cedar tree twice. Certified arborists, professional crew.

Ron Nichka, Emerald Landscape Design

Referred By: Lynda Yana
626-824-1008

Completed redesign of Sara May Downie Park.

Vargas Tree Service

Referred by Leah Schmidt
714-630-5337

I have had excellent service from them twice, along with Carolyn Urtel, my neighbor

Barbara Deed Garden Design

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake
949-786-4055, www.barbaradeedgardendesign.com

Barbara did a great job designing and rebuilding the landscaping for both our back and front yards. Her masonry and landscape contractors were excellent. She managed all the contractors and completed the project quickly.

Nick Dean Landscape Design

Referred By: Douglas Kraus
323-828-3858, nickdean@sbcglobal.net,

www.nickdeangardens.com

Designed our front and back yard. Very, very creative, easy to work with. Extremely pleased with the result and whole process. Nick's a great guy.

Greenland Landscaping (Victor Quinones)

Referred By: Sharon Evans
(626) 209-7661 or (866) 610-1531

Highly recommend. Put in large new beautiful lawn, fixed my old sprinkler system and did other planting and design. Reliable, finished on time. I shall use him again.

Lighting

Kona Lighting

Referred By: Judy Michel
714-828-0910

I was pleased with the service I received at Kona Lighting. They completely rewired one chandelier and did an excellent job of repairing two breaks on a second crystal chandelier.

Locksmith

Murray Willis

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm
714-394-2022

Locksmith with many years experience with doors. He is quick, fair and reasonably priced.

Orange County Locksmith Service

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart
714-634-2222 or 949-250-1234 (ask for Dave or Phil)

Dave was more knowledgeable than any other locksmiths I called in the yellow pages. When he came out he was a true pro. He accessed my needs as a Landlord and made everything just right for me.

Masonry

DMC Masonry

Referred By: Ron and Cindy Wilsie
949-454-8386, Contact: Dave "Snowy" Collins

McCleary Masonry

Referred By: Megan Whitford
562-714-2324

Mark McCleary is a wonderful and talented masonry guy. He can basically do anything with stone: walls, facade, driveways, pathways, etc.

Painting/Plaster

Y Kim's Painting

Referred By: John & Linda Schulte, Mel & Kate Ladd
714-821-1014

Painted inside our home. He's meticulous and dependable!

Old Towne Painting - Rick Litchie

Referred By: The Berkerys, Mike & Cheryl Conradson, Jim & Karyn Cripps
714-285-1920

Exterior Painting and Color Consult.. (Berkery)

Not just house painters "house artistry"! Meticulous in all details, prep and color consultation. Fantastic job! (Conradson) Very responsible and reliable. GREAT JOB. Stained our new Kitchen Cabinets a Rustic Black-BEAUTIFUL. (Cripps)

Grapevine cont'd on next page ...

(Grapevine Contd ...)

Joe Maturino Plastering/Stuccoing

Referred By: David Seigle
714-883-7244
Plastering/stuccoing

Hillside Plastering

Referred By: Boe & Cathe Boezinger
714-569-0655

Ray Smith is a true artist. Wonderful work specializing in the unique challenges of vintage homes.

Patchwork's Plastering Company

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio
714-530-5119

Aston Hill is a true professional--reliable and honest, and a good communicator. Great attention to protect the vintage details in our home.

All Star Plastering

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd
714-618-2018

They really went the extra mile to get us the color and texture we wanted for our exterior stucco

www.historichousecolors.com

Recommended By: Anne Etheridge

For those who want assistance choosing historically and architecturally accurate house colors

Kevin's Painting

Referred By: Joseph Gerda
714-572-2360

Chose them based on their references (top rated company on Angies List) and very reasonable price. They were professional in all manner, were on time, and returned phone calls promptly.

Gogh Van Vincent Painting

Referred By: Mark Millman
Ty, 714-350-5807

I have used Ty on the inside and soon outside of my home. His attention to detail and quality of work are second to none!

Nick Field

Referred By: Sara Chesters and Frank Barbaro
nickfield5@yahoo.com or cell: 714-743-1689

We used Nick Field, a local Santa Ana resident, for a complete inside and outside paint job when we moved into our new home. He did an awesome job and is especially good at decorative and detailed work and wallpapering, he was trained in England - a true pro.

Carlos Painting - Carlos Jacobo

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
714 492-3336

Carlos has painted numerous rooms inside my house. He also did exterior venetian plaster on the entire house (and it looks fabulous if I do say so myself). He is meticulous, honest, fairly priced and hardworking. I really can't say enough good things about him.

Plumbing

Dave Lambie, George Brazil Plumbing and Heating

Referred By: Joe Magaddino
1-800-Call-GEO

Major gravity furnace overhaul. Knowledgeable and did a great job. Tried several plumbing companies before but I found no one willing to do the job.

West Coast Plumbing and Solar

Referred By: Robin Romain
714-761-8512

Had our whole house re-piped with copper pipes. Charged a lot less than other bids we had gotten.

Bass & Sons Plumbing

Referred By: Beverley Schauwecker
714-534-5403

Very knowledgeable about "old" plumbing. I highly recommend them.

Coast Construction (Rob Loofbourrow, Lic #876043)

Referred By: John & Linda Schulte
909-938-7284, 909-880-8627,

coastconstruction5@yahoo.com

Rob is an excellent, dependable, responsive general contractor and plumber. We highly recommend him.

Southwest Plumbing (Steve Herold).

