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Sleepy Hollow Bulletin

SHHA Board Meeting

Thursday February 5th, 7:30

Bulletin Deadline

Saturday, February 14th

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE—

MARK RICE

Every year, there is one day or event that the SHHA President truly gets to look forward to. No, not the last day of his or her term. Its day the President selects, and announces with gushing pride and reverence, this year's Sleepy Hollow Homes Association "Volunteer of the Year." This year, that person, that volunteer, that force of nature, is Gina Feiner.

Gina's volunteer work in our community has been built up for many years, and in many corners, starting with the Yes Foundation, for School Fundraising. Gina has been and continues to serve as a Trustee of the Ross Valley School District. As part of Gina's commitment and passion for greener, and safer routes to school, Gina has worked tirelessly for years in securing improved transportation, walking and biking paths for our community's children as they travel to and from school each day. These efforts include, pushing for the sidewalks project on Butterfield, near Lower Brookside, so kids could walk off the traffic lane where Butterfield is not so wide; creation of improved bus service for school kids; helping establish the bike lanes on Butterfield which enhance child safety, and reduce traffic; and working towards obtaining from the County of Marin, solar powered posted speed monitors, so we know when we are speeding, naughty, nice or just plain not paying attention!

This last summer, Gina was also a co-leader of the Trip to Mexico Mission sponsored by the Sleepy Hollow Presbyterian Church, that took 50 local high school students down to Mexico to help build houses for families.

Traffic is slower. Butterfield is no longer a drag strip. Kids bike, and walk to school, and home in a safer environment. Our local schools continue to be among the most acclaimed in the nation. And, the outreach to other cultures, for our own children to grasp the diversity of humankind, and the easy street we have year in contrast to many places, are things that the Ross Valley Community, and Sleepy Hollow can be very proud about. Gina is not alone in her volunteer efforts, time, and harnessing of local energy, yet, she has quietly – and not so quietly – led. Thank you, Gina, you deserve recognition from our community for a job, and many jobs, very well done.

Gina will be formally acknowledged at SHHA's board meeting held February 5, 2009 at 7:30 pm, small dabs of wine, soda and appetizers will be served, and Gina's name placed on the Volunteer of the year plaque. Come join your neighbors to share in this honor for Gina, her volunteer spirit and get r'done ethic.

Next SHHA Meeting

February 5th
7:30 PM
Please come!

Got a news flash? An article you would like to share? Let me know .
Email me @ aprompt@earthlink.net.
All articles will be considered.
Thank you to this months contributors.

Swim Team applications available now: Sleepyhollow sealions.com

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Sleepy Hollow Presbyterian Church
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Monday 10 am



A barn owl is once again a regular in the San Domenico box, and can be viewed "live" from the website www.hungryowl.org just click on owlcam.

Let's get ready to swim...

The Sleepy Hollow Swim Team will begin accepting new applications for the 2009 season. Swimmers must be between the ages of 5-18. Practice will start at the beginning of March. Meets will run from the beginning of May until mid July.

Openings will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Siblings of current swimmers, Sleepy Hollow residents and former Pups will have a priority. We have a limited number of spaces.

For more information on the program and an application form, please visit our website: sleepyhollowsealions.com. Applications will be available to download starting January 26, 2009.

Laurie Wentzel
SHST Membership Chair

SHHA Board Nominations

The Sleepy Hollow Homes Association (SHHA) is pleased to announce the following nominations for the open positions on the SHHA Board for the 2009-2010 year:

Carolyn Goodman – President
Rolf Selvig – Vice President
James Ayers – Treasurer
Laurie O'Hara-Torres – Secretary
Holly Briese – Director
Tici Truly – Director
Luke Argilla -- Director

In addition to these nominations, the following Board members will continue to serve on the Board to fulfill the final year of their 2-year terms:

Darlene Hanley – Director
Colleen Bertiglia – Director
Finally, we're pleased that Karen Maclean – Director, has agreed to extend her term for one additional year.

If you or someone you know would like to be nominated to serve on the SHHA Board for the upcoming year, please contact Eric Briese at ebriese@mcbco.com or 453-3612.

On behalf of the nominating committee, we wish the SHHA Board goodluck and continued success in the NewYear.

Keep Bike Lanes on Butterfield, Clear

Dear Sleepy Hollow Neighbor's,
I am writing you today to make a request on behalf of the Homeowner's Association and the children who live, ride their bikes, and walk along Butterfield Road, about bike lane safety during peak school hours.

Specifically, whenever possible please avoid having cars parked on the shoulder along Butterfield Rd. The shoulder is "officially" a striped and designated bike lane and there is no parking allowed in a bike lane. In the spirit of keeping signs to a minimum in our neighborhood we have eliminated signage except for the striping on the street which shows that they are bike lanes.

Simply, when cars park in the lane, it increases the risk that children on bikes travelling to and from school will have to veer into the road and risk contact with traffic, a result we all wish to avoid for the safety of motorists and children alike. Construction vehicles often park on Butterfield as well. While sometimes this can't be avoided, what would help is that if they must park on Butterfield that they do so *after* 8:45 am and move the vehicles *before* school gets out (2:50 on M/Tu/Th/Fr and 1:45 on Wed). This again limits the risk of kids entering traffic to get to and from school. In most places, there is plenty of shoulder to park off the asphalt and eliminate this risk altogether.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation on this as another step in making Butterfield Road a safe pathway for our kids to use, and reducing traffic congestion during peak hours.

