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**Annual Meeting Announcement, President's Point,
Surfin' Safari reception photos,
and much more inside...**

Annual Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Venue: South Shores Magnet School
2060 West 35th Street
(Thanks again to *Dr. Paul Suzuki*, Principal)



- Agenda:**
- 6:30 p.m. Auditorium Opens
Membership Table Open
 - 7:00 p.m. Call to Order. Welcoming Announcements: President *Richard Scandaliato*
 - 7:10 p.m. Election of Officers and Directors: *Jerry Gaines*
(See Nominees below)
 - 7:20 p.m. Special Presentation: Good Neighbor Award
Richard Scandaliato and Board Members
 - 7:30 p.m. Website Update: *Dave Mc Mullen*
 - 7:45 p.m. Cyberwatch & Neighborhood Safety: *Bob Genest* with LAPD Senior Lead Officer
Eve Wight and LAPD Detective *Tom Baran* Invited
 - 8:00 p.m. General Discussion among Members in Attendance, Board Members and Invited
Guests
 - 8:50 p.m. Meeting adjourns
 - 9:00 p.m. Auditorium Closes

Nominees for 2016 Officers and Directors

President:	Richard Scandaliato¹	Vice-President:	Julian Jiminez¹
Secretary:	Jerry Gaines¹	Treasurer:	John Lang¹
Board of Directors Member:			

Dave Billings²	Annette Brodsky
Bob Genest	Joyce Hall
Vern Hall	Joe Lomento
Michele Mar²	David Mc Mullen
Noah Modisett	Ed Storti²
Mingli Wang	Richard Welsh
David Zatz²	

¹Incumbent

² New Member



President's Point

By **Richard Scandaliato**, 2015 Association President

At my introduction as President last year, I said that I would assume my duties with Passion and Integrity and that I would Create an Excitement to be part of the South Shores Homeowners' Association (SSHOA). In addition, I made three commitments: to increase membership, to increase member involvement and to improve communications. To those ends, your Board of Directors has delivered during 2015. However, there is plenty of work still to be done. In spite of our success with membership involvement (volunteers,) many tasks require more people power. I also stated that: ".this is your Association, help make it what you want..." It is you, our neighbors and members who will create the future of the Association. It is you, our members who have provided the fire to perform. We need kindle to keep the blaze going.

Soon after becoming President, a friend of over 35 years asked me: **"What does the Association do for me? Why do I want to be a member? What does the Association do for the neighborhood?"** All very valid questions, asked with no ill intent, but deserving of answers.

The South Shores Homeowners' Association provides a common forum for neighbors to be heard, depending upon each individual's willingness to participate. It provides: a feeling of belonging with a commonality of purpose, an interest in identifying neighborhood issues, and a means of pursuing and accomplishing solutions to those issues. All of these differentiate our South Shores neighborhood from "just a place to live."

Among our collective accomplishments in 2015:

- The SSHOA has set a record of paid memberships at 550 and counting

- 165 neighbors attended the Annual Members' Reception (see pg. 5&6) at the beautiful bluff-top home of **Terry Katnic**

- Our CyberWatch program has 330 and counting active participants (see pg. 4)
- Home burglaries and break-ins have

decreased due to CyberWatch and the rapport we have established with the LAPD Senior Lead Officer **Eve Wight** and Detective **Tom Baran**

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- The Association's website: **www.SouthShoresHA.org** has been re-vamped to make it easier, simpler and more interactive (see pg. 3)
- All trees in the public right of way in lower South Shores were trimmed thanks to the efforts of Association Vice-President **Julian Jiminez**. We're pushing the City to do the same for Upper South Shores in the near future

Members of the Association and the Board of Directors continue to work on local and San Pedro community-wide projects and issues that improve the standard of living and enhance property values in the South Shores neighborhood. As you may know, two of our long time Association members and South Shores residents work tirelessly for their constituents on Federal and City issues: Congresswoman **Janice Hahn** and Los Angeles City Councilman **Joe Buscaino**. In addition, members of the SSHOA Board have closely monitored and influenced positive results in such matters as:

- The LA Waterfront Redevelopment Project (see pg. 8)
- Paseo Del Mar landslide Restoration Project (see pg. 7)
- Homeless "encampments" in or near our neighborhood

- Maintenance of a clean and safe environment in the 25th & Western commercial areas

If these examples lack sufficient reason, how about meeting and working with some of the nicest people in the South Bay? All of this for only **\$10 per household per year** (see pg. 10).

