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Annual Meeting, Dinner &
Election of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

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Welcome to 2011.

We're at the start of another year with hopes and plans for good times—both personal and for the country. I'm looking forward to our future, but am also taking time think about our neighborhood's rich past. I love living in Chapman Woods; so many interesting, wonderful people and events. All of the seemingly endless stories I've heard range from inspiring to not-fit-to-print. We have titans of business, artists, top-notch teachers, doctors, lawyers, and actors living here. Did you know that Elizabeth Taylor briefly attended Willard School? Speaking of which, we've seen our share of other stars in Chapman Woods ready for their close-ups due to the filming that takes place around our streets and in our yards. For the past few years, revenue from filming (expertly collected by TOM RIKE) has helped fund our neighborhood events. As a bartender at most of them, I can confirm that you are enjoying the free martinis and glasses of wine! Our biggest event of the year is scheduled for February 9; it is our annual meeting and dinner that will be held at the San Gabriel Country Club. This year the dinner will be FREE (thanks again to filming revenue) for all reservations received by January 31. If you haven't attended an annual meeting, it's an elegant event that is also informative and important: we vote to elect our volunteer association Board of Directors for 2011. The board meets monthly to discuss the well-being of our community and how to improve it. You may not know that the Chapman Woods Association has been around since 1937 and is still going strong. Also, this publication has been continuously produced since 1939! Take a look at page 11 for a reprint of the very first issue.

I have enjoyed creating The Call for you for the past few years. I'll be handing-off the job to the new publisher member of the board who will bring his own vision to our neighborhood news. As time marches on we have a new year, with it, new ideas from a new board!

MICHAEL RUSZCZYNSKI, Publisher

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

Chapman Woods Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23, 2011

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More details soon!
Chapman Woods Block Representatives

Your Block Rep plays a vital communication role within our neighborhood and between neighbors. They are our messengers of printed neighborhood news and the Chapman Woods directory. They also relate any important information you may have to members of the Chapman Woods Association Board.

Do you know your Block Rep? If not, check the list below. Give your Block Rep a call or send them an e-mail letting them know what's going on in your "neck of the Woods."

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HAVE YOU TURNED OFF YOUR SPRINKLERS YET?
by GABI SACKS

Who else has turned off their sprinklers in November? If you have not done so because you are concerned about your plants drying out . . . put on a pair of flat shoes and walk on your grass. Is the grass spongy when you walk on it? Push a finger into the soil; if it is wet, you are over watering! Take our challenge: turn off your sprinklers and leave them off until late March or April. Pasadena will be enforcing a mandatory outdoor watering shut-down March 18–27. You will not be able to spot water with a hose or from the tap either. Don’t worry though, when we turned off our sprinklers last year our lawn and plants were fine and so were our neighbors yards that did the same thing. We’re also thrilled that our recent water bill was the lowest we have ever received in eleven years of living in Chapman Woods!
**Milestones**

**MARRIAGE & MORE**

JASEN MURPHY and STEPHANIE SWAILES of 3510 Thorndale Road were married on November 20, 2010 at San Marino Community Church. If that was not enough, JASEN and STEPHANIE are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a baby boy in May 2011. Last year was an exciting one for the couple and 2011 is shaping up to be even better!

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Modern technology brings many couples together. But on New Years Eve 2004, fate arranged a more traditional encounter. “We met the old-fashioned way—at a New Year’s Party” said JENNY HSU. DUKE TRAN, 32, a well-established financial wealth advisor and JENNY, 28, a talented graphic designer, found a lot to talk about that night. Their conversation that night felt so natural, it was as if they had known each other for years.

“DUKE was floating on air,” as JENNY would explain it. “He stuck to my side like a bee to honey!” “It was her smile” DUKE says, “and the sparkle in her eyes.”

They were both at crossroads in their lives. JENNY had just finished a degree at USC and was ready to share her talent with the world. DUKE had received a well-deserved promotion as vice-president and was being relocated. He wasn’t sure where, but they would soon find out it was to Arcadia, where JENNY was living. What a coincidence—Arcadia is where they met in 2004! Flash forward to the beginning of 2010. They decided to buy a house together. Not the most typical decision a couple would make before marriage, let alone an engagement, but they both knew what they wanted. They found the perfect home in Chapman Woods on Thorndale. After months of renovation, tons of sweat and hard work, they transformed the house to what they had envisioned as their dream home.

