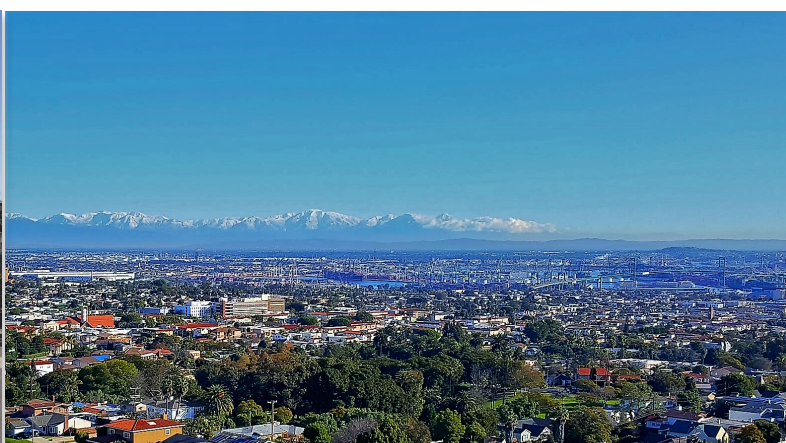


VIEW POINT

South Shores Community Association Newsletter



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Welcome to the *VIEW POINT*

As we enter a new year full of opportunities and optimism, it brings with it a time to reflect on the simple pleasures we find in our South Shore community. Whether you live in Upper or Lower South Shores we have a unique viewpoint of the beauty that surrounds us and the wonderful people whom we call our neighbors.

In this issue of the *VIEW POINT* we will provide updates on important topics that effect our wonderful community.

Key Dates:

Annual Meeting: Saturday, March 23rd

First Towne Hall: Saturday, March 30th

Understanding and Dealing with Depression

Member's Reception: Sunday, May 19th

Second Towne Hall: Saturday, July 20th

Proper Nutrition

Third Towne Hall: Saturday, November 30th

Internet Scams

Monthly Board meetings - 3rd Tuesdays



Election of Officers & Board of Directors

The SSCA Nominations Committee is recommending to the general membership the following candidates for election to the 2018 Board of Directors at the annual meeting. These nominees have pledged to make the commitment of time and effort to the SSCA through attendance at monthly board meetings and service on various ad hoc committees supporting the SSCA Board of Directors' Strategic Plan.

Officers:

President: Richard Scandaliato
(Chief Executive Officer)

Vice-President: Dave Billings
(Attorney)

Secretary: Jerry Gaines
(Retired Educator and Country Commissioner)

Treasurer: John Lang
(Engineer, Artist and Inventor)

Board Members:

Joyce Hall (Retired Education Assistant)

Vern Hall (Retired Port Executive)

Ed Storti (Intervention Specialist)

Lori Terzoli (Business Development Officer, Local Bank)

Richard Welsh (Insurance Advisor)

SSCA Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 23rd - 10 am - 12 noon

After many years of conducting the Association's Annual Meeting in the middle of winter and in the evening, your Board has decided to hold it during first weekend of Spring, in the morning and at the large and comfortable Little Sisters of the Poor Community Room, which has a seating capacity of 300 or more. **The address is 2100 South Western Avenue.** There is ample on-site parking with courteous guides directing you to the Community Room.

Brewed hot coffee, tea, water and fresh cookies will be provided.

Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. During the meeting, a Membership table will be available for new and returning members to join the Association for 2019. (See page 7 for more details.)

Meeting Agenda

President **Richard Scandaliato** will convene the meeting promptly at 10:00 a.m. and offer welcoming remarks to the attendees. Current and proposed Board members will be introduced along with volunteers that contributed to the Association during the past year. In accordance with our By-Laws, Secretary **Jerry Gaines** will conduct election of officers and Board members for 2019-2020.

President Scandaliato will review the Association's activities during 2018 and will provide an exciting look forward for 2019 including the upcoming Towne Hall Wellness meetings, improvements to communications through our upgraded website, plans for the 2019 Member's Reception and the continuation of the Welcome Wagon program. He will continue to focus on volunteerism and active participation by our South Shores neighbors. He will present the **Anita Mannila Good Neighbor Award** for 2018 to an individual(s) selected by the Board for their significant contributions to the betterment of the South Shores neighborhood. The audience will also be provided updates on pending construction projects that will affect our community (see page 6).

Los Angeles County Supervisor, and South Shores neighbor, **Janice Hahn** has been invited to attend the meeting and to provide brief remarks on issues and initiatives that impact our community. Los Angeles City Councilman **Joe Buscaino**, also a neighbor, has likewise been invited to speak and interact with neighbors in attendance. Former Board Member and CyberWatch founder, **Bob Genest**, along with LAPD Senior Lead Officer **Paul Winter**, or his representative, will update the audience on neighborhood security efforts.

