

VIEW POINT

South Shores Community Association Newsletter



Election of Officers & Board of Directors

The SSCA Nominating Committee is recommending to the general membership the following candidates. The nominees have pledged to make the commitment of time and effort to the Association through attendance at monthly Board meetings and service on various ad-hoc committees.

Officers:

President: Richard Scandaliato
 Vice-President: Dave Billings
 Secretary: Jerry Gaines
 Treasurer: John Lang

Board Members:

Membership: Joyce Hall
 Vern Hall
 Towne Hall: Ed Storti
 Lori Terzoli
 VIEW POINT: Gordon Thomas
 Social Programs: Richard Welsh

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Annual Meeting Announcement:

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2021 Annual Meeting will be held virtually using ZOOM on Tuesday, March 16th with sign-in starting at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting starting promptly at 7:30 p.m. The specific link to this meeting will be posted on our website two days prior to the meeting. We can host up to 200 sign-ins, so we are looking for a lively, interactive session. Phone numbers for non-computer users will also be available. You may call 310-832-6807 or 310-465-9220 prior to the meeting time for details. The Agenda will be brief and will include:

- Call to Order and Opening Remarks by President Rich Scandaliato
- Election of Officers and Directors for 2021
- Approval of By-Laws change
- Cyber Watch and Security Updates
- Report on neighborhood developments
- Remarks from Elected Officials
- The SSCA Board will then welcome an interactive discussion among the meeting participants on matters that impact and/or benefit the South Shores neighborhood.

Approval of By-Laws Change:

(For complete By-Laws, please go to our home page under Board, Bylaws)

Article I: Replace in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of this Association is: South Shores Community Association

Article VI: Modify first paragraph to read as follows:

~~An annual~~ A meeting for the election of Directors and Officers of the Association shall be held ~~at the first meeting in January each year~~ annually.

Article VII: Modify as follows:

The affairs and business of the Association shall be managed by a Board of at least ~~ten (10)~~ six (6) Directors of which four (4) shall be the Officers of the Association and the additional ~~six (6)~~ two (2) or more shall be those elected at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Such Directors shall serve on a volunteer basis and without remuneration for the ensuing year or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

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President's Point

by Richard Scandaliato, SSCA 2015-2021 President

Last year at this time, the world looked full of promise. San Pedro, South Shores, and your SSCA in particular had high hopes, lofty goals and objectives. I, as many of you, thought 2020 was going to be a great year. Our future looked bright, full of promise, new and exciting changes and challenges. Expansion and reconfiguration of the SSCA website, additional links, a broader appeal, continuing the Health & Wellness symposiums, greeting new residents to South Shores via the "welcome wagon", highlighting South Shores past, present and future. Focus to increase membership, participation, ideas improve neighborhood safety both inside and outside the home.

What I did not know or foresee at the time was the real challenges ahead. When the country started to shut down due to COVID-19, we, like many of you, were forced to act quickly and make the necessary adjustments on the fly. The primary objective was to remain relevant, continue with our responsibilities to the Association, each other and to serve our membership.

Our motto soon became, **"Improvise, adopt and overcome."** Monthly Board meetings continued via ZOOM. Our website took on a new dimension with the addition of **Gordon Thomas** aiding and assisting **Jeniffer McMullen**. Your SSCA website now includes links to the rebuilding of the Elks Club, a library of Health & Wellness issues, minutes of past meetings, CyberWatch statistics and data, communications to our membership on both State Assembly bills that will affect our way of life. We made plans to hold our Annual Meeting on line, either through ZOOM or some other internet-based platform. Our 2021 Annual Members Reception is on hold, but our sights are targeting fall of this year.

I retired from my business; coincidentally at the same time the country shut down. My plans were to travel, do some consulting, enjoy the life that I prepared for. What I was not prepared for, was both the mental and physical stress of quarantine. Many of us have lost loved ones, friends and neighbors due to this pandemic. But as difficult as it is; life must go on. I have always been one, to immerse myself with family, but 2020 has shown me that family more than ever is what we can rely on to get through these terrible times.

I, like so many of you, have learned to cope. I must admit, that wearing a face mask into a bank still makes me a little nervous. I have put my energies into

learning Italian, tending to my vegetable garden, finally getting around to the many "round to its" on my wife's list, utilizing my in-home gym to the fullest, walking our dog Lucca and meeting some of the **"best"** neighbors that I truly did not know. I also found and hired **"Secure America Protection Services"** as my security company. Being Italian makes it a little more difficult not to hug or kiss upon greeting, but it is a must, as it is to wear a face mask, wash hands frequently and to maintain social distancing; to mention a few of the CCD guidelines.

Since becoming President five years ago, my mantra has been "volunteerism". Whether it was the effect of the COVID quarantine, or neighbors being tired of things not getting done, or a resurgence in energy; this message has manifested several individuals into **action**. My thanks and kudos go out to **Rose Zatz**, who drafted a petition for signal light change on Western and 19th Street (pending); **Stephanie Vezzuto**, has kept your Board up to date on the many State bills that would have an adverse effect on our community, neighborhood and individual freedoms; **Hugh VonKleist**, who along with Stephanie paralleled many of the same issues; **August Caimi**, who recommended the Secure American Protection Services as an affordable security patrol option for South Shores and **Ron Roemer's** persistence and tenacity resulted in the tree clean-up at Bogdanovich Park and Cumbre.

I truly hope that I have not forgotten anyone, but the tide is changing, your neighbors are contributing to our continued and growing success. To all of you I say **"thank you"** for your patience and contributions. Please let's keep the ball rolling in a positive direction.

