South Shores



VIEW POINT

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PRESIDENT'S POINT

by Fred Burkholder, Association President

Dear South Shores Residents and South Shore Homeowners' Association Members: 2010 was a great year for South Shores with numerous events and accomplishments to reflect on and be proud of as supporting members of the South Shores Homeowners' Association and as residents of our neighborhood.

During the past year we established a program to recognize neighbors that make or have made, notable contributions to our community and we very proudly awarded two such awards. [See details on page 8] Both individuals are outstanding community members and are certainly deserving of our gratification for their services. I personally hope to see the program expanded and encourage you to let us know about individuals you believe make such contributions to our community.



We also installed a 3rd South Shores' neighborhood designation "Artscape" at the northeast corner of 25th and Mermaid. This makes the third such installation, each one marking key points in South Shores. They have been attractively designed to enhance our residents' pride of belonging to our community. [See article on page 5]

We most recently established a Community Beautification Committee to look at opportunities to enhance our environment with beautification projects like view point landscaping improvements or even by lending a hand to neighbors who would like some assistance with landscape or lawn maintenance. We seek to offer these volunteer services to all residents of South Shores, regardless of membership status. Please let us know if you might be interested in our services.

This year's *VIEW POINT* includes articles by our Social, Architectural and Web site committee chairpersons, highlighting many of the other important services we provide you as residents of South Shores. Please take a moment to read about their activities and accomplishments.

We all appreciate your contributions and I recognize it's unlikely that every resident of South Shores will participate by volunteering some of their time to our purpose. We are all busy working, trying to make a living or raising a family, and are actively involved in other community and/or social organizations. I want to acknowledge the importance of those activities to the overall well being of our local community as well.

Please take a moment to fill out and mail in your membership renewal or new member application [See page 11] and return using the enclosed envelope. Your \$10 donation is one of the best investments you'll ever make.

In closing, I thank the Board Members of your South Shores Homeowners' Association for their support and contributions. They each strive to enhance the daily lives of our community members by fostering a sense of "pride in belonging" to a community that cares about one another and seeks to nurture our spirit of neighborliness. I think they all do a fantastic job, and I encourage you all to get involved too! One easy way to get involved is to attend the Annual Meeting announced on the following page. **Best wishes for a great 2011!**

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011

VENUE:

South Shores Magnet School Auditorium

2060 West 35th Street

AGENDA:

6:30 p.m. Informal gathering of members. Membership renewals.

[Note 1.]

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order, welcoming announcements

7:10 p.m.

Election of Officers and Board Members [See Nominees

belowl

7:15 p.m.

Adoption of Revised By-Laws [See Page 9]

7:20 p.m.

Announcements/presentations by Association Committee

Chairs

7:40 p.m.

Presentations/dialogue with invited guests [Note 2.]

Councilwoman Janice Hahn and/or Key Staff Members

LAPD Sr. Lead Officer Joe Buscaino

Chamber of Commerce President Camilla Townsend

8:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourns, Informal discussions with guests and

Board Members

9:00 p.m.

Auditorium Closes

NOTES:

1. The Annual Meeting is generally for the benefit of paid members of the Association. We will be accepting renewal and new member annual dues payments of \$10.00 before the meeting is called to order. South Shores logo window decals will be available at no cost. Logo shopping bags and aprons will also be available for sale before and after the meeting.

2. Question/Comment Cards will be handed out prior to and during the meeting so that attendees may write down questions or comments to be directed to the guest speakers or

Board members by the Chairman.

3. Thanks, once again, to **Paul Suzuki**, Principal, South Shores Magnet School for arranging the meeting venue.

NOMINEES FOR 2011 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:

Fred Burkholder*

Vice-President:

Richard Welsh*

Secretary:

Annette Brodsky* John Lang*

* Incumbent

Treasurer:
Members:

Jerry Gaines

Bob Genest

Joyce Hall

Vern Hall

Geraldine Katten

Stan Katten

Anita Mannila

Sally McDonald

Dave McMullen

Noah Modisett

Ron Roemer

Nominations from the floor will also be taken prior to the Election. New Board Members are always welcome. All that's required is a willingness to participate and contribute to the betterment of the South Shores Neighborhood.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOUTH SHORES AND SAN PEDRO

By The Honorable *Janice Hahn* 15th District City Councilwoman SSHOA Member

I say it every year: I love living in South Shores. As each of us who lives here knows, it's a great, safe neighborhood, and we have the best views of the Harbor. It's my hope that we may soon have a new landmark in the Harbor—the USS Iowa, which I support bringing to the Port of Los Angeles as the centerpiece of our long-awaited waterfront development.

