THE SUNDIAL

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President's Letter

Successful! Successful! Thanks to our dedicated Social Committee: ***Jurate Raulinaitis***, ***Cathie Lee***, and ***Pam Ferrero*** and their associates, ***Bill Ferrero***, ***Ilene Ambre***, and ***John Duff***. ***Hank*** and ***Phyllis Gomez*** delighted our young set by performing their traditional face painting. Fire Commissioner ***Paul Conroy***'s contact with Fire Station 15 made it possible for young and old wannabe firepersons to talk with personnel and inspect equipment. Combine all of the above with good weather and the 2002 Sundial Picnic was enjoyed by more than a hundred participants and is now considered one of our best neighborhood events.

Ingleside Terraces families and friends are urged to continue their efforts to establish and maintain a cordial relationship with their neighbors. Our neighborhood continues to benefit from young families along with pride of ownership and community spirit.

We often hear young families say they have limited time thereby making it impossible for them to participate in activities. For this reason, our monthly meetings are short and we encourage participation at any level. A recent attendee committed six months of her time toward neighborhood activities with the understanding that if progress is made, she would continue to help. Many of us have e-mail addresses and we welcome your comments and suggestions using this tool.

Kudos to ***Dan Hirsch*** for his efforts of overseeing restoration of the sundial. Thanks are also in order for our Treasurer, ***Raymon Hanssen***, for keeping an eye on our fiscal health and for ***Karen Anderson-Miller*** who is recording our board meeting minutes. Thanks also to ***Rudy Cook*** for painting the gold lettering at each entryway to the Terraces.

I extend thanks to ***Norma Tannenbaum*** who is now providing valuable assistance in generating material for *The Sundial*. Regarding identity theft, be alert! Shred documents with personal data prior to recycling.

Lonnie Lawson, President

Lonnie

ANNUAL MEETING

Please be sure to attend our neighborhood annual meeting on Saturday, November 16, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church at Ocean Avenue with entrance on San Fernando Way.

There will be refreshments, visiting time, and a chance to provide your input to the business meeting. Your thoughts and participation are very welcome. A Board of Directors will be elected for 2003.

JAVA OCEAN CAFE

Continuing with our series of profiles on local businesses, neighbor ***Pam Ferrero*** spoke with ***Hossam Kaddoura*** of the Java Ocean Cafe at 1700 Ocean Avenue (at Faxon).

Hossam Kaddoura, who owns and operates the Java Ocean Cafe ,was kind enough to talk with me about his business. A native Palestinian, he had just returned from the Middle East where he visited family in Lebanon. He reported that all were safe and he had great hopes for peace in that part of the world.

Mr. Kaddoura immigrated to the Bay Area in 1984. After college he had management positions at several restaurants. He opened the Java Ocean Cafe four years ago. Mr. Kaddoura's wife, who is a computer engineer, currently stays at home with their three children, the youngest only one year old. The Cafe, along with all the businesses on Ocean Avenue, has been affected by the long construction project. However, there is great optimism among the merchants that the improvements will attract additional shops and restaurants to the area. The avenue needs variety for good walk-in trade since most people want to make multiple stops in a shopping vicinity.

Mr. Kaddoura appreciates his multicultural clientele and enjoys the people who come by for his gourmet treats.

Hossam Kadoura *Jovan Montates*

Next time you're in the mood for a sandwich to take to the ballpark or Middle Eastern homemade party food, head over to 1700 Ocean Avenue. While you're there, make sure to check out the brightly painted bathroom door and then sink into one of those comfortable chairs while you wait for your order.

Please note, a visit may be hazardous to your waistline!!!

Pam Ferrero, Neighbor

INGLESIDE BRANCH

NEW LIBRARIAN & PROGRAMS

We are pleased to welcome ***Dominic Scappaticci*** as the new children's librarian at the Ingleside Branch Library, 1649 Ocean Avenue. Dominic hosts a weekly story time for the whole family on Wednesday evenings. Also keep an eye out for special events such as a magic show this November.

Family Story Time
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Magician ***Joe Hoffman***
Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m.