Your first opportunity to do this comes at our Annual Meeting. The agenda has been specifically designed to promote dialogue among the members attending. In other words, fewer presentations and more informative interaction. As a convenience, you can also pay your annual dues at the meeting.

I used the word "household" on purpose above. Our records show that many original homeowners in the neighborhood have "moved on" and have either sold their homes, passed them on to younger relatives and/or leased them as income property. In other words, the neighborhood is taking on a younger demographic. This is a very good thing! Although we, by tradition, call ourselves the South Shores **Homeowners' Association**, we are by no means excluding our newer and younger residents that may not be homeowners but are definitely **neighbors**. The Board recently confirmed previous actions that encourage all residents of the neighborhood to join and participate in the Association. In summary:

if you live in the South Shores neighborhood, whether you are an owner or renter, there is no reason not to belong to the best volunteer Homeowners' Association in Southern California.

This past year, as President, has instilled in me a deeper appreciation for both South Shores and San Pedro, a passion to get involved and "pay it forward."

Thanks and here's looking forward to more progress in 2016!

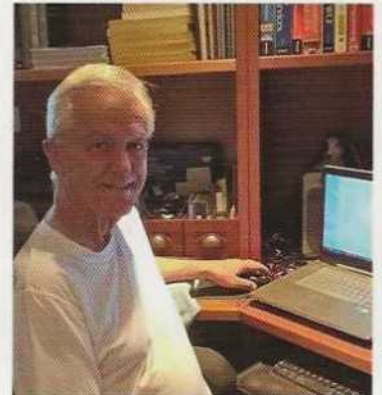
Website Update

By **Dave Mc Mullen**, Web Master

Visit us at
www.SouthShoresHA.org

The Association Board established a subcommittee in August 2015 to review and approve a plan to update the Association's long standing website: **www.SouthShoresHA.org**. The primary goal was to increase ease of use and communications with those neighbors that use the internet and smart phones as a primary news source. This goal has been accomplished along with several other "content" additions. As of mid-December 2015, our new website is "up and running."

The Web is rapidly accommodating mobile devices that can access the Internet from nearly anywhere without the need for Wi-Fi, cable or DSL. The new SSHA Home Page is now accessible **to desktops, laptops, tablets and smartphones**, the latter in either portrait or landscape view. The smartphone "mobile-friendly" screen is an example of what is called "responsive design" because the screen adjusts to the device.



Editors' Note: The following description of the website's features may look to be a bit technical, but it is easy to follow once you go to the site and start using it.

Except for the mobile view, a **vertical menu** appears at the left of the screen to provide navigation. The mobile view initially appears without a menu, but the **phone menu** appears after tapping the "hamburger" icon at the upper right of the phone display. The icon is replaced by a blue "X".



All devices have a "**breadcrumb**" (e.g. **Home > Board > Minutes**) at the upper right of the screen. The breadcrumb provides a trail of pages showing how the visitor got to the present location. The visitor can return to an earlier page by clicking it in the breadcrumb.

The **Search** icon (magnifying glass) appears above the breadcrumb. Clicking the Search icon opens up a box in which to type search term(s), e.g. Cyberwatch will list anywhere on the site that contains the word Cyberwatch.

As before, clicking the logo will return to the Home page.

Some of the features of the improved web site are as follows:

Business Directory allows the visitor to scroll quickly through the list of vendors, eliminating the need for a Business Index.

Membership provides the address for U.S. mail (P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733) and instructions for paying the bargain \$10 annual dues using PayPal™.

Gallery includes photos from our recent events (Annual Meeting, Members' Reception, etc.) and archives of previous photo albums.

Starting in early 2016, the Association will be providing frequent e-mails to members about what is on the website, just a click away. These e-mails are "push notifications" to alert members to important information and how to access it by using underlined or bold "links" in the e-mail.

In summary, SSHA is at the forefront of communication technology in its efforts to promote neighborliness, information and community safety. Be sure to bookmark **www.SouthShoresHA.org** as a **Favorite** in order to keep informed about one of the best places in the world to live.

CyberWatch Update

By **Robert Genest**, SSHOA Board Member

CyberWatch Begins Its Fourth Year



Beginning this month, **CyberWatch**, South Shores' not-so-secret weapon against home burglaries, began its fourth year of operation. This community effort has grown to nearly 350 South Shores residents with new members joining every week.

