

# OAK LEAVES

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## President's Message By Jim Money



The rains came. The lake is at 43% and rising. Some investigation revealed that Monterey County testing of the new dams at the north end of the Salinas river ran into problems. They had to do four attempts at bladder operation before the system worked properly. This required draining and refilling that drew the lake down after the large rain in October. We are at minimum releases now helping to fill the lake more rapidly.

Improvements at Oak Shores seem to go on all the time. The motto appears to be "Get-err-Done". Upgrades to the club house are ongoing — new curtains on the deck, photo gallery (continues

to be upgraded), kitchen counter area, dishes and utensils, new entry doors, and replacement of office desks/computers (six plus years old), new entrance gate and improvements. These are budgeted and paid for from reserves and community functions. Many volunteer hours are required to make it happen. Become involved, attend meetings, contribute your time and effort. The reward in satisfaction of helping out your community cannot be overstated.

New items of interest include the loss of an entire home to fire at the bottom of lower Captains Walk. The local volunteer fire department was on scene in twelve minutes after being paged out of bed at 2 am by the SLO dispatcher. The home was fully involved and the priority became saving adjoining houses, which had some blistering of paint, but no major damage to them. We have a opportunity to say Thank You at the Annual Firemen's Ball Saturday night of February 13th. "Oak Shores II" was purchased and has a new developer. Bob Sutherland (Board VP) is leading a committee to interface with these folks. I did provide a briefing on this subject at the last Board Meeting based on our initial meeting with the new owner. We provided a copy of the signed agreement with the previous developer and our new CCR'S to this new group. Our position being that the agreement flows with the land and is applicable to them. Their stated goal is to combine with Oak Shores in the future.

The high speed internet to be provided by Norcast is moving towards fruition. Please call the office with notification of your interest, as we need a commitment of sixty people. We are very close to that number. The office and gate area are on their T1 system now and are very happy with it.

You should have your new budget in hand with no increase in dues for 2010. At the end of this year reserves will be at forty eight percent conservatively. The State of Your Union is good. Become involved.





#### **General Manager's Report**

By Dennis Javens



I hope that this report finds each and every one of you in good health and enjoying life.

The lake is the center of attention for both the staff and the residents who live in Oak Shores full time. Since October 13, 2009, we have registered 15 inches of rain. The lake level at the writing of this report is at 43 percent and we have rain on the horizon for the next couple of weeks. The main docks in the marina are completely floating, and the possibility of a good summer of boating seems to be real. Currently the lake is being drained at 25 cubic feet/second (cfs) increasing to 60 on April 1st. The County of Monterey was able to change the Flood Curve Rule allowing more water to be stored in the lake during the rainy season. This should

be good in the long run. Monterey County is raising the boat fees for the lake. An annual pass will cost \$100 in 2010. The County is also installing new docks and slips at the resort with a completion date of April 1st.

As most of you are aware, we had a huge storm hit the community in October that was followed by additional storms in January and February. We are way above average in rain fall for the season. The rain provided us with a variety of challenges. Our main dock was damaged and is under repair. Several slopes became stressed and dumped a bit of mud on the roads. Trees fell and water came from places we never dreamed water would travel. The good news is that our staff was able to handle each and every situation without a hitch.

In January we had a house fire that tragically destroyed a home. Our volunteer fire department did an outstanding job of responding to the fire. As a reminder, please stop by your home and inspect your appliances and other electrical connections to insure their proper operation and condition. Check around your home for any fire hazards like storing wood next to the house or under a deck, storing of gasoline and other flammable materials inside of garages or storage sheds. Let's all work towards protecting the community.

If you have not contacted the office about your interest in the DSL/phone project with Norcast Communication, please do so ASAP. The office and the gate are now on T-1 lines with Norcast, and we are very happy with the speed and reliability of the system. Having the T-1 lines at both locations will allow the staff to access important homeowner information from either location. This should speed up the process of getting guests and visitors into the community. The office recently upgraded to new computers and old software. This upgrade will allow the staff to increase their efficiency and work production

The Board of Directors has approved the purchase of a backhoe for the Maintenance Department. The purchase of this backhoe will allow the staff to tackle major projects faster and more efficiently. Moving docks, cleaning up debris from the street and moving things around the community will be much easier than the old method.

Staff is working with several volunteers to install one new double door and replace an existing double door upstairs in the clubhouse. The installation of these doors will allow the residents to make better use of the clubhouse for large parties. The next project for the clubhouse is the stripping and resealing of the hardwood floors. By summer the clubhouse will be in tip top shape.