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff
714-288-9991 or cel 714-540-0090

I would highly recommend Steve! I have used his plumbing services, and he helped us out tremendously and professionally (fixing other plumber's work). He was also one of the team lead volunteers on the Fisher Park Build Day project.

Roofing

Weatherline Roofing (Ken LaRue)

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
714-748-9707

American Home Insulation

Referred By: Ron Striewig
949-413-2371, Contact: Michael, Owner

Attic insulated - fast, courteous, clean and efficient.

Solar

Heritage Solar, Inc.

Referred By: Kevin Barber and Stacey Clinesmith
949-677-9470, dennis@heritagesolar.com

www.heritagesolar.com

Dennis did a complete solar installation on our house about two years ago and now our average electric bill is \$75 a YEAR! We were so please with the service and their professionalism!

Swimming Pool

Perfection Pool - Brad Young

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
714-904-3230

Pool maintenance

Allmark Pools - Mark

Referred By: Rob & Judy Johnson
562-587-1418

Did a fabulous job on our pool!

Jonathon Pools

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake
714-396-1091

Jonathon refurbished our 50-yr old pool to look like new. He replaced old equipment, installed new plumbing, improved overall circulation in the pool which has eliminated persistent algae problems, patched plaster, and acid washed our tile. He was on schedule, courteous, and a pleasure to work with.

Windows / Window Washing

Awning By Russ, Owner Russ Rinner

Referred By: Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout
714.525.RUSS

Fast service, great pricing. Highly recommend.

Window Restoration & Repair

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio
562-493-1590

Scott and his team did a great job of repairing some original windows, and replacing others with exact replicas (but better glass!). Excellent attention to vintage details and restoration. Very professional, on time, great communication.

Home Craftsman Inc.

Jim Crawford, Owner/Installer
Referred by: Chuck and Julie Lake
714-404-2518, windows4@gmail.com

Jim did a great job for us, replacing aluminum sliders with wood casement windows on our entire second story. The entire house looks much better and more in tune with the style and its original construction period. Jim also hung several interior and exterior doors, including a difficult Dutch door.

Sure-fit Mobile Screen Shop

Referred by: Wanda & Gil Marrero
800-737-2733 or 714-953-4401

Installed normal screens and the "disappearing screens" to our home. Family owned and operated since 1986.

Eddy's Window Washing

Referred by: Judy Johnson
714-321-4801

West Coast Screen & Glass

Referred By: Allan St. Jacques
714-633-6232

Called one day, arrived the next; and did a quick and efficient job of replacing four small windows

Rembrandt Windows - Blair O'Callaghan, owner

Referred by: Wally McCloud & Denny Patterson
<http://www.rembrandtwindows.com/index.html>

714-968-6538 office

In an attempt to clean our windows, Denny promptly dropped our custom made, 1924, arched/hinged window from the second story. Blair and his skilled team of craftsmen repaired the window to its original state in a most timely and expert manner. It was a pleasure keeping business "in the neighborhood" with Rembrandt Windows and we highly recommend them.

A Clear Choice

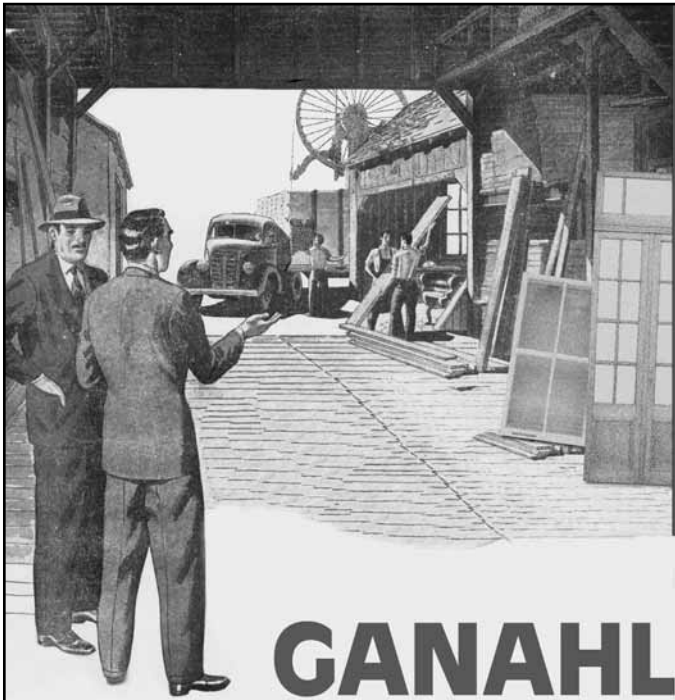
Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff
1-877-33-CLEAR

Our neighbors have been using this company for years and that is how we started using them. We have used them for four years and been very happy with both the windows and the carpet cleaning services.

BJ's Window Cleaning

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
714-730-9200

I have been using Joanie at BJ's for years. She's fabulous...very thorough, good clean up.



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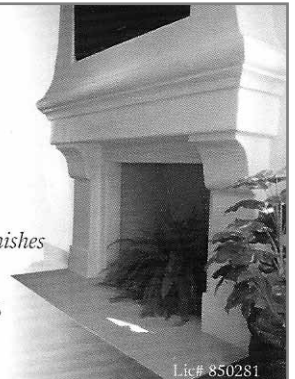
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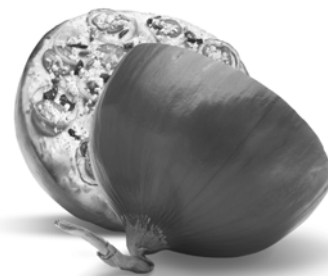
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