



## LOS TRANCOS WOODS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### LTW/VV Newsletter - February/March 2011

#### **The Newsletter is Going All Electronic, Unless...**

You can still get your Newsletter in paper copy if you sign up with editor, Linda Drey-Nightingale. The April/May copy will be the last printed version for all Los Trancos Woods' residents. After that only the Yahoo Group will regularly receive the electronic version. If you wish to receive a paper copy, no matter where you live, call soon to put your address on the list, by contacting Linda.

Now you may be thinking this is coming about because the Newsletter will have photos, fancy graphics, links to outer space; however, your computer illiterate editor with her "old" (6 yrs.) computer is not particularly adept at these things. She is an environmentalist though and sees the value of saving paper and ink, as does the LTWCA Board. On the other hand, while delivering the Newsletter, she got out in the fresh air, walked the neighborhood, waved to everyone, petted the dogs, chatted with the children, and checked out the happenings. She will now be taking more walks in the woods instead, and she expects her neighbors to get out also, so she can continue saying hello.

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale, editor*

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

I would encourage all of you to join the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services SMC Alert System. SMC ALERT is an alert notification system used to immediately contact you during urgent or emergency situations with useful information and updates by sending text messages to your:

- \* e-mail accounts (home, work, school, etc.)
- \* cell phones, pagers, or
- \* Smartphones/handheld devices

To register go to the secure website: <https://www.smcalert.info>

*Submitted by Steve Friedman, LTW Emergency Preparedness Coordinator*

#### **Water Board News**

Starting at the January 6th meeting Tracy Sherman took over as Board President, following established succession policies. We thank Tom Uridel for his exemplary service and look forward to more of the same from Director Sherman!

You may have noticed many colorful flags on District property from the corner of Lake Road and Los Trancos Circle all the way up to the viewing area and trailhead entrance. These are temporary flags to mark recently planted native plants. The District asks you to step carefully around them so that the plants have a chance to become established. Soon representative plants will be marked with small informative signs.

*Submitted by David Smernoff for LTCWD Board*

#### **Los Trancos Woods Community Association (LTWCA) News**

The LTWCA Board of Directors, as one of its first orders of business, has tackled the challenge of revising and updating the Articles of Association that govern how we operate. We were very fortunate when we reactivated the Association to fall within the annual time constraints for holding an election according to the current Articles. We have drafted the attached, updated Articles in response to this and other issues. In addition we have tried to bring greater clarity to the Articles.

Please read through the Draft Articles, and come to our next meeting with your ideas, comments and concerns. It will be held on February 8th, 7:00 PM, at Steve Friedman's house at 144 Carmel Way. If you cannot make this meeting, pass along your thoughts to any LTWCA board member or to Tom Thayer. A final vote on the Articles will be held at an official LTWCA meeting on March 8th, also at 7:00 PM at Tom Thayer's house.

*Submitted by Tom Thayer, President, LTWCA*

### **A Tribute to Marguerite Thayer**

Marguerite Thayer, a well-established icon in the community, died peacefully on 19 Dec. 2010. Marguerite brought grace, commitment, eloquent writing, a can-do attitude and inclusiveness to her role as a neighborhood leader. When she moved to the Woods in the 1970's, she jumped right in to serve in multiple capacities on the LTWCA Board even into her 70s. Many of us remember her small figure and warm smile (with her eyes, no less) as she greeted us in her backyard for the Annual Picnic. No job was too big or too tough for Marguerite, and she inspired all those around her to ante up to the job at hand. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, 26 Feb., at her retirement community. For details contact Wendi.

*Submitted by Linda Drey-Nightingale and Wendi Haskell*

### **Neighborhood Notes**

- On August 14, 2010, **Mary Kormanak** (daughter of Ken and Judy Kormanak) was married to Andrew (Drew) Gilman of Mendon, Massachusetts at St. Denis in Menlo Park. Mary and Drew now live in Westborough, Mass. where Mary works as an Optometrist, and Drew is a Financial Analyst while he works on his MBA. And yes, they eventually plan to move to California to live (maybe sooner than later if the New England freeze and snow is a factor!). Congratulations to Mary and Drew from the neighborhood!
- **Lynn and Russell Deutsch**, on Foxwood Road, will be opening up their second Lobster Shack restaurant in the Ladera Shopper this spring. The former establishments, Red Lotus and Ladera Country Delicatessen, now closed, are being merged into one restaurant for the "shack." The Deutsches will feature their famous "lobstah rolls and chowdah." We wish them the best in their new endeavor and we may see some of our neighbors down there.
- **Great Gobs of Thanks** go to the dog poop bag elves. They keep the 3 containers full of pick up bags, so we can keep the trails and roadsides free of great gobs of poop. Great gobs of thanks also go to the dog walkers who over the years have been increasingly vigilant about keeping the waste out of our watershed and into their trashcans. Everyone appreciates your conscientious efforts. The current 3 locations are at the trailhead between the lakes, at the stop sign on Los Trancos Cir., and at the triangle where Los Trancos Rd. changes to Los Trancos Cir. Please get together with your neighbors, if you see another site where a container should be placed. The container design is a simple PVC pipe or create your own.

### **Community Associations Web Sites**

The web site addresses are:

<http://lostrancoswoods.org/>

<http://www.vistaverdeca.org>

*Thanks Jerry Jensen & Esther Dechow for maintaining web sites AND Thanks Tom Thayer for copying the newsletter.*

The group e-mail list is:

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