In December, JENNY went to Taiwan to visit her grandmother. She flew home the day before Christmas to be with DUKE. She was so excited about seeing him and spending their first Christmas together at the house. Little did she know what DUKE had in store for her: JENNY came home to find the house with all of the lights turned off, however, there was the flickering glow and aroma of her favorite candles. Rose petals were strewn everywhere. She followed the candle light and discovered a Christmas patio illuminated with white lights (which DUKE knew she had always wanted). In addition she saw more rose petals forming a heart on the floor in front of the fire in the fireplace. The center of the heart contained a package which she knelt to open and unraveled a black and white photo booth picture of DUKE holding up a different sign in each of the 4 exposures. The 1st picture’s sign read “Will”, 2nd picture: “You”: 3rd picture: “Marry” and the 4th picture “Me.” DUKE got down on one knee (it might have been both knees) and asked, “Will You?” and, of course, JENNY said “Yes!”

Today, they are nearly finished furnishing the house and will soon begin planning their wedding. JENNY has dreamed about having a backyard wedding; however, their yard is too small. They would like to find a backyard in the neighborhood to use for their wedding. So if you have any suggestions (or if you would like to offer your backyard) to help DUKE and JENNY fulfill their dream wedding, please email them at jennydesigns@gmail.com. JENNY HSU and DUKE TRAN live at 3546 Thorndale Road.

**Celebrations**

**SEIDLER “LITTLE CHRISTMAS”**

A family tradition in the SEIDLER home the during Christmas season includes reading HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW’s poem “The Three Kings” while reenacting the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem celebrating the birth of the infant JESUS.

**Passings**

**JANE YOUNG**

MARY-JANE YOUNG was a long-time resident of the Pasadena area, living in Chapman Woods for the past 30 years. She worked as a physical therapist until the late 1990’s and spent her retirement years here and in Lake Arrowhead. JANE was a block rep for many years and could often be seen walking her two golden retrievers around the neighborhood. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and her brother.

**JACK REBERRY**

One of the very long-time residents of Chapman Woods has died. JACK REBERRY lived here since 1952. He passed away on November 5, 2010 at the age of 81. He is survived by his brother, sister, daughter and grandchildren.

**Raymond Taix**

RAYMOND TAIX, whose Taix French Restaurant in Echo Park is among the oldest family-owned restaurants in Los Angeles, died in October 2010. Taix, who was 85, passed away at his home here in Chapman Woods.

RAYMOND TAIX began a six-decade long career in the restaurant business at age 23. By the early 1960s, he was the manager of the family restaurant, which was founded by his father, in 1927 on Commercial Street in downtown Los Angeles. When the block where the restaurant was located was bulldozed for new development, RAYMOND TAIX and other family members opened a new location on Sunset Boulevard in Echo Park in 1962. He was still actively involved with the restaurant up until just two weeks before he died.

He was kind and respectful manager as well as a savvy businessman. He deeply cared for the well-being of his employees throughout the toughest of times, both financially and during the serious neighborhood changes in Echo Park. Today there are still more than a dozen employees that have worked at the restaurant for more than 30 years, and two who have been there for almost 50 years.

RAY was a gentle giant and was loved by everyone in this community also. He loved to walk his dog every day while having conversations with neighbors.

He is survived by his wife TONI, his son MICHAEL, and five grandchildren.

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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Chapman Woods residents turned out in record numbers to mingle with old friends and new neighbors at the annual Chapman Woods Holiday Party on December 5. The beautifully decorated traditional home of host and hostess, KENNY and MARY LUND, was a perfect setting for the occasion and the LUND children delighted everyone by singing Christmas carols. WOW's were again in charge of organizing the party, with a committee chaired by MARIA DAMARIO and RIMA KARASARKISIAN. Everyone agreed that residents had outdone themselves in bringing scrumptious appetizers to share. Thanks to the Board for providing the beverages and yummy desserts.

Effective immediately, magazines for donation to the Pasadena Senior Center should be delivered to CONNIE KOFahl at 3526 Grayburn Road. A million thanks to ROSEMARY DILLS who for many years diligently gathered up the donated magazines and saw that they were delivered to the Senior Center.

The WOW-WOW'S celebrated the holidays at the home of SALLY BIRGE and enjoyed a house completely filled with unique decorations (e.g. approximately 200 angels, 40 jeweled trees, and other festive items too many to count). SALLY says it takes her two full days to decorate! She happily served wine, champagne and pomegranate Martini's and heavy appetizers consisting of poached salmon, spinach patties, curry log, shrimp, and a fabulous torta. Oh yes, there were homemade rum cake and cookies!

The next gathering will be February 27th for the annual Academy Awards party. Start planning which movie star you'll attempt to dress like. The ladies can't forget the year little AMY CALLISTER stuck a pillow under her T-shirt and came as the pregnant star of the film Juno!

The WOW-WOW's is a group of about 20 women who live alone in Chapman Woods. So if this describes you, we would love to see and welcome new faces. Just call SALLY BIRGE. She will even pick you up, bring you to the events, and guarantee a great time!