HELP PLAN YOUR NEW BRANCH LIBRARY

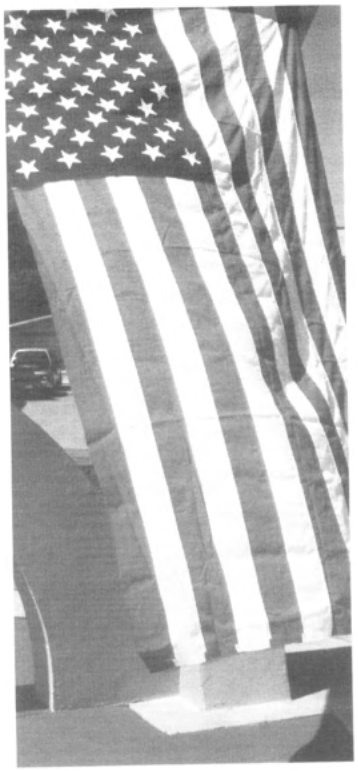
The San Francisco Public Library is starting the planning process for the new Ingleside Branch Library. You are invited to a community meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the OMI Senior Center, 1948 Ocean Avenue. Light refreshments will be served.

Please come and share your ideas on what to include in the library, the types of services you would like to see, and how the new library should be used. Bring your dreams and wishes for this exciting new space.

In addition, survey forms will be available at the branch beginning October 15 so that we may gather as much public input as possible. Please stop by to add your ideas.

For more information, please call the Library' s Chief of Branches at 415-557-4353 or the Office of the Bond Program Manager at 415-557-4354.

Jan Nunez, Manager
Ingleside Branch Public Library
1649 Ocean Avenue (at Faxon)



ANNUAL PICNIC and BAR-B-Q

The day dawned amazingly clear and warm, and the usual clouds never rolled in. Many volunteers gathered and we set up for the barbecue very quickly. Many thanks to all the helpers - ***Lonnie Lawson***, ***Bill Ferrero***, and ***John Duff*** for grilling; ***Betty*** and ***Barney Johnson*** for setting up the NERT information table, and to ***Eileen Ambre*** for help with the decorations. Thanks to the ***Comminses*** and the ***Saffords*** for bringing the extra furniture, and thanks again to the ***Werthimers*** for the use of their garage space.

Cary

Great fun

The tables looked lovely with centerpieces of baby roses, and the columns, with their red, white, and blue bunting. The Sundial park looked the best that I can remember - some trees have been replanted, the grass was mowed, and most importantly, the benches and the sundial itself had been repaired and repainted.

The racers

Paul ***Chief's Aide*** ***Pam***
Brett Evert

We started the festivities with the usual bicycle/tricycle race around the sundial. The big difference this year was that a firetruck's bell (rung by ***Hannah Safford***) signalled the beginning of the race. The crew of Fire Station #15 were our guests this year, thanks to ***Paul Conroy***, neighbor and fire commissioner. Other guests this year were representatives from PG&E and the company helping promote the Stonestown expansion project.

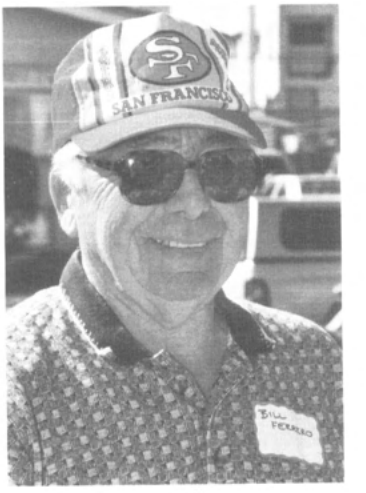
Engine 15

The food was terrific, as always. We ate hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers, and because the theme was American, the side dishes included good old potato salad and chocolate chip cookies.

Pam

After the delicious lunch we had brief announcements. ***Lonnie Lawson*** thanked everyone for coming out and celebrating. Paul and Barney encouraged everyone to sign up for NERT training. A huge thank you was expressed to ***Dan Hirsch*** for getting the big grant that helped pay for renovation of the Sundial, benches, and columns.

Men of Fire Station 15



Bill

Our turnout was huge this year - well over 120 people! Everyone had a great time and lots of people stayed past the announced ending time to visit and help clean up.

The NERT table

Emmett

Thanks to everyone for participating and helping out, and please forgive us if we failed to mention your name!!! We look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting on November 16.

