Holiday movies and Santa workshops will ring the bell for theater renovation

By Terri Shettle
Sierra 2 executive director

Fundraising activities have begun for the renovation of the 24th Street Theatre. The theater renovation project is expected to cost $150,000. This includes new seats, new carpet, and new curtains for the stage and house, refinishing of the stage floor, a new roof, and various updates and upgrades to the technology and interior. While we have a matching grant of $40,000 for the seats from Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, this does not come close to covering the cost of the overall renovation.

Fun activities are planned to engage the community while showcasing our wonderful theater. These activities include movies, concerts and performances, sale of promotional merchandise, donation requests, online giving days, concerts and performances, sale of memorabilia, and upgrades to the technology and interior. While we have a matching grant of $40,000 for the seats from Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, this does not come close to covering the cost of the overall renovation.

First up is Holiday Movie Weekend Dec. 16-17. On both days, the fundraising activities will feature a movie and related activities and run from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

In addition to the movie “Elf” ($10 donation is requested) on Saturday, Dec. 16, we’ll host a Santa’s Workshop in the Garden Room where youngsters can decorate cookies, work on holiday crafts to take home, and enjoy holiday refreshments. We’ll also have a “Selfie” area and goodie bags that can be purchased to accompany the movie. Sacramento children’s entertainer Mister Cooper will lead a sing-along prior to the movie. Additional beverages and refreshments can be purchased.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, we’ll present the classic movie, “Miracle on 34th Street,” with a free holiday tea and cider bar. Mimosas, beer, wine, and soft drinks can be purchased. A $10 donation for the movie is requested. Donations for the movie will be applied directly to the theater.

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City seeks comments on Petrovich plans for 83 single-family homes

By Dennis Cusick
Viewpoint staff writer

City staff is reviewing a proposal by Petrovich Development Co. to build 83 single-family homes on a parcel in the center of Crocker Village. In soliciting comments on the proposal in early November, the city distributed a 35-page packet of information, including proposed floor plans of the homes and renderings of four exterior styles: English and French cottages, Spanish mission and English country. The Sacramento Bee published a summary of the proposal the same day.

Eight days later, assistant city planner Danny Abbes said, “I have yet to receive a public comment.”

Artists to show their creations at Dec. 9 craft fair

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, Curtis Hall at Sierra 2 will buzz with shoppers checking out creations displayed by Sacramento artists and crafters.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Senior Center. Admission is free.

Every year longtime 5th Avenue neighbor Lynn Pichinino brings her granddaughters, Ainsley, 11, and Lily, 10, to the Angel Tree to pick gifts tags for children with holiday wishes.

Angels Tree Drive in full gear: Will we reach 200 this year?

By Faith Johnston
Sierra 2 event coordinator

Decorations on Sierra 2 Center’s Christmas tree say a lot about our neighborhood’s generosity. Those decorations are gift tags with children’s names and wishes. They are part of the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree project, which aims to make sure every child in need has a gift. This is the fourth consecutive year of Sierra 2’s participation.

The project adds to the excitement in the air. On the first day, even before the tree was up, the Bock/Pichinino family picked up their first Angel tag and returned within hours with gifts.

Neighbors heard updates on projects at annual meeting

By Erik Fay
Viewpoint staff writer

About 50 neighbors heard updates on SCNA and Sierra 2 activities and the fundraising campaign for the 24th Street Theatre renovation at the annual membership meeting Nov. 14. They also heard about the proposal for a commuter rail expansion along the Highway 99 corridor and voted for the current board slate and a change in bylaws.

SCNA President Eric Johnson opened the meeting by recognizing two long-standing board members who are leaving, Andrea Rosen is departing Sacramento after 28 years of service and moving to Los Angeles to live near her new granddaughter, and Patrick Soluri is leaving the board after eight years of service.

At the same time, Eric encouraged neighbors to serve on the board as a way to make friends and work for the good of the neighborhood.