In keeping with the Association's goal to have more active participation, adequate time will be set aside for discussion among the attendees, the Association Board members and the invited officials. This will be a jam-packed session, but we plan to conclude at noon so that we can all continue our weekend activities.



President's Point

by *Richard Scandaliato*, SSCA 2015-2018 President.

Dear fellow South Shores residents:

We're hoping your holidays were safe, happy and healthy. Let's continue to be wise, cautious and vigilant throughout 2019.

In 2018, the **goals** of your SSCA, were to **listen**, **build** communications, **inform** members and **enhance** both service and effectivity in our South Shores community. I believe we made great progress in reaching these goals.

We informed and provided service to the community through a series of Health & Wellness symposiums. As detailed on page 5, these **Towne Hall** meetings will continue throughout 2019. In addition, the SSCA carefully listened to the variety of other topics and issues that concerned South Shores residents. Many of which were controversial and did not fall under the purview of your Association. However, we feel that it is the Association's responsibility to air, inform and communicate these issues to the community at large and to our local political leaders.

We will continue to focus on projects that serve residents interests in the spheres of:

- Social and informational events that bring our residents together.
- Safety and Security of our homes.
- Advocacy with public officials aimed at preserving and protecting South Shores' quality of life.

All these projects are ambitious. They can't be successfully carried out by only handful of Board members. They require **volunteers** to carry out the mission. On several occasions, neighbors would voice an opinion; describe a project that needed to be done, express an idea that needs evaluation or implementation. Unfortunately, when called upon to assist in following up on the necessary activities to pursue the task, those same individuals had no time, lacked a specific goal, or a plan for implementation. Yet, in some cases, these same individuals had time to manifest displeasure and criticism if the SSCA didn't achieve immediate results to their liking.

So we will continue to listen to our constituents and follow up on matters in which we can be effective. (See page 6 regarding South Shores Elementary School as an example). In order to do so, the SSCA may occasionally call upon on our membership base to devote time and



assist with a specific project. The dilemma we all face is; there are more ideas than there is time, or helpers and doers. Our resident make-up is comprised of entire families with careers, divergence of activities i.e. Mom and Dad working, children playing various sports, dance lessons, acting classes etc. and many elderlies who may have a need, but lack resources or a means to help. However, to be effective, your SSCA is in need of volunteers willing to pitch in with an occasional task through an-hoc committee of the Board. This will be our best hope in building and protecting South Shores, this wonderful community we all call home.

Some high spots in 2018:

- The three Health & Wellness symposiums enhanced our knowledge on many topics. Knowledge, Interest and attendance increased for each topic. Under the leadership of Ed Storti this will continue in 2019. (see page 5)
- The CyberWatch (see below) continues to stimulate interest, membership and contributors in the desire to keep our neighborhood safe, aware and responsive. There is no doubt that the number one desire is to make South Shores a safer more secure place to live.
- Monthly **President's Corner** reports on our website informed residents of many area changes, political issues, and awareness of various projects, coming or underway.
- The new, more user-friendly SSCA website, has enabled many residents to frequently access and interface the website. One can easily access simply clicking on southshoresca.org.



President's Point continued

- Both embarrassed and disappointed, our annual SSCA Members' Reception did not take place in 2018, but the 2019 reception is already in the planning stages, a host has volunteered, and it will take place on **Sunday, May 19th**. (Members, save the date.)
- Our Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday March 23rd** at Little Sisters of the Poor on Western Ave., from 10 am to noon.
- The 2019 membership drive has begun and is ahead of all previous numbers.
- The establishment of the Welcome Wagon program has generated a 40% membership from new residents. This must be considered a success. The program will continue in 2019.

Goals for 2019:

- Continue to increase membership in the South Shores Community Association.
- Expand communication and awareness of community projects.
- Constantly be on the lookout for valuable, meaningful and timely topics for future Symposiums and Towne Hall meetings.
- Continue supporting the expansion of the CyberWatch concept.

2018 Anita Mannila Good Neighbor Award awarded to **John and June Tymczynsyn** at last year's Annual Meeting in recognition off their continuing efforts throughout the past several years in maintaining the SOUTH SHORES hardscape on Paseo Del Mar near Western Avenue.



Please come join us to help reach some of your Association's goals for South Shores in the New Year!

My Thoughts on Bob Genest's Retirement:

During 2018, your SSCA had a former Vice-President and key leader retire. You all know him as Mr. CyberWatch, **Bob Genest**. I know Bob as a friend, confidant, mentor and one of the **most** altruistic individuals I have ever met. In the years I have known Bob, working and being associated with him has been a pleasure. Bob didn't retire from the Association Board to take it easy, but rather to take up the mantle to broaden CyberWatch.

