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PRESIDENT'S POINT by Association President Vern Hall

As promised in last December's *VIEW POINT*, this special edition has been prepared for the 1590 households in the South Shores neighborhood. It has a number of features which the Board hopes will be of interest and value to you. First, I am pleased to report that the Association has had a busy year (2006) and has done well in its various areas of responsibility and interest. Since I have the opportunity to step down from the Presidency (once again), I am looking forward to 2007 with great anticipation and relief.

The Announcement for our Annual Meeting appears on page 2. Once again, it will be held in the early evening on the third Tuesday of January (the 16th) at the South Shores Magnet School auditorium. Based upon feedback from the 2006 Annual Meeting, the format has been changed to be more interactive and, hopefully, more informative for the members attending. There will be a *short* business meeting to elect the 2007 Board members and officers. The nominees are also listed on Page 2. The business meeting will be followed by a round-table discussion/ question and answer period featuring our invited guests. This will provide the opportunity for South Shores residents in the audience to have their concerns addressed by the people and organizations directly involved.

Brief reports on key events at the Port of Los Angeles, in Downtown San Pedro, along Western Avenue and within Coastal San Pedro are featured on pages 3 and 4. Individually and collectively, these activities are changing the "face" of our community and have the real potential to improve or degrade many aspects of our quality of life in South Shores. Association Board member, **Jerry Gaines**, heads up the ad-hoc citizens' committee preparing a Specific Plan for the Ponte Vista development that will address the issues of residential density and traffic. South Shores Association members **Camilla Townsend** and **Anthony Santich** are key players (CEO and Chairman, respectively) in the Chamber of Commerce. We will continue to feature updated reports from these sources on our website. Under the leadership of LAPD **Sgt. Joe Biscaino**, a number of Neighborhood Watch meetings were held in 2006. Page 5 discusses this important organization. In addition to following key local issues, the Association hosts a couple of great receptions each year at spectacular private homes in our coastal neighborhood. A collage of photos from last year's events has been prepared by Board member and social chair **Anita Mannila** and is presented on page 6.

Information on our 2007 membership campaign is featured on Page 7. Please read it carefully. When you join the Association or renew your membership, please return the "tear off" form at the bottom of the page along with the annual fee of \$10.00 in the envelope provided with this Newsletter. Pages 4,7 and 8 provide updated information on our very useful website: www.southshoresha.org. Thanks to the new **The Wonder of Reading** Library at South Shores Magnet School and the cooperation of Principal **Paul Suzuki** and his staff, you can now access the web site even if you don't have a computer or e-mail address.

On a closing note, I wish to thank the present and past members of the Association's Board of Directors for the privilege and opportunity to serve the neighborhood as President over the past 5 years. I'm confident that the future of the Association is in good hands.

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SOUTH SHORES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2007
PLACE: South Shores Magnet School Auditorium
2060 West 26th Street

AGENDA:

6:30 p.m.	Light Refreshments
7:00 p.m.	Meeting Convenes, Announcements
7:10 p.m.	Election of Officers and Board members
7:20 p.m.	Panel Discussion among Invitees with Q&A Session *
8:45 p.m.	Door prizes and Adjournment
9:00 p.m.	Auditorium Closes

INVITEES: Mayor **Antonio Villaraigosa**'s office
Councilwoman **Janice Hahn**
LAPD Captain **Joan McNamara**
LAPD Lead Officer Sgt. **Joe Biscaino**
LAFD Representative(s)
Port of Los Angeles
Paul Suzuki, Principal, South Shores Magnet School
San Pedro and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
San Pedro and Peninsula Homeowners' Coalition
Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council

* This will be an excellent chance for South Shores residents to interact with elected and agency officials as well as representatives of community groups important to the quality of life in our neighborhood. The majority of the meeting's time will be devoted to this discussion period. Don't miss the opportunity.

NOMINEES FOR 2007 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Noah Modisett
Vice-President:	Jerry Gaines
Secretary:	Christine Danella (Incumbent)
Treasurer:	Richard Welsh (Incumbent)
Members:	

John Bertrand
Georgia Cordero*
Joyce Hall
Georgia Kaleb *
Stan Katten
Anita Mannila
Emma Reinie



Christine Braganza
Bob Genest*
Vern Hall
Geraldine Katten
John Lang
Dave Mc Mullen
Elisabeth Tweedie

* New Member

Nominations from the floor will also be taken prior to the election at the Meeting.