Thanks again,

Jurate Raulinaitis, ***Cathie Lee***, and
Pam Ferrero
Social Committee

Mary Jurline Audrey Deborah Lonnie III

Stephanie & friend

MORE PICNIC PHOTOS ...

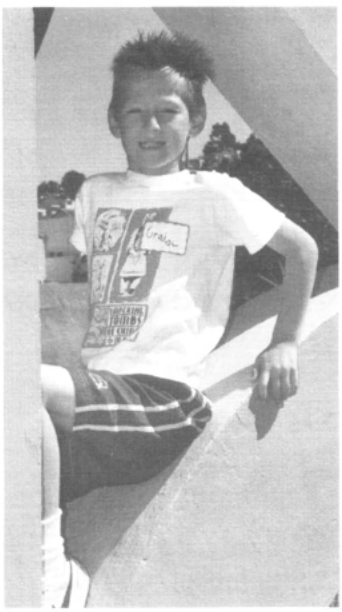
Hank Gomez's arm and face-painting fans ...

This is fun!

A beauty!

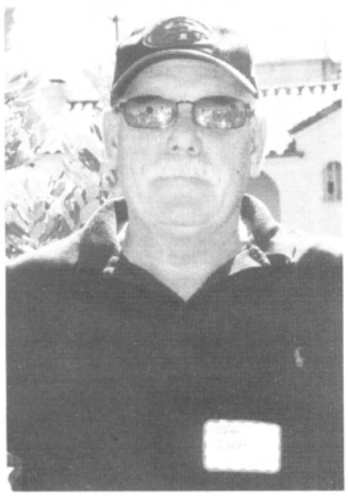
New angle

Rudy



Taking a break

NERT signup



John

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Your Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) has been working to improve its skills so that it will best serve our neighbors in the event of an earthquake or similar disaster.

Sixteen members* recently met for a drill where we discussed how to handle light search and rescue, hazardous materials, and medical emergencies. We also practiced responding to scenarios that might occur such as downed power lines, broken water lines, fire, etc. These were some of the subjects taught by our fire department when we took the NERT training. Thanks to the firehouse personnel from Fire Station 33 who came by to observe and mentor us during the drill.

We need more HAM radio operators. The Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) at 703-6586 offers a one day course for those interested. Next up is The HAM cram class on December 7, 2002. HAM radio communication will be invaluable in a disaster situation as phones are not expected to be working.

Another need for the neighborhood is an inventory of tools, generators, supplies, etc. so that the NERT team would know where to go for these items. If you can assist in providing materials, please call your NERT coordinator, ***Barney Johnson***, at 584-5223.

We look forward to meeting the ITHA folks who expressed interest in the training at the annual picnic. We need lots more team members in order to be of useful service to the neighborhood. Please consider taking the NERT classes; they are informative, helpful and fun. (Call 558-3456 for a class schedule.)

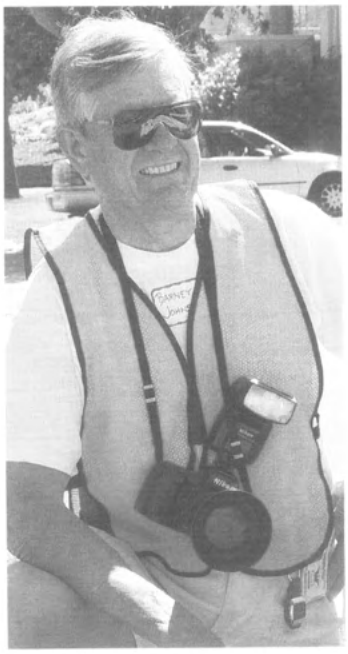
This could be YOU!

(call 584-5223)

* NERT drill participants:

Helen Allen
Betty Carman
Noel Commins
Rudy Cook
Betty & Barney Johnson
Bette & Bob Landis
Jurline & Lonnie Lawson
Cathie Lee
Anton Lethin
JoAnn Rawson
Peter Rockwell
Exie Sims
Alice Wallace

BARNEY JOHNSON



Barney

Barney Johnson is a friendly, handsome community activist. He's also modest. He admitted he was once fired from a job because he was too much an engineer and not enough a salesman. It was not his idea for this profile. I decided he was a natural to follow ***Lonnie Lawson*** as two of the most respected leaders of Ingleside Terraces.