While other South Bay communities are suffering record numbers of home break-ins...22 in Palos Verdes Estates and 33 in RPV in just 2 months ...

South Shores sustained just 5 burglaries for the entire year

...much lower, even on a per capita basis.

Of those 5 South Shores burglaries, 3 were committed in a 2 week spree last May by the same ring. That ring was promptly arrested before May ended, thanks to alert CyberWatch members and our dedicated LAPD partners. When CyberWatch began in 2013, we had 17 home burglaries for that year.

The credit for this burglary reduction goes to CyberWatch members and their neighbors who came to the sobering realization that our world was changing radically. We are not in Mayberry anymore. They could either adapt to those changes or become the next burglary victims. The latter was not an acceptable option.

Opting instead for increased vigilance and subtle lifestyle changes, CyberWatchers homes gradually became unattractive to most burglars. This and a highly effective communication and support system with key LAPD partners turned the tide in 2014 and 2015.

Are we out of the woods yet? Not by a long shot. The bad guys are still out there. It's a sure bet some new generation of burglars will soon give us a try. They've been encouraged by recent legislation making prosecution much more difficult. We just need to be ready for them.

How can you join CyberWatch?

It's simple and it's free! Just email the following information to **cyberwatch@cox.net**:

- Your name
- Home address
- Email address
- Emergency telephone

Your personal information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and used for emergency purposes only. It will not be shared with anyone without your permission.

Learn how to make your home and South Shores a safer place. More CyberWatch members mean a better quality of life for all of us to enjoy.

Many thanks to all those CyberWatchers who helped keep us in safe harbor in 2015!

Surfin' Safari in South Shores

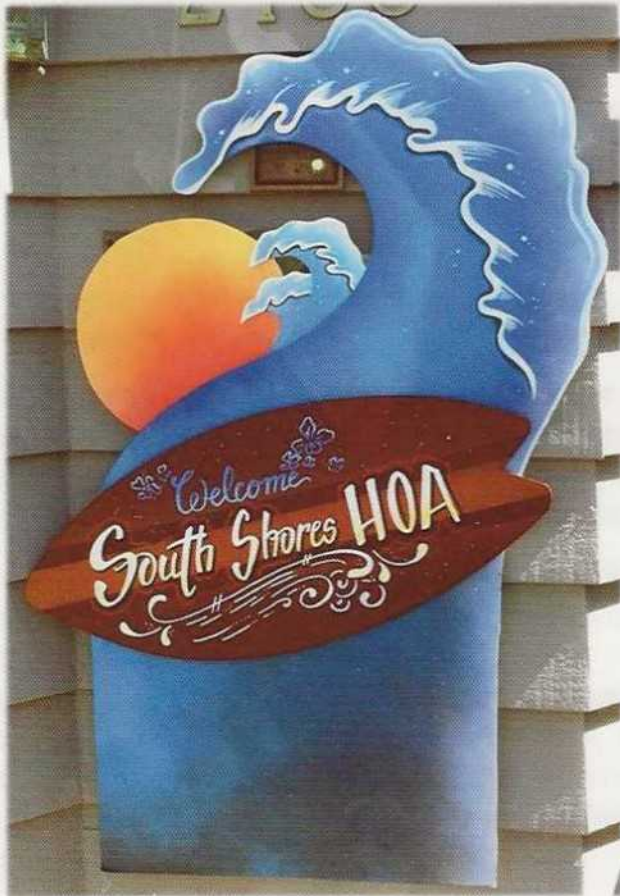
One of the best reasons to join the Association is to be invited to the Annual Members' Reception. In 2015, this rocking afternoon was held at **Terry Katnic's** beautiful home and expansive grounds on the bluff above Royal Palms beach. Over 180 neighbors attended, an all-time high. It featured great food prepared by **Michelle Sheridan, Michele Mar, Terry Poste, Rose Zatz and D. J. Chang.** The weather was unseasonably hot, so the liquid refreshments dispensed by **Noah Modisett,** and **Julian Jimenez** were greatly appreciated. President **Rich Scandaliato**

gave away over \$500 in door prizes to 20 lucky recipients. The crowd was entertained by several sets of 60's surfing music by **The Riptides.** Much thanks go to former Association President **Richard Welsh** who stepped in for our "retired" Social Chair, **Anita Mannila,** to plan, organize and make it a truly successful afternoon.



Left: Host **Terry Katnic** with Congresswoman **Janice Hahn** and friends





Above: Welcome to the reception!