I can picture the Iowa berthed, as a museum and tourist attraction, along the main channel. I am confident that people will come from all over to visit. We know that the USS Midway in San Diego is a huge tourist attraction—bringing more than 800,000 visitors every year. Over the past 10-years, the Midway has brought a half of billion dollars into the local economy. This is exactly what we need in San Pedro--people spending tourism dollars in San Pedro, which will benefit all of our businesses during these difficult times.



Visitors to the battleship will undoubtedly eat in our restaurants, and shop in our stores.



The Iowa has a great history, serving in World War II and being one of the most powerful battleships ever built and shuttled President Roosevelt during World War II. It was decommissioned in the 1990s and has been tucked away from public view. It needs a good home so that people can visit it and learn about its great history. The Port of Los Angeles is the perfect place for her. The Harbor Commission has given their o.k. to taking the first steps toward making a reality. I will do whatever I can to see that it happens.

U.S.S. Iowa BB-61

I also wanted to fill everyone in on some recent improvements we have seen in the neighborhood. We added a new T-Ball field at Bogdonavich park and have freed up more parking in the lot—which I know was a frustration for a lot of parents.

Last year, we paved the intersection of 25th & Western. And this year, Western itself, from 19th to 25th, is paved and good as new. We have also repaved many of the streets in South Shores—the neighborhood looks great. I recently asked our Department of Transportation to make sure that they have re-striped all of the newly paved streets, but if you notice some that have been missed, please let me know.

Hopefully, everyone will notice the improvement in traffic flow on Western, and all of San Pedro, by early next year. We will finally be completing the traffic light synchronization program (known as ATSAC), which monitors traffic conditions and times traffic signals accordingly. It should bring us all some much-needed relief.

I hope to see everyone out shopping and eating locally, whether in our own South Shores neighborhood at Sorrento's, or downtown at Niko's or Drop In Cards and Gifts. And, if you haven't already, venture out of our neighborhood and try Trusella's Restaurant, located at Western and Westmont. It is great. Tell Bob I sent you.

2011, A NEW YEAR OF HOPE

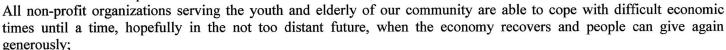
By *Joe Buscaino*, LAPD Senior Lead Officer and SSHOA Member

The Holiday season is a season of hope, and in keeping with a time honored tradition I would like to offer my hopes for the New Year for our community. This is not to be confused with my own New Year's resolutions, which includes dropping ten pounds after being "over-served" with pasta and *cannolis*!

My hopes for the New Year are that:

Our community continues to experience a decline in crime, and that neighbors continue to work together to be ever vigilant in keeping our community safe;

Our men and women who wear the LAPD uniform carry out their duties faithfully and remain safe as we protect the residents of the Harbor Area;



All faith based organizations strive to bring people together in unity and harmony, emphasizing those things we have in common and our call to love and serve one another;

Our elected officials, at all levels of government, remember the sacred oath they took upon taking office and to work for peace and justice every day;

Those individuals who turn to alcohol and drugs for comfort turn instead to the rehabilitating resources that our community offers;

Our local youth organizations continue to provide programs and a safe haven during after school hours for our children; The Port of Los Angeles continues to take steps to improve the quality of our environment while working to build a foundation for 21st century jobs for the community;

Parents remain involved in the lives of their children, at school and after school;

We all pause frequently to give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us every day;

Our battered economy will recover quickly and that the mistakes of the past are not repeated by those in positions of authority;

Our own children will grow up in the same community that offered us so much in terms of family, love, education and opportunity.