Let's first get to how Barney puts out *The Sundial* from his basement office in his lovely home where he and his family have lived since 1964 at 415 Monticello.

Before Barney retired as a traffic engineer in 1997 he had served on the ITHA board for many years, six years as treasurer. At the annual meeting in 1995 he agreed to edit the newsletter. He now produces three issues a year, taking most of the photos and doing all the graphics and layout. He's been taking photos since the age of thirteen and is a pioneer on the computer using AppleWorks, PageMaker, a scanner, and Photoshop. He spends six hours a day for about ten days to put the paper to bed. He hasn't yet purchased a digital camera so he scans his regular film pictures, crops them, and somehow gets them onto the pages.

For story ideas, Barney has enlisted the help of neighbor ***Norma Tannenbau***m, and also has two other lovely ladies as copyeditors: his wife Betty and neighbor ***Elaine Mannon***.

Barney's community actions don't end as editor. He and Betty were early birds in the NERT program. Barney is now coordinator, taking over from ***Phyllis Gomez***, and signed up twelve prospective NERTs at the September picnic. With their orange vests and yellow helmets, NERT volunteers are trained in disaster preparedness and participate in annual citywide drills.

Barney is also a HAM radio buff, licensed as KE6UII. He can reach Fire Station 15 (Ocean & Phelan) by radio when all fails as it did in the earthquake of October 17, 1989. He also reaches ***Lonnie Lawson***, KF6RFU, and ***Noel Commins***, KE6WER, via the two meter radio band.

You can spot Barney in khaki shorts, sometimes digging trenches at the sundial and planting flowers. This is his thirteenth year as tutor of math and sciences at Aptos Middle School. Betty and Barney are Food Runners picking up food from stores and restaurants and distributing to shelters and halfway houses.

Barney's hobbies include woodworking, photography, people, and landscaping, In his home is a Viking ship model he built after visiting Denmark and a gondola model he built after touring Venice. As a long time backpacker he climbed Mount Whitney at the top of the John Muir trail. He is a life member of the Sierra Club. He has given up tap dancing after three years of classes, but he is still an election official and vegetable gardener.

Barnard Johnson was born February 6, 1932 in Los Angeles. His father was a civil engineer, a graduate of UC Berkeley in 1930. Barney obtained a BS

in civil engineering in 1954 at UC Berkeley and after serving two years in the army Signal Corps, he received his Master's degree in transportation engineering at Cal in 1957 .

Barney was a traffic engineer for the City of San Francisco when he met Betty in 1957, a nurse from Chicago. They were married in 1958 and have three children plus two wonderful grandchildren.

Barney worked for the city for nine years with a specialty of traffic operations and safety. In 1966 he joined a large traffic consulting firm and travelled throughout the country. In 1973 he worked in Tel Aviv, Israel on a comprehensive urban transportation study.

In 1977 Barney opened his own traffic engineering office at 1975 Ocean Avenue above what old timers remember as Russell Richards Drug Store. Barney approves of the current construction work on Ocean Avenue with its emphasis on pedestrian safety.

Next time you see a tall, fit man with a strong chin and a warm smile wearing shorts tell him you appreciate what he has done for our community. And give him some feedback on *The Sundial*.

Jerry Werthimer, Neighbor

Supervising sundial irrigation 7/97

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT INTHE TERRACES

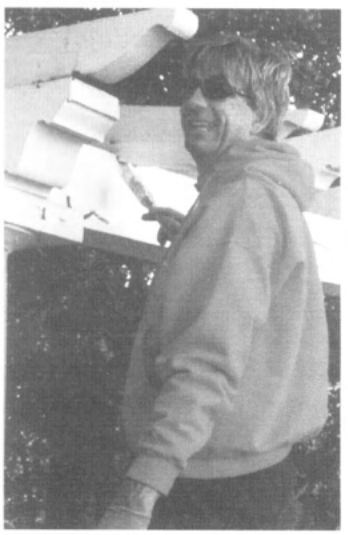
Donny de Leon

Clean up graffiti vandalism as soon as it appears. This is the mantra of our anti graffiti campaign. The major attacked areas are the main entrances to the neighborhood along Ocean Avenue. The blight there has been covered for now. But we must remain vigilant and active.