The board’s Strategic Plan, last updated five years ago, will be reviewed at a Dec. 13 meeting with
Annual membership meeting
The agenda for the annual membership meeting includes:
- President Eric Johnson talking about membership and explaining the ballot to elect board members.
- The proposed change to the bylaws to revise neighborhood boundaries will also be on the ballot.

Executive Director Terri Shuttle will go over the financials and take questions. The San Joaquin rail authority will present its proposal to add a platform at Sacramento City College that would serve a new campus on the city to the Modesto/Fresno area.

Strategic Plan
Eric wants to hold an hour board meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 to review the strategic plan.

24th St. Theatre
The theater renovation is moving along. New carpet, seats and curtains are expected to be installed in late spring. Fundraising activities for the $150,000 project are underway. Fundraising will begin in December with two holiday movies.

In January we will have a music/variety concert, and in late March or early April there will be another headliner event. The T-shirts and reusable cloth bags will be for sale at these events. The existing theater seats are available for the public to purchase at $75 per seat. The new seats will include the opportunity for a personal plaque on the chair and in the lobby.

Notes from Nov. 1st meeting
Board decides to give $2,000 to McClatchy High School programs
The next regular meeting of the SCNA Board will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

Next quarter the expenses are in line with expectations. The finance committee will focus on revising our investment policy. Sierra 2 staff continues to maintain relationships with tenants and visitors. The Leinmeyer is going well with more instructors contacting Sierra 2 to hold classes in our facility. Multiple surveys have revealed positive feedback and momentum is growing on social media.

Facilities
John Mathews reported that the replacement of the 30-year-old water heater cost $2,000. The city is working on the Castro Way parking lot to make sure it is ADA compliant. SMUD is still mapping out the tangled mess of meters because currently Sierra 2 pays on average $8,000 per month in utilities. New solar panels would mitigate much of this cost.

Development
Lori Harder thanked Terri and staff for the successful wine tasting event. Because of the Napa and Sonoma fires, some of the wineries were not able to participate.

Next year’s Home Tour is set for April 28. Lori reported that we have two confirmed homes. There will be a volunteer reception from 5-7 p.m. that day, and board members encouraged to attend.

Board members were also encouraged to participate more in our community events and to encourage their neighbors to become more involved in planning committees. When staff needs to fill in, it takes them away from their regular responsibilities. Angela Mia suggested we post volunteer opportunities in the Viewpoint.

There will be no crab feed this year.

Neighborhood Concerns
Slurry sealing on 24th Street and 5th Avenue will begin before the promised traffic calming measures of speed lumps, crosswalks and traffic circle. Frustration was expressed by board members who were told by the city that mitigation would be installed after the water meter project last spring. John will contact the supervisor for updates.

Personnel
No meeting.

Senior Center
Angela Mia reported that the holiday craft fair will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9 in Curtis Hall, and there are great artists lined up to sell their creations.

The annual appeal letter will go out in December.

— Submitted by Kate Van Buren, board secretary

President’s message
Feeling thankful in our part of the world
It’s hard work writing a column when all the blood in one’s body is busily diverting itself to the stomach, extracting nutrients and hurrying away fat, salt and sugar to various filtering organs. On the other hand, it lends itself to an economy of expression, as the rendering of the slurry of one’s body is busily diverting itself to the stomach, extracting nutrients and hurrying away fat, salt and sugar to various filtering organs. On the other hand, it lends itself to an economy of expression, as the rendering of the slurry of nutrients and hurrying away fat, salt and sugar to various filtering organs.

That’s really the essence of it: I’m thankful for the squirrels that left us exactly two apples and zero apricots.

In Curtis Park, I can borrow a canning gun from across the street or chairs from next door, and the neighbor over the back fence sees me prunig and asks, “Hey, you got any interest in seeing the Kings tonight?” I am not thankful for the squirrels that left us exactly two apples and zero apricots.

So, I appreciate this opportunity to be thankful in public. I’m looking forward to a fantastic 2018, and to thanking you, for whatever you do, in person.
An evening of art and fun
Soroptimist International of Metropolitan Sacramento is hosting its first Art Fest from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8 in Curtis Hall. The fundraising event will feature paintings, sculpture, ceramic, paper and fabric art from local Sacramento area artists, all for $10 or less. There will be Art Labs where you can learn techniques or make your own art. A silent auction featuring special art items will also be held. This is a great opportunity for holiday gifts and a fun night out.