Working with the law enforcement, his mission is to continue, promote and expand the CyberWatch concept. Bob will continue to be part of the South Shores Neighborhood CyberWatch entity, but will pursue promoting and educating other communities in the benefits of Cyber security.

We, as a community, and I, as an individual, have come to love, respect, know and learn from Bob. Although I miss the frequency of our interaction, I know Bob is always in the wings serving our neighborhood and being a guiding light for our success, security and safety.

Elk's Club No. 966 has been a prominent landmark in the South Shores neighborhood for 50 years. We anxiously await its restoration after the destructive fire a few years ago. The membership and the community have been assured by Elk's Club officials that it will reopen in 2019, although the date is still uncertain. The SSCA plans to hold its 2020 Members' Reception at this improved facility with its spectacular "Viewpoint".



Towne Hall Program

by **Ed Storti**, SSCA Board Member

Recap and look ahead

In 2017, after hearing from residents in our Towne Hall meetings focusing on mobile Security, a recurring theme was established that more educational presentations for our South Shores residents would be desired and appreciated.

So I, with the support of our SSCA Board, implemented a Health and Wellness series focusing on informational talks given by speakers from Torrance Memorial Medical Center. I would like to give a big Thank You to **Mary Ford** TMMC, Coordinator Speaker Program.

The titled presentations in 2018 were “Fall Prevention”, “Hypertension” and “Memory Loss”. All three talks were well attended with the last presentation being our largest group. We learned a lot in coordinating these sessions and will continue to listen to the attendees on subjects that they would like to be informed about.

Program for 2019

In 2019 we will again have a three part series having our first presentation on March 30, 2019. It is titled: “Understanding and Dealing with Depression”. On July 20th, our second session is titled “Proper Nutrition”. On November 30th, the third session will be on “Internet Scams”. All of these informational topics have been suggested by the residents of South Shores.

Our good neighbor, The Little Sisters of the Poor, have hosted these symposiums in their spacious and well-appointed Community Room. They have been so gracious and kind to us here in South Shores. The venue is perfect for presentations of this kind and the refreshments are superb.

Major thanks to **Dolores Kollmer** LSOTP Development Director.

Also in the collaboration of the above mentioned groups we have been blessed to have the House of Hope in San Pedro give of their time in assisting at the event and welcoming South Shores neighbors. You may have seen the ladies from House of Hope distributing the Towne Hall flyers to homes throughout the neighborhood.

These are ladies that are graduates of the House and are giving back to our community. Again, a big thanks goes to House of Hope Executive Director **Bobbi Tschirgi**.

To encourage attendance at the upcoming Towne Hall meetings,

1. It is being announced in this *VIEW POINT* Newsletter
2. You can access the SSCA website and RSVP your attendance as well as friends you'd like to bring.
3. You can call Ed Storti at 310-547-5704 and leave a telephone number and I will confirm date, time and venue.
4. If you are a prior attendee of past presentations, I will call you prior to event to remind you of event.
5. You will receive a flyer on your porch approximately two to three weeks prior to each event.

All you have to do is attend and enjoy the moment with your fellow neighbors NOT A BAD DEAL !

We hope to see you on March 30th from 10:00am to 12:00 noon at Little Sisters of the Poor, located at 2100 South Western Avenue.



News, Views and Reports

Proposed South Shores School Construction

A significant construction project over the next 2 years has been proposed for the South Shores Elementary Magnet School for the Visual & Performing Arts on West 35th Street.

The Los Angeles Unified School District plans to replace four relocatable classroom buildings with a larger two story classroom building. The new classrooms would overlook homes on 35th street, South Anchovy and Abalone Avenues.



South Elevation View of Proposed New School Building from 35th Street

The second story of the new building may affect additional neighbors' views. Two public awareness meetings were held at the elementary school auditorium; one on May 30 and another on November 7, 2018. Attendance was low, as meeting notifications were limited to single-page photocopied notices that were hand delivered to some mailboxes. At the November meeting, only two South Shore residents were present. *No SSCA Board member received a notice in their mailbox.* South Shores residents are encouraged to review the construction project plans that are now uploaded to the SSCA web page at <https://www.southshoresca.org/>.



West Elevation View of Proposed New School Building from Anchovy Avenue

Questions, comments and concerns may be communicated to the SSCA via the "Contact Us" feature of our web page and to the Los Angeles Unified School District at the contact information provided within the project description document. NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT REQUESTED

Clearwater Sanitation Tunnel Project

South Shores residents need to know that during the coming few years (2019-2025) there will be activity undertaken by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Clearwater Project) that will in later years of the project impact the Royal Palms State Beach area below South Shores. Construction contracts have been awarded with tunnel activity beginning later this year.