Remember to get your 2010 window sticker for each of your vehicles. The new sticker is blue in color replacing any and all other color of stickers. As of April 1, 2010, any vehicle that comes into the community with the wrong colored window sticker will be stopped at the gate to insure that the vehicle has permission to enter the community. Please stop by the gate and change out your sticker.



# Getting to Know Your Neighbors Randy and Janice Gillenwater

By Nancy Feltman



I'm sure that most everyone reading this already knows Randy and Janice and is a very good friend, neighbor or possibly related to Janice. Janice says the reason for this is that her mom, Delma, is one of eleven children, and her dad, Henry, is one of eleven children. She estimates she has over 200 cousins. Randy and Janice were both born and raised in Salinas. They met in 1979 when Janice worked at Bank of America and where Randy did his banking. They celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary last October. They have four children and two grand daughters – their oldest daughter, Shelly, and husband, Matt, live in Hollister with their two daughters, Taylor and Destinee. Their son, Randy Jr. and wife, Georgia, live in Salinas where Randy Jr. is a firefighter at the Salinas Rural Fire Dept. They're expecting their first child this May. Their daughter, Kate, along with her Chihuahua, Bella, lives and works in Los Osos, and their son, Greg, lives and works in Salinas.

Janice left the banking business after 14 years and because of her love of children, she decided to do child care in her home and then retired in 2003. At 18 years old, Randy owned a gas station in Salinas, but after a few years,

he sold it when the opportunity occurred to join the Salinas Rural Fire Department. He retired in 2005 as Captain of the Salinas Rural Fire Department after 31 years of service. When he was young, Randy and his family often camped at Lake Nacimiento main campgrounds. He loved the beauty of the lake and always had the thought in the back of his head that he would like to live here someday. So in 1987 he built a vacation house in Oak Shores. Randy, Janice, Kate and Greg moved here full time in 2003. They don't regret their move from Salinas for a minute. Randy loves the lake and weather; Janice loves the close friendships she has made and also living in a beautiful clean-air uncrowded community as opposed to city living and away from traffic, noise, lights and crime. The only crime she's experienced here is raccoons digging in her trash.

Randy and Janice have been very active and involved with Oak Shores Community. Randy has served as a two-term Board Member from 2005-2009, as Treasurer, Vice President and President. He is currently Chair of the Finance Committee. He's conscientious, cares very much about our community and devotes a lot of his time to the Homeowner's Association and the community. Randy is a very detailed person, pays attention to what's going on around the community, and has a knack for being able to recall details. He can cite budget figures down to the penny, remember exact dates and locations of things that have happened at Oak Shores and, to the misfortune of his golfing buddies, knows not only his exact golf scores but also everyone else's.

Many of you probably have seen Janice in different locations around Oak Shores at the same time. It's true because we believe she's cloned. Janice is our Recreation Committee Chairperson and literally does everything, knows everybody and all that's happening at Oak Shores. She is a great story teller and listener and cares about what people tell her and ask of her in her role as Recreation Chairperson. Is there anything you'd like to see happen at Oak Shores? Games? Social Activities? Fundraisers? Pool Nights? Pontoon Parties? Just ask Janice, and she'll put it together in no time. She is a wealth of information and is known as the "Go To" person if you want to know anybody or anything at Oak Shores. She truly cares about people and her community. Janice is on almost every committee, does an

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outstanding job and is the ultimate team player. She doesn't skimp on any of her commitments and goes the extra mile to assist when anyone needs help. Yes, she is all that and has a big contagious smile, a wonderful sense of humor and loves to play practical jokes on people. If you are ever in a restaurant with Janice, you may be surprised to have a birthday dessert with lit candles placed in front of you and everyone singing Happy Birthday when it's not even close to your real birthday. Some of us have had several birthdays in one year thanks to Janice.

One of her many volunteer activities is to take care of friends' houses when they are not here. She's been known to go out in the middle of the night to check on homes to make sure there are no problems if we're having particularly bad weather. She also manages somehow to find lost items. If you lost a piece of jewelry, a key, a pet or anything, Janice will look until she's exhausted her search, but most times finds what she's looking for. Once she found a man's lost wedding band after she emptied all the trash in his driveway.

You might be thinking this is all too much for one person, but what is true is that Janice happens to have a ton of energy, puts people first and wants to see them be happy. She enjoys doing all these things and presents herself as someone who will always tell you the truth and be true to her word.