There are never enough volunteers. The Department of Public Works has an Adopt Street Program to combat graffiti in our city. Please call them at 415-241-9274 or me, ***Donny de Leon*** at 585-7366, if you want to help. All paint and brushes will be provided.

Remember, the best defense against graffiti vandalism is immediate eradication. With your help, we can continue keeping our neighborhood clean.

Donny de Leon, Chair



Dave Swanson

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November 16
ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

December 19
CAROLING

January 16
Regular Meeting

February 20
Regular Meeting

March 20
Regular Meeting

April 17
Regular Meeting

NOTE: Regular meetings normally are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (except for July and August) and are open to all ITHA residents.

The meetings are at ***Lonnie Lawson's*** home at 135 Corona Street and last about one hour. Please call 586-2808 to schedule an agenda item.

I am happy to report that the sundial restoration project was finished on time and within budget.

Our contractor, ***Everest Waterproofing and Painting*** spent the first two weeks in August cleaning, patching, priming and painting the sundial, benches and columns.

They were transformed from a plain white color to a palette of browns and "bone". The base of the sundial was coated with a special red and green paint used for tennis courts. This is intended to maximize resistance to foot traffic.

Three more benches were purchased and installed by ***Silvestri Company***. They were able to match the exact patterns of the other benches already in place. They have been epoxied in place to resist tipping and vandalism.

Our new gardener, ***Mr. Gonzalez*** cleaned up the plantings around the sundial base and put down some shredded bark. Some New Zealand flax plants and small trailing plants were installed in the planters by ***Mr. Gonzalez***, ***Cathy Lee***, and ***Jurate Raulinaitis***.

The city contributed to the project by sending out garden crews to cut and trim the lawn, prop up the trees and put mulch around their roots.

The final touch was a great picnic to bring neighbors in and enjoy the results. Next up is a possible commemorative plaque relating to the sundial itself. Stay tuned for more...

Dan Hirsch, Vice President and Sundial Park Chair

Please come to 850 Urbano Drive, the Gomez home, at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 19, for our annual ITHA Christmas Caroling Party. Dress warmly, bring flashlights, and bring a tasty goodie to share. Hot cider and mulled wine will be provided.

HOLIDAY CAROLING

This is always a special event; join us and share in the fellowship of the season. Bring an instrument if you want; we have the song books. If you are unable to join us, but would like the group to sing outside your door, please call ***Phyllis Gomez*** at 333-5615.

FRIENDS of JUNIPERO SERRA PLAYGROUND

A new group, *Friends of Junipero Serra Playground* (FOJSP), needs your help.

The City of San Francisco has a capital plan for improving city parks that includes the Junipero Serra Playground in Lakeside (west of Junipero Serra Boulevard and south of Winston Drive). If it appears there is little support for the playground project, it may be dropped from the program.

Please write to the FOJSP and express your interest in the playground and a little about your uses and desires for improvement. Send your comments to FOJSP, 10 Denslowe Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132. Over the years, many of us have used the meeting rooms for classes, dancing, etc., supervised our youngsters in the large sand area with swings, and played ball on the grass field.

Ed. Note: Let me know if you would like a copy of the FOJSP questionnaire to help structure your input.

WESTERN NEIGHBORHOODS PROJECT

One of our neighbors, ***Esther Kwan***, discovered a very interesting web site which includes a wealth of information about Ingleside Terraces and many other nearby neighborhoods.

We pass along the following website address (URL) for your investigation: *http://www.outsidelands.org*. Please take a look at the historical material there and contribute notes of your own.

WELCOME WAGON

The upside in welcoming our new neighbors is the surprised smilesI receive when delivering their welcome wagon baskets. These goodie-filled baskets include a delicious ***Zanze***'s cheesecake, a souvenir calendar, a Sundial post card, a copy of *The Sundial* Newsletter and an ITHA manual.

If you know of new neighbors who have not received the welcome wagon package, please call me at 585-7366.

Recently greeted newcomers are:

Anne Fong - 806 Urbano Drive
Hung Tran - 848 Head Street
Rishy Chin - 160 Borica Street

The downside of welcoming new neighbors is finding out that nobody is home. When this happens, ***Dave Swanson*** and I eat a lot of cheesecake!

Donny de Leon, Chair

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