The tunneling process will move south from the Carson Sanitation Plant below a route generally following land several feet below Western Ave. There is an excellent power point presentation covering the project to review (*presented at the Coastal San Pedro*

Neighborhood Council last June 19, 2018). Local activity will occur during the 2023-25 time period when the new pipeline will be attached at the beach to the existing outfall system. There will be weekday work hours restrictions and a sound barrier built to buffer construction noise.

Contact person is Gene Acosta: GAcosta@lacsdsd.org.



2019 Membership Information

Membership Status

As of the date of the *VIEW POINT*'s publication, the Association has **380** paid members. This represents **32%** of the single family residences in the South Shores neighborhood and **63%** of our 2019 goal. The income from these memberships (a nominal \$20 per year per family) is used to support the various activities of our Association, including publication and distribution of this newsletter, maintenance of our ever improving website, conduct of the Towne Hall meetings and hosting the annual Members' reception plus maintenance of prudent financial reserves. The majority of paid members to date are those that have renewed their 2018 memberships.

How About You?

This VIEW POINT newsletter has been written, edited, produced and distributed to you by a handful of talented, dedicated volunteers....Board members and others. Within these pages, the character, passion and compassion of the SSCA Board is exemplified.

If you like what you have seen and read and have ideas, concepts or talents that you would like to contribute for the betterment of your neighborhood, please let us know.

Even if you don't like this information and would like to share your viewpoints, let us know by participating as a member in our well established and, hopefully, ever improving Association.

Your Association Board does try hard, however, we are but a few individuals. The more members and contributors we have, the wider our reach becomes. Please join us to help, guide and make SSCA the organization you envision and one in which you are proud to be a member

How To Join:

There are three convenient ways of renewing your membership, re-joining if you have missed a year or more, or joining for the first time.

- Cut off or copy the form below, fill it out and return with your check by mail to:

South Shores Community Association
P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733

- Come to the Annual Meeting on March 23, 2019 and pay at the Membership Desk or
- Use PayPal™ by logging on to our website: www.SouthShoresCA.org, going to the "Membership" menu on the homepage and then following the simple two-step process.

All information
provided will
remain
confidential



SOUTH SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2019

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: 1-_____ E-Mail _____

☐ Renewal @ \$20 per year

☐ New Member @ \$20 per year

☐ Pre-paid update

☐ Receipt Requested



South Shores Community Reference

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| U.S. Post Office | 839 South Beacon Street | 1-310-831-0264 |
| U.S. 44th District Congresswoman | Nanette Diaz Barragan 302 West 5 th Street #201 Washington D.C. Office | 1-310-831-1799 1-202-225-8220 |
| California District 36 State Senator | Steven Bradford 222 West 6 th Street, Suite 203 | 1-310-514-8573 |
| California District 70 Assemblyman | Patrick O'Donnell 461 West 6 th Street, #209 | 1-310-548-6420 |
| Los Angeles County Supervisor | Janice Hahn 302 West 5 th Street #200 | 1-310-519-6021 |
| Los Angeles City Wide Services | Dial 311 (Use 311 to order Special Wednesday Pickups, Street Maintenance and Access to all LA City Departments) | |
| San Pedro City Hall | 638 South Beacon Street | |
| Mayor Eric Garcetti | (Room 301) | 1-310-732-4632 |
| Councilman Joe Buscaino | (Room 552) | 1-310-732-4515 |
| Building and Safety | (Room 276) | 1-310-732-4545 |
| L.A. Police Department | 2175 John S. Gibson Blvd. | 1-310-726-7700 |
| LAPD Senior Lead Officer Paul Winter | | 32508@lapd.online |
| LAFD Station 101 | 1414 West 25 th Street | 1-310-548-7501 |
| L.A. City Recreation and Parks | | 1-310-548-7675 |
| Bogdanovich Park Office | 1920 Cumbre Drive | 1-310-548-7590 |
| Harbor Animal Care Center | 957 North Gaffey Street | 1-888-452-7381 |
| Port of Los Angeles | 435 South Palos Verdes Street | 1-310-732-7678 |
| L.A. Department of Water & Power | | 1-800-342-5397 |
| Southern California Gas Company | | 1-800-427-2200 |
| San Pedro Chamber of Commerce | | |
| President Elise Swanson | 390 West 7 th Street | 1-310-832-7272 |
| South Shores Performing Arts Magnet School | | |
| Principal Dr. Paul Suzuki | 2060 West 35 th Street | 1-310-832-6596 |
| Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council | | 1-310-918-8650 |

For information on neighborhood businesses, please see the Business Directory on our website.