What does she enjoy in her spare time? You guessed it. What spare time? She enjoys every day to the fullest and makes time for some of her favorite activities - soaking in the tub, sitting in her massage recliner, being with her friends, watching movies, floating on a raft on the lake, sunbathing by the pool, kayaking, playing games, spending girl time with her daughter Kate, being a sales rep for Mary Kay. She and Randy both enjoy going on rides on their Harley with Oak Shores friends.

Many Oak Shores people comment that the reason they have so much fun at our activities is due to Janice's enthusiasm, leadership and organization. Janice says that she depends on her many hardworking volunteers to make all the events a success.

Thank you Janice and Randy for your non-stop work and dedication to help make Oak Shores a wonderful and fun place to live.

#### Census Workers Needed!

The U.S. Census needs local people to help with temporary work in this area. The pay is \$15.50/hr. plus mileage with paid training and flexible hours after training. It is ideal for those who like to work independently and/or need to work around another job or family schedules. I am helping interested people fill out the application form and take the hiring test here in Heritage Ranch as well as at Oak Shores and San Miguel. Call me for the current schedule if interested. The Census needs a large number of people relative to the size of our community, so qualified applicants have a good chance of being hired. You can contact Catherine Sclimenti at jctval@yahoo.com or 227-0281, or the Census Bureau at www.2010censusjobs.gov or 805-345-3650 for more information, to reserve a seat and to try the practice test.



#### Oak Shores Residents

# New High Speed Internet/ Phone Options for Oak Shores **Great Package Prices**

by Randy Feltman

Your Community Association, OSCA, is pleased and excited to provide information to the residents of Oak Shores about new options for low cost, high speed internet and consolidated phone services. This is long awaited good news for full and part-timers who have struggled with Internet and cell phone service at Oak Shores.

Our new manager, Dennis Javens, and several owners have been meeting with a private phone company in San Luis Obispo, Norcast, to explore new technologies and options that could work for Oak Shores residents. As an outcome of these discussions, Norcast has prepared a proposal with a price list (See Info Box) that we can now share with all Oak Shores residents.

These prices consolidate your internet and phone bill and can include long distance nationwide coverage. The internet speed, (3Mbs) is about twice as fast as current satellite providers offer to homeowners. With call forwarding included, you can receive cell phone calls to your Oak Shores home phone eliminating expensive cell phone boosting equipment. All these options include the reliability of hard-wired land line phone connectivity.

If you have questions or are interested in any of these options, please call the OSCA office at I Installation Fees 805-472-2233. To make the community Month to month \$299 investment in equipment necessary to offer these options at Oak Shores, Norcast must have at least 60 customers. An informational

## Norcast Premium Package \$99 per month

- 1. Up to 2 phone lines + Features (Caller ID, Call forward, etc)
- 2. Asymmetrical Internet Access. Speeds Up to 3Mbps download and 500Kbps Upload \*
- 3. 1000 Free National Long Distance Minutes
- 4. Unlimited San Luis Obispo County Calling
- 5. 1 Voicemail Box

#### Norcast Standard Package \$79 per month

- 1. 1 phone line + Features (Caller ID, Call forward, etc)
- 2. Asymmetrical Internet Access. Speeds Up to 3Mbps download and 500Kbps Upload \*
- 3. Unlimited San Luis Obispo County Calling
- 4. 1 Voicemail Box

# Norcast Internet \$69 per month

Asymmetrical Internet Access. Speeds Up to 3Mbps download and 500Kbps Upload \*

1 year contract \$199

presentation was given by Norcast after the November Board Meeting. If residents missed that presentation and would like to have a second presentation with Q & A, contact the OSCA office staff. If enough persons want a second presentation, staff will attempt to schedule it.

#### Welcome Our New Owners

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Mike & Karen Everett – 2538 Anchor Circle Mark & Tracy Anderson – 2519 Captains Walk Joseph & Leslie Blatchford – 8805 Circle Oak Drive Gary Geddry – 8121 Cove Lane Steven & Cindy Hattersley - 2709 Lookout Loop Lorenzo & Rebecca Ocheda - 2165 Ridge Rider Stephen & Cynthia Goble - 2651 Tree Trap.

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#### **Dan In the Vines**

By Dan Del Campo



In 1851 Horace Greeley said, "Go west young man". You won't have to cross the Rockies, but for some excellent wines of character you have to "go west" on Hwy 46. The last winery before heading to Hwy 1 is Rocky Creek Cellars on the southern slope of famed York Mountain. The owners of this small vineyard and winery are father and son, John and Dustin Somogyi. I have been to the winery six times to taste and enjoy the handcrafted wines. I have never been disappointed with the quality of the wines and the experience in the warm and small tasting room. John is very forthright about his passion for producing fruit for lower alcohol wines. What is significant is that he ages the wine in barrels for at least two years! What's the rush when the results produce a smooth but rich in flavor wine.

