



WHITLEY HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Brian Moore, Whitley Terrace

This is your kindly old president speaking. Remember him? He is the one who used to run through the streets with the banner of Street Closure flapping in the breeze, shouting, "The Gates are coming! The Gates are coming!" while everyone cheers or else ran home to check their bank balance and gnash their teeth. Ah-yes-the good old days! These days, my gait has slowed considerably and I don't shout anymore. I'm saving my breath. The banner, though a little threadbare, still flaps along and people are still checking their bank balances. That's good, because our Closure Project has never looked better or more promising!

Our preliminary engineering plans have been submitted to the City Engineer for discussion and hopefully - approval. Our resident Closure Committee has worked long hours with the firm of Paller-Roberts and with Access Controls, the firm that has given us so much time and input since the inception of the project.

Our Councilman, Peggy Stevenson, who has always supported our Closure plans, brought a representative of the City Attorney's office and the City Engineer's office to our August Board meeting. These gentlemen were very

helpful, both offering assistance and encouragement to our plans. They have stated they will guide the plan through this city process and there may be City Council action on our street closure sometime after the first of the year. Before that time, there will be a public hearing and a submittal of plans to the Public Works Committee.

On the Home front there is much to be worked out yet. We will be appealing to various homeowners for such necessities as easement rights for gates, electrical and lighting arrangements. and of course, the calling in of pledges and payments once the City Council has given approval. The Closure Committee will distribute an informational pamphlet about the Gates and there will be meetings held to explain the system, and to solicit financial support.

We have never needed gates more than now. Our crime rate is up with robberies, burglaries, stolen cars, prostitution and even graffiti. The desire for the gates by the residents seems even more determined. This is your kindly old president saying that \$1500.00 per home for the first five years is still a really great idea! But that's all for now. I'm saving my breath.

AUCTION 1984

Gini Colvig, Whitley Terrace

This year our auction wasn't as profitable as our 1983 auction but we still had fun and enjoyed our day. Next year we'll return to our silent auction as well as the live auction. I will be calling on many of you for donations weeks before auction time so that we may resume the silent auction again.

We had our usual abundance of baked goods, silver items, speakers, several papier mache animal head masks from Bob Bartalo, furniture from Phil & Paula Guibord. Edna Bernhard baked 2 cakes, Carole Gilbert donated one and Pat Friedrich baked many. Also donating many

items were: Richard Webster / Don Bevis, Gene Schreiber, a racing bike from the Vieiras, Sheila Werner, Larry Lyman, the Colvigs, Rick Welsh, Jim Matheß and Fred Burgess. Our friend Harry Powers again donated items of great worth. Harry lives off the Hill. Speaking of off the Hill, Jayne Stein, helped us for two full days.

Thank you auctioneers, Chuck Bay, Vance Colvig, Dennis Friedrich, Marvin Leff, Mark Schwartz, John Vieira and Nan Williams. We thank Bill Flatley for the use of his pick-up truck and the hours he helped us.

Art Lloyd built us a wonderful lecturn which we have needed for years. Thanks again, Art!

Our "treasure tables" were managed by

Gloria Leff, Tracy Miller, Karen Newman and Charlotte Vieira. Mildred Lord & Cheryl Pagliaro took care of the clothes racks. Mary Jackson and Sheila Werner registered guests and Francis Bay relieved them. Our hard working crew who are the movers and shakers were Jim Gillie, Brian Moore, Larry Lyman, Gene Schreiber, Dick Lewis, Tod Jonson, Art Lloyd, Don Bevis, Ed Balin, Jim Mathes, Bob Primes and Marvin Leff. Theo Primes & Richard Lovell were on hand again and are always amenable to do anything required of them. Our younger people helped so much and so well! Thank you Robin & Susan Ignico and Jill Friedrich. Jennifer Ignico and Erin Meno sweetened the atmosphere by just being there. Thank you Ken Gomes, Michael Kwasnowski, Bonnie Antosz, Mark Cujak and John Morse.

I do hope I've not forgotten to mention all of our diligent workers, please forgive if I did forget to name you.

