

CVRA Newsletter

Summer 2009



Party, Party, Party!

These past few months have been filled with opportunities for CVRA members to enrich, strengthen, and expand their community ties. The first two events were Neighbors Nights at local restaurants, which were co-sponsored by Capitola Cares. These events allowed CVRA members and other Capitola residents to support local businesses, particularly during these difficult economic times, as well as get to know their neighbors.

The first Neighbors Night took place at Bluewater Steakhouse on April 29th. Over sixty people crowded into the restaurant to enjoy drinks, dinner, and most important, lively conversations. Nametags helped everyone get acquainted. CVRA board members were on hand to greet everyone along with Capitola Cares organizers Amie Forest and Barbara Gorson, and Bluewater Steakhouse's managing partner Brick Woytek.

Paradise Beach Grille was the setting for the second Neighbors Night on June 9th. Again friends and neighbors filled the restaurant. Owners Gary and Leslie Wetsel offered a specially priced dinner of chicken marsala or sand dabs to everyone's delight.



Finally, CVRA hosted its second annual summer party at the home of Anne and John Nicol on June 13th. Over thirty five people participated in the festivities. John had a DVD of the PBS special "Rock, Rhythm and Doo Wop," featuring artists like Jay and the Americans and various Motown groups playing in the background to set a lively tone. Council members Dennis Norton and Kirby Nicol stopped by to say hello. Everyone wanted Anne's baked bean recipe, so we've included it later in this newsletter. They also wanted Darcy Horton's cake recipe, which she said was quite simple: Safeway.

Begonia Festival Parade Float

We still need volunteers to help us with our first float in the Begonia Festival Parade on Sunday, September 6th. Nels Westman has created a simple yet fun design for us, and he's willing to create the structure too. Now all we need is your help.

We need 15 volunteers to pick begonias early Saturday morning and/or attach begonias to the float structure on Saturday afternoon and evening, plus Sunday morning if necessary. Work as much or as little as you want.

This is your chance to get involved with CVRA and connect with other members. Contact Rich Diddy at diddy@aol.com.



Ann Filbin, Susan Westman, and Margaret Kinstler



Dennis Norton shares a laugh with friends



New Parking and Traffic Commission Meets

Capitola's newest commission held its first meeting on June 10th. The Traffic and Parking Commission is charged with studying existing and anticipated traffic and parking issues throughout the City of Capitola and developing a long range plan to address these issues. The commission reports to the City Council.

Although its mandate is city-wide, it was clear from the first meeting that traffic and parking issues in and around the Village are the highest priority of the commission. There are eleven members representing Village residents, Village businesses, Pacific Cove Mobile Home Park residents, residents from neighborhoods adjacent to the Village and a Planning Commissioner. It is everyone's hope that this mix of



Anoop and Sita Menon brought their little boy

representatives will result in a balanced approach and solutions that everyone can support.

There are members of CVRA on this commission. We will closely follow its work and keep our members updated on its progress.

Welcome New Reps

We're pleased to introduce our new neighborhood reps: Heidi Kellison as an alternate for the Central Village, Cheryl and Mark Ban as reps for the Upper Village, Judith Feinman as a rep for Riverview Terrace, and Janet Russell as an alternate for Riverview Terrace.

Central Village Reps

- Margaret Kinstler (mmkinstler@aol.com)
- Linda Hanson (llhsf@sbcglobal.net)
- Boris Seibert (boris.seibert@plantronics.com)
- Laura Macleod (laura@familiamacleod.com)
- Alt: Heidi Kellison (heidy@cso.com)

Upper Village Reps

- Bob Hickman (hickman_r@sbcglobal.net)
- Cheryl Ban (capvillage@sbcglobal.net)
- Mark Ban (capvillage@sbcglobal.net)

Riverview Terrace Reps

- Nels Westman (wnwestman@aol.com)
- Ann Filbin (afilbinrealtor@cruzers.com)
- Judith Feinman (judithfeinman@sbcglobal.net)
- Alt: Janet Russell (janet@capitolayoga.com)

Depot Hill Reps

- Molly Ording (mollyording1@yahoo.com)
- Darcy Horton (totoandme@aol.com)

Jewel Box Reps

- Linda Smith (vlrsmith@sbcglobal.net)
- Anne Nicol (annenicol@sbcglobal.net)

What's On Our Website: Lots!

Check out our website (capitolaCVRA.org) for the latest news, including:

- A picture of the easel from our first meeting showing the concerns people expressed (click on the picture to enlarge it and make it more readable)
- A printable copy of our Bylaws
- Links to Capitola-related websites, including one that gives the schedule for the Twilight Concert Series
- Newsletters (soon to include this one)
- Photos from past CVRA events, plus the famous "Capitola Signs" photos
- News items that mention Capitola
- Other fun and informative stuff!

Anne Nicol's Baked Beans

- Large onion, chopped
- 8 cans baked beans, 14 oz. each
- 1 jar molasses, 12 oz.
- 1 to 1 ½ Tbsp. dried mustard
- 2 cups catsup
- 1 package salt pork, minced (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mince 1 package of Salt Pork. In a Dutch oven, brown the pork, add the onion, and sauté until the onion is soft.

Add baked beans to pot. Stir in molasses, mustard, and catsup. Cover and bake for 1 hour. Reduce oven to 250 degrees and bake for 4 hours. Remove cover and continue baking uncovered at 250 degrees for one more hour.

Serve hot, warm, or cold

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