In the current viticulture economic climate, value and quality are key in choosing wines. They have a 2002 Cabernet that I tasted, and it will probably peak in 2010. This cab has a slippery smooth feel with

heavy accents on the fruit. Due to the lower alcohol per cent there is no harsh finish. Therefore, you can enjoy it without food; but it goes well with some seasoned tri-tip, garlic mashed potatoes and peas. Now hold on to your corkscrew because this wine is priced at \$18. Can you say case!

Now for you Syrah fans, there is a 2002 vintage that will hold its place with any North County Syrah around. What's nice about this Syrah is the way it will dance around on your palate with varying spice, vanilla, and smoke, and once again, allowing superb fruit forward flavor. This can be uncorked for \$20.





My top favorite at RCC is the 2004 Zinfandel. My best description is drinking Hersey's Syrup out of the can following it with a direct blast of whipped cream. Smooth and lush. You Zin lovers know what I mean. This is why John says, "get good grapes, and don't press the grapes as hard to lower the tannins". He succeeded on this Zin.

Coming soon, a 2006 Estate Syrah and a 2008 Pinot Noir.

If you want to meet John and Dustin, you can view my short video on youtube.com (search Rocky Creek Cellars) or go west, drop in, taste, and meet John. He will be happy to see you.

Until next time, toast with your favorite wine for more rain!



## Right in Our Own Backyard

By Cathy Anding Wolfe



By now the holidays are over and most people are preparing for springtime, wildflowers, green hills, and, of course, high levels of water in our beautiful lake. Well, folks, it is happening Right NOW!!!!! The hills are alive with soft and lush blankets of green and growing rapidly. Wildflowers are beginning to appear along the roads leading to Oak Shores as they come out of winter hibernation. And, the lake is appearing to be a lake again. In fact, in one week the level raised over 30 feet...and it is still coming up as the rainstorms continue to pound our shores...and no one is

complaining! (See pix on center pages) With days of sunshine in between many days of

rain, when or where can a side trip take place? Just take a drive to Paso Robles and witness, in the next few weeks, a once-a-year event that lasts only about 2 weeks.....the blossoming almond trees.

A spectacular sight happens each year from the end of February through the end of March. Just outside of Paso Robles, the old almond groves continue to show off their spring ritual. Thousands and thousands of almond trees bloom within a few days of



each other, creating a sight to behold. People come from around the state just to see the beautiful puffs of white and pink "cotton candy" that cover the hills and roadway of G14. (Hey, Washington D.C. has the cherry blossoms, and we have the almond blossoms!) Because the groves are 50 to 100 years old, they do not produce almonds any longer. But the bees don't know that and continue to pollinate the vibrant flowers.

Many years ago, almonds were the famous crop of Paso Robles. Blue Diamond had an almond plant in Paso Robles. It was located where the Niblick/First Street Bridge stands. The plant shut down in the '60's as the trees became older, bearing less almonds, and farmers decided that raising cattle was more lucrative. The past few years have seen thousands of acres of almond orchards being ripped out and becoming vineyards. The almond wood is regarded are excellent firewood and the Jardine Ranch makes wonderful charcoal from their old trees. Unfortunately, sometime in the near future this gorgeous sight will be no more. So until then, take a drive to Paso Robles during the month of March when the almond blossoms bloom and marvel at the beauty of nature. After all, it's right in our own backyard.......



#### **GROW A PIZZA GARDEN**

By Chef Cindy Peyton



Even though few of us have room to plant a garden, we can certainly find space for a big pot on a sunny area of our deck. Why not do something a little different and grow a pizza garden this summer? A few plants, a few herbs and you'll have mouth watering pizza any time you want. Start with a plum tomato plant. These tomatoes hold up and have better flavor in sauces. Then add a yellow and a red bell pepper plant to the container. In a smaller pot, plant some fresh herbs: oregano, rosemary and basil. That's it. You now have the foundation for a really good, fresh pizza.

#### **Easy Fresh Pizza Sauce**

The hardest part of this recipe is "blanching" the tomatoes. For those unfamiliar with the term, add tomatoes to a pot of boiling water for 20 seconds. Carefully, lift them out of the water with a slotted spoon and immerse into a bowl of ice water.