Let's hope 1985 will be a bigger auction. Remember your Hill auction if you have something to donate. If it's too early in the year for contributing, call one of us, we may be able to find shelter for your item.

Thank you for donating, helping & buying & being there!

1984 PARTY

Gini Colvig, Whitley Terrace

"LORDS AND LADIES SOIREE"

Hark! 'twas a true soiree with the Lords & Ladies of Whitley Heights gathering for our 12th Hillside party celebrating

knowing one another! Most of us are aware that this annual festive event has done so much to solidify the members of our unique community and make it a paragon (and perhaps the envy) of other Hillside associations. Judging from phone calls & notes received, the party was a successful stroke. Kudos for the band and caterers of last year (with a sensational dinner!). We also were treated to a very special lunch prepared by Gloria Leff for the all day work crew. Thanks again Gloria.

Some of the costumes certainly worth mentioning: Peggy Weber McClory looked every inch a regally gorgeous lady in a black jeweled & beaded dress worn at one time by George Arliss' leading lady in a film of the early 1900's. Smashing! Which 'Lady' Barbara Lloyd was I don't know but it was noted that she has a Scarlett O'Hara sized waistline. A very elegant Lord Kitchner of Khartoum was Charles Bay and his Francis was distinctly a lady in mauve chiffon. Frances Whitfield's costuming stopped at a silk scarf acting as a sling for her newly broken wrist. 'Enceinte' Laurie Lipton-Schwartz was a super lady bug & a triplet of lady bugs (cleverly done) in the persons of Charlotte Vieira & two daughters, Kelly & Monica. Not a lord or lady but certainly royal were Caesar & Cleopatra 'played by' Verrill & Jim Granbery. Mildred Lord, you are always a lady and looked lovely. Burton Ray was...well...keeping cool??

We also had two "Ladies in Red" - Donna Kratter & Jayne Stein. Jayne, after working all day on party site, did some in depth costuming where one had to take a second or third look to see who it was!



recognized as one of the premier choral groups in California.

Season Tickets for three concerts to be held at the Wilshire Ebell Hall are now available for \$20.00 each.

Of interest to Whitley Heights-ites should be the fact that former president of our association Richard Stiles both performs as a member of the Chorale and is currently serving as President of the Chorale Board of Trustees. If you have any questions regarding the Chorale or season tickets, please call Dick Lewis at 851-1662.

TRAFFIC, TRANSPORTATION & EXCEDRIN

William Flatley, Whitley Avenue

Hollywood Police Department's Traffic Division (parking enforcement) has been reassigned to Santa Monica. The new officers in charge in Santa Monica are Captain Taylor Searcy (202-0716, ext. 553) and supervisor Betty Fulford. These new Traffic officers, in meetings with Whitley Heights stalwarts Brian Moore, Marvin Leff, and Charles Bay were most encouraging regarding signage and parking enforcement for Whitley Heights. Mr. Chappell (485-4282), Transportation Department, who is in charge of signage for this area, was also contacted.

It was stressed that replacement signs and parking enforcement on the Grace, Whitley and Iris entrances to Whitley Heights should be put into effect now. Closure is coming and with it other traffic adjustments for all local residents -- on an off the Hill. We are headed for a headache.

The good news is: all have promised help and cooperation. The bad news is: nothing much has happened yet. Since Traffic (enforcement) and Transportation (signs) are two different City departments, confusion is easy and results are unpredictable.

Indeed, probably the most significant hard news is that in January 1985, Traffic and Transportation will become just one department -- Transportation. At that time, traffic officers will be encouraged through "incentives" to give out more traffic tickets. Enforcement promises to be fierce and unforgiving. Consequently, signage, will probably be subject to ever changing abuse.

I think I'm having an excedrin.

NEWSLETTER

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AN APPRECIATION FOR OUR HONORARY LORDS AND LADIES

Tod Jonson, Whitley Terrace

CAROLINE ANDERSON heads the list and was a bright lady who helped a great deal in establishing WHCA. Her support in civic affairs helped establish some of the boundaries we now know as Hollywood. Passed away in January 1983.