A new member, JACKIE MILLS, who lives on Mountain View, recently joined the group. JACKIE declares she enjoys the diversity and interests of the ladies and can't wait to share another evening.

WOW-WOW'S NEWS & EVENTS

WOW's held their December meeting at the elegantly decorated home of CHARLOTTE SCHULTZ. At the brief business meeting WOW's confirmed that this year's Association charitable donation would be to Ability First. WOW's then enjoyed a delicious champagne holiday brunch served up by a committee of accomplished WOW cooks. MICHAEL RUSZCZYNISKI, our resident Renaissance man provided the musical treats.

WOW's are looking forward to the first get-together of 2011 on the second Tuesday of February, program and location to be announced in January. WOW meetings are free and all residents are welcome. To be added to the mailing list and join in the friendship, fun and community service, call SALLY BIRGE.

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MORE PICTURES FROM THE 2010 ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

GOOD READS
by CONNIE KOF AHL

Here are three books that I would recommend for enjoyable general reading.

FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA, by Sarah Rose, is about the East India Trading Company in China and India. The main topic concerns the triangle of trade that led to the Opium Wars.

INHERITANCE by Sackville West—This read is about the stately home Knole in Great Britain and the Sackville family.

THE LACUNA, by Barbara Kingsolver centers on Diego Rivera, magical realism, and Mexican history. It won the Orange Book award.

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL ADVENTURE
by PHYLLIS SPECHT

An article in the Sunday paper combined with a proposed art excursion encouraged us to take a train ride. Even though we have travelled quite extensively, we decided this was a bit complicated for us to plan, so the first time we used an Auto Club Travel Agent. So glad we did! We visited the agent in June only to learn that the October train accommodations we wanted at the dates we needed were completely booked! The agent was as surprised as we were. Seems a lot of people travel by train. She was really persistent and finally got us a “roomette” with the bathroom down the passage. This was arrangement was $600 less per person than the bedroom we thought we wanted. It worked very well. Our travel companions did not seem to be on the same schedules we were. Since I had never driven across country, and CHET’s last trip was on a troop train, we were truly impressed with the vastness of the landscape and the magnitude of the unpopulated areas. We took the Southwest Chief crossing Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri. We stopped for a long weekend to meet our PALS from Pasadena Arts League in Kansas City. We were all amazed at the world-class art museums, The NELSON ATKINS and the KIMBLE plus the WWI Museum. We got back on the train to travel through Missouri, Iowa and Illinois to reach Chicago. We spent several days in that great city seeing more art and the Shed Aquarium. We then boarded the California Zephyr to travel through Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and Northern California, ending in Sacramento.

These routes follow the trails of the covered wagon pioneers. While the scenery was often breathtaking, we were amazed at the difficulty of the terrain, especially in the Sierra Nevada’s were the Donner Party was stalled and starved for five months. Close to the Donner encampment is Bear Valley where all the wagons had to be disassembled and lowered by block and tackle down the steep canyon wall, animals and people got the same treatment. No one explained what happened to the last guy at the top of the cliff!

It was a great travel adventure. If you want a good laugh, try to picture either CHET or me getting into the top bunk! I did it going and he did it coming. I will say who ever designed those top bunks, never got into one. There is nothing to hang on to needed for the extra boost that gets one up top! These trains both swayed and jerked a lot at times, so there is a webbed tape device that hooks into the roof to keep one from falling out. Getting up to bathroom in the middle of the night was a special challenge. I awoke one night with CHET’s foot pushing into my stomach!

We detrained in Sacramento as there are not good connections coming south. We also thought the train might be late...it was, but only 15 minutes. While there we managed to visit the CROCKER MUSEUM, which has just reopened after renovation and a fabulous contemporary addition. Good stuff. We flew home really satisfied with our train travel adventure.

YES! We would take this trip again. However, by the time we get around to it I doubt either of us could make it up to the top bunk!

DON’T PAY TO HAVE YOUR CURB PAINTED!

During the summer of 2009 and early into the year of 2010, and house numbers on the curbs in the neighborhood were repainted by two of our young residents who had been hired by the Chapman Woods Board. Within a few weeks of the completion of the job, an group that called themselves ‘Save the Children’ obtained a permit from the county to re-do any curb painting and to collect $20 from each resident for the service. Although members of the Board made calls on the behalf of the neighborhood the painting went on and many residents unfortunately paid the requested fee.

Chapman Woods residents should be aware that the Board chose to have the numbers painted because of the poor quality of work done by fly-by-night groups that come into the neighborhood for a profit. There is no control by the County concerning the type of group or the quality of the work. The County simply issues a permit to a group if the date of the previous permit is over one year old. The only way to stop these groups is for Chapman Woods residents to refuse to pay the outside groups’ fees. Your Chapman Woods Board is committed to maintaining professional looking curb markings.

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