Admission is $10 (payable at the door), which includes two $5 “Soroptibucks” tokens that can be used to purchase art and refreshments such as champagne, sparkling soda and Cake Pops. Teens and adults welcome, however, there will be no kids activities.

Proposed commuter train service includes a stop at City College
By Erik Fay
Viewpoint staff writer

Commuter train service for Curtis Park residents may no longer be a pipe dream. Despite strong demand, Sacramento is currently under-served by commuter rail. Dan Leavitt, manager of Regional Initiatives, for San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority and San Joaquin Rail Commission, discussed this topic at the Nov. 14 annual SCNA meeting. He outlined the possibilities for a commuter train running between Fresno and the Sacramento International Airport with stops at a to-be-built station in Natomas that would have a link to the airport.

An expanded commuter rail would reduce vehicle traffic along the Highway 99 corridor in the Valley. The proposed line would cover 364 miles of track in 11 counties, with stops in Lodi and Elk Grove as well as City College. Tracks exist for most of this proposed project, so it could happen faster than usual even with track improvements. The line would also connect to the State Rail Plan and future high speed rail.

The plan’s highlight includes a morning express run that would transport travelers from Fresno to midtown Sacramento in a little under three hours, arriving just before 8 a.m.

Travel time from Elk Grove to midtown Sacramento would take about 15 minutes. The proposed stop for Curtis Park (at the college) just needs construction of a platform and some adjustment to existing track.

Leavitt and his team, who work with Amtrak on routes and schedules, are presenting their proposal throughout the area to gain support for the funding grant they seek. SCNA president Eric Johnson will take the information to the board at their next meeting to consider sending a letter showing neighborhood support for the grant that they request. If you’d like to voice your support or opposition, please email Eric Johnson at President@sierra2.org. For more questions, Dan Leavitt can be reached at dan@bancarol.com.

Homes: All four designs would have tile roofs and face a common, landscaped walkway
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The materials and construction are intended to comply with the development plan approved by the city on Sept. 28, 2010, “to provide a high quality residential community that continues to carry out the vision of the overall development,” the application said.

Abbes said the time line for the city staff review is unclear — “as long as it takes to provide a really good project.” The extent of the review will depend on routes and schedules, are presenting their proposal throughout the area to gain support for the funding grant they seek. SCNA president Eric Johnson will take the information to the board at their next meeting to consider sending a letter showing neighborhood support for the grant that they request. If you’d like to voice your support or opposition, please email Eric Johnson at President@sierra2.org. For more questions, Dan Leavitt can be reached at dan@bancarol.com.

Gala Jan. 20 will open McClatchy auditorium
C.K. McClatchy High School will celebrate renovation of its 788-seat auditorium with a black-tie gala concert and arts exhibition from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 20. Students in music, theater and dance will perform for the grand opening.

Organizers expect the event to sell out. Tickets are available at EventBrite. For more information and videos of the program: ckmvapa.org.
ACTIVITIES AT SIERRA 2

**DANCE**

**Adult Ballet**
Two Rivers Dance Center
Mondays & Thursdays
richard@tworiversdancecenter.com

**Heels & Sass Dance class**
7:30-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Studio 1
mzballerina@gmail.com

**Polynesian Dance**
Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m.
Studio 2 • alohatyra@aol.com

**YOGA**
tuesday/thursday, 4:45 p.m. (50 min. class)
799-1354, marxistschool.org

**Martial sword Arts of Europe**
Eagle Claw Kung Fu Academy of Sacramento

**Empowerment Theological Seminary**
Mondays, 6-9:55 p.m., Room 9, 1018-7466
empowermenttheologicalsac.com

**Tai Chi**
Lohan36@sbcglobal.net

**West African Dance**
Sacramento Ballet of Academy
4:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays
5-6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Studio 1
Janelle Sebren, 971-0945