Thank you- Gina Feiner, Traffic Liaison, SHHA Board

Reminder –

Lock car, keep valuables out of sight – Prevent Theft
Recently, another Sleepy Hollow family had their vehicle vandalized. Also, throughout the tonier parts of Marin, the Sheriff reports that cars are broken into when unlocked, or even if locked, when obvious valuables – a purse, wallet, cell phone or camera – are visible. And, during Ski Week and long weekends, these events seem to peak, perhaps (I profile not...) as more teenagers are out late, or gosh forbidders, parents are skiing and Ferris Beuhler copycats are "Home Alone." It takes only one \$750 "social host" violation to learn the hard way – if the parents are away, even if one's child plans nothing, Woodstock will arrive at the home like an ant farm. Ok, enough warning bells. Cross fingers, and remember, Neighborhood watch works.

SOME MORE THANK YA, THANK YA, THANK YA...

Special thanks goes to Bob Glass, long time Sleepy Hollow Resident, and former SHHA President, for the beautifully framed and developed photograph of the circa 1920's black and white photograph of the Butterfield Dairy Farm. Bob was able to take a grainy, dagguretype quality to the photograph on loan from Russ and Audrey LaBelle, and clean up some blemishes in the photo, enlarge the Barn's focus, with the specialized equipment and skill he has as a photographer. See the photo hanging above the Clubhouse mantle and fireplace – a little bit of historic character. Bob also owns Tamalpa Insurance, and has for many years helped Sleepy Hollow with its insurance needs. Thanks Bob, for this nice piece of art and preserved history, and thank you Audrey and Russ for the loan of your master photograph, to duplicate.

Board member Rolf Solvig has been very busy with a few important "needed to get done" projects out front, using his skills as a design build contractor. We needed to get the front paved to get the dumpsters to the street – done. We needed to work to develop a more appropriate and aesthetic privacy barrier between the Clubhouse and neighbor, with a fence and berm – done. Rolf, along with Sarah Hoffman, have also been plugging away at improved accent lighting in the front, so our Clubhouse really sings. Out with the drab, in with the fab.

For those that did attend this year's holiday party, you had a great time, and our guest of Honor, Wendy Lilenthal, an original board member from 1946, was honored and she wrote us a thank you note for the delightful and warm evening. The thanks is all ours, to folks like Wendy – she was 27 years old at the time she and others founded SHHA – for setting such a great example. More thanks still, to Board member Karen MacLean, who orchestrated and organized the food, the drinks, the décor, and a lovely ambiance. Thanks too to Sarah Hoffman who arranged the flowers and the corsages, a nice touch for Wendy especially).

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Embarrass, Minnesota: -36 degrees; Sleepy Hollow Tennis Courts: +65 degrees.

Boston, Mass: 10 inches of snow and ear muffs; Sleepy Hollow: shorts and 40 SPF.

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WOW!

The Sleepy Hollow Tennis Club (SHTC) invites all of Sleepy Hollow to enjoy winter in one of the most beautiful settings around.

If you made a resolution for 2009 to meet some of your neighbors and get some exercise, now's your chance. You can play tennis with some of Marin County's finest (or maybe funniest) tennis players for a mere \$15 per month. Compare this to some of our local clubs where you would pay upwards of \$180 per month. AND, you have access to Jeff Thomas, a bona fide tennis pro, who will give you tennis lessons at a discount if you're a SHTC member. All you need to do to participate is be a member of the SH Homes Association and join the Tennis Club. As if that weren't enough, to top it off, as a SHTC member you will be able to participate in two mixed double tournaments, two post tournament dinners, tend bar at the SH 4th of July Extravaganza (with all the benefits that stem from bar tending) and meet some of the most insane women and men that Sleepy Hollow has to offer.

Interested? Give us a holler. Contact our membership Chairman (and Secretary), Bill "Benjamin Button" Malet at bmal3@pacbell.net or any of the SHTC Board: Richard Hoffman, President; Marie Ongaro, Vice-President; Reinhard Ludke, Treasurer. See you on the Courts-Richard Hoffman-President, SHTC



On Sunday, March 1, Cub Scout Pack 50 will be running their annual Pinewood Derby Race. The race will be held at the Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse.

The Derby begins at Noon with lunch, and the race following thereafter. The Cub Scouts, in grades 1-5, will race the cars that they have built. The car bodies are carved out of blocks of wood, and the boys then paint and decorate them as they wish. The cars can travel up to 180 mph!

The top 3 fastest cars from Pack 50 then go to compete at the Marin Boy Scout Council race, which is held at the Marin County Fair in July. The community is invited to attend! At the end of the official race, we run an "Open" category, in which any legal car can race, whether it was built this year by a Cub Scout or not.

We know more than a few of you men have your original Pinewood Derby cars stored away, so dig them out and bring them over to race! If you prefer, you can build a new one.

Official kits are available at the Boy Scout shop in San Rafael. Cub Scout Pack 50 has been chartered by the SHHA for over 50 years.

For more information, please call Cubmaster Jim Campbell at 302-8899.

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