SAN PEDRO COMMUNITY REPORTS

PORT OF LOS ANGELES

2006 was a busy year for the Port of Los Angeles (POLA). In a most significant development, the Board of Harbor Commissioners, appointed by Mayor **Antonio Villaraigosa**, hired new leadership at the top. Notably, Dr. **Geraldine Knatz**, an environmental scientist and senior executive from the neighboring Port of Long Beach. Another “outsider” was recently appointed to the #2 position as Director of Development: **Michael Christensen**, formerly a senior Civil Engineer with the Parsons Corporation.

Although South Shores sits about 3 miles to the west and south of the edge of one of the world’s largest port complexes, the activities at the Port certainly have strong influences on our neighborhood; from air quality issues to jobs to business opportunities to security issues.

Acting on recommendations from the public and regulatory agencies, on November 20, 2006, the harbor commissioners of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach jointly adopted a landmark Clean Air Action Plan. This plan calls for the reduction of (mostly diesel emissions) air pollution by a least 45 percent within the next 5 years. The full report can be read on the Port’s website (see below.)

The “Bridge to Breakwater” concept has now evolved into the “San Pedro Waterfront Redevelopment Plan”. With two sections of walkway now open, the next segments to be developed will be a “Gateway Plaza” at the entrance to the World Cruise Center and a new town square at 6th Street and Harbor Blvd. near the Maritime Museum. After much public input and direction from Dr. Knatz, the overall concept has been scaled back and a full Draft EIR/EIS is now being prepared for the Master Plan.

A complete report on the activities and impacts of POLA would fill the pages of *VIEW POINT*. Rather than this, for much more information, please log on to our web site and LINK to POLA’s home page: www.portoflosangeles.org. This highly interactive site features the latest information (from the Port’s perspective) on all of the Port’s activities. Among the features that can be found are: Board meeting agendas with supportive reports and presentations; a streaming video of the Executive Director’s latest report to the Board; *PORTFOLIO*, a 30 minute public television informational program produced 3-4 a year; access to all current environmental impact reports; a description of all

development programs; detailed information on Port security and emergency preparedness initiatives and current Press Releases on a variety of subjects. Other sources of current information include: the *Daily Breeze*, *MORE San Pedro* and *Random Lengths* newspapers.

DOWNTOWN SAN PEDRO

2006 saw the beginning of the transformation of Downtown (or “Old Town”) San Pedro in many ways. Seven mixed-use condominium developments are currently under construction or being planned. Upon completion, starting in 2007, this will add nearly 1,000 units of new market rate housing to Downtown San Pedro. Based upon this, a long-awaited “renaissance” may be occurring as new commercial establishments are being developed.

At a recent First Thursday, attendees strolled along 6th Street through the shops, restaurants and street stalls and the art galleries and restaurants along 7th Street. They also could visit two new furniture stores along Pacific Avenue and the European-styled Port Town Café on 8th Street. The “Port Town” theme is also being promoted by the San Pedro and Peninsula Chamber of Commerce with banners through downtown and near 25th and Western in South Shores.

The re-opening of the Warner Grand Theater was another significant event for Downtown San Pedro and our community. Thanks to the fund-raising and volunteer efforts of the Grand Vision Foundation, the 1400 seat theater has received completely reupholstered seats, a new movie screen and a state-of-the-art sound system. The Warner will serve as a venue for live music and dance performances, film festivals and, significantly, the home base for the California Pops Orchestra. Many of the featured events will be listed on the Calendar section of our web site.

ANNOUNCING OUR 7TH ANNUAL NEW RESIDENT’S RECEPTION

Once again, the Association Board will be inviting all of our new South Shores neighbors that have bought homes in the past two years to join us for a Sunday afternoon reception on February 25, 2007. Invitations will be hand-delivered early in the New Year.

**WESTERN AVENUE AND THE "PONTE VISTA"
SPECIFIC PLAN by Jerry Gaines***

There is a proposal to build some 2,300 condominiums on the former Naval Housing site along Western Avenue in northern San Pedro. Developer **Bob Bisno** has named this "Ponte Vista". The City Planning Department has recently published a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the proposed project. **Written comments from the public are due no later than January 30, 2007.** The DEIR can be viewed on the City Planning (<http://cityplanning.lacity.org>) or the Ponte Vista (www.pontevista.com) website.

