

HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS VIEW

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A Neighborhood in Crisis

All of us living in Hollywood Heights should be aware that we are facing enormous challenges. Traffic, development, noise and crime continue to encroach on our small oasis.

As a community working together to preserve the unique quality of our life in these hills, we must depend upon each other. In times of emergency—be it earthquake, fire, floods or civil unrest—working with our neighbors could save our lives. And coping with day to day problems is easier if we are facing them together.

This is an appeal to newcomers and longtime residents alike. For the past 11 years, a handful of dedicated Hollywood Heights homeowners and renters have given time and energy to unite our community against the forces that would disrupt, if not destroy, our way of life. We have accomplished much.

So far, the HHA has prevented development of two huge apartment houses that would have choked our streets with intolerable traffic. The HHA continually rides herd on the Hollywood Bowl to eliminate

illegal parking and control noise on our streets. We have spoken out at City Hall and at the County Board of Supervisors on behalf of this neighborhood.

But the faithful few can do only so much. Whoever said there is strength in numbers spoke the truth. To exert power over the bureaucracy of this vast city our voices must be united and numerous.

We need your participation now more than ever. Some members have moved away and others were diverted by career changes. Our dedicated founding member, Don Wakefield, died after a lingering illness, and his departure removed a strong pillar of the HHA.

Our plea is simple: JOIN US!

If your answer is, "I don't have time," please consider that our board now includes two working new mothers who toiled for the neighborhood through their pregnancies and now bring the babies to meetings if it's the only way they can get there.

They care. And we hope that you care. But the only way we can know is if you tell us. Please call any officer or board member (the numbers are in this issue).

Tell us what you can do to help. Are you a writer? We need contributors for the "View." Are you a lawyer? We can use your advice. Are you good at organizing events? We could use your expertise. Are you a ham radio operator? You could organize our emergency communications.

Any skill you have is important to us. If nothing else, make sure you are a paid up member and come to our meetings.

This neighborhood is only as good as we can make it—working together.

the HHA Board

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New Hollywood Heights President— A Force for Change

Marilyn Glasband, newly elected president of the Hollywood Heights Association, understands the power of community activism. She has fought bureaucracies and won more times than most people would even try.

She brings to her new post the expertise of some 20 years of grass roots work, from registering young voters for The League of Women Voters to saving the park site of a Hollywood nursery school.

As a member of the Hollywood Heights Association board since 1985, Marilyn was drafted to her new position by board members who recognized her talent for community involvement.

Discussing her goals for the neighborhood she has called home for 28 years, Marilyn was blunt. "I think my major goal is to get the lead out of the butts of people in our community," she said. "I want to get interest and participation from the entire community in issues that concern us.

"I would like to improve communications and to get Neighborhood Watch and disaster preparedness organized so we can be a self contained community in times of emergency."

Some personal background on our new president: She is a native of Merville, Iowa (that's 13 miles from Sioux City) and moved to San Francisco as a child. She is a graduate of San Francisco State College with a degree in social work. She was a social worker in Contra Costa County and San Francisco before she met and married Eugene Glasband and moved south. They settled in Hollywood Heights. When their son, Danny, was born, Marilyn left work as a Medicare claims agent and dedicated herself to the concerns of parenthood. When her child's nursery school, the Canyon School at Las Palmas and Franklin, was threatened with eviction from its park site, Marilyn fought city hall and won. The school continues to serve Hollywood families to this day at the same location.

Marilyn was instrumental in preventing the closure of four small elementary schools in the 1970s and subsequently became a member of the schools advisory council.

In 1976 she joined the League of Women Voters, was elected to its board and was a major mover of a project to register 18 to 20-year-olds to vote. As voter registration director for the multi-organizational effort, she organized registration in high schools. Her tireless work led to registration of 1,500 high school students in one year and resulted in a plan for schools to identify high school seniors for voter registration.

In her work for Hollywood Heights, she has served as block captain coordinator, vice president and chairman of the board. As President, she hopes to equal past triumphs.

She has forged strong relationships for HHA with the Federation of Hillside and Canyon Homeowners and United Streets of Hollywood, among other organizations. And she represents us as a member of the citizens advisory council to the Hollywood Bowl.

Marilyn said the board has invited Police Chief Willie Williams to address the HHA membership in the near future and hopes to hold an event to introduce the community to our new mayor and councilman. But her major goal is to draw all residents into the HHA as active participants and good neighbors.

"We want to increase our membership so that our negotiations with City Hall and other parties have more impact," she said. "the more participation we get the more we can accomplish."

by Linda Deutsch

Don Wakefield

This issue of the VIEW is dedicated to the memory of Don Wakefield, a founding member of the Hollywood Heights Association who served as treasurer for 10 years until his untimely death last August. He was a loyal friend, a good neighbor and, above all, a gentleman. No board member ever received as many votes as Don, a tribute to his warmth and good humor even when trying to make financial ends meet for the Hollywood Heights Association. He will always be missed and never forgotten.

Preparedness Discussed at General Meeting

The need for neighborhood preparedness—for earthquakes, fire, flooding, civil unrest—was emphasized by speakers at a general HHA meeting in March at Yamashiro.

Sharon Romano of the United Streets of Hollywood described her group's dedicated and successful efforts to drive out drug dealers, pimps and prostitutes through a network of Neighborhood Watch units. The non-confrontational but vigilant patrolling and the constant vigils in the street "have turned the neighborhoods around," she said. At present, the Watch groups are developing a communication system with cellular phones, which will be useful not only on day-to-day problems, but in case of any disaster. She asked for, and received from HHA President Marilyn Glasband, assurance that the HHA would work with United Streets of Hollywood.