**Burlesque Dance Class**
7-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays, Studio 1
Jessica Carter, movementwithmeow@gmail.com

**SPECIAL SERVICES**
Sacromento Native American Believers Fellowship
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Room 10
Jean Arpies, 203-6460

**MUSTARD Seed Faith Ministries**
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Room 9
Pastor Dorothy Hayes, 203-9091

**Good Shepherd Parish**
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room 12
Contact: Mother Elizabeth English
502-6773, GoodshepherdSacramento.org

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**PASTOR**
Dorothy Hayes, 213-0901

**BELIEVERS FELLOWSHIP**
Sacramento Native American Spiritual Services
Sundays, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Room 10
510-526-2183, katherine.kalanjali@gmail.com

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Sundays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Room 10
Pastor Dorothy Hayes, 213-0901

**OAHONAFIT**
Fridays, Studio 2
7-8 p.m.
Rich@tworiversdancecenter.com

**CABARET**
Performance's Variety show featuring locally and internationally renowned performers.

**THE CONVERSATION**
MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS: LESSONS FROM CHARLOTTEVILLE, NEW ORLEANS, AND PORT CHICAGO
Jan. 26
Showtime: 7:30-9:30 p.m. / Doors open at 7 p.m.
$5 pre-sale, $20 at the door; 12 and under free
Tickets: Eventbrite.com
Info: kevin@tworiversdancecenter.com

The Butterfly Dance Teachers of Greater Sacramento presents a family-friendly variety show featuring locally and internationally renowned performers.

**Camella Orchestra**
CHAMBER MUSIC TRIO TRES MUSICOS
Jan. 21
Showtime: 3 p.m.
General 5030 Senior 65+ $20; Student/Military $40 and under 58
Tickets: brownpapertickets.com
Info: 929-6655 or info@camellamemorialsymphony.org

Enjoy an afternoon of chamber music performed by “Tres Musicos” with principal oboist. Curtis Kidwell, joined by Anita Felix on violin and John Cozza on piano.

**WINTER TIDE 2017**
Saturday, Dec. 30
Showtime: 7:30-9:30 p.m. / Doors open at 7 p.m.
$5 pre-sale, $20 at the door; 12 and under free
Tickets: Eventbrite.com
Info: kevin@tworiversdancecenter.com

**Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.**
Dec. 1-3
Showtimes:
Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., 5-8 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Tickets: $12 adult, $10 students
Info: 510-526-2183, katherine.kalanjali@gmail.com

**Walt Disney's Animated Movie, “Disney's Alice in Wonderland”**
Down the rabbit hole to join Alice on her madcap adventure. This fast-paced version of the classic tale features updated songs from Disney’s animated movie, “Disney's Alice in Wonderland.”

**Ovations Dance Studio**
Disney’s Alice in Wonderland Jr.

**River City Taps – Adult Tap Dance**
1st and 3rd Monday, 7-9 p.m., Studio 1
Irish Folk Dancing

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First and 3rd Monday, 7-9 p.m., Studio 1
Latoya Bufford, toybufford15@yahoo.com

**Motivational Aerobic Dance Exercise**
Monday/Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Studio 1 • Kia: keynorrisfitness@gmail.com

**DANCEHALL POWERUP**
Thursday, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Studio 3
France White & Associates

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**Curtains**
The Musical
Jan. 26-Feb. 3
Showtimes:
Friday, 7 p.m. and Saturdays 2 and 7 p.m.
5/6 pre-sale until 1/12; $20 general admission beginning 1/13
Tickets: www.minikids.com

**The murder mystery begins within a play when the leading lady dies on stage. The entire cast and crew are suspects. Enter a local detective, who just happens to be a musical theater fan. It’s a hilarious journey for performers and the audience. This is presented by Musical Mayhem Productions.**
A day in the life of an elected official

A question that I get often is, “Are you having fun as an elected official?” Generally, my answer is that ‘fun’ may not be the right word, but that being on the council, representing my community, and supporting our city’s positive development is something I take seriously and find fulfilling. I love the challenges and opportunities. As I often say, this is an exciting time for Sacramento and one that also poses challenges. A good example of the variety of work I do as your representative occurred Nov. 14.

