

Winchester San Tomas

THE EDEN EXAMINER

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Next Meeting: *Amber Drive Primary Plus School, Tuesday, January 11th, 7:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker: Nancy Johnson

Topics: Proper Nutrition in the New Year

January 11th General Meeting Agenda

- Committee reports
- Guest Speaker: *Nancy Johnson*, Nutrition Site Manager for the San Jose Cypress Center, will be speaking to us about proper nutrition in the new year.

Beautification Committee

About 275 Daffodils were planted on Saturday November 6, 2004 with the help of Andrea Casillas and Elaine Moran. On the following Saturday morning, November 13, 2004 with the assistance of Betty and Richard Kabanek, Elaine Marron, David Gale, Mike Gale (his father from the United Kingdom), young daughter Mary Kate, Hank Jordan, and more, we planted 14 dozen pansies in the same bed as the daffodils. It took only about an hour. All the pansies are doing well and should provide a nice welcome to Spring.



Mike & Mary Kate Gale planting pansies in the Amber Drive Primary Plus School ENA garden

Thanks to all.

- Carl Shoemaker



**Happy
New
Year!**

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- Jan 01** New Year's Day
- Jan 11** General Meeting
- Feb 08 General Meeting
- Mar 08 General Meeting
- Apr 12 General Meeting
- Apr tba Emergency Preparedness
- May 10 General Meeting
- May tba Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Jun tba ENA's Annual Family Summer Picnic
- Jun 07 General Meeting
- Aug 02 National Night Out
- Aug 09 General Meeting
- Sept 13 General Meeting
- Sept tba ENA 10th Annual Dumpster Day
- Oct tba ENA 8th Annual Volunteer Appreciation
- Oct 11 General Meeting
- Nov 08 General Meeting
- Dec tba ENA 6th Annual "Festival of Lights"

President's Message

Betty Kabanek

Happy New Year. May 2005 bring you all good health and good times.

Like many organizations, your board and committee chairs are planning the programs for 2005. We hope you'll send us your suggestions and offer your assistance. Our board meetings, where we plan activities for the year, are held at my house on the last Tuesday of each month. You're invited. Just call the hotline or one of the board members so I have enough chairs ready. General meetings continue to be held at the school on the second Tuesday of the month. This is where committees report on their projects, attendees voice their concerns, and guest speakers bring us neighborhood news and information.

Our guideline: Working toward a safe, clean, friendly neighborhood. So what's on the agenda for 2005? It's up to you. Do any of these trigger an idea?

A Safe Neighborhood

In 2003 we initiated the email notices and expanded the use of telephone messages. We were also fortunate to have a SJPD representative at nearly every one of our meetings in 2004. Is there something else we should be doing? Should we set up more neighborhood watch meetings?

A Clean Neighborhood

Our annual Dumpster Day is a neighborhood favorite and a neighborhood tradition. We've been able to dispose of thousands of tons of trash over the years. When the Mercury News featured Eden Ave, Polk Lane, and Phelps Ave in The Guide, each article mentioned the many well manicured lawns. Bud Pyle, John Knapp, and others have been diligent about getting rid of unwanted graffiti. Anything else we should be doing?

A Friendly Neighborhood

Everybody has a story. What's yours?

We'd love to know about you. Do you have an unusual job or hobby? Is there an interesting story behind the reason you're living here? Have you ever met someone that really made an impression on you? Have you

received a special award? If you answered "yes", we would love to hear about it. Perhaps you could write an article for the newsletter or, even better yet, volunteer to speak at one of our meetings. It's another way for neighbors to meet neighbors.

Kids and adults. How do we serve them all?

Our neighborhood seems to have more and more children coming in. Youngsters caroling during the Festival of Lights made the occasion very special. Should the ENA be incorporating new kid friendly activities into its schedule and, if so, for what age groups?

Would neighbors like us to plan an outing sometime - remember the trip to the USS Hornet? If so, where to?

ENA is strong because its members care. Our volunteers get formal recognition once a year, but we see the results of their work all year round. You can help continue this legacy by contributing ideas and time. Many, many thanks.