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by Theo Wilson



HHA Founding President Grayce Baldwin (l), and newly elected President Marilyn Glasband (r), display a panel for the Names Project AIDS quilt, which was recently presented in memory of HHA Treasurer, Don Wakefield.

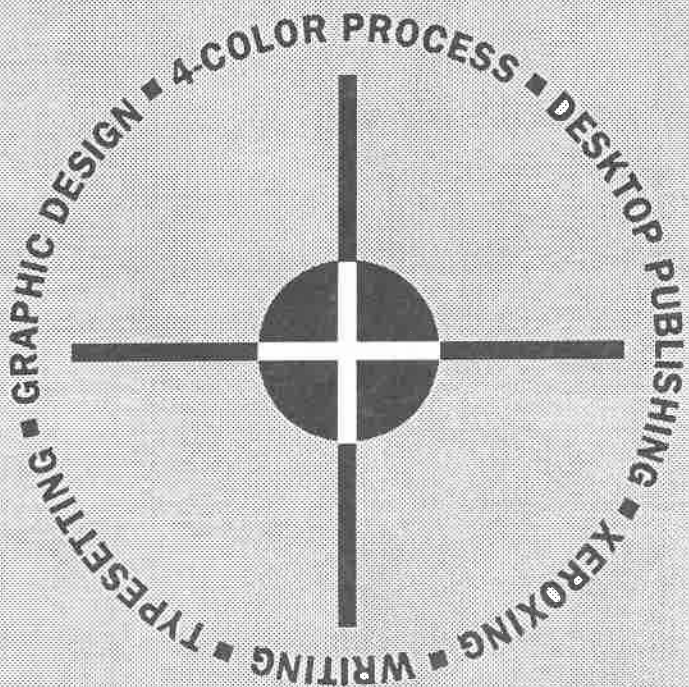
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The City, however, strongly advises persons not to confront scavengers. If the scavengers are using a vehicle, the City advises you to write down the license plate and report it to the Recycling Hot Line as well as the local area police. The police will then contact the owner of the car to inform them that it was used in an illegal activity.

If the scavenger is on foot, the Recycling Hot Line may be alerted. The Department will keep a tally of the complaints to alert the police as to the activity in the area.

As the purpose of the Recycling program is to keep as much recyclable material as possible out of the landfills, the City is less concerned about scavengers who take recyclables out of the garbage cans. If, however, that is a problem to you, you may call the Recycling Hot Line: 1-800-773-City.

The HHA Recycling Committee has received many comments from residents who believe that it is better to have someone scavenging cans rather than breaking into houses for money. Therefore, the matter of how to handle persons who scavenge appears to be an individual issue at this time. But since it is obvious that people will continue to go through garbage cans, we remind all residents to rip up bank statements, credit card receipts and similar items before trashing.

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Join the HHA. We need you.

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JOIN US! WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

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Lowdown From the Heights

The art work of HHA member Herb Kornfeld is on display at the Adamson-Duvannes Galleries, 485 S. San Vicente Blvd. The show, entitled, "A Brilliant Palette," features new paintings by Herb in England, the California coast and Appalachia. Herb is an HHA block captain and a former HHA board member. The exhibit dates: March 27-April 24, 1993.

HHA Board member Victoria Hochberg was chosen to create a tribute to famed movie fashion designer Edith Head for this year's Academy Awards show.

"Edith Head was nominated for an astonishing 35 Oscars and was a winner eight times," Vicki said in her tribute. "She dressed the screen's greatest stars, knew their measurements and kept their secrets....She was the history of movies in this century."

Her career started with silent movies in 1924 and ended in 1982. She designed costumes for Ingrid Bergman in "Notorious," for Gloria Swanson in "Sunset Boulevard," for Bette Davis in "All About Eve" and many other superstars in over 1131 films. She worked until two weeks before her death.

Vicki herself is a television writer-director who has won two Emmys, two Director Guild of America Awards and two Women in Film awards. This year's Oscar show was devoted to "Women in Hollywood Film."

Actor Ron Max staged a one-man autobiographical play entitled, "Fear, Love and Anarchy," at the

Hudson backstage in Hollywood. It was reviewed in the Los Angeles Times with a photo of Ron in costume. Ron is an HHA board member and led the fight to save the Highland Camrose Bungalows. He wants to remain in this neighborhood when he is evicted from the endangered village. He's looking for a small apartment in the Hollywood Heights area.

Linda Deutsch, The Associated Press' premier courtroom reporter and an HHA board member, has been named Special Correspondent, a title currently held by only seven Associated Press writers. She was the 1992 recipient of the University of Missouri Medal for Distinguished Service in Journalism. Past recipients of the award have included Theo Wilson, editor of the View and former star reporter for the New York Daily News.

Linda has covered some of the major trials of the past 25 years in Los Angeles and elsewhere including the trials of Patty Hearst, Charles Manson, Daniel Ellsberg, John De Lorean and William Kennedy Smith. She is currently reporting on the federal civil rights trial of four police officers in the Rodney King beating.

A multi-media program of art, music, song, dance and video featuring songwriter-guitarist Kim Tyler and singer-artist Michelle Tyler, is being performed in popular night spots, most recently at the Cocoanut Teazer. Kim and Michelle, longtime HHA members, have presented Kim's original songs and Michelle's primitive oils at Spice and Natural Fudge, and this summer you can catch them at the Whiskey and the Roxy. Michelle sings Kim's songs, backed by Kim on guitar, Rodney Eastman, percussion, and Mike McClendin, bass. The dancer is Catia.

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