



Winter Newsletter 2012



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TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON...

a time for love, a time for joy,
 a time for peace and goodwill to all...
 a time to reflect, a time to respect,
 a time to celebrate the holidays
 with family and friends...
 a time for all the hopes
 and dreams we hold dear,
 for all the special days
 and for the new year,
 a time to say thank you for all
 of our blessings,
 for our neighbors and friends,
 for homes worthy of nesting,
 and in particular a time
 to forward our vision,
 for generosity, commitment,
 integrity, and optimism...



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 mele Kalikimaka, Nadelek lowen, Feliz Navidad, Mazel tov,
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Happy New Year!!!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!



By Toni Kimball

Fur & Feathers sends its best for you and yours, and hope you have a very wonderful holiday season. As always, I've included our annual "Holiday Treat Recipes" we hope everyone enjoys them.

CATS: EGGSTACY



1 tbsp olive oil 2 tbsp milk
1 egg 1/4 cup grated cheese

Put the oil in a small frying pan and place over a low heat. Beat the egg and milk together. Once the oil looks medium-hot, slowly pour in the mixture, then gently agitate with a wooden spoon, ensuring the mixture doesn't start to fry. Add the grated cheese to the mixture, and fold over the edges when firm. Cook until quite hard, cool, then cut into bite-sized pieces.

DOGS: HEALTHY DOG TREATS

From THREE DOG BAKERY - MAKES 12 DOG BISCUITS

What You Need:	1/2 cup whole wheat flour	2 tsp baking	2 organic eggs
	1/2 cup all-purpose flour	1/2 tsp salt	1/4 cup minced mint
	1 cup oats	1/4 cup butter	1/4 cup minced parsley
	3/4 cup cornmeal	1/4 cup peanut, almond or	cookie cutters (large or small)
	1/4 cup brown sugar	cashew butter	cookie sheet

What To do:



1. In bowl, whisk dry ingredients.
2. In separate bowl, beat butter with peanut butter; beat in eggs, 1 at a time.
3. Stir in flour mixture, mint and parsley to make soft dough.
4. Divide in half; wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.
5. On lightly floured surface, roll out dough to 1/2-inch thickness.
6. Using cookie cutter, cut out shapes.
7. Arrange cookie sheet.
8. Bake at 325°F until golden and firm, 35 to 40 minutes.
9. Transfer to rack; let cool.

BIRDS: BUDDY BARSBY NATALIE

1 ripe banana	1/3 cup chunky applesauce
1 1/2 cups (approx) Cheerios type cereal	1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
1 egg (shell and all, cleaned)	1/3 cup raisins (optional)



Place the Cheerios in a ziplock baggie and crush with a rolling pin - ONLY SLIGHTLY (enough to be broken into small pieces, not pulverized into dust!). Mash the banana well in a large bowl and add all the other ingredients, stirring well. Spoon into a lightly greased 8 or 9 inch square pan and bake for about 45 minutes at 300 degrees. Allow to cool and cut into bars, depending on your bird's size.

HOME TOUR

By Sandy DeAngelis
Home Tour Chair

Last year, about this time, we were scrambling for homes and gardens to put on display at our annual Floral Park Home and Garden Tour.



Well, it's begging time again. We need your help...urgently. As of this writing we've identified only two homes and one garden to feature in the 21st Annual Home and Garden Tour, to be held Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28. We typically have six homes and three or so gardens available for visitation. As most of you know, we rotate the Home Tour between the areas north and south of Santa Clara and this year the south will be on display. Of course, the lucky homeowners on Santa Clara get to participate every year!

So, this is my annual plea for you to make a contribution to this neighborhood's biggest blowout of the year. Not only is it significant in building community here in Floral Park, it's also an important source of support for both neighborhood beautification and charitable donations.

And, your giving contributes mightily to the entire neighborhood, giving back to our larger community in many ways. Some examples are: five scholarships to Santa Ana students awarded annually; beautification efforts such as plantings at neighborhood entrances and the relatively new median at Flower and Riverside/North Park; our distinctive street signs that set the neighborhood apart; playground equipment at Fisher Park; and the creation of Sarah Mae Downie Park. In addition, proceeds have provided significant support for many area organizations including Santiago Elementary School, the Bowers Museum, Discovery Science Center, the Kidseum, the Wooden Floor, the Santa Ana Police and Fire Departments, the Wise house, and many more. That's not to mention the significant contributions to the neighborhood's social functions throughout the year.

As I meet potential residents seeking out a home, I am always struck by how many were first exposed to Floral Park through the Home and Garden Tour. It truly adds value to each and every one of your homes.

Just as a reminder, this year's tickets will be available for presale at \$25 and on the days of the Tour for \$30, the same price we've charged for several years. Hours of the Tour are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Besides the homes and gardens, we always put on a grand event of food, vintage cars, and the handiwork of some 50 to 70 vendors who offer all manner of arts and crafts, antiques, and other delights. We'll be graced as usual by the Families of Floral Park lemonade stand, a superb variety of food, particularly our delicious hot dogs from Jerry's. And, be sure to tell anyone you know who will be coming that we have a special arrangement to park in the Rancho Santiago Community College District parking lot at Broadway and Santa Clara. It's an easy stroll to the nearest ticket booth. And, besides, they'll be able to remember where they parked!

So, let's get cracking out there, folks. We're entering our third decade of the Tour and the best is yet to come. We need you to step up to the plate and hit a home run. Speaking of home runs, perhaps by Home Tour our Angels will be in first place!

Helping for the Holidays

Thanks to the success of the 2012 Home Tour, FPNA was able to extend \$5,000 in scholarships to students from Santa Ana High School and Santa Ana College earlier this year. Additionally, FPNA contributed another \$6,000 in charitable donations to local organizations doing good works, including contributions of \$500 each to Santiago Elementary School, The Wooden Floor, Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts School, WISE Place, Discovery Science Center, Mercy House, Southwest Community Center, Taller San Jose, Latino Health Access, CASA, F.A.C.E.S., and the Santa Ana Historical Society.

To continue the spirit of giving to others, the Sponsorship Committee is organizing additional community outreach to help over the Holidays. Like last year, FPNA is again soliciting donations this holiday season for WISEPlace, which will be collected and distributed prior to Christmas. There are many ways to help this organization:

- **TREASURES:** New items purchased for *Holiday Presents* for the residents: Purses, wallets, bus passes, sweaters, gloves & hats, umbrellas, jackets, sweatshirts, facial cleanser, nail care sets, pens, stamps, slippers, socks, warm pajamas, bath robes, hair dryers, perm kits, watches, shower shoes, alarm clocks, prepaid phone cards, necklaces, earrings, scarves, and gift certificates (Target, Wal-Mart). They also appreciate: gently used clothing for job interviews, suitcases, linens for single beds, and light bulbs.

WisePlace asked us not to wrap gifts as they are sorted and matched with an appropriate resident by the Case Manager. Ages vary from 18-75 years old. Sizes vary from 2 through 3X.

- **TIME:** Individuals or companies can also offer time to do handy work around the facility, like termite wood repair, exterior wood door painting, and repair of lobby canister lights, etc.
- **TOUR:** There may be other ways to help. Feel free to visit and tour the facility and see first-hand how special this facility is and what you or your family can do to pitch in and help.

NEED A TAX DEDUCTION?

Did you know that Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization? This means that donations to FPNA may be tax deductible for those itemizing their deductions*. There are many ways to donate that would be mutually beneficial and would be greatly appreciated by the neighborhood. For example, you could sponsor another student scholarship, perhaps one designated for a specific Floral Park student, or in memory of a loved one. Or you can contribute to or underwrite a specific project (neighborhood beautification, historical preservation, social activities, etc.) The FPNA welcomes contributions in any amount. For more information, or to make a charitable donation, please contact the FPNA Sponsorship Committee, c/o Julie Humphreys, Chairperson (714) 658-0880.