Why English Is So Hard to Learn

- *We must polish the Polish furniture.*
- *He could lead if he would get the lead out.*
- *The farm was used to produce produce.*
- *The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.*
- *This was a good time to present the present.*
- *When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.*
- *I did not object to the object.*
- *The insurance was invalid for the invalid.*
- *The bandage was wound around the wound.*
- *They were too close to the door to close it.*

-Submitted by Richard Kabanek

Eden Examiner Article Submissions

Please feel free to submit articles or information of neighborhood interest for publication in the Eden Examiner. You can send the article / information to the newsletter editor, Ivy Quiring, via email to ivy_quiring@yahoo.com or the ENA mailbox: ENA Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 9383, San Jose, CA 95157-0383.

Entertaining Flight Tidbits

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

Heard on a Southwest Airline flight. "Ladies and gentlemen, if you wish to smoke, the smoking section on this airplane is on the wing and if you can light 'em, you can smoke 'em."

On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Ronald Reagan, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as [heck] everything has shifted."

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite."

"Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

- author unknown

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

Be Prepared! San Jose Prepared!

Are you on ENA's Emergency Preparedness Team? Wouldn't you like to be?

The 2005 series of training modules, beginning with Module 1 (held in the EOC at 855 North San Pedro St, others TBA), occur on Saturday mornings with the final class and graduation occurring on Monday evening:

The next class series:

- January 22, 2005 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (Module 1 - Home Preparedness & Neighborhood Organization)
- February 5, 2005 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (Module 2 - Fire Suppression & Household Hazardous Materials)
- February 12, 2005 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Module 3 - Disaster Medicine & Disaster Psychology)
- February 26, 2005 8:30 am to 12:30 pm (Module 4 - Light Search & Rescue)
- February 28, 2005 7:00pm (Module 5 & Graduation)

Classes are \$10.00 each, payable at the door and advanced registration is required. You may register with San Jose Prepared via phone (408) 277-4593, fax (408) 277-3345, email SJPrepared @ sanjoseca.gov, or their website:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/sanjoseprepared/index.htm>

- Armin & Ivy Quiring

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

Membership Report – Happy 2005 – Time to Renew Your Membership

If you are not one of the 132 members who have just joined or renewed, then it's time to renew your membership. Membership is from January to December. As ENA is adding more new projects, your support is needed. Remember when houses here sold for \$325,000 back in 1993? ENA dues were \$15.00. You probably know that prices have more than doubled and so have other costs. Guess what? ENA dues are still \$15.00 and your association has put on events and increased activity within its budget, and the association is still self sufficient. Thanks to the members who have doubled in number from 200 to 400.

ENA would like to welcome new member Pastor Joseph Leon. Renewing since November 2004 are:

Nasar & Dana Awad	Rajat & Sapna Garg	Alice McChensey
Lloyd & Marlene Bass	Grace Lee Gillis	Andy & Maureen Meyer
Bill & Nancy Boltz	Barbara Grisier	Toni Ostrom
George & Lisa Brown	Wayne & Mona Hall	Tom & Rona Petroni
Loretta Carter	Ruth Hanson	Medriene Plette
Al & Bobbie Chamberlain	Dave & Sandy Hart	Cindy Rizzo
Ivy & Wilson Chen	Debra Hitchcock	Allen & Henny Rudy
Don & Lynn Clayton	Robert & Deborah Hsieh	Grace Schirle
Greg & Lorrie Conklin	Beverly Johnson	Jim & Elaine Schirle
Robert & Cheryl Davis	Hank & Gail Jordan	Elizabeth Schultz
Richard & Marnie Francisco	Pamela Sun & Al Juodikis	Martin & Susan Schuler
Kim & Linda Frechette	Sal & Cecilia Latimer	Mick Speciale
Stephan & Joyce Fuckuchi	John & Maria Laughlin	Ron & Michele Sutton
Mark & Nancy Fuller	Pat Madison	Kirk & Paula Vogelsong
David & Tiffany Gale	David & Maya Marcus	Edwin & Phillis Webb

ENA thanks you for your support. Any questions, call Mario at (408) 482-5731 or email him at [mariorv @ sbcglobal.net](mailto:mariorv@sbcglobal.net).

- Mario Vazquez

New Year's Recipe

Take twelve, fine, full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite: pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past; have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad, don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation, and one well selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole love ad libitum and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is certain.