Left: Guests take in the panoramic views of the Pacific. South Shores living at its finest!

Below: The “refreshments” stand was very popular



Above: South Shores Homeowners' Association Board Members



Above: Members overlooking Royal Palms

Below: Delicious food was enjoyed by all



Neighborhood News

Editor's Note: You will be kept current on these and other important community issues throughout the year by accessing our web site under "**News/Views**" and by messages from the Association to your e-mail when and as appropriate.

Paseo Del Mar Landslide Restoration Planning

by **Jerry Gaines**, SSHOA Secretary

The City of Los Angeles continues to conduct planning activities aimed at restoring the road route for Paseo del Mar damaged by a coastal landslide. The City Bureau of Engineering website project reports* focus on first "improving immediate stability of the existing slopes (includes removal of pavement adjacent to the landslide, grading of the site around the landslide for proper drainage, and construction of a semi-permanent turn--around for improved traffic mitigation on Paseo del Mar)". This project is now completed.

The City now is planning to focus on conducting a Paseo Del Mar (White Point) Permanent Restoration Project where regrading of the landslide and provision to provide a structure to support the re-establishment of the Paseo Del Mar alignment would occur from May, 2019 to May 2021. Estimated costs are stated as \$18,400,000. The project is currently in a pre-design phase with contractor selection coming at a later date. A short term contract is being completed this month to validate the engineering data collected from earlier efforts to stabilize the area. There are no known added water related issues identified at this time in this area. Extensive monitoring is done daily in various locations. Funding as of now has not been earmarked for this phase.

Some \$12 million has been expended over the past few years to achieve controlled assessment measurements and capital expenditures to stabilize the area. Earlier a Council District 15 appointed advisory committee voted to have the city restore the road in the coming years.

*<http://eng.lacity.org/whitepoint/whitepointlandslide/htp>

New Supermarket at 25th and Western

It has been a tumultuous year for our neighborhood supermarket, transitioning from a long-established **Albertsons** to "the new kid on the block" **Haggens** to being closed in early November! As of this writing, the best information we have is that the bankruptcy court has approved purchase of the store facility by **Smart & Final**. They plan to open a Smart & Final Express market at some point in the near future. We understand that this will be a full service supermarket, similar to the one on Western Avenue a few miles to the north, not a warehouse.

SSHOA representatives remain in touch with the property owners to assure that the site remains clean and secure and does not attract graffiti and homeless encampments. The operators of the recycling facility on site plan to continue and cooperate with the new store owners.

Neighborhood News Cont.

Los Angeles Waterfront Developments

by **Bob Genest**, SSHOA Board Member

As most of us are aware, the Port of Los Angeles' waterfront here in San Pedro continues to deteriorate into drug trafficking, crime and poverty. The wealthiest seaport in the country is now home to the poorest waterfront. This condition affects the safety, quality of life and property values in every one of the Port's communities, including South Shores.

The root cause of this problem lies in decades of political neglect by the City and chronic indifference by the Port of LA. The waterfront's landlord is the Port of LA. The Port reports directly to Mayor **Eric Garcetti**. The Mayor promised a "world class waterfront" during his election campaign. For reasons that are not in the best interests of coastal residents, the Port and the Mayor have sharply scaled back waterfront redevelopment plans advanced over the past 2 decades.

Our best and only hope of rectifying this travesty is by letting Mayor Garcetti know just how many of us really care about what's happening to our community. You can help reverse this tide of decay by doing your part through the **Save Our Waterfront** campaign. The good news: it takes less than 60 seconds. Just visit the website: **www.saveourLAwaterfront.com** Click on **Email the Mayor**. Send the preprinted letter by clicking on "**Send email**". You're done! It's that simple.

Do it today. Our future depends on it!

Elk's Lodge Reconstruction Update

Remember, remember, the 15th of April.....that night in 2014 when the San Pedro Elk's Lodge No. 966 building burned down. As we pass by the Cumbre Drive site overlooking San Pedro Bay to the east, we wonder: What's happening? Why haven't they started construction? When will it be reopened?

The best current answer to these questions can be found in the January 2016 edition of the Lodge's **Six Bells** magazine in the monthly message from Exalted Ruler, **Jose Chavez**.