Councilwoman Janice Hahn has appointed a 14-member Citizens Advisory Committee to the Ponte Vista proposal and to draft recommendations on a Specific Plan to be submitted to her in late Spring 2007. The Task Force members represent various community interests and bring varying viewpoints to the review process. There will be two public forums for community input: Thursday, January 18, 2007 focusing on the proposal in general and Thursday, March 8, 2007 focusing on potential public uses for a 6.5 acre open space park to be provided to the community by the developer.

The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council is hiring a professional land use consultant to review the DEIR to seek clarification on the findings and data used in the report. Questions need to be answered relating to the number of residents that are expected to actually live in the various types of condominium units and what community impacts can be expected from these additions.

The overriding question for South Shores residents is what traffic impacts will the proposed project have on Western Avenue? (One of our only two major north-south routes out of town.) Findings from the 2005 report issued by the Western Avenue Corridor Task Force showed significantly growing congestion on this route to the year 2025 (not factoring in the condominium project) with recommended mitigation measures listed to reduce the problems. Much study is needed on how to address future congestion in view of adding in new land uses along Western Avenue.

**Jerry Gaines is a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee and is Chair of the Western Avenue Corridor Task Force.*

**COASTAL SAN PEDRO
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

The Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council is an advisory group of people ("stake holders") who live, work, or own property along the coastal/southern section of town. As an official part of the Los Angeles City government, the CSPNC is different from other community-based organizations having specific duties and unique opportunities to change our neighborhood for the better. On larger issues, CSPNC works closely with the other two Councils in San Pedro: Central and Northwest.

Regular monthly meeting of the CSPNC are held on the 3rd Monday starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting venue is currently at the Cabrillo Marina Community Building at Berth 28 in the Port (accessed from 22nd Street using Via Cabrillo Marina.) Officers and members for 2006-2007 were elected in October including: **Doug Epperhart** as President. The full slate of members as well as monthly agendas, detailed reports on action Resolutions and additional background information may be found on their web site at: www.coastalsanpedro.org or by using their Link on our home page. The Council also publishes a newsletter: "The Coastal Current" on regular basis.

Regarding the Ponte Vista development, the CSPNC recently adopted a position supporting maintaining the current R-1 zoning at the 63 acre site. This would change the project from 2,300 condominium units to about 500 single family (very expensive) homes and reduce traffic impacts on Western Avenue accordingly.

WWW.SOUTHSHORESHA.ORG
is your electronic gateway to a wealth of information on your South Shores neighborhood and the San Pedro Community. Visit it frequently! As reported in the last (December 2005) edition of *VIEW POINT*, the Association Board voted to make our web site the principal and official method of communicating with our paid members and other residents of South Shores. Maintained by Board member **Dave Mc Mullen**, our site is one of the most complete and useful around, with far more information than could be provided in a printed newsletter. Even if you are not computer-oriented, you can still access the site (see Page 8.)

SOUTH SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATION

Although the South Shores neighborhood is considered to be one of the safest in Los Angeles, it still has its share of criminal activity and concerns about public safety issues including traffic safety and emergency preparedness. In 2006, our area was fortunate to have the Neighborhood Watch concept reintroduced through a series of evening meetings conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department at the South Shores Magnet School auditorium. The following information includes excerpts from the LAPD's web site: www.lapdonline.org

Neighborhood Watch is the cornerstone of the LAPD's crime prevention strategy. It enlists the active participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in communities throughout the city.

Neighborhood Watch groups discuss neighborhood crime problems with the objective of developing solutions to local problems. Los Angeles Police Officers supply crime information to neighborhood watch organizations and instruct these groups in various crime prevention techniques.

Senior Lead Officers are a pivotal element in the LAPD's effort to prevent and deter crime. Senior Lead Officers provide the vital link that helps unite the LAPD and the communities it serves by ensuring that community problems are brought to the attention of the Department or other appropriate government agencies. They are also instrumental in mobilizing neighborhoods through creative problem-solving strategies, crime prevention, and quality of life enhancement programs. They are responsible for: monitoring crime trends in their Basic Car areas; working with the Community-Police Advisory Boards (CPAB) and residents to develop goals to be accomplished through the efforts of all officers assigned to the Basic Car and acting as liaisons with Area detectives in order to stay informed of crime trends and special problems within the Basic Car area.