6 to 8 plum tomatoes

2 T chopped fresh basil

2 T chopped fresh oregano

1 T chopped fresh rosemary

1 garlic glove, minced

½ t cayenne pepper

1 t salt

½ t pepper

When tomatoes are cool enough to handle, use a paring knife to cut away the core and peel off the skin. Slice the tomatoes lengthwise and using your thumbs, push out the seeds and gelatinous mixture. Coarsely chop the tomatoes and put into a sauce pan with the other ingredients. Simmer the sauce for 30 minutes over low heat, stirring occasionally. If you prefer a smoother sauce, blend in a food processor until the desired consistency is achieved. And if you prefer a sweeter sauce, add a couple of teaspoons of sugar.

#### **Easy Pizza Sauce**

I realize not everyone wants to grow a garden but how about just a few herbs? Here's a quick, delicious recipe for those of us who prefer the window sill type of gardening.

2 T olive oil

1 garlic clove, minced

1 28 oz can crushed tomatoes (I prefer Muir Glen if you can find it)

1 t dried oregano or 2 t fresh

1 t dried basil or 2 tsp fresh

Over medium heat, add all ingredients, cover and bring to a boil. Uncover, lower heat and simmer for 30 minutes. I hope you give one of these recipes a try. Not only are they easy and delicious but you'll be able to control the salt, sugar, etc. And there's a lot of satisfaction in knowing you grew your own.

#### CANS FOR CANINES

Let's make 2010 another great year to help our local animal protection and support agencies. Please continue bagging your aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Call me or drop them off on my driveway. I will match every dollar raised and donate the money to charities that help animals in need. Please join me in helping our furry friends. It's so simple, and you'll feel good knowing you're helping to bring hope and loving care to an animal in desperate need. Cindy Peyton, 472-2025, 2302 Lakeview Dr.

DON'T FORGET to click on the <u>www.theanimalrescuesite.com</u> daily. It's FREE! All you do is click and the sponsors donate to an animal living in a shelter. Keep the address in your favorites or inbox and click daily!



# **Oak Shores In Pictures**

Christmas 2009

New Year's 2010





CHRISTMAS
CAROLING
(& more) at
The Gillenwater's
The Franke's,
The Wheeler's
The Barrios'
The Feltman's





**POSING** 

SELLING



OAK SHORES KIDS ENJOY SANTA AND THEIR GIFTS





HUGGING







DAWN OF 2010 by Vicki Wheeler 1st Runner Up



NOISE-MAKING



WE ARE BEING BLESSED WITH LOTS OF RAIN TO FILL UP THE LAKE



2ND RUNNER UP By Lori Wilson

JAN. 17, 2010

FEB. 7, 2010



MARINA &
AUXILIARY
RAMP
PRIVATE
SLIPS





EASTSIDE MARINA PRIVATE SLIPS





WEST RAMP... NO MORE ISLAND





"CANTINA'S FALLS" IS NOW THE CANTINAS AGAIN





#### THE GREAT RACE

By Ginny Becchine



A Native American legend tells the story of The Great Race between buffalo and people. When the Great Spirit created the earth and all living things, the people and animals lived in peace. Neither people nor animals ate flesh. After many seasons buffalo began to think that since they were the most powerful beings in the world and they should be chief of all the animals and have the right to eat animals and people. The people argued that they should be chief of all the animals.

To end the argument, The Great Spirit proposed a race to determine who would be the chief of all the animals. The buffalo and people agreed to the race. Since buffalo have four legs and people have only two, people claimed the right to have another animal run on their team. Buffalo consented and birds, because they also had two legs, chose to run with the humans.

The buffalo gathered their fastest runners. People chose the hummingbird, the meadowlark, the hawk and the Magpie to run with them. The race began and the buffalo took the lead. But during the race the Magpie devised a plan. She chose to ride unseen on the great back of the fastest buffalo. Running Slim Buffalo Woman, a young cow, was in the lead as the finish line approached. At the last minute Magpie shot up off Running Slim's back and flew over the finish line winning the race. Magpie had won people the right to be chief of all the animals.

From early ages the Magpie has been known as the lucky bird, which delivers good news. The year 2009 was no different as the Magpie was named Audubon California Bird of the Year. The Audubon California Board of Directors nominated six birds and the people voted. The Magpie beat out the California Condor, Brown Pelican, Western Snowy Plover, Peregrine Falcon and Acorn Woodpecker (Yes, Oak Shores' much "beloved" Acorn Woodpecker) to become the Bird of the Year. You ask how could a Magpie beat out the condor or the falcon. Well, the Yellow-billed Magpie is one of California's most striking birds and holds the honor for being the only bird found exclusively within California's borders.

There are actually two magpies in California, Pica Nuttalli and Pica Hudsonia. The first is the Black-billed Magpie, which is found not only in California, but also in many western states, Canada and Alaska. Everywhere in Oak Shores you will see Pica Hudsonia, the Yellow-billed Magpie, as it prefers oak grasslands and is a common resident of the Central Valley and the coastal ranges. However, you will not see even one Black-billed Magpie in Oak Shores, as the two magpies do not occur in the same location.

Bird watchers from around the world travel to California to see the flashy Yellow-billed Magpie. This large black-and-white bird has a long dark tail and yellow bill. It's body and wings are iridescent, and the area

around the eye is bright yellow. The Black-billed Magpie is identical to the Yellow-billed except it does not have yellow around its eye and obviously has a black not yellow bill.

The Yellow-billed Magpie is omnivorous, eating a variety of plant and animal foods. Insects, however, make up most of the diet but they also eat grain, acorns, carrion, and small mammals. The Yellow-billed Magpie has even been seen pecking insects off the backs of mule deer. Ever since Magpie won The Great Race for people, the people have respected the Magpie, never hunting or eating it.







#### **Recreation Update**

Janice Gillenwater, Recreation Chairperson

Happy New Year 2010! By the time you get this issue, we will have sponsored the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Firefighters Ball held on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. 100% of the evening's profit goes to our local Firefighter Company 34. Thank you all for attending and for your donations. We all value having our volunteer firefighters in our community. If you missed the event and want to make a donation, please contact the OSCA office and Stephanie or Debbie will assist you.

Planned Major Activities for 2010.

- •Bingo Family Bingo/Potluck is the same night as the Board Meeting. Please bring your favorite dish to share and your own beverage.
- •Bunco- First Thursday each month- call 472-9404 for information
- •Firefighters Ball Feb. 13th
- •Memorial Day BBQ Sun May 30th
- •4th of July Pancake Breakfast Sat July 3rd
- •Labor Day BBQ- Sun Sept 5th
- ♦ Halloween Costume Party / Dance- Sat October 30th
- ♦ New Years Gala Fri. Dec 31st

The Miniature golf course project will soon get under way; there is only 1 hole left to purchase. If you are interested in sponsoring a holem, please call Mary Jo at 630-5686. Recently, Recreation and Logos purchased the swimming pool tables and umbrellas that will complete the Pool furniture project. We all will enjoy them when our pool reopens for 2010! As you have heard me say many times in the past, I want to thank all the volunteers that make all the events happen and for all of you that attend the activities so we can continue to have them and enjoy our friendships and our community.

# **Beautification Committee Update—John Watkins Chairperson**

2009 was a very productive year thanks to the efforts of our Volunteer Members and the staff of Oak Shores. Thank you all. Below is a list of those ideas proposed by Committee Members to be considered in the year ahead.

- 1: Landscaping at base of tall Oak Shores sign at entry.
- 2: Remove or replace Oak Shores Property Owners sign.
- 3: Stairs from Logo's/barbeque area to lower parking lot.
- 4: Planter around scanner
- 5: Clubhouse enclosure outside kitchen on deck
- 6: Repair/repaint clubhouse exterior deck stairs
- 7: Fitness trails, picnic areas
- 8: Maintenance schedule for planters at gate office and Logo's
- 9: Clubhouse interior flagpoles U.S.A and California
- 10: Community cleanup day with 40yd dumpster
- 11: Three-rail fence for display of announcement banners
- 12: Continuation of carved wood traffic signs vs. printed
- 13: Professional arborist to groom entry trees

Some of the committee's efforts will be to work on design details for phase two, three and four of the long term gate renovation project, so that when the budget allows us to move ahead, we will be ready. Phase two being the pad and supporting services for the new position of the kiosk. Phase three being the physical moving of the kiosk to its new position. Phase four being the recontour and paving of the gate area. Send us your beautification ideas and suggestions for our wonderful community.





#### OAK LEAVES NEWSLETTER

# RN Case Management Service Available at Oak Shores Mona Johansen, RN Certified Care Manager

I have been involved in home health nursing for 15 years. Each home, each family, each patient has touched my life in some way that has given me the experience in nursing that is unique to say the least. I have treasured each experience and richness it has afforded me in my nursing career.

In 2008, I decided to act upon a need I saw in the many homes I visited while working as a home health nurse for a local home health agency. Skilled home health care is a paid insurance benefit but is temporary. After I completed my services to the patient as a result of there being no further skilled need, there was still a need for ongoing custodial health care needs. I had been made aware of a fairly new type of nursing on the horizon called care management. It entails management of care in the home including medication management, obtaining of caregivers, accompanying patients to the doctor, assistance with the confusion during a transition from hospital to home and much more.

I decided in 2008 to start my own care management business in the hopes of helping the elderly with their many health care needs. With family members living a distance away, or a spouse with his or her own health care needs, I can assist with managing the health care needed in the home. My visits can be as frequent or limited as each patient desires for as long a period of time they desire my services.

The Oak Shores area is particularly distant from services. Knowing this, about a year or so ago I did a once-amonth blood pressure clinic for a few months as a get-acquainted outreach and to let you know about the services I offer. I enjoyed meeting some of you and look forward to meeting and serving more of you in the future. I live in Lockwood, so I am not far away.

Please call me for a free consultation. 831-206-0750

# **New 2010**Quarterly Big Shot Photo Contest

The BEST SHOT will receive a Logos Gift Certificate, be featured in the OAK LEAVES... PLUS,

the Best of the Year will be the Front Cover Picture of the 2011 Oak Shores Phone Book!

You may submit more than one photo
Judging by an outside
Professional Photographer
Submit Photos By May 1, 2010 to
CathyAtTheLake@msn.com
...BE A BIG SHOT...
Capture the people, wild animals,
lake and natural beauty
it's a WIN/WIN for everyone!!



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VICKI WHEELER had the winning photo for 2009, and was to have her photo as the front cover of the Oak Shores Phone Book. Due to unforeseen circumstances, it could not be put on the front cover.

GAYLORD WOLFE is the photographer of the Double Rainbow photo that was used as the front cover. A misprint stated Hedy Gundrum as the photographer. The Access Publisher apologizes for the error.



# OAK SHORES AREA RESIDENTS—FREE FOOD - GOOD FOOD A MONTH'S SUPPLY AT A TIME YOUNG PEOPLE/SENIORS - INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH 1PM UNTIL 5PM—HERITAGE RANCH REC BARN United States Department of Agriculture - SLO Food Bank

The Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County supplies food once a month in most communities to families and people of all ages through its <u>USDA Commodities Program</u>. From Paso Robles to Nipomo, from Morro Bay to California Valley, people in need come to community centers, churches, senior centers and veterans halls to receive food. The USDA provides canned fruits and vegetables, soup, pasta, cereal, juice and meat. The Food Bank adds bread, pastries, dairy products and produce to ensure everyone gets a good variety including fresh food.

Recipients are asked to bring proof of county residency in the form of a driver's license, utilities bill or other piece of mail with their address. The only other step is to 'self-certify' that household monthly income is at or below these levels: One person: \$1,300/month, Two people: \$1,750/month, Three people: \$2,200/month, Four people: \$2,650/month.

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Recently there have been a few homes experiencing their vents (up on roof tops) being filled with acorns and leaves from birds, squirrels and woodpeckers causing serious plumbing problems. Please check your bathroom vents if you notice any plumbing back-ups or odors. Local plumbers or a pest control service can assist and prevent a reoccurrence.

# Oak Shores Community Association Office Hours

Monday - Saturday 8am — 4pm
Office Phone 805-472-2233
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# Winter Gate Hours

Monday—Saturday 6:30 am to 6pm Sunday 8am to 4pm Oak Shores Christian Fellowship
A Bible Based
New Testament Church
Non-denominational Weekly Service
8:30a.m. Sunday at the Clubhouse
Pastor Dr. Ed Bedrosian 238-9240

We want everyone to be aware of our Fellowship's prayer chain and welcome all to contact us with their prayer requests. To activate the prayer chain, first call Pastor Ed, then Faye Middleton at 472-2497. You do not need to be a member of our church to request prayers or become a participating member of the prayer chain. Thanks to Faye Middleton for leading the prayer chain since July 8, 1995.

**GOD BLESS THE OAK SHORES COMMUNITY** 



#### **The Clubhouse Gallery News**

by Rusty Lipscomb

Thanks to our great photo enthusiasts, the second installment of the gallery continued to give us inspired images of our beautiful community. Gallery #3 will be installed by the end of February. For those of you who have missed the Clubhouse Gallery shows, try to stop by any time during the week or on Saturday, during office hours, and I know that you will enjoy all of photos on display.

Photos for THE PETS OF OAK SHORES are coming in slowly, and I am reminding all pet owners to please think about sharing your dogs, cats, and birds with us. I prefer outdoor photos, posed spontaneous, no grooming needed. I know that we have many water dogs, and I would love to have some of those images. We can scan images, you can email or put them on disc.

I would also love to do a gallery of black and white images, abstract images and any other creative style that shows off the Central Coast. Remember, every photo looks great with a mat and a frame, and we never get tired of seeing how beautiful our area is. For information please contact: Rusty Lipscomb, 472-2717, <a href="mailto:lilrust@earthlink.net">lilrust@earthlink.net</a>.

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8269 Anchor Way	\$479,000	2308 Ridge Rider Rd.	\$65,900
2669 Pine Ridge	\$499,000	8383 Stub End	\$99,000
2443 Captains Walk	\$515,000	2474 Captains Walk	\$99,000
2628 Crows Nest Loop	\$689,000	2449 Captains Walk	\$99,000
8136 Smith Point Rd.	\$789,000	2652 Tree Trap Rd.	\$115,000
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		2591 Captains Walk	\$150,000
		Oak Shores Dr.	\$175,000
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## **Station 34 Update**

Chris Kirk, Administrator 805-472-9172

Company 34 responded to 39 total incidents in 2009. 23 Medical Aids; 4 Vehicle Accidents; 3 Boat Accidents; 2 Motorcycle Accidents; 2 Boat Fires; 1 Vegetation Fire; 1 Smoke Check; and 3 Public Service Assists with a total of 5 Firefighters responding with 1 on a leave of absence and 1 new recruit. All of our Firefighters are EMT and 3 are FF1 certified. Two of our Firefighters have over 25 years of experience. We need additional Firefighters! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact any of our current staff. To be able to respond, you will need to be at least 18 years old, live in our response area full time, and attend approximately 8 weeks of training which you will be paid approximately \$1800.00 when completed.



Company 34 would like to thank OSCA for purchasing the insurance

for Patrol 34, saving our Company \$2,800.00. We would also like to thank OSCA Maintenance staff for the installation of our new Fire Prevention sign on the main road into the community. Last year's Firefighter's Ball was a huge success with a donation from the Rec. Committee of \$2,500.00 from the dinner and auction of some donated items, and also the auction of the OSCA pin won by Ivan Wheeler and Grace Borzini. Auctioneer, Jim Money, also raised another \$2,500.00 to purchase a stair chair! All in all, it is was a wonderfull evening and well attended.

Things to look forward to are a new fire engine that will be arriving soon. Work will be starting on the roof to our station, also some window treatments, as well as some drywall work to the office. Our Firefighters held a dinner in December to show appreciation for our Auxiliary members. The dinner included Pork Loin, Clam Chowder, Crab Legs, and even LOBSTER! We love all the work our members do for the community and us all year long.

On a sad note, we lost one of our Auxiliary members who passed away from a long fight with cancer, member Don Krause was a wonderful man, and I was honored to know and work along side of him. He will be missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

On the fire prevention side of things, Cal Fire, along with OSCA Maintenance, are going to start clearing common areas of brush and debris for a safer community. If your address is not clearly visible from the street, we have trouble locating you. Remember, in an emergency every minute counts so help us to help you. When activating the 911 emergency system, act calmly and let the operator know that you are in San Luis Obispo County, and you are in Oak Shores Station 34 Response Area.

We just recently responded to a structure fire on lower Captains Walk at 2:22 in the morning. We responded to the incident and had water on the fire within 13 minutes from time of dispatch, but the structure was already fully involved with fire. Your firefighters were able to protect the 2 structures on both sides of the residence. We feel the fire was burning maybe 30 minutes or so before anyone knew it. Sprinkler systems or audible fire alarms are some things you may consider if your home is a vacation home and no one lives there full time. Remember, lot clearing is around the corner, and you need to make sure your lot is cleared not only of weeds but also downed trees and debris. We look forward to protecting you and your family this year, and remember your donations are always welcome!



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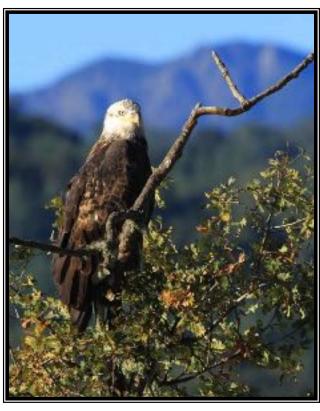
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