Respectfully, **Richard Scandaliato**, President SSCA

Annual Members Reception Update:

As you may remember, a few years ago, the Association was planning to celebrate its 50th Anniversary by holding our Annual Members' Reception at the San Pedro Elks Club. As we were finalizing plans and reservations, the disastrous fire occurred. The improved and updated Elk's Club on Cumbre Drive reopened in 2020. However, due to the continued pandemic restrictions, as of this date, our Annual Members' Reception is not being plan for the Elk's Club or any other venue. If more liberal guidelines are not in place by June, the event will, once again be cancelled.



Towne Hall Program

Well here we are, explaining where has the Health and Wellness series gone? Simply stated: it was thriving over the past two years, then 2020 stopped it in its tracks.

In February, we had planned to present the Second part of Emergency Preparedness that so many residents were looking forward to, then I received a call that no outside groups would be facilitated at the Little Sisters of the Poor venue due to COVID-19. In a way I was relieved due to CDC recommendations and common sense regarding the dangers of group meetings.

My thoughts were to arrange potential speakers and record their presentations in a sound studio or their place of business. As dates and topics were in the planning stages, there came layoffs, furloughs and surging virus case counts. We then had to improvise and find another alternative to keep the program going.

What has come about through our field research is to utilize what is safe and available on the internet. So, we created a **Virtual Library** for our membership. It is available on the Association's website:

www.SouthShoresCA.org. On the home page, you will be directed to the different topics. The topics range from **Dispute Resolution** (How to deal with difficult people, how not to take things personally and tenant-landlord mediation) to **Emergency Preparedness** (Earthquake preparedness, how to use a fire extinguisher, fire prevention and life safety pictographs that are simple and very educational.) Details regarding the City's dispute resolution service may be found at www.lacityattorney.org/ or by calling 1-213-978-1880.

The site is continually growing and evolving. We are learning as we go to find topics that our neighborhood can relate to and find meaning in each presentation.

I would like to thank **Andrew Grundig**, LAFD Cert, Battalion 6 for the terrific job he did in putting together the Emergency Preparedness platform. Another gentlemen that started the ball rolling in this direction was **Chin Thammasaengsri**, Coordinator South Bureau, Cert program. Chin is a good friend of the SSCA and has always been helpful in assisting in Disaster Readiness.

In taking on this assignment as a member of the South Shores Community Association Board, I've had two excellent team members supporting me. Thank you to **Jeniffer McMullen** for sharing her expertise in building our web site and keeping the Health and Wellness information attainable and user friendly. I also want to thank **Gordon Thomas** for helping me decipher

the material for the Virtual Library and for being the go-to man for putting it into readable form.

Please let us know how you like this venue for our Towne Hall information. If you have other topics that you would like to be considered, please get in touch with us. We want this Library to represent you and your neighbors' interests. Having a cup of coffee (tea or whatever), sitting in a comfortable chair and being educated on a topic of interest is not a bad deal.

Wishing you a safe and healthy 2021

Ed Storti (1-310-547-5704) or

Gordon Thomas (1-310-989-7442)

Neighborhood Updates:

CC&R's Architectural Committee

The original South Shores developer administered the CC & R process for 4 tracts within the neighborhood. In the mid 1960's, the then-named South Shores Homeowners Association voted to take over the administration of them from the developer. Given that the tracts identified have been built out and few owners living in them have sought interest to support or continue engagement with SSCA on facilitating these regulations, in 2020, the Board of Directors dissolved its Architectural Committee and will no longer administer them.

LA County Sanitation District's Clear Water Project

This important project, that will impact our neighborhood, has been in the planning stages since 2006. It has been discussed with the SSCA Board, at Annual Meetings and in past editions of the VIEW POINT newsletter. In 2019, construction started within the County's sewage treatment plant facility in Carson, just east of the Harbor Freeway. The 20 foot diameter, 7 mile long, tunnel will eventually be constructed below Western Avenue and end in the Royal Palms area. A comprehensive presentation of the project, and its current status, may be found at www.clearwater.lacsd.org or at facebook.com/ClearwaterProjectLA. Direct construction impacts on our neighborhood will not occur until mid-2024 at the earliest.

South Shores Magnet School Improvements

This LAUSD project to remove relocatable classroom buildings ("bungalows") and to build a two story classroom building was discussed and approved for construction in 2019. School Principal, **Dr. Paul Suzuki**, reports that preliminary work has been completed and construction on the new building will begin later this year.





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2021 Membership Campaign

With all the very serious negative impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, there are still minor good things happening. One of these good things has to do with the Association's annual membership campaign. At the May 2020 Board meeting, it was decided that all paid members for 2020 (and those pre-paid for subsequent years) would have their respective membership "dues" extended to cover their membership for 2021. This decision was documented in a letter from President Scandaliato to all paid members. In other words: **If you were a paid Association member in 2020, it will not be necessary to send us another \$20.00 for 2021.**

As of January 2021, SSCA has 433 members but we are also striving to increase membership, participation and volunteerism throughout our neighborhood. So, if you were not a member last year, we would love to have you join us for 2021 and future years. **This is particularly true if you are new to the South Shores neighborhood.** The South Shores Community Association is by far the largest and most active of any such volunteer organizations in San Pedro and quite possibly, the entire City of Los Angeles. To join, just fill out the form below and return it with a check for \$20.00 payable to the South Shores Community Association and mail it to **SSCA, P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733**. You may also join by using PayPal by going to our website and using the Membership menu. SSCA Membership decals are available on request featuring our full-color logo.



To our friends and neighbors in the Palos Verdes Shores community. Due to our method of distribution this year, you have received a copy of our annual newsletter. Hopefully you will find the information useful and will visit our website from time to time for community updates and messages of interest.

Please note that this is in no way a solicitation to join the SSCA Membership.

SOUTH SHORES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 2021

Name(s): _____

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