There are eight to ten Basic Car areas per Community Police Station and each Basic Car area has one patrol car permanently assigned to provide service in that neighborhood. Additional patrol units may be assigned during periods of increased workload. Three teams of officers are assigned to patrol your neighborhood on a 24-hour basis. Each team works one of the three 8-hour shifts. These officers patrol your neighborhood preventing crime and answering radio calls for service. Officers assigned to a Basic Car generally do not rotate to other police cars. They remain assigned to your neighborhood car to familiarize themselves with you, your neighbors, and the problems that may arise in your community. Although there are other police cars assigned to the same area, the Basic Car has priority in answering all calls within its boundaries.

The Senior Lead Officer for South Shores is **Sgt. Joe Buscaino**. He can be reached at: **1-310-869-2168**. Our Basic Car area is: 5A85. Our Reporting District is 581. The LAPD's (temporary) Harbor Division Station is located at: 221 North Bayview, Wilmington, CA 90744. The Desk phone number is: **1-310-513-7017**. The Area Commander is Captain **Joan T. McNamara**. Our current Block Captains are: **Mark Rogers** and **Eddie Sullivan**.

At the Neighborhood Watch meetings, a number of excellent "handouts" are available. Of particular interest are those on the subject of Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Planning, Gang Enforcement and Home Safety. Excerpts from this information are placed on our Home Page under **NEWS** from time to time.



THE FEBRUARY 2007 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND FEATURED ON OUR HOME PAGE UNDER NEWS

SOCIAL EVENT PHOTOS FROM 2006

NEW RESIDENTS' PARTY

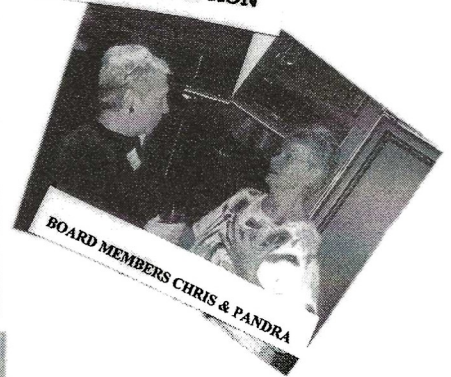


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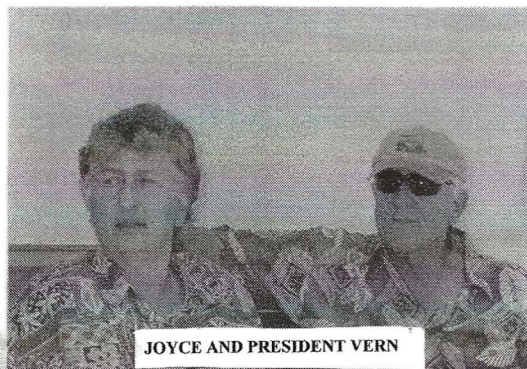
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BOARD MEMBERS CHRIS & PANDRA



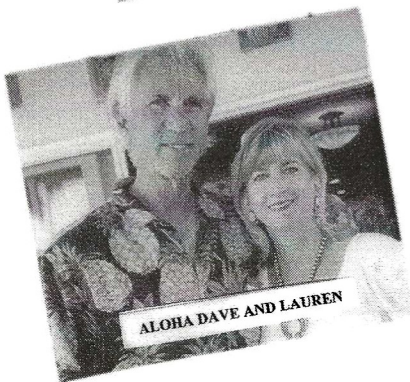
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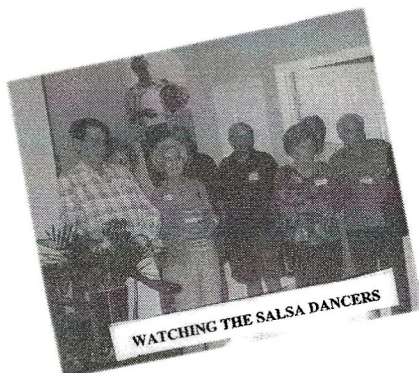