Also, we have to be mindful that there are always a few people out to spoil the hope of the season, so here are a few tips to keep you safe in 2011 taken from the LAPD's official website, www.lapdonline.org:

- Do not leave valuables such as laptop computers, wallets, sunglasses and purses in plain sight. If you have to, then lock these items in the trunk.
- Invest in a steering wheel lock or car alarm system.
- Never leave your keys in your car.
- Beware of strangers in your neighborhood. Report suspicious activity by calling 1-877-ASK-LAPD
- LOCK YOUR VEHICLE
- PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers in the event they become lost. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

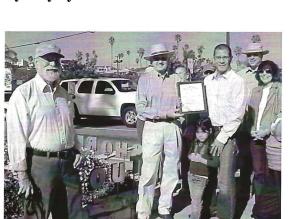


SOUTH SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD "HARDSCAPES"

By Vern Hall, SSHOA Board Member and VIEW POINT Editor

Over the past several years, the Association's Board has carried out a program of identifying our neighborhood to residents, visitors and passersby alike through the planning, design and construction of three neighborhood markers or "hardscapes" at key locations in the neighborhood. Although they are dramatically different in concept, they are consistent in the use of a custom font, spelling out: SOUTH SHORES. They have become icons in the community and reflect our "pride of place."

2003: Paseo Del Mar west of Western Avenue (Lower South Shores) Funded by a grant from the City of Los Angeles' Office of Community Beautification, members of the Association's Board volunteered their time to design and build the first hardscape. Professional engineer, John Lang, designed the forms for the structure and cast the "SOUTH SHORES" lettering in concrete. After a successful concrete pour, several members of the Board, led by Noah Modisett, assembled and grouted-in the simulated rock facia to complete the project. An array of flowers was later planted and maintained by good neighbors: June and John "Tym" Tymczyszyn.



2008: 25th Street and Western Avenue (South Shores' Main Intersection) Our second hardscape has a long and complex history. Based upon the success of our first project, the Office of Community Beautification ("OCB",) in 2004, approved a grant to fund the building of a similar structure at a location in Upper South Shores. Since it would have been located on private property, the issue of a long term maintenance easement became a stumbling block. Going back to the "drawing board", John Lang came up with the concept of fabricating the SOUTH SHORES letters and our Logo out of stainless steel and placing them on public property at the southwest corner of 25th and Western, utilizing the existing rockwork and flowerbed. Over the next couple of years, John and other Board members went back and forth with various divisions within the City's Department of Public Works to finally obtain

the necessary permits. Upon final approval, John proceeded to have the letters cut out of steel using high-pressure water jets. He then installed them on vertical steel rods embedded into the rockwork. The dedication ceremony is shown here.

2010: 25th Street and Mermaid Avenue (Leading to Upper South Shores) As reported in last year's VIEW

POINT, our application for a third grant was not approved by the City's OCB due to budget restrictions. At Joyce Hall's urging, our Board then decided to fund the project ourselves. The concept for the work was based upon the images and colors of our Logo. We commissioned renowned artists Theodora Kurkchiev and Dimitri Lazaroff of San Pedro's TND Studio to design, fabricate, glaze, fire and install this ceramic tile mosaic mural. More than just another "hardscape", it has been dubbed an "Artscape." Homeowner Dana Carozza gave her permission to use her back wall as the site for the work. The mural can be seen to the right in its final stages of installation, a 3 ft. X 6 ft. jigsaw puzzle.

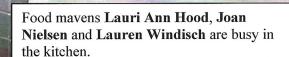


Additional photos and articles on the "Artscape" can be found on our website.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEMBERS RECEPTION