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Some visits with old friends, so to speak, as well as a general guide to "enjoying the oenology of the holidays" is in store this time.

Updates about a couple of restaurant "friends" we've visited over the past couple or three years:

I Daniel Godinez of **Anepalco's** on Main Street in Orange has opened a second place by the same name at the Ayres Hotel on Chapman just across from the UCI Medical Center. Whereas the original is only open for breakfast and lunch, the new facility also serves dinner and has perhaps four to five times the seating capacity as the original. The famed chilaquiles and my favorite, huevos divorciados, are on the menu.

I We had the chance for a recent joint family birthday celebration to revisit Jason Quinn and his gang at the **Playground** in downtown Santa Ana. Since it was kind of a gala occasion for ten guests, we decided to go whole hog. I meant that literally. We ordered a whole hog. Well, a suckling pig, anyway. What a blast.

Sandy and I were there a few months back with some old friends from the neighborhood, Tom and Joan Klammer, when we saw a large table nearby being served a freshly roasted suckling pig. We both told ourselves that on the next big occasion that would be us.



So, I made reservations a couple of weeks ago, putting in a special order for roast suckling pig. You might say that the price was high at \$250, but when you spread that across a party of ten (we could have easily fed 15), the per-person cost is fairly reasonable as fine dining expenses are concerned. And, since you can bring your own wine, it almost seems like a bargain. We added some of Jason's signature dishes, the seasonal Brussels sprouts being foremost, and we had a feast on our hands.

If you've got a special occasion coming up, go for it. When will you ever have a whole roast suckling pig again in your entire life? Particularly in a place where you can show off? Nothing wrong with that, if you ask me.

I Now, on a totally different topic...

I was just reading an article in Wine Spectator last evening in which the writer was taking a look at his 40 years' experience with California's wine regions, particularly Napa and Sonoma. It occurred to me that I, too, have about 40 years' experience with wine, beginning just before I came to California.

Most folks of my generation came to wine via the path of Mateus Rose, Lancer's (both Portuguese) and Blue Nun (German), all in iconic bottles associated with their origins. Eventually, as I became more familiar with California's array of offerings, the repertoire expanded to Gallo's Hearty Burgundy (after all, I was on a graduate student's budget) and such labels as Christian Brothers, Inglenook, and Almaden.

Today, our tastes have matured, both personally and as a market, to include a much richer and diverse panoply of wines that would have simply staggered a typical 1970s customer. The availability of the world's wines at almost any outlet today is pretty phenomenal when you think about it.

But, as with art, one truism has always been paramount: beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Good wine is what you like – nothing more, nothing less.

So, as we are in the midst of the holiday season, what advice can my forty years of wine consumption offer you? Not much. That's why I'm going to offer it!

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Let's look at some "rules":

Price reflects quality. That's true, but it's not a linear function at all. A ten-dollar wine is not twice as good as a five-dollar wine. A \$100 wine is definitely not ten times better than the aforementioned ten-dollar bottle. But, while wines are typically better at higher prices, this is no direct correlation. Sometimes, fame overcomes quality. Remember, life is not static and neither are the values of wine.

White wine with fish, red wine with meat., But what about turkey? Experts say pinot noir, not the bold wines of cabernet sauvignon or shiraz. But, you know what? Experts probably won't be at your dinner table this holiday season. Perhaps lots of self-described experts will be but it's rare to find a real one among the crowd. So, you get to choose. If you want Two-Buck Chuck with your fancy holiday meal, more power to you. If you want to show off with a 1972 Stag's Leap Cask 23, more power to you, too. It's your party, not theirs.

Any wine of value must be aged for a decade or more. Nonsense. Do you know that one estimate suggests that between 70 and 90 percent of wine is consumed within 24 hours of its purchase? I can attest to this. I have 100 or more bottles being aged in my cellar, and I put more in than I take out. However, easily 98 percent of wine consumed at our house arrived there in the preceding two weeks at most. And, trust me, age on that wine wouldn't make much of a difference anyway!

The bottom line is that you get to enjoy wine however you like it.

And, speaking of what we could find in the 1970s, not only have the products evolved but so have the merchants. These days, you have so many choices of excellent stores to provide you almost any wine imaginable. If they don't have it, chances are they can find it for you.

Where do I shop? Oh, about everywhere. But, here are some great choices:

Costco sells more premium wine than any chain in the nation. Selection is not strong, but the quality of the choices is excellent. I rarely pass up a purchase or two of something from their shelves... OK, make that a purchase of six.

Trader Joe's, the classic of Southern California gourmet food on a budget, has its stable of very good, predictable labels. I particularly like their Amarone, most affordable, as well as a hard-to-find Sagrantino de Montefalco, a wine of Umbria we found on a trip there five or six years ago. Of course, TJs specializes in own-label wines in a variety of price ranges. I can trust their judgment and here, price, is an excellent guide to quality. Plenty of TJ has gone down at our house.

Total Wine provides perhaps the widest variety of wines in this region. The closest store is in Tustin, next to the Best Buy and REI stores. My British friend who has been in the retail side of the wine business for about 40 years happened to be visiting the night the store opened a few years back. He pronounced it the best wine shop he had ever been in. That was enough for me and I find it a real asset to the wine consumer.

But, there are some long-time establishments of which I am particularly fond. The first is Wine Exchange in Orange at the very northern end of the Villages of Orange. This store is the one I kind of grew up on. It's very well-informed and helpful staff make the shopping experience a real pleasure. In addition, there are wine tastings and what I would call classes every weekend. The selection is logically arranged and you'll not be intimidated in the least.

Hi-Times Wine Cellars is a jewel tucked away behind a strip mall in Costa Mesa (250 Ogle Street is the address). I love to walk the cellar, located down a wandering ramp that passes the wine bar that opens in the afternoons with hours varying by the day of the week. Check their website for specifics. But don't miss a meandering through that cellar. There's nothing in the area to match it.

The Wine Club is Santa Ana's entry into this sweepstakes. I love their motto: "Not really a club . . . no snobs allowed." Let's face it, what could be more Santa Ana than that, although they do have stores in San Francisco and Santa Clara. I guess they only locate in "San" cities. When I visited their former location nearby its current one, I found it informal, with aisles created by boxes stacked on the floors. The selections are quite good and the location can't be beat. Just down the 55 to the McFadden exit and, voila, you're there. What could be easier?

All of these last three also have a very large on-line business. So, visit their websites to see what they have available. The variety is exciting and inviting.

So, now, there's no excuse to be anything but a connoisseur of the fruits of the vine from pretty good to fine. This holiday, stretch yourself, and maybe your budget, for some new experiences. While I have advised you to be comfortable with your own tastes, you owe it to yourself to find some new "friends" in the wine world. There is always something to learn in this world.

After all, what else can give you an appreciation of gastronomy, chemistry, business, geography, history, agriculture and sociology other than wine? Right there in that one bottle lies the story of human experience. So, carpe diem, or is that carpe lagunculam?

MEMBERSHIP

By Jessica Carr and Joy Rideout
Membership Co-Chairs

Current donations are \$10,870 with only 160 households contributing. Remember: You are already a member of this neighborhood just by the fact that you live here. But the money we raise during the year is not membership dues but rather a donation that pays for the administration of the neighborhood association. Please consider a donation no matter how small to keep our neighborhood association running smoothly and providing funding to improve communication. The Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. Contributions are deductible under state and federal law to the extent applicable (consult your tax professional for advice).