"As I write this article, **Brian Edwards** from Har-Bro contractors is in the final stages of getting the final permits and, most importantly, the final figures needed to settle the claim with the insurance carrier. The insurance adjusters from the start have been trying to low ball the claim. The first estimates and payment they wanted to give us was in the 3.5 million area. With Brian's hard work and dedication to make sure we capture every aspect of what we are entitled to, this figure is now about 6.5 million. We are very close to reaching a final settlement and hope to see this figure grow a bit more. I, again, would like to remind everyone that this has been a long and tedious process. We need to make sure we capture everything we are entitled to. The insurance carrier and their team have been working hard to lessen the claim and pay the least amount as possible. Many have said "Why is it taking so long?" Well let's face the fact that the insurance carrier wants to write the smallest check possible. Our job and responsibility as the leaders of San Pedro Elks Lodge is to make sure this is not settled until we can build the lodge back to its glory days and become the Jewel of Elkdom once again. Here's to seeing our lodge built very soon so we can come together and work on all our charities Elkdom is known for."

Editor's Note: In keeping with the spirit of volunteerism expressed by Rich Scandaliato in his President's Point, I would like to thank **Amy Regnier** of Lakewood, CA for her time, effort and expertise in formatting and producing this year's **VIEW POINT**, setting a new standard for the future.



Neighborhood Reference



U.S. Congresswoman Janice Hahn's District Office 140 West 6 th Street	1-310-831-1799
U.S. Post Office 839 South Beacon Street	1-310-831-0264
California Department of Motor Vehicles	1-800-777-0133
L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe 505 S. Centre Street (Room 230)	1-310-519-6021
L.A. County Animal Care and Control	1-310-523-9566
LOS ANGELES CITYWIDE SERVICES	Dial 311*
EMERGENCY	Dial 911
San Pedro City Hall 638 S. 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
Business Licenses (Room 211)	1-310-732-4537
L.A. Police Department Harbor Area Station 2175 John S. Gibson Boulevard	1-310-726-7700
Sr. Lead Officer Eve Wight	1-310-726-7925
L.A. Fire Department Fire Station 101	1-310-548-7501
L.A. City Recreation and Parks	1-310-548-7675
Bogdanovich Park Office	1-310-548-7590
Harbor Animal Care Center 957 N. Gaffey St.	1-888-452-7381
Port of Los Angeles 435 S. Palos Verdes Street	1-310-732-7678
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce	1-310-832-7272
Southern California Gas Company	1-800-427-2200
L.A. Department of Water and Power	1-800-342-5397
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council	1-310-290-0049

*Use 311 for Special Pickups (Wednesdays), Street Maintenance and Access to LA City Departments

For information on local businesses, please see the Business Directory on our website: www.SouthShoresHA.org

2016 Membership Information

Our final paid membership count for 2015 was **558**, an all-time high. This represents 42% of the homes in the South Shores neighborhood. Significantly, this number includes: 50 lifetime members and 65 new members. Thanks to the other 136 members who have pre-paid for 2016 (and beyond). **A list of all the pre-paid members is provided on our newly upgraded website: www.SouthShoresHA.org.** If there are any questions about your pre-paid status, please call **Vern Hall** at 1-310-832-6807.

Due to the improved communications capabilities of our website (see pg. 3), it is important to have current e-mail addresses for all of our members that have access to a personal computer. If you are pre-paid and have changed your e-mail in the past year or so, please return the form below or use the **Email Us** menu on the website. This will allow us to update our CONFIDENTIAL membership rolls.

As **Rich Scandaliato** said in his President's Point: "If you live in the South Shores neighborhood, whether you are an owner or renter, there is no reason not to belong to the best volunteer Homeowner's Association in South California."

Annual dues remain \$10. Lifetime memberships are \$200 per household, good for as long as you occupy the home.



This year: you can pay on line using PayPal™. Just use the "Membership" menu on our website and follow the two step process.

**Or cut out the form below and return it to:
SSHOA, P.O. BOX 922, SAN PEDRO, CA 90733**

South Shores Homeowners' Association Membership 2016

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **E-Mail** _____

Renewal _____ **New** _____ **Prepaid** _____ **Lifetime** _____



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SOUTH SHORES NEIGHBOR:

This is your 2016 *VIEW POINT* Newsletter:

**Annual Meeting Announced for Tuesday, January 19th at the South Shores
Elementary School Auditorium**

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"What's the Association doing for me?" and "Why should I join?"

Introducing our new interactive Web Site

Photos of the 2015 "Surfin' Safari" Reception

CyberWatch Update and Neighborhood News

Community Reference and Membership Update

www.SouthShoresHA.org is your source for Association news and activities