by Anita Mannila, Association Social Chair Photos by Webmaster Dave Mc Mullen

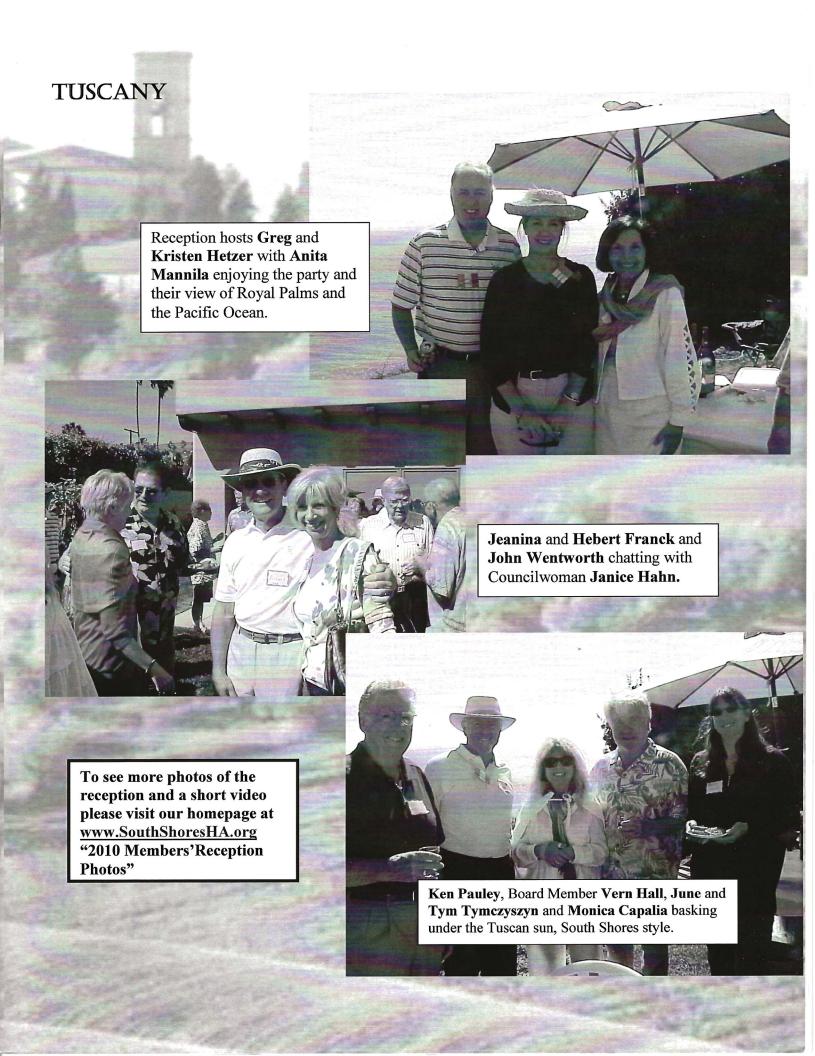
The 2010 Reception was held on a bright September afternoon at the beautiful home of **Greg and Kristen Hetzer**. The 160 members in attendance enjoyed Italian food and music provided by Keyboard Productions. In keeping with the theme, Social Chair **Anita Mannila** is serving a platter of *pomodori al forno*.



Bartenders **Noah Modisett** and Association Vice President **Richard Welsh** taking a break from pouring

chianti.

Association President Fred Burkholder ready to toast the crowd.



GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

The Good Neighbor program was established in 2009 and is intended to recognize the efforts of South Shores residents who have demonstrated actions that enhance the lives of members of our community and foster a sense of pride in belonging to the community. Criteria and procedures for selection as a Good Neighbor are:

- 1. Nominees must reside in South Shores and be recommended by South Shores residents.
- 2. Nominees should serve as an inspiration to others.
- 3. Notice of the program will be posted in the Viewpoint and announced at the Annual Meeting.
- 4. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website
- 5. Residents may e-mail their nomination form to southshoreshoa@gmail.com or mail to PO Box 922 San Pedro, CA 90733.
- 6. The SSHOA Board will review the applications and select the Good Neighbors who will be recognized and posted on the website.
- 7. The nominees selected will be contacted for their consent to post their information on the website.
- 8. The nominees will receive a Good Neighbor Certificate of Recognition and be recognized at the Annual Meeting.

Our first two recipients are:

George Beck: Retired LAPD Assistant Chief, George Beck was presented with the Good Neighbor Recognition Award at the 2009 Annual Meeting for his many years of service to the greater Los Angeles area as well as being a good neighbor in the South Shores' Community. After graduating from USC, he entered the field of law enforcement. In the early years, he drove a radio car in Watts and rose through the ranks, serving as Captain of the Police Academy and as Assistant Chief of Police under Chief Daryl Gates. In a recent conversation Mr. Beck shared that the two best decisions he ever made in his life were to marry Elma, his wife of 60 years and to move to San Pedro. The Beck's have lived in South Shores for thirty-two years. Condolences to the Beck family at the passing of Elma in 2010.



LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck, Anita Mannila, Honoree George Beck and SSHOA President Fred Burkholder at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

The Beck's lovely home is situated at the end of a cul-de-sac adjacent to a rugged path to the ocean cliffs frequented by hikers and surfers. When they first moved to the neighborhood they found that the panoramic views which captivated them, also attracted after-hours gatherings and partying late into the night. This presented a

problem for them as well as their neighbors. Mr. Beck petitioned the Coastal Commission to construct a gate next to his property. He volunteered to act as a gate-keeper which meant that he would unlock the gate at 6:00 A.M and then lock it at 9:00 P.M. Mr. Beck's initiative and vigilance brought peace and quiet to the neighborhood which continues to this day. Mr. Beck was also a founding member of the Angel's Gate Cultural Center and remains committed to the support of the Center. George is the proud father of the newly appointed LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck who is married to Cindy, a retired Los Angeles County sheriff deputy. Their daughter, Brandi Scimone is a Police Officer working in the Hollywood Division and their son, Martin, is a Police Officer working in the Rampart Division. The Beck's daughter Megan McElroy, also served as a Police Officer and lives in San Pedro, with her husband and their three children. (Submitted by Board Member Anita Manilla.)

Dr. Richard Schaar: The SSHOA Board is proud to announce that Dr. Richard Schaar has received a Good Neighbor Recognition Award for his contribution to the South Shores community. Seven days a week during the last four years, Dr. Schaar has taken his dog for a walk. He carries a large white plastic trash bag. He leaves his house heading for 25th Street. He turns



Dr. Richard Schaar and his walking buddy at 25th & Western

east, walking to Western on the south side. At Western, he crosses to the north side of 25th Street to return home. He picks up all the trash on his walk. On each walk, he fills over half a bag with trash. By doing this, Richard enhances the look of 25th Street from Anchovy to Western Avenue. Dr. Scharr has accepted this recognition in the hope that others will join in his efforts. (Submitted by neighbor *James Shelton.*)

SOUTH SHORES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION REVISED BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME:

The name of the Association is South Shores Homeowners' Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES:

The objectives of this Association shall be to: protect and promote the best interests of the South Shores area bounded by Western Avenue, Cumbre Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes and the Pacific Ocean; to promote and strive for the improvement and betterment of all public facilities within said area; to promote and encourage better community and civic spirit; to foster good will and friendship between and among all residents of said area; and to cooperate with County and City officials and other civic and public organizations for the general welfare of the San Pedro Community.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in the Association shall consist of one class which shall include property owners and any adult members of their immediate families in the area hereinabove set forth and any adult person renting or leasing a residence or a part thereof in said area and adult members of their immediate families

ARTICLE IV DUES:

The annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors on the basis of family or household membership payable in advance.

ARTICLE V FISCAL YEAR:

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on the first day of each calendar year and end on the last day of each calendar year.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS:

An Annual Meeting for the election of Directors and Officers of the Association shall be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Board meetings shall occur one time per month. Special meetings shall be called by the Board of Directors whenever it is deemed necessary. Notices of any special meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting. A quorum at the Annual Meeting shall consist of at least twenty-five (25) members in good standing. A quorum at the Board of Directors meetings shall consist of a majority of current Board members. A motion is considered passed by a vote of a majority of those present at any meeting that has a quorum.

ARTICLE VII DIRECTORS:

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

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS:

The officers of the Association shall be four (4) in number; a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

- (a) The President shall be the Chief Executive of the Association, charged with the duty of supervising all of its functions, subject to the orders of the Board of Directors. The President shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees.
- (b) In the President's absence or inability to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President and also perform other functions as the Board of Directors may from time to time assign.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Association, be custodian of the records and discharge such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors or the President.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues and shall have the care and custody of all the funds and property of the Association, which shall be disbursed only upon the order of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall submit a report for the preceding year at the Annual Meetings and shall render special reports whenever requested to do so by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds in the name of the Association in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX ELECTIONS:

Officers and members of the Board of Directors of this Association shall be elected annually at the Annual Meeting. Terms of office are for one year, with no limit on the number of terms.

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES:

There shall be Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees.