Our next and final Neighborhood Mixer for 2012 will be held at the Home of Karyn and Jim Cripps on December 9th from 3-6. They will be opening up their absolutely amazing garage (yes, their garage) as well as their backyard cantina. Just bring a small dish to share and be prepared to have a fabulous time. The address is 2341 N. Riverside Drive.

And, as always, if we have missed your donation, or misspelled your name or left your partner's name off of the Contributing Households below, we will get that corrected immediately.

Thanks again for making the 2012 Membership drive a success!

Jess and Joy
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Two-Wheel Zen: The Call of the Open Road

I am an avid long distance motorcyclist. I have been riding for 16 years and started when I was 48. You can do the math. People I meet ask "WHY do you ride?" Some ask to understand why a seemingly sane person is so tragically reckless. Others ask to answer their real question, "Is motorcycling for me?" That's how I got started.

I spent most of my life seeing co-workers, acquaintances and strangers that rode as oddly different risk-takers. There was no appeal in riding. Why would anyone voluntarily expose himself to such a hazardous activity?

One warm spring Saturday, Giovanna, two of our friends and I decided to do something out of the ordinary. We drove out to Cook's Corners for lunch under the oak trees and look at the dozens of motorcycles parked there and rub shoulders with the bikers. We felt oddly out of place in our jeans, sneakers and cotton shirts as we left the car and walked in. We were walking into the midst of a bunch of bad-assed, black leather, red bandana biker dudes and their girl friends. We hoped it wouldn't be too dangerous. It was, after all, in broad daylight, right?

What we encountered was a friendly and open group of people very much like ourselves enjoying something that they truly loved to do. Idle chatter in the shade of the trees. Having lunch and a cold beer with friends. Exchanging riding stories. Sharing advice on customizing their bikes. Laughing over an off-color joke. Much more of a gentle vibe than a threatening vibe. True fellowship. Wow.

We talked to a middle-aged couple. He was a lawyer and she was a schoolteacher. Well, they must be an exception we thought. But they weren't. We soon realized we were in the midst of typical OC folks from Lake Forest and Newport and Santa Ana. Go figure.

A few months later Giovanna and I were vacationing in Vermont. Early one evening we were walking down the sidewalk of a small town on our way to dinner. A motorcycle pulled up to the curb carrying two people. They pulled off their helmets to reveal a sixty-something married couple. They had ridden all the way up from their home in New Jersey. They left home that morning. "New Jersey!?" we asked. No big deal they said. They were long distance riders. They had been riding together for 40 years. They loved riding. Now I was intrigued and began asking my question, "Is motorcycling for ME?" I soon knew that I wanted to find out.

A few months later I bought a used motorcycle. Trips around Santa Ana and Orange eventually became trips to Big Bear and Santa Barbara and San Diego. Giovanna joined me on my bike from the very beginning. We have enjoyed motorcycling together ever since.

Today, so many years later, I can't imagine my life without motorcycling as a large part of it. I chair the Southern California Motorcycling Association that provides long distance riding events in California and throughout the United States. I normally enjoy 2 or 3 day-long rides a month somewhere in Southern California. And, there is always an excuse to get the bike out to run a chore or attend a meeting.

My yearly big adventure is the annual Three Flags Classic Motorcycling Tour. Every year a starting point, route and finishing point are selected, taking us from near the Mexican border to Canada. 250 riders from all over North America meet at the selected starting hotel. Over an extended Labor Day weekend, we travel 2000 miles coursing through the Western and Rocky Mountain States using US, state and county highways. Checkpoints along the way keep us on track. We stay at motels along the way. For 2012 we started in El Paso and traveled through the mountains and Alpine valleys of New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia. We rode over 12000' Independence Pass near Aspen. We traveled across Lake Kootenay in BC on an open-air ferry. On the fourth day we ended deep in Canada and spend a couple of nights relaxing and celebrating our collective experiences in a lakeside resort in Nelson, BC.

What impresses me every year are the ages of the other Three Flags Classic riders. Most are in their 50s, 60s and 70s. The oldest male and female riders are typically over 80. Some riders have been on this annual event 25 or 30 times.

Giovanna has been with me most of the twelve times I have been on the ride. It is a magic time for the two of us. The sights and experiences and people we encounter during the two weeks we are on the road are very special. Our world is simultaneously as big as the vistas we witness and as small as two people on a single motorcycle. We are together and in close contact 24-hours a day while very far from the familiar walls of our home and the faces of the people we love. It provides us focus that is so hard to maintain while living our crazy lives.

Riding is freedom, adventure and community. It is an un-filtered 360-degree view of the world around us. We have been at the top of the world in Colorado and most of Pacific Coast Highway from San Diego to Powell River, BC. I have made friends in Madawaska, Kamloops, Colorado Springs and Summerfield. I have sat on a rusty motel patio chair drinking Busch half-quarts handed to me by a Wyoming cowboy in Livingston. I have been on the Prince Rupert to Port Hardy ferry with my bike safely secured below on the vehicle deck. Like Johnny Cash, I've been everywhere man.

Long distance riding is all of that, plus tough days that occasionally challenge every shred of my will and stamina. Desert afternoons of 110 degrees. Mountain mornings of 35 degrees. During our riding years we have faced 10 hours of driving rain, hail, howling crosswinds and riding directly into a blinding rising or setting sun.

All of this adds up to the best of life-changing adventures. These are the reasons I (and we) return to riding year after year.

One day I hope to be the oldest Three Flags Rider.



By Blake Anderson



PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

By Mark McLoughlin, FPNA President

Oh! What fun it is to ride: In a one-horse open sleigh.

Our Floral Park sleigh arrives with "Jingle Bells" ringing on Sunday, December 16th for our Holiday Party. If you have missed these gatherings this is the year to plan on coming to share a cup of hot chocolate and good cheer.

We have some big thanks to give to group of neighbors who have worked on our FPNA board over the years and are retiring this year.

Linda Schulte joined the board 12 years ago as Secretary and has been our "Historian of all things Floral Park". Through Linda's creative leadership, the Floral Park Website and Newsletter have evolved as a key communication products, keeping the neighborhood alerted with latest neighborhood news, events and activities throughout the surrounding neighborhoods and city. In addition, Linda has been the marketing support for the Annual Home Tour. We thank Linda for the exhaustive hours of labor and love over the last twelve years.

Julie Humphreys, was a key leader in forming our Floral Park Neighborhood Association in 1994-1995. Julie has been involved throughout the years if it was a Freedom Fest celebration on Ross St. or helping an ill neighbors plant their front yard. In 2010 she joined the board again as Secretary and then became the Sponsorship 1st Vice President working with Santa Ana non-profits and schools for the distribution of the FPNA donations. Thank you Julie for the five years of board service.

Janelle McLoughlin joined the board for two years 1995-1996 as Treasurer then President. In 2010-2012 Janelle came back to the board as 2nd Vice President. Some of the projects Janelle has initiated and championed are the vintage street signs, Sarah Mae Downy Park, the existing entrance monuments, reforestation and permit parking. Janelle thank you for five years of service.

Jessica Carr, was the Social Co-Chair in 2009-2010 and organized the first Chile Cook-off. As Co-Chair of Membership with Joy Ridout in 2012 new neighbors were greeted and welcomed with "New Neighbor Mixers". Can you believe the first new neighbor mixer was in 1996 when Nancy Feldman thought it would be fun to invite new neighbors over for a Sunday afternoon. Thank you Jessica and Joy for the years of service.

Alex Hart, joined the board as Secretary in 2011. The detail and thoughtful care he has contributed to our board has been a privilege to work with him. Working with Linda Schulte, Alex has digitally converted all board reports and minutes so they can be viewed online by the all. Thank you so much Alex for all your hard work and service to the board for the last two years.