• My day started at 7:30 a.m. with a meeting with African-American organizations who are working with the City to find business opportunities in the emerging cannabis industry.
  • At 8:30, I met with City staff over an infrastructure issue pertaining to the Downtown RailYards. As chair of the City’s Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency, we are looking for ways to front load critical infrastructure funding to support the new Major League Soccer Stadium and Kaiser Permanente Hospital.
  • At 10:30 I met with our interim city attorney to discuss cases pending before the city, including the lawsuit brought by Petrovich Development Company.
  • At 11, I had a meeting with Mexican Consul General Alilana Ferrer, who just happens to live in Curtis Park. We discussed ways to connect some of our neighborhood schools like Bret Harte with schools in Mexico City.
  • Next up at 11:30 was a meeting with the Sacramento Area Congregations Together as they look to update their work on critical issues, especially homelessness and youth.
  • The noon hour included an update on the progress of Fairy Tale Town’s expansion plans.
  • From 12:30–1, I took a walk outside and ate.
  • At 1 p.m., I had a conference call with the Sacramento Public Library Authority’s budget attorney to discuss cases pending before the Library.
  • At 2 p.m., I met with a group working on a ballot initiative that would raise funds to support programming for youth.
  • From 2:30-4:30, I chaired our Law and Legislation Committee. The packed agenda included cannabis issues, updates to City Planning and Development Code and more.
  • At 4:30 the Council had a closed session on City Attorney candidates.
  • Finally, 5 p.m., Council meeting included public comment equity and the cannabis industry. The agenda also had two items on aggressive panhandling and behavior in our public parks, with a good deal of passionate public comment on both sides of the proposed ordinance.
  • Our meeting ended a little bit before nine. I went home to wait for my wife, Bina, to return from her December Board of Education meeting. This hectic day reflects the policy issues I must keep up with to make thoughtful decisions. It was a rewarding day representing my community.
Nextdoor.com details info on Internet scam

Craig McCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

Nextdoor.com is a free community-based social media application for neighbors to share news with each other. There are currently 1,965 members residing in Curtis Park. Typical posts are often about lost/found pets, crime reports, and neighbors seeking handyman recommendations. One topic about a common scam using Craigslist has drawn many comments on Nextdoor. Craigslist is an online service frequently used to buy and sell a variety of goods. The scam typically involves higher-priced furniture or large items needing to be moved with a truck. The buyer will respond to the ad and offer a cashier’s check in a higher amount. The item is to be held a short time as they are moving or otherwise not able to get it immediately. The extra amount is an incentive to hold the item and pay for the movers when they pick it up. The check turns out to be fraudulent and the seller held responsible. Neighbors experienced with Craigslist strongly recommend cash-only sales, or the use of PayPal with protections for buyers and sellers. Others recommend the use of a new “online exchange” area that is well-lit and just outside the Sacramento Police Department’s Joseph E. Roons Fairway at 5030 Franklin Blvd. in south Sacramento. A police officer is not available to attend the transaction, but the area is under photo surveillance 24/7.

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Curtis Park children get a surprise treat for Halloween

By John Mathews
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Become a member of SCNA: www.sierra2.org or call 452–3005

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Theater: Promo T-shirts and totes are part of fundraising campaign

(Continued from page one) renovation project

While many are still being finalized, there will be a musical variety show in January, a Hawaiian dinner and show with Patrick Landeza on Friday, Feb. 9, and a dance/performing arts show in March.

All proceeds will benefit the theater project. In addition to the theater events, we are offering promotional T-shirts and totes for $20 and $12, respectively. The existing theater seats can be purchased with a suggested $75 donation. New seat sponsorships range from $250-$1,000 per seat or $4,000-$15,000 per row. Seat sponsorships include recognition name plates on each seat along with permanent recognition in the lobby of the theater. For more information or to see other ways to help, visit the sierra2.org website, or contact the Sierra 2 Center office.