- (a) Standing Committees include the following: their Chairs shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and their members shall be appointed by the President.
- 1. The Membership Committee shall be charged with the task of maintaining the membership list of the organization, collecting dues and recruiting new members.

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SOUTH SHORES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION REVISED BY-LAWS (cont.)

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES: (continued)

- 2. The Finance Committee shall be charged with the task of proposing an annual budget and advising the Board of Directors on the financial impact of all proposed projects.
- 3. The Social Committee shall be charged with the task of organizing membership events and promoting efforts for advancement of the Association and the South Shores area.
- 4. The Website Management Committee shall be charged with the task of developing and maintaining a website for the Association.
- 5. The Communications Committee shall be charged with the task of keeping the Association informed of City, Port of Los Angeles and Neighborhood Council activities that may affect South Shores.
- 6. The Architectural Committee shall be charged with the task of overseeing and monitoring the CC&Rs of South Shores.
- (b.) Ad Hoc Committees shall be designated by the President as may be required.
- All Committees shall report to the Board of Directors for approval of projects and expenses.

ARTICLE XI PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

The rules contained in the current version of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS:

The Articles of this Association may be amended or revised by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at an Annual Meeting, or any special meeting, provided that the notice of any such meeting contains a summary of the proposed amendment of amendments.

These By-Laws, having been duly adopted at a meeting of the membership of the Association this 24th day of May, 1962, we the undersigned, being the elected Directors of said Association, do hereby acknowledge and validate these By-Laws by affixing our respective signatures hereto.

Updated with Amendments 1988

Updated with Amendments 2011.

(Submitted by Annette Brodsky, Chair By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee)

Please see our website to see previously adopted By-Laws, marked up to show recommended changes.

WEBSITE UPDATE

By Dave Mc Mullen, Association Webmaster

A look at www.southshoresha.org will reveal a wealth of local information: links, news, photos/slideshows and Board activity. Average viewers of the Home Page each month topped 1,000 and the **Business Directory** was one of the most popular pages (over 200). Perennial favorites are **Photos**. Highlights of the website include:

Board Business

- Members' Reception Slideshow
- "Artscape" Slideshow
- Annual Meeting Slideshow
- Good Neighbor Award
- Board Members in the News
- Lifetime Members
- "Shop and Cook 'South Shores' Style!" (shopping bag, apron, marketeers!)
- SSHOA Facebook site



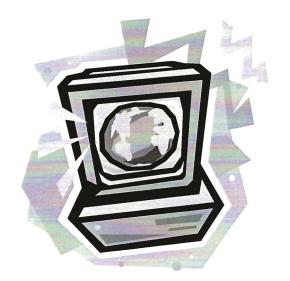
WEBSITE UPDATE (continued)

Homeowner Resources

- Contractor License Check
- Better Business Bureau
- Neighbor2Neighbor Conflict Resolution
- CC&R's History and Today

Community Updates

- Current Weather (with Forecast)
- Free Documentaries at the Warner Grand
- CityWatch
- L.A. City Organization Chart
- Communicable Disease Control
- Neighborhood Watch
- "South Shores Driver's ID Scam Alert"
- "LAPD News"
- Ponte Vista project
- and, of course, the *VIEW POINT* (with pictures in full color!)



In fact it's hard to see how one could be a well-informed resident of South Shores without regular visits to southshoresha.org!

As part of our annual membership drive, the Board would like to have current e-mail addresses for each of our members. With this (confidential) information, we will be sending announcements, updates, alerts and other items of neighborhood interest periodically throughout the coming year. So.....

It's time to join or renew your \$10.00 annual membership in the Association

Please cut off the form below and return it with your check of \$ 10.00 [or more] payable to the South Shores Homeowners' Association or SSHOA in the enclosed envelope. All information provided will be held in strictest confidence. Thank you for your participation.

South Shores Homeowners' Association Membership 2011

^{*} If you need to verify, please check the Web Site of call Vern at 1-310-832-6807



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To all South Shores residents....here is your 2011 *VIEW POINT* Association Newsletter. We've expanded it to bring you more information relative to our wonderful neighborhood. Please note that this marks the 45th continuous year of the Association and that our membership participation far exceeds that of other similar homeowner's groups in the San Pedro Community (575 paid memberships in 2010.) We hope that you enjoy reading it and will share it with your family.

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