Linda Nelessen was on the board in 2007 as 2nd Vice President and in 2012 she joined the board again as Treasurer. Linda is a CFO by day and our FPNA Treasurer by night and weekends. With great pride the accounting system and standing rules instituted by Linda are a shining example to other 501c3 neighborhood associations. From insurances to taxes Linda has established a stellar accounting system for our Association. Thank you Linda for the years of service.

Cassie Shine and Jamie Simon were the duo Social team for 2012. From great flyers announcing the events to every detail taken care our FPNA events have been outstanding. The Freedom Fest had entertainment for all ages and bringing back the Fall Heliotrope Concert with a band that was loved by everyone were just a few of their accomplishments. Thank you for making these events such a success. Thank you for your service this year.

Personally I thank you for the honor of serving you as President from 2007-2012.

I am proud to have worked with so many great volunteers that have dedicated their time to build a sense of "neighborhood" with our social events, the Home Tour and most important the philanthropic work our association is able to contribute for our Santa Ana Community, as well as, continued educational support for Santa Ana Unified School District and Santa Ana College students.

It has been a pleasure to represent the Floral Park Neighborhood to outside entities, local businesses, other neighborhood association and work with city officials for the improvement our neighborhood.

Just think it was in 2006 I got a call from Judy Johnson who said Mark would you join me on the FPNA Board and be my Co-Chair for Social. Thank you Judy for extending that invitation.

As you know each year all board positions are open for those who would like to join and provide leadership for our wonderful neighborhood. This year we have a number of key positions open and I look to you my neighbor to step forward.

Happy Holiday and Thank You



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Eat Your Vegetables

By Wanda Marrero

"Eat your vegetables!" I can still hear my mother telling me this.

I was brought up on meat, potatoes and mushy vegetables. Looking back, I probably would have eaten them if she did not over cook them. I guess she did not know that she was cooking all of the good nutrients and vitamins out of them. But that was back in the '50s.

Today, we all know to include more fruit and vegetables in our diets. We are happy to have a new restaurant downtown that serves a vegetarian, raw and vegan gourmet cuisine using organic veggie, seeds and sprouted grains. All dishes are prepared using a method that does not cook dishes over 118 degrees. Hence their name, Au NatuRaw Organic Garden Eatery.

Owners, Marchell and RJ are currently serving lunches and plan to expand to dinners soon. Try their lasagna. Layers of vegetables, not noodles. They also prepare desserts sometimes using dates or honey, never sugar. They are just naturally sweet.

You really must try this new way of eating and preparing foods. Believe me, once you have, you will be back for more!

Au NatuRaw Organic Garden Eatery
206-A Broadway
714 227-3944

aunaturaw.com

Assistance League of Santa Ana

Kay Housley,
Neighbor in West Floral Park

We are located on First Street – between Olive and Baker – just down Flower Street. We are a 501(c)(3) – we have a Thrift Store, Dental Center, and a Head Start on our Campus.

In 1937, Mrs. James Irvine decided to change her card group of friends to a philanthropy group. Her good friend was Mrs. Banning, who formed the National Assistance League.

Each year, our programs give low-cost dental care, uniforms and school supplies to over 2000, 100 eyeglasses and exams, and 22 college scholarships to students of Santa Ana Schools.

We are always looking for volunteers; and of course, we need rummage for the Thrift Store (we have a truck to pick up large items).

This coming March 16th, at the Santa Ana Country Club, we are celebrating our 75th anniversary with a special event. Tickets for the luncheon and vintage fashion show are \$75.00. Everyone is welcome.

Please visit our website for more information, give us a call, or come by and see our wonderful facilities and shop in our store.

1037 W. First Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
714.664.0547
www.assistkids.org

CALENDAR 2012

DEC

- 4 FPNA General Meeting & Elections,
7 p.m. at Rancho Santiago College Meeting Room
- 9 Neighborhood Mixer, 3-6 p.m., Jim and Karyn Cripps'
Cantina and Garage Extraordinaire, 2341 N. Riverside Dr.
- 11 FPNA Board Transition Meeting, 7 p.m., 2121 N. Victoria Dr.
- 16 Floral Park Holiday Party, 3-7 p.m.

JAN

- 8 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2215 N. Victoria Dr.
- 15 Home Tour Committee Meeting, 2121 N. Victoria Dr., 7 p.m.

FEB

- 5 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2473 Riverside Dr.
- 13 Home Tour Committee Meeting, 2121 N. Victoria Dr., 7 p.m.

Visit www.floral-park.com for updates!



2013 Year of the Snake 新年快乐 (xīn nián kuài lè)

LOST/FOUND PETS

What to do if your pet is missing. (Please know that it is illegal in the City of Santa Ana to post signs on lampposts, trees or other public property.)

- Call or visit Animal Control.
- Canvass the neighborhood with friends and treats.
- Search online. There are several online pet finding services; Pet Finder, Fido Finder and Sherlock Bones to name a few.
- Leave food and water out in your yard in case your pet comes home on his/her own. Do not leave food and water out on a regular basis - it attracts coyotes, raccoons and feral animals which can harm our pets.
- Make sure your pet is wearing a name tag with your cell phone number on it vs. your home number. Chances are you will be out looking for your pet and not in your home.
- Email a description and one jpeg image of your pet to fpnews@floral-park.com. For lost pets, please include the pet's name, sex and breed information. For found pets, please indicate where the animal was found.
- Sign-up to receive our lost/found pet notifications via the FPNA E-mail list.



TREASURER'S REPORT

FLORAL PARK YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL

	2012 Budget	Year To Date Actual
GENERAL FUND:		
<u>Beginning Funds as of 01 01-12</u>		<u>\$100,368.02</u>
Contributions / Promotional Sponsorship Funds		
Investment Income	\$100.00	\$184.61
Membership Contributions	\$10,000.00	\$10,870.00
Newsletter / Website Promotional	\$6,725.00	\$5,495.00
Subtotal	<u>\$16,825.00</u>	<u>\$16,549.61</u>
Expenses		
Administrative	\$6,000.00	\$7,666.28
Membership / New Neighborhood	\$2,500.00	\$1,011.66
Newsletter / Website	\$3,800.00	\$3,155.27
Subtotal	<u>\$12,300.00</u>	<u>\$11,833.21</u>
<u>General Fund Ending Balance</u>	<u>\$4,525.00</u>	<u>\$4,716.40</u>
SPONSORSHIP FUND:		
Contributions		
Home Tour	\$55,000.00	\$47,855.00
Heartstone Income	\$0.00	\$250.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	<u>\$55,000.00</u>	<u>\$48,105.00</u>
Expenses		
Home Tour	\$30,000.00	\$21,759.89
Social Events	\$13,500.00	\$6,415.41
Planned Sponsorship Commitments	\$3,500.00	\$3,814.39
Scholarships	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Charities	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$435.45
Subtotal	<u>\$57,000.00</u>	<u>\$43,425.14</u>
<u>Sponsorship Fund Ending Balance</u>	<u>(\$2,000.00)</u>	<u>\$4,679.86</u>
<u>Total Unallocated Funds</u>	<u>\$107,239.28</u>	
FLORAL PARK ENDING BALANCE AS OF 10-31-12		<u><u>\$109,764.28</u></u>

Garage Sales - Garage sales in Santa Ana are limited to the first full weekend of the months of March, June, September and December.

Com-Link - Meets the fourth Thursday of the month in the SAPD Community Room, 60 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana (for agenda and directions visit: www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us).



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Letter from the Editors...



"Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS." (author unknown)

As always, the Floral Park newsletter is heavily dependent upon the faithful volunteer contributors who send ideas, write articles, send photos, and provide support in so many ways.

Many thanks to the following neighbors and friends who contributed to this issue:

Jonathan Anderson	Laszlo and Tricia Biro
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Jamie Simon	Ed Trotter
Toni Kimball	Wanda Marrero
Kay Housley	

We also appreciate our faithful returning advertisers and some that are new to this issue. We are grateful for their support of the Floral Park News and encourage you to support them in return.

Wishing you a beautiful fall season in Floral Park!

Linda Schulte & Lea Pascoe
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Visit www.floral-park.com Home Tour page for contact details in the sample book.

The Grapevine



If you have personally used a service that might be useful to share with other neighbors, please send your submissions to: fpnews@floral-park.com with the subject, GRAPEVINE. Include the company (or person) name, phone number, what you had done and why you liked it. Remember, no self-promotion or promotion of businesses you have not legitimately used and were pleased with. The companies listed in the Grapevine are recommended by neighbors and not the FPNA or its Board. Users of the services shared below are personally responsible for checking references and licenses of the companies listed.

Air Conditioning/Heating

Sol Mechanical - Don Crane

Referred By: Kathy & Steve Cooper
(888) 602-4822, solmechanical@cox.net
We had forced heating air conditioning put in our 1929 home for the first time. Don and crew were professional, on time, and did what they said they would do. We had no surprises. They are customer service oriented to the max!

Brrrr Air Conditioning and Heating

Robert Humphrey
Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroeppfer
714-746-6515, brrrrair@hotmail.com
We hired Brrrr Air Conditioning and Heating to install a new air conditioner and furnace in our home on Bonnie Brae. Robert and staff were professional, dependable, and reasonable, and cleaned up thoroughly at the conclusion of each day.

Cool Air Tech

714-501-9300
Recommended By: Leslie Kato
trish@cool-air-tech.com
Bill and his staff are honest, reliable and professional. We have used them for both heating and ac services and have very pleased.

Mick's Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Inc.

Mick Cotner
Referred By: Betsy Benton
714-550-9758
Mick replaced a heater and thermostat in just two hours. Three men--all performing the job in a very professional manner. Mick spoke plainly, gave me his best heater as advertised with no gimmicks, doing all the work on schedule. Great job, from a man who takes pride in his work.

Klondike Air

www.klondikeair.com
Recommended by Alan Nestlinger
I've used Klondike for decades. They do my annual "tune ups" and completely replaced the 30 year old system that was here when I moved in back in '89

Appliance Repair

Southern Counties Appliance Repair

714-835-5466
recommended by Randi Iggulden
They fixed my dryer when another guy told me to just dump it. It's been working just fine for the last 2 years!

Appliance Specialists

714-633-4400
Recommended by Robin Romain
Ask for Dan Breeding. He is very knowledgeable about all appliances and will give you all your options upfront including how to fix it yourself if you want. Very reasonable.

Bee Removal

Adkins Bee Removal - Spencer Murphy & Javier

Referred By: Tom Pataca
949-254-6532, ADKINSOC@GMail.com
www.AdkinsBeeRemoval.com
10 years experience
We just had a bee hive removed that contained approximately 20,000 bees. Our concern was not to kill them. I called Adkins Bee Removal and all was a success. The bees were removed with the queen and taken to a beekeeper. We were able to keep the honey and it is the best I have tasted.

Cabinets & Countertops

C & M Kitchen Cabinets, Inc. - Jacques

Boulanger
Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm
714-848-1010
Precise, professional, fair and a true pleasure to work with.

Cabinetry - Frank Biondi

Referred By: The Berkerys
562-424-8334
Interior workshop

Carpet Installation/Cleaning

Rod Davis

714-378-0100
Recommended by Jane Lewis
I am a designer and have used his installation services on my jobs. He is licensed, does a great job and is very reasonable.

Embassy Carpet Cleaners

714-549-0468
Recommended by Heather Wizikowski
They are a independent business and have always done a fabulous job for us and other people in my family. Very reasonable prices compared to the chains. Always do more than they say they will without charging extra! Ask for Steve Ford.

Chair Caning

Chair Caning by Jerry

Referred By: Nancy St. Jacques & Bev Schauwecker
949-675-2559
Hand-weave, Pressed, Rush

Jean Van Couvering Chair Caning

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel
714-546-5392
She is very reasonable and did a beautiful job on our antique dining room chair. She does not do the staining, but a refinisher did that step and we still saved money.

Child Care

After School Care-Donna Oshaban

Referred by Michelle Donahue
714-558-1534
A Floral Park neighbor, Donna provides exceptional care; loving, encouraging and with a level of expectation for great and cooperative behavior-and she gets it! Her home is perfectly clean, she provides the best quality after school snacks and offers a wide variety of fun games and activities after homework is done. I pick up a happy 4th grader with homework done and a smile on her face. Picks up the kids at Santiago but would consider kids from other schools. 6 kids max-2 slots open. Part-time optional.

Closet Design

Tailored Living - Scott Barnes

Referred By: Douglas Kraus
714-279-2402, Scott@TailoredLiving.com
Scott redesigned our closets to maximize space. He did a fantastic job installing lots of shelves, racks, drawers and rods and now our closets hold twice the items and are neatly organized. He provided a design (free with consult) and a quote that he stuck to. Very happy with the job and can recommend him highly.

Computer Services

My Computer Needs Repair (MCNR) -

Bob Freeman
Referred By: Patricia Tornell
562-426-3106, mail@MCNR.net
I've worked with Bob personally and in my business for the past 25 years and would recommend him highly for all your computer needs. He's extremely knowledgeable and always able to solve those frustrating computer problems that plague us all from time to time.

Contractors/Craftsman/Handyman

Valley Custom Finish - Mike Ruisiewski

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart
714-767-4903
A Master Craftsman with over 33 years of experience, Mike will make your restoration creations a reality with his imaginative and quality craftsmanship. He installed and re-sized a door to fit the door frame and also explained what hinges look best on vintage doors.

Tyler Burns (TBCC) General Contractor

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff
714-270-6555
Tyler and his crew did quite a bit of building work for us. He was on-time, professional, courteous, kept within budget limits, and reasonably priced. His work product was outstanding.

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Myron Plotz

714-534-4230

Recommended by Amy Powell

Myron is skilled, trustworthy and honest. He built our addition, which included a bathroom and two bedrooms, which look completely original to the house due to his attention to detail. He also custom made a door for us to match our other hallway doors. I would highly recommend him.

Paul Ramage

714-366-5413

Recommended by Jeanne Harris

Paul is a carpenter by trade, but does so much more. He is a perfectionist and very reasonable. He helped me with the complete renovation of "Nana Jean's" restaurant. He can do mostly anything and what he can't do, he has the people to do it! He takes pride in his workmanship, is very reasonable and just a sheer pleasure to deal with. I HIGHLY recommend him.

Jim Oshaben

714-227-6764

Recommended by Michelle Donahue

Jim is a Floral Park neighbor who is very talented. He remodeled our garage for us and later this month is expanding the closet in the master bedroom. He works with his son who is also very talented. There is nothing they can't do including plumbing and electrical. Their estimates are very competitive.

Bill Miller

Referred By: Anne Etheridge

714-832-9402

Extremely gifted carpenter and fabulous handyman.

First Rate Remodeling, Inc. (Robert Cline)

Referred By: Ken and Linda Mesesan

714-225-2458

We have worked with Robert since 2006. He has substantial experience that includes roofing, carpentry, finish carpentry, window repair, door hanging, architectural molding, concrete, plumbing and electrical. He's great to work with on any project scale. We highly recommend him!

Mr. Ramin Faiz (Floral Park Resident)

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball & Christine Switzer

949-302-3249, www.inhousearchitecture.com

Everyone is always looking for a wonderful, honest, dependable, reasonably priced, and a talented handyman. Mr. Ramin Faiz is the answer we have all been waiting for.

Draperies**DSE Draperies, Etc.**

(714) 538-9450

Recommended by Linda Schulze

Ask for Dixie Schumacker

Driveways**Systems Paving** - David Hess

Referred By: Allan & Nancy St. Jacques

949-433-8353

Removed old cement and installed new Castle Cobble stone driveway in two days.

Electrician**MacFarlane Electric**

Referred By: Betsy Benton

714-5439265

In Santa Ana since 1933. Jerry came out on emergency for me, and performed very professional service to the main electrical panel which was no longer to code. He has more than 30 yrs. in the profession, and many years working for MacFarlane. Jerry completed this task in two hours; a job that I had previously been quoted requiring a day's work costing hundreds more. I highly recommend this company to my neighbors.

C & D Electric - Corey Gonyez

Referred By: Susan Giampietro

714-240-4430

Certified journeyman electrician who helped w/lighting, etc.

ECB Electrical - Bob Vela

Referred By: Lea Pascoe

714-757-1494, CA Lic# 862504

Bob really understands older homes and electrical systems, thinks outside the box and is the best at coming up with a great solutions for old updates or new needs.

Lovell Electric

Referred By: Judy Michel

951-817-1637, CA Lic# 899295

Ron Lovell checked all our home wiring and installed two chandeliers. He is knowledgeable, prompt and his work is reasonably priced.

Fireplace & Chimney**Far West Construction** - Russell Lutman, owner

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel

714-776-1397, 714-803-1604

Russell specializes in fireplace and chimney repair. He repaired our 1926 firebox bricks and capped the chimney. Honest and easy to work with. Showed expertise with old masonry and fireplaces.

Flooring & Tile**Robert Tusko Tiling**

Referred By: David Seigle

714-527-3167

Tile Restoration - Greg Galbraith

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel

714-926-3587

We were impressed with the careful, clean job he did restoring our Batchelder fireplace tile and front entrance tile. Very reasonable. He stays busy. Call well before you need him.

Sandra Terwilliger (Sam)

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis

949-581-8088

Hardwood floor maintenance

Jim Schwanke Hardwood Flooring

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd / Mike and Cheryl

Conradson

714-638-3300

Did a great job at repairing and refinishing our hardwood floors. (Ladd) Repaired and refinished all our hardwood floors. Very reasonable and honest. Finished floors are beautiful. (Conradson)

Bill Markle

Referred By: Melanie Choi

949-422-1513

His tile and marble are great!

Bob's Shade & Linoleum

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm

714-538-5322

Retro linoleum floor complete with new thresholds and baseboards. They are professional experts in their field.

Empire Carpets - Barbara Stowers

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart

949-412-0918

I recently had my carpets replaced by Empire Carpets. The sales rep was professional, extremely helpful and very educated in the field of interior design. I would gladly recommend her.

Anaheim Hills Tile Supply

Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroeffer

714-283-8522, Joe Ribble, Owner

We've purchased tile from Anaheim Hills Tile Supply on several separate occasions. His is a locally owned and operated business. We've always been impressed with his professionalism and reasonable prices and we couldn't recommend him more highly!

Rick Moore, Moore's Floors

Referred By: Joseph Gerda

714-622-4476

Rick Moore was the primary worker for Schwanke Flooring that I and many of our neighbors have used multiple times for both refinishing and installation of hardwood floors. His work was always excellent with reasonable prices and now he has his own business.

Golden Oaks Hardwood Flooring - Amir Makmatchi

Referred By: Anne Etheridge

949-394-7881

Great wood floor guy!

Under Foot, Surface Restoration

Referred By: Krista and Frank Arellano

877-644-7688, www.underfootinc.com

Used a high-pressure steam cleaning process to clean and reseal our bathroom tile floors, steam-clean our back patio, front and back driveway, brick walk-way and the top of our slate bbq. I was so impressed by their professionalism and willingness to go the extra mile. They re-grouted parts of our bathroom floor, repaired a piece of loose slate in the back-yard and even cleaned and resealed our bathroom countertops. This was all done in a half day and at an extremely reasonable price!

B. Joseph Interiors - Joe Gonzales

Referred By: Blake Anderson & Giovanna Piazza

714-526-30191

Joe is a rare combination of a knowledgeable, helpful and hard working artisan who is also easy to have around the house while the work is being done. Joe shows up when he says he's going to, does the work he says he's going to, charges what he says he's going to and then does more than he promised.

Furniture Restoration**Castelazo Cabinets - Roberto Castelazo**

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball

714-557-4854

Mr. Castelazo repaired two tables for us (both 75-100 years old). His work is fantastic. The oldest table had a leg sheared off and his replacement is undetectable. The other table had been refinished poorly by several people. Mr. Castelazo restored it to original condition!

Zeferino Antique Restoration & Refinishing

Referred By: Mark & Janelle McLoughlin

714-401-5833

A master artisan, highest quality workmanship, knowledgeable of antiques and period correct repairs. Great attention to detail, fair and reasonable prices, and an excellent communicator. Zeferino refinished all our kitchen cabinets including building our center island and dishwasher front. Once we saw the quality of work we had him restore our dining room and bedroom furniture.

Garage Doors**Lopez Garage Door Service**

714-417-7556 or 714-953-0385

Recommended by Judy Johnson

Our garage door broke and these guys came out quickly, fixed it, were super reasonable and were very professional and quick. They are a family run Santa Ana business and we need to support our local small businesses.

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Glass

Bat Jac Glass Co

714-554-6101

Recommended by Barbara Warnock

I've been using them for over 20 years. They also do windows, mirrors, and on and on. Not the best part of town but the company is really reliable and professional.

Home Theatre / Audio Visual

Video Sonics

Referred by Ron and Cindy Wilsie

714-281-0641, Wayne Nicklin

House Painting

My Computer Needs Repair (MCNR) -

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Eduardo Elias

(562) 274-6907

Recommended by Gina Chiaramonte

I highly, highly recommend him for interior/exterior! He's honest, fair on pricing & does fabulous work! He has done a lot of work in the neighborhood for the past several years!

Pablo Ostio

714-227-0022

Recommended by Michelle Donahue

Pablo is a fabulous painter that I would recommend without hesitation. He does fantastic prep (which is 80% of a great paint job) and leaves the site cleaner than he found it. Very fair prices. I love him!!

Housekeeping

Housekeeping - Cathy Mendez

Referred By: Leslie Kato

(714) 929-9436

Reliable and thorough. While she does speak English, it is best to talk with her husband on the phone.

Marcella & Edwin

Referred By: Douglas Kraus

562-469-8189

Been cleaning our house for 14 years. Very nice and totally trustworthy. Speak English, hard working, cleans under rugs, windows and will work to your satisfaction. Recommend highly.

Insulation

American Home Insulation

(714) 835-444

recommended by Daniel Beaudreau

They provide Blown In insulation for attics and walls. They are familiar with vintage homes and their unique structural differences in the walls and attics from today's modern homes. Nice to work with. I have noticed almost 10 degree difference of temperature with the insulation in the attic both summer and winter. Did all the paper work for SCE rebates as well as Federal Tax Incentives.

Landscape Lighting

Two Brothers Gardening

714-313-4396

Recommended by Doug Kraus

Ask for Areleo. He did our front yard and the landscape lighting. Really nice guy and easy to work with.

Landscaping / Sprinklers / Trees

Greg McCollum Landscaping

Referred By: Boe Boezinger

714-647-0174

Designed and implemented front garden landscaping. Great ideas, easy to work with.

Ladd Modern Irrigation

Referred By: Robin Romain

714-542-9733

Takes care of our whole water system.

VT Tree Service

Referred by: Guy and Lisa Elston

714-997-0903

Have done a beautiful job trimming our cedar tree twice. Certified arborists, professional crew.

Ron Nichka, Emerald Landscape Design

Referred By: Lynda Yana

626-824-1008

Completed redesign of Sara May Downie Park.

Vargas Tree Service

Referred by Leah Schmidt

714-630-5337

I have had excellent service from them twice, along with Carolyn Urtel, my neighbor.

Barbara Deed Garden Design

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake

949-786-4055, www.barbaradeedgardendesign.com

Barbara did a great job designing and rebuilding the landscaping for both our back and front yards. Her masonry and landscape contractors were excellent. She managed all the contractors and completed the project quickly.

Nick Dean Landscape Design

Referred By: Douglas Kraus

323-828-3858, nickdean@sbcglobal.net,

www.nickdeangardens.com

Designed our front and back yard. Very, very creative, easy to work with. Extremely pleased with the result and whole process. Nick's a great guy.

Greenland Landscaping - Victor Quinones

Referred By: Sharon Evans

(626) 209-7661 or (866) 610-1531

Highly recommend. Put in large new beautiful lawn, fixed my old sprinkler system and did other planting and design. Reliable, finished on time. I shall use him again.

Lighting

Kona Lighting

Referred By: Judy Michel

714-828-0910

I was pleased with the service I received at Kona Lighting. They completely rewired one chandelier and did an excellent job of repairing two breaks on a second crystal chandelier.

Locksmith

Murray Willis

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm

714-394-2022

Locksmith with many years experience with doors. He is quick, fair and reasonably priced.

Orange County Locksmith Service

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart

714-634-2222 or 949-250-1234 (ask for Dave or Phil)

Dave was more knowledgeable than any other locksmiths I called in the yellow pages. When he came out he was a true pro. He assessed my needs as a Landlord and made everything just right for me.

Masonry

DMC Masonry

Referred By: Ron and Cindy Wilsie

949-454-8386, Contact: Dave "Snowy" Collins

McCleary Masonry

Referred By: Megan Whitford

562-714-2324

Mark McCleary is a wonderful and talented masonry guy. He can basically do anything with stone: walls, facade, driveways, pathways, etc.

Tom Hohman Masonry

Referred By: Alex Hart & Mason Nakamura

info@tomhohmanmasonry.com, 714-785-5711

Tom did a great job for us on a backyard masonry project. He and his crew showed the utmost professionalism. The work was first rate, done on time, and the clean-up was meticulous. We highly recommend Tom Hohman Masonry.

Moving Company

Costa Mesa Moving

<http://www.costamesamoving.com/Home.html>

recommended by Corrie Johnson

They are an independently run company, inexpensive, fast, and take care of your things very well. It is 79 dollars an hour for two men to move all of your stuff. They have all equipment, truck etc. I can't say enough! It was so easy and painless for us.

Painting/Plaster

Y Kim's Painting

Referred By: John & Linda Schulte

714-821-1014

Painted inside our home. He's meticulous and dependable!

Old Towne Painting - Rick Litchie

Referred By: The Berkerys, Mike & Cheryl Conradson,

Jim & Karyn Cripps, Andy & Margaret Beyer

714-285-1920

Exterior Painting and Color Consult.. (Berkery)

Not just house painters "house artistry"! Meticulous in all details, prep and color consultation. Fantastic job! (Conradson) Very responsible and reliable. GREAT JOB. Stained our new Kitchen Cabinets a Rustic Black-BEAUTIFUL. (Cripps) Meticulous workmanship. Great sense of color and artistry. Highly recommended. (Beyer)

Joe Maturino Plastering/Stuccoing

Referred By: David Seigle

714-883-7244

Hillside Plastering

Referred By: Boe & Cathie Boezinger

714-569-0655

Ray Smith is a true artist. Wonderful work specializing in the unique challenges of vintage homes.

Patchwork's Plastering Company

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio

714-530-5119

Aston Hill is a true professional--reliable and honest, and a good communicator. Great attention to protect the vintage details in our home.

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All Star Plastering

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd
714-618-2018

They really went the extra mile to get us the color and texture we wanted for our exterior stucco.

www.historichousecolors.com

Recommended By: Anne Etheridge
For those who want assistance choosing historically and architecturally accurate house colors.

Kevin's Painting

Referred By: Joseph Gerda
714-572-2360

Chose them based on their references (top rated company on Angies List) and very reasonable price. They were professional in all manner, were on time, and returned phone calls promptly.

Gogh Van Vincent Painting

Referred By: Mark Mittman
Ty, 714-350-5807

I have used Ty on the inside and soon outside of my home. His attention to detail and quality of work are second to none!

Nick Field

Referred By: Sara Chesters and Frank Barbaro
nickfield5@yahoo.com or cell: 714-743-1689
We used Nick Field, a local Santa Ana resident, for a complete inside and outside paint job when we moved into our new home. He did an awesome job and is especially good at decorative and detailed work and wallpapering, he was trained in England - a true pro.

Carlos Painting - Carlos Jacobo

Referred By: Anne Etheridge
714 492-3336

Carlos has painted numerous rooms inside my house. He also did exterior venetian plaster on the entire house (and it looks fabulous if I do say so myself). He is meticulous, honest, fairly priced and hardworking. I really can't say enough good things about him.

S&M Painting and Home Restoration - Scott Moser

Referred by Laszlo and Tricia Biro
(714) 335-2242

Scott spent over a year restoring our 70 year old house to like new condition. It had been badly neglected: paint was chipping everywhere, exterior wood boards did not fit together as they should, windows had been painted shut and could not be opened - those that did open no longer closed properly, and there were cracks in numerous places. He repaired what needed to be repaired and is painting everything. His prices are very reasonable and he guarantees his work - it is top quality. We highly recommend him.

Party Rentals

Elite Party Rentals

Recommended by Sara Chesters
I've used elite on a number of occasions. They're helpful and will give you some excellent advice based on the kind of event you're planning. They're on time with delivery and helpful with set up etc. Great for simple all the way thru to very complicated parties.

Funny Party Rentals

(714)638-4949
Recommended by Amy Dutrisac
It is a family-owned business located at 1111 Bristol in a little strip mall just past McDonald's. The service is awesome, the prices unbelievable and they're so nice!

Jumpzone - Somy Chavez

(714)270-8246
www.jumpzone1.com
Recommended by Joni Barr Somogyi
Great Party Rentals, superb service!

Pest Control

Admiral Pest Control

866.349.9211
Recommended by Randy Harmat and Liz Felson
They are super flexible, reasonable and awesome.
Ask for Amanda.

Backyard Bees

800-476-6105 or rescue@backyardbees.net
Recommended by Cat Quinn-Straw
They do live swarm and accessible beehive removal. No chemicals are used and the bees are relocated to organic farms and gardens.

Piano Tuning

Jim Laiola

Referred By: Judy Michel
714-956-5638
Jim did an excellent job of tuning our piano. Jim tunes most of the pianos in the Orange County schools. He is prompt, efficient and pleasant to work with.

Plumbing

George Brazil Plumbing and Heating - Dave Lambie

Referred By: Joe Magaddino
1-800-Call-GEO
Major gravity furnace overhaul. Knowledgeable and did a great job. Tried several plumbing companies before but I found no one willing to do the job.

Bass & Sons Plumbing

Referred By: Beverley Schauwecker
714-534-5403
Very knowledgeable about "old" plumbing. I highly recommend them.

Southwest Plumbing - Steve Herold

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff
714-288-9991 or cel 714-540-0090
I would highly recommend Steve. I have used his plumbing services, and he helped us out tremendously and professionally (fixing other plumber's work). He was also one of the team lead volunteers on the Fisher Park Build Day project. (Enthusiastically seconded by Bill Daugherty & Kathryn Tarbell)

Archer Plumbing Inc. - Bob Carr

Referred By: Sharon Evans
714-537-5679
I've used Bob for many years on both large and small jobs. Always returns calls promptly and shows up on time. I am always happy with his work and his cost is reasonable.

Blyleven's Plumbing, Inc.

714-750-5461
Recommended by Liz Felson
I love my plumber, he is not cheap but I love him! Ask for Joe Blyleven and his son! Joe is great!

Coast Plumbing

714-241-1414
Recommended by Sue Edwards
Coast Plumbing is a great company, they do good work at reasonable prices. They always send clean, careful plumbers who do excellent work. Ask for Mike Del Mazzio and tell him Sue Edwards sent you!

Preschool

Plumfield Preschool

714-547-5771
www.plumfieldschool.com
Recommended By: Susan Anthony
Plumfield Preschool has been a very happy place for my kids. They have a "learning through active, guided play" philosophy. They are flexible, open 7 am to 6 pm, take kids 2.5 - pre-k, have full and half day, full and part week

programs. They offer lots of art and a variety of learning experiences. Best of all they are very knowledgeable and have been there for me and helped work with my kids to feel success in their endeavors. My 7 yr. old started at Plumfield at 2.5 and now my 3.5 yr. old loves it too.

Roofing

Weatherline Roofing (Ken LaRue)

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
714-748-9707

American Home Insulation

Referred By: Ron Striewig
949-413-2371, Contact: Michael, Owner
Attic insulated - fast, courteous, clean and efficient.

Solar

Heritage Solar, Inc.

Referred By: Kevin Barber and Stacey Clinesmith
949-677-9470, dennis@heritagesolar.com
www.heritatesolar.com
Dennis did a complete solar installation on our house about two years ago and now our average electric bill is \$75 a YEAR! We were so please with the service and their professionalism!

Security

Jadtec Security

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
1-800-474-3346
www.jadec.com
One of the longest standing security companies in OC, I highly recommend Jadtec!

Jay Dyer, Intruder Detection Services

Referred By: Judy Michel
714-776-5373
We had Jay install an alarm and fire protection system several years ago. It continues to work beautifully and trouble free. Jay is personable and easy to work with.

Swimming Pool

Perfection Pool - Brad Young

Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis
714-904-3230
Pool maintenance

Allmark Pools - Mark

Referred By: Rob & Judy Johnson
562-587-1418
Did a fabulous job on our pool!

Jonathon Pools

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake
714-396-1091
Jonathon refurbished our 50-yr old pool to look like new. He replaced old equipment, installed new plumbing, improved overall circulation in the pool which has eliminated persistent algae problems, patched plaster, and acid washed our tile. He was on schedule, courteous, and a pleasure to work with.

The Pool Doctor

Referred By: Douglas Kraus
714-944-8738
Cleaned and sanded down my plaster pool to look like new. Also did deck-o-seal around brick. Very reasonable, nice guy and did great work. The Pool doctor knows his stuff on pool repair.

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Tree Trimming

Pedro Silva

949-322-6259

Recommended by Robin Romain

Pedro is a specialist and he knows everything about most trees. He uses hand tools as much as he can to do more precision cuts and to keep the noise down. His trimming is gorgeous and perfect for each type of tree. He is very neat and incredibly reasonable. He will teach you a lot about your trees!

Upholstery

Century Custom Upholstery

(714) 635-2290

recommended by Liz Felson

Hi! Here is my guy! I love him! He has done 2 chairs, ottoman and dining chairs for me!

Windows / Window Washing

Awning By Russ - Owner Russ Rinner

Referred By: Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout

714.525.RUSS

Fast service, great pricing. Highly recommend.

Window Restoration & Repair

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio

562-493-1590

Scott and his team did a great job of repairing some original windows, and replacing others with exact replicas (but better glass!). Excellent attention to vintage details and restoration. Very professional, on time, great communication.

Jim Crawford, Owner/Installer

Referred by: Chuck and Julie Lake

714-404-2518, windows4@gmail.com

Jim did a great job for us, replacing aluminum sliders with wood casement windows on our entire second story. The

entire house looks much better and more in tune with the style and its original construction period. Jim also hung several interior and exterior doors, including a difficult Dutch door.

Sure-fit Mobile Screen Shop

Referred by: Wanda & Gil Marrero

800-737-2733 or 714-953-4401

Installed normal screens and the "disappearing screens" to our home. Family owned and operated since 1986.

West Coast Screen & Glass

Referred By: Allan St. Jacques

714- 633-6232

Called one day, arrived the next; and did a quick and efficient job of replacing four small windows.

Rembrandt Windows - Blair O'Callaghan, owner

Referred by: Wally McCloud & Denny Patterson

<http://www.rembrandtwindows.com/index.html>

714-968-6538 office

In an attempt to clean our windows, Denny promptly dropped our custom made, 1924, arched/hinged window from the second story. Blair and his skilled team of craftsmen repaired the window to its original state in a most timely and expert manner. We highly recommend them.

A Clear Choice

Referred By: Darlene Glenn-Wolff

1-877-33-CLEAR

Our neighbors have been using this company for years and that is how we started using them. We have used them for four years and been very happy with both the windows and the carpet cleaning services.

Recommended by: Judy Johnson --Super professional, super nice, excellent customer service and did a fabulous job on our windows. I highly recommend this company and will only use them from now on!!!! When your windows are clean it makes your whole house feel clean!!

BJ's Window Cleaning

Referred By: Anne Etheridge

714-730-9200

I have been using Joanie at BJ's for years.

She's fabulous ... very thorough, good clean up.

American Window Cleaning (Mark Rimmel)

Referred By: Sharon Evans

714-554-1197, cell 714-654-8069

Best window washers I have ever had, by far. So professional, trustworthy, perfect clean-up, and very reasonable in price.

Tim Juliano

714-538-2881

Recommended by Barbara Warnock

He has been cleaning my windows for years. He is fast, thorough, and dependable.

Tell him Barbara Warnock referred you (and no, I won't get a kick back!).

Yoga (In-Home)

Yoga in your Home (Diana Markessinis, RYT 500)

Referred By: Giovanna Piazza

DianaMarkessinis@gmail.com

Diana is a knowledgeable, patient and very encouraging yoga teacher. Though she can teach at any level, she's perfect for newbies or people (like me) who are newly returned to yoga. Diana teaches yoga at Soul At Home (owned by our very own neighbors David and Simon) but she also teaches private in-home lessons for individuals, couples, families (with children) or small groups of adults. Diana's coaching is a great way to begin!

Need Minutes?

If you've missed a neighborhood general meeting and would like to obtain a copy of the minutes, you can request a copy to be mailed (or emailed) to you. Monthly board meeting minutes are also available on request. Just send your request with name, street address and/or email address to email: azander@roadrunner.com Or via mail to:

FPNA (Minutes)

P.O. Box 11366

Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366

The Floral Park Newsletter welcomes your ideas:

- Have you visited a local restaurant or venue you would like to recommend? If so, please send the contact info and a brief description of why you liked it.
- Do you know of a Floral Park neighbor or school-aged kid who is doing good things and could inspire others? If so, please send us their story or contact info. We'd love to feature them in an upcoming Floral Park Newsletter.
- If you've moved from Floral Park or are in touch with someone who has and would like to be featured in the "Where are they now?" column, please provide details and a high resolution (min 300 dpi) digital photo.

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Thank you!

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The stones can display the name of your family, friends, pets, or they can be used as a loving memorial for a dear one.

Space is limited so please put your request in ASAP. The deadline for submission will remain open as space permits. The order form can be obtained online at www.floral-ark.com/documents/hearts.pdf. Please use a separate form for each heart being ordered.

If you have any questions, please email them to: janellemcloughlin@gmail.com.

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