

Winchester San Tomas
THE EDEN EXAMINER
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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, November 9th, 7:00 p.m.*
Guest Speaker: Grace Lee Gillis
Topics: Our Health Care Decisions

November 9th General Meeting Agenda

- Committee reports
- Nomination & Election of Officers
- Guest Speaker: **Grace Lee Gillis**, LCSW, Director of the Medical Social Service Department at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, will speak to us about our rights to make health care decisions and how to assure future healthcare decisions are based on our wishes. November 7-13th is Health Care Decisions Week. This is an excellent time to take charge of your health, and learn how to make your health care wishes known, especially if you are unable to speak for yourself, or prefer someone else to speak for you. Grace Lee Gillis is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She will provide information to help people make informed choices about medical care and learn about written documents called advance health care directives. Learn why these are a true gift to your family and why all adults should consider making one now.

ENA's 5th Annual Festival of Lights

Your Eden Neighborhood will be holding its 5th Annual Festival of Lights on Sunday December 19th, starting at 6pm (dark). Kits will be available for pick-up in the Amber Drive School parking lot on Saturday, December 11th 9am – 12 noon. We hope you can join us in this fun tradition! Are you available to help arrange or distribute light kits? ENA would greatly appreciate your assistance - please leave a message on the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404. The kits will be available while supplies last, and are open to all residents of our neighborhood.

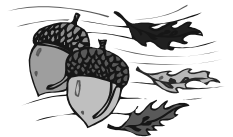


- Leslie Posada & Armin Quiring

Service Directory

Have you been pleased with the service or product from a local service? You can help your neighbors by sharing the names of service people you have hired with good results. Help us update the ENA Service Directory. Just send the following information to ENA:

- Type of service provided
- Business name
- Street Address
- City
- Phone number
- Contact name
- Your name & phone number
- Any comments about their work



via one of the following methods:

Mail: Eden Neighborhood Association
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- information provided by
Ranee Chin & Grace Schirle

**Festival of Lights
December 19th Reminder**

**Light Kits will be distributed on
Saturday, December 11th
9am - 12noon
at Amber Drive School**

President's Message

Betty Kabanek

Working toward a safe, clean, friendly neighborhood. That is ENA's motto. As I sit here writing for the last newsletter of 2004, I'm looking at what new things we did to reflect that motto. So here's what I came up with: We implemented email correspondence to notify neighbors when there is something of interest. We've used it to tell you about unwanted neighborhood activities and to notify you of meetings. We've had an impressive list of speakers including Doug Badia from Santana Row, our police captain, our school board representatives, and Eli Brill, winner of a national leadership award. Most importantly, we've tried to introduce you to each other by highlighting neighborhood volunteers in the monthly newsletter. All of this was in addition to the annual picnic, dumpster day, national night out, and volunteer appreciation night.

So what's next? We're still trying to get the speed limit lowered on Phelps Ave. A copy of my most recent letter to Jim Helmer, (Department of Transportation) and Councilmember Linda LeZotte is in this newsletter. Concurrently, we're working on entry markers for the neighborhood and one member suggested that we plan something for our pre-schoolers. All of this takes time and commitment. Please consider what you can do to help.

All in all, it's been a good year, but one of the most important events is coming this month - election of officers. We strongly urge you to consider running for office. The four elected positions are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Officers attend one board meeting per month and one general meeting per month (excluding July and December). New officers will have a supportive board and meet new friends. Please volunteer at the November meeting. Thank you.

Please Drive Safely

Please remember that the speed limit is 25 mph for most of the neighborhood. And whenever it is not safe to drive at the speed limit, slower is better. Please be on the lookout for children playing, pedestrians crossing streets, folks getting into their vehicles, neighbors backing out of their driveways, etc. Help us keep our neighborhood safe.

Volunteer Appreciation Day

It was a great pizza party for over 80 ENA volunteers and their families at Angelino's Pizza last month. It takes a lot of volunteers to make an association such as ours succeed. Outstanding Volunteer Award of the Year went to Peter & Joan Bays. They not only hosted a National Night Out Block Party and delivered the ENA Examiner, but also provided refreshments during the Emergency Preparedness Drill, Dumpster Day, and our general meetings.

- Mario Vazquez

Entry Marker Update

Most of the comments we've received so far want the name Walgrove Manor to go on the entry signs. It is the name on many of our deeds. Or is there another name you desire? What design and name do you prefer? Please let us know what you think by sending us an email or calling the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404. Thank you.

- Betty Kabanek

Daffodil Planting Postponed

Due to the recent rains, the daffodil planting originally planned for October has been postponed. The ground continues to be too wet. For those interested in when the planting will occur, please contact Carl Shoemaker or the ENA Hotline (408) 404-7404.

Neighborhood Playgroup

There has been some interest in starting up a neighborhood playgroup. The playgroup's purpose is to allow neighborhood children to play together, and provide a fun way for both children and parents to make new friends. To participate, please send email to playgroup @ EdenNeighborhoodAssociation.org or call the ENA hotline (408) 404-7404 with your name, phone number, and ages of your children.

- Mona Hall

**Working Toward a Safe, Clean,
Friendly Neighborhood**

Traffic Committee Update

The following is a personal letter regarding the Phelps Avenue speed limit reduction request from Betty Kabanek to the Director of Transportation:

October 30, 2004

James R. Helmer, Director of Transportation
4 N. 2nd Street, Suite 1000
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Jim:

Please thank Veronica Pagitpaton for the information regarding the most recent Phelps Ave. traffic study. We reviewed the data and still believe the posted speed limit should be reduced to 25 mph.