ALOHA DAVE AND LAUREN

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BOARD MEMBER JOHN & ANNETTE



WATCHING THE SALSA DANCERS



DANCING WITH THE STARS



UNCLE MATTY



CONNIE WINS BRUNCHES
FROM 22ND ST. LANDING

2007 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your membership in the South Shores Homeowners' Association for **2007** will support a number of new and on-going activities that are important to the quality of life in the South Shores Neighborhood. Among these activities are:

- Reporting on Air Quality and Traffic Impacts related to the development and operations of the Port of Los Angeles:
- Staying current on the Revitalization efforts in Downtown San Pedro including progress on the Port's "San Pedro Waterfront Development" master plan
- Alerting our membership to Neighborhood Crime, Emergency Preparedness and Traffic Safety Issues through participation in the Neighborhood Watch program and maintaining lines of communications to Councilwoman Hahn's and LAPD Commander Joan McNamara's offices
- Supporting the new (December 2006) South Shores Magnet School Library and its "The Wonder of Reading" program
- Hosting of social events throughout the year featuring the popular Members' Reception in September

The **\$10 annual membership fee** will be primarily used to support the expenses of maintaining and further enhancing the Association's interactive and up to date Website: www.SouthShoresha.org which features:

- Current **NEWS** items of interest and/or importance to the South Shores Neighborhood
- A Community Calendar that is updated weekly
- Association Board of Directors meeting Agendas and Minutes
- Current reports from Board members on matters of interest including Port, Homeowners' Coalition, Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Watch and Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council activities
- Easy to use **LINKS** to our Elected Officials, Key City Departments and other pertinent Local Organizations
- Original incorporation papers and CC&Rs

Thanks to the 42 Members that have paid in advance for 2007 (and beyond). To verify pre-payment of your 2007 dues, please check our website under **Membership** or call Vern at 1-310-832-6807.

To join the Association or to renew your membership, please return the form below with your payment to SSHOA, P.O. Box 922, San Pedro, CA 90733 using the enclosed envelope. **Thank you for your support.**

Note: If your names are not correctly shown on the address label on the back of this *VIEW POINT*, the form below may also be used to update our records.

Returned by popular demand: All 2007 members will receive new South Shores Logo Window Decals!

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South Shores Homeowners' Association 2007 Membership Information*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: 1-310-_____

E-Mail Address: _____

No. of years _____ X \$10.00 per year Lifetime Membership: \$200.00

*All information provided will be held Confidential by the Association

SOUTH SHORES MAGNET SCHOOL "THE WONDER OF READING" LIBRARY

On December 14, 2006, a new library was opened in the South Shores neighborhood. At a well-attended ceremony, a ribbon was cut to dedicate the 171st The Wonder of Reading library in the greater Los Angeles area. This new library on the campus of South Shores Magnet School for the Performing Arts is a wonderful addition to our community.

The Wonder of Reading is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to inspire in children the love of reading. They enable children to experience the wonder of reading, where "wonder" is defined as "the state of mind produced by something new, unexpected, or extraordinary." This is accomplished through their **3R Program**. The 3Rs are Renovate, Restock and Read. First, they Renovate a public elementary school's library, making it more inviting and more useful to young students. Next, funds are provided so that the school can Restock the library's collection of books. Finally, with the help of Professor **Phil Klingman** from California State University, Northridge, they train volunteers to Read with children at the school.

South Shores residents can support the Program by volunteering to become a Reading Partner for one-on-one reading sessions during school hours. After a 3 hour training program, the reading sessions will take up about an hour every other week. You can volunteer by sending your Name, Phone No., Mailing Address and e-mail address to: **The Wonder of Reading Registration, 120 N. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048** or stop by the school for an application.

In the case of South Shores Magnet School, it truly is a new library in a new location. Two former classrooms were converted into an outstanding facility. A reading "amphitheater" is featured as are several computer stations. As a service to the South Shores neighborhood, the new library will provide access to our web site for those Association members that do not have home computers and/or do use the web or e-mail. Just check in at the front office at **2060 West 35th Street** to obtain a Visitor's Pass. Then see **Mrs. Roemer**, a South Shores resident and Association member, in the library. She will assist you in accessing the South Shores web site's home page for current information relative to our community. The library's hours are: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on normal school days.



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