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Sierra 2 Executive Director

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Castro Way family greets little sister

Curtis Park has a new resident. Katelyn O’Neil and Marco Guizar welcomed Mikah Haze O’Neil-Guizar on June 8. Mikah joins two other members of the family: brother Jax, who is 2 years old, and Achilles, the family’s Weimaraner. So far, Mikah loves smiling and blowing bubbles. Katelyn and Marco and their family have lived on Castro Avenue for six years and are the owners of Ftsom Studios on Franklin Boulevard in Curtis Park. According to O’Neil, “Curtis Park is the best! We love it here.” When O’Neil and Guizar are not helping clients at Ftsom Studios, the family can likely be found eating at Pangaea (their favorite spot), running at Curtis Park, or spending time with their Achilles at the dog park.

— Ariel Calvert

Volunteer distributors are a dedicated bunch

Neighbors young and old, longtime and new are the power team that delivers the Viewpoint 10 times a year. Some have walked their blocks since the paper began in 1979. Everyone appreciates their dedicated volunteerism. Parts of the team showed up on two different days for a group picture.

Chief organizer of the team is Gerre Buehler, picture above, second from left in front row. The names of the distributors, in no particular order, appear below.

Peter Ledoux
Andy Banbauer
Linda Bell
Robyn Bergman
Judy Brush
Peggy Chisholm
Eileen Murray
Steve Nikkel
Jeff Nowling
Jesse Peavy
Tom & Jan Sheedy
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Leanne Byerhoff
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Doris Brown
Linda McAtee
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Fran Coletti
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Kathy & Ken Myers
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Arlene Corsello
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& Martin Pierucci
Mary Jo & Eric Brazil
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Kathy Lee
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Sally Powell
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Marcus & Arnette Romani
Kris Olesen
Vince & Phylis Angel
Ros Fallon
Janice Fitch
Robin French
Graybill Family
Heather Hogan
Bill Hoover
Jordon Lange
Catherine Lentz
Shirley McDonald
Bob & Shirley Olsen
Jennifer Realmuto
Steiner Family
Susanne Zito
Frances Varela
Bev Krikorian & Joe Shea
Saralyn Ang-Olson
Grace Bazua & Debby Senna
Vander Armstrong
Nancy Blackburn & Eugene George
Stephanie Brodsky
Dustinn Dyer
Mandizie Fossette
Lana Gregori
Michele Leong
The Leonhardt Family
Carol Mott
Kaleb & Tobias Slager
Rafael Vergos
Trudy, Paul & Shannan Mewton
Lee Moriarty
Judith Ryan

No Viewpoint in January

Dennis Cusick is new editor

The Viewpoint staff, all volunteers, will enjoy the holidays without deadlines. That means no newspaper in January.

The staff will start up in 2018 with a new lead editor. Dennis Cusick, a longtime neighbor and Viewpoint volunteer, will assume the editor’s duties in January. Judy Scheible, who’s done the job for most of the last 30 years, will remain on staff.
Bret Harte news

Yoga at Bret Harte aims to calm students in our high tech world

By Adriana Gonzalez
Viewpoint staff writer

At the suggestion of Principal James Tucker, Bret Harte students are learning yoga and mindfulness as part of their PE classes. The once-a-week sessions are taught through the Just Breathe Yoga and Pilates program called Youth of Promise. It consists of movement, breathe and centering.

The new program is layered with a Mindfulness-based social emotional learning method from Niroga Institutes called Transformative Life Skills. The yoga program is unique in Sacramento public schools. A similar program is offered in one Oakland school. The Bret Harte school site council approved the Mindfulness curriculum after hearing from teachers about the students’ positive response to sample classes. The program costs the school $10,000.

The yoga curriculum is cumulative, building on each previous lesson, with the option to revisit past lessons. It combines stretching through yoga sequences, restful, guided reflection and mindfulness discussions/activities. The goal is to enhance students’ stress management, self-awareness, emotional regulation and healthy relationships in the community.

Students will participate in an instructor-guided 30-minute