- Residents want it. The residents of Phelps signed and delivered a petition requesting the lower speed limit. It is not a controversial issue for them.
- Phelps Avenue is a residential street. There are no businesses on it; it does not go through to a freeway; it has a primary school and t-ball field on it.
- The rest of the neighborhood has 25 mph. It is the only street between Payne Ave., San Thomas Expressway, Williams Road and Winchester Blvd. that is posted at 30 mph. It is unfair and confusing to post a differing speed limit on one street in the neighborhood.
- All the streets south of Payne are 25 mph (including Phelps) and all the streets north of Payne are 25 mph except for a short distance on Phelps that's in our neighborhood.
- Traffic data supports a lower speed limit. You took data on cars going both directions on Phelps Ave at Speno Drive as well as Phelps at Parkland. Your data tells us that cars are entering and leaving the school zone are way over 25 mph.
- That school site is the only open space in our neighborhood. It is used after school and on week-ends for organized soccer and t-ball and substitutes for a neighborhood park.

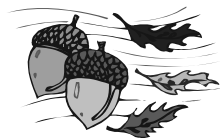
The residents who walk the neighborhood want it to be safe. They want the posted speed limit reduced to 25 mph for the whole neighborhood. What must we do to make the speed limit on Phelps consistent with the rest of the neighborhood? Thank you.

Yours truly,
Betty Kabanek, President
Eden Neighborhood Association

Cc: Councilmember Linda LeZotte

Upcoming Calendar of Events

Nov 09	General Meeting – ENA Elections
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Dec 11	ENA “Festival of Lights” kit hand-out @ Amber Drive School
Dec 19	ENA 5 th Annual “Festival of Lights”
Jan 01	New Year’s Day
Jan 11	General Meeting
Feb 08	General Meeting
Mar 08	General Meeting
Apr 12	General Meeting
Apr tbd	Emergency Preparedness
May 10	General Meeting
May tbd	Neighborhood Garage Sale
Jun tbd	ENA’s Annual Family Summer Picnic



Thanksgiving & Christmas Invitation to All

The International Christian Center located at 3275 Williams Road, San Jose will be holding a Thanksgiving Luncheon on Saturday, November 20, 2004 at 2:00pm and a Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 18, 2004 at 1:00pm with all traditional delights. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to attend and participate. Nonperishable food items may be brought to support those in need. For more information or to make a reservation, please call the Nazarene Church office at (408) 243-0256.

- Rev. P.T. Mammen,
International Christian Center

Membership Report

Our 2005 ENA Membership Drive is moving ahead at a great pace. Presently, the membership stands at 72. Of those, 26 have sent in additional donations of \$355. This will help tremendously as our 2005 budget will be around \$8,000. Dues are still only \$15, same as they were in November 1993.

ENA welcomes the following new members: Bulent & Lynae Cinarkaya, Sandy & Greg D'Innocenti, Tom & Cheryl Leonard, and Bruce & Jill Wolk. We welcome you to participate in any of our committees and activities, and encourage you to attend our general meetings.



Renewing members since the last newsletter were:

Sawsan & Mehyeddine Alayleh
James & Ann Bailey
Peter & Joan Bays, Jr.
Stephanie Brooks & Steve Dodson
Yvette & Bret Carpenter
Bill & Carleen Carver
Linda Chin & John Parissenti
David & Ramona Coffelt
Jack & Rose Collie
Carrie & Ion Coman
Peggy Constantino
Paul & Monique Cooper
Ken & Sherill Cotter
Ray & Mary Coustier
Danielle Davenport & Steven Smith

Joe & Cheryl Denham
Leona deVries
Jim & Phyllis Ehrenburg
Dave & Liyuza Eisbach
Robert & Beverly Fisher
Alan & Kathy Fryer
Julian Garcia
Phyllis Garrity
Al & Pat Hagmann
Richard & Susan Hoehnle
Stephen & Kristine Howard
Dan & Debra Hunter
Ed & Denise Keane
Steve & Linda Kim
John Konno

James & Diane Kono
Yone & Chizu Kubo
Mildred Lawler
Paul & Patricia Lipari
Raymonde Marigo
Bob & Eileen Matsui
Pete & Susan Michels
Nick & Lois Montesano
Dewey & Carol Moore
David & Caroline Nelson
Paul & Carolyn Newburn
Mary O'Neill
Paul & Sharon Pearah
Bert & Karen Plambeck
Ed & Denise Plonka

Jason & Karen Posselt
Armin & Ivy Quiring
Robert Ryder
Al & Caroline Salice
Kumaran Sangareddi & Jaya
Krishnamoorthy
John & Bev Schirle
Carl & Vi Shoemaker
Dave Slesnick
Semyon & Patricia Solomon
Lois & Christina Stout
William Taylor
Kathleen Thomas
Joseph & Elaine Uruski
Ralph & Sharron Zitzler

ENA thanks you for your support! Any questions, please call Mario at (408) 482-5731.

- Mario Vazquez

Common Sense Obituary

Originally submitted by Charlie Crabtree



Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, by the name of Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valued lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student only worsened his condition. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became business, and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after athletes and CEO's salaries increased to between 9 thousand and 90 thousand dollars per HOUR, and a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled it into her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement for simply being stupid.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents: Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers: My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you remember him, pass this on; if not he will be forgotten forever.