JULIA BARRY is one of our Hill's most gifted artists. her paintings are highly prized among collectors, and until her retirement, she was one of WHCA's greatest hostesses, a fascinating lady with a spicy glint in her marvelous blue eyes. her lovely home won the 1984 "Beautiful Gardens and Landscaping Award" from WHCA's Historical committee.

KIM HILL moved away from us a few years ago and his Oregon hideaway seems very distant to us all. 6666 Whitley Terrace, under his ownership was a gathering place for culture, music, dinners, fun and companionship. His spirit still roams our Hill. There is no one who knew Kim who wouldn't welcome him home. He says he is happy pioneering Oregon. But without us how can that be?

BEA GREEN built a Rock of Gibraltar at 6711 Whitley Terrace. She and her husband molded this monument. She was a lady of great charm and background. Bea passed away many years ago, but I am sure Heaven has been altered to a Mediterranean motif to match the lovely one she left behind.

William Kent was a gentleman who, with his talented actress wife, Irene Tedrow, carved 6740 Milner Road into a palace of fine arts. His passing upset our future, but gave us time to focus on his wonderful gifts to the theatre and our historical surroundings.

MILDRED LORD brought a true sparkle to Whitley Heights when she arrived in 1939. Due to her husband's illness, the necessity for leaving our hill has caused an ache in our hearts. "Millie" has been a true backbone of love and dependability for each of us over these many years. Her new home in the Valley is too far away, Millie will always be our very own.

CAPTAIN VESEY O'DAVERON, actor and thorough theatre artist, married to a reknowned painter and artist, was a former resident of one of the first homes built in Whitley Heights, 2049 North Las Palmas. Veasy is currently resting from a serious illness. Remembered for his tremendous gift of gab and life, he wishes to be remembered now by all of us who shared his love for Whitley Heights. Please write to him, he cares and so do we.

Pat Friedrich was Valentino's old fan "The Lady in Black", & looked wonderful. Kevin Burbs - were you Lawrence of Arabia? Tod Jonson was a conservative Lord Greystoke, Mark Schwartz, a toughie, from "Lords of Flatbush" & wore his high school glasses & Andy Kratter was Lord Jim. Randy & Dawn Sprout were Gypsy Royals. Randy found his costume in Dawn's closet! Deep thought & creativity went into Laird Cagan's "King Tut" and Raquel's "Lady Luck" all made by Raquel Cagan. I didn't see a "Lady Bountiful" and where was the "Lady of Spain", Ektor Carranza in elaborate turn-about costume being "The Lord" in front & "Lady Di" in back.

We had special guests as usual: our councilwoman, Peggy Stevenson (who commented that dinner was exceptional), chief deputy Sylvia Yuster, Steve Catalano and Darlene Kuba, Councilman & Mrs. E. Bernardi, Christy & Steve McAvoy of Hollywood Heritage, Herb Berlin, Betty Fulford from our Hollywood Traffic Division and Douglas & Felicia Crawford from Access Controls.

This year as in other years, there were Board & Hill members (and friends who don't live up here) who can be counted upon to give of their time for pre-party preparations. Here I thank again, though never adequately enough, it seems, the Committee: Co-Chair Richard Lewis, Tod Jonson, Art Lloyd & Gene Schreiber. The Board members: Ed Balin, Brian Moore, Marvin Leff, Larry Lyman, Cheryl pagliaro, Art Lloyd, Don Bevis, Jim Gillie & Bob Primes (who took pictures at the party).

Hillmembers who are always ready to help most of the day: Richard Lovell, Candy Barnhart & Garth Wilson (also was kind enough to lend us half his garage for storage). Patti Faulkner & Sheila Werner helped days before the party and didn't they look nice Saturday eve? Jayne Stein, (friend off the Hill) worked all day. Ken Gomes, another friend, lent a hand where needed as did Roger Harmeyer, Terry West and Henning Schellerup were ready with their trusty pick-up trucks both Friday and Tuesday. Again we thank: Archie Sharp for lending his theatre lights, Candy Barnhart's umbrella table, Tod Jonson's huge tri-color flags, Nan Williams ever willingness to help as Theo Primes & Michael Kwasnowski.

Clean-up which is always a big let down after an evening of enjoyment, was handled efficiently by, the Gates', Brian, the Bartenders, Tod, Ed Balin, Henning, Cheryl, Jim Gillie, Garth Wilson, Bob Primes, Larry Lyman, Rich Lewis, Ken Gomes, Glen Nelson, The Schellerups, Gene

Schreiber, Candy Barnhart, Art Lloyd, Hermann Underwood, & Jayne Stein.

The heraldic shields at each table emanated from an idea of mine & completely designed by Tod Jonson with finishing touches of printing etc. by Richard Lewis.

Thank you all for attending we hope you had a fun evening, I know I did!

SOUND WALL SOUNDINGS

William Flatley, Whitley Avenue

Over the past ten years, many Whitley Heights residents have prodded CALTRANS for relief from Freeway-caused noise. Individually and collectively our huff and puff didn't faze them. Our latest efforts are going better.

Whitley Heights members, Caltrans Engineers, Senator Roberti's Assistant, and a Legislative Assistant all met and agreed to make another try at solving our sound wall needs. Many meetings followed. New sound readings have now been taken and several houses added to the "qualified" list. All sound readings (but one) were over the maximum. The project has now been deemed "cost effective" and is being reviewed by Caltrans Sacramento office.

We (Whitley Heights), Senator Roberti's office (Phyllis Holzman), and the Caltrans L.A. Office (Sadish Chander) are presently awaiting the results of that Sacramento review.

Many booby traps lie ahead and progress reports can backfire, but at the moment, all signs are "go."

Is that music I hear?

HOLLYWOOD MASTER CHORALE

Richard Lewis, Whitley Terrace

We all talk about revitalizing Hollywood and trying to bring it back to it's former glory, of attracting new businesses while still presenting the best of the past. Many of us work long and diligent hours to try and bring about these and other projects to make Hollywood again a vital and viable place to live and work. In all this we sometimes overlook the marvelous cultural aspects of Hollywood that exist today and which we should be encouraging and enjoying. Most of us on Whitley Heights are very aware of the Bowl and enjoy the events held there each summer, however there are other groups performing in our community that we should support. One of these is the Hollywood Master Chorale, an outstanding group of dedicated musicians led by Jan Pederson. Jan founded this group in 1980 and since then it has grown and become

Harold & Dioneia Chiaradia
6767 Whitley Terr.

Robert and Kristine Auletta
6658 Emmet Terr.

Welcome

WELCOME New Neighbors WELCOME

Joe Kendall
6854 Iris Circle

David Heckman
6526 Cerritos

Larry Ward
6835 Iris Circle

Chip Garamella
Kathy Broyles
6801 Iris Circle

Patrik Olson
6531 Iris Dr.

Duane Lenox
6717 Milner

Robert & Isabel Higgins
2064 Watsonia

Bruce Cohen
6826 Iris Circle

Tracey Miller
2008½ Whitley Ave.

Eric Furan
2237 Cahuenga

Nicholas & Raime Campbell
6757 Milner

James Pierce
Linda Breen
1979 Grace

Craig Russell
6680 Emmet Terr.

Donna & Andy Kratter
6662 Emmet Terr.

Marcy Bolotin
2018 Whitley Ave.

Roy Lee
2139 Fairfield

Tom Howard
6621 Whitley Terr.

Kelly & Jack Stucky
1979 Grace

Randy Simonian
6624 Whitley Terr.

Richard Gruner
Marie Beall
6610 Iris Dr.

Florence Pritikin
6697 Whitley Terr.

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WHITLEY HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

CRIME REPORT

Date of Incident: _____

Location: _____

Victim's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Circumstances of Incident: _____

Date Reported to Police: _____

Report Number: _____

Name of Investigating Officer: _____

The preparation and mailing of this Report to your Home-owner's Association (c/o your area representative) will assist our joint efforts to deter crime and to monitor law enforcement on our Hill.

The Association will follow up crime reports where appropriate by contacting the police and the prosecuting agencies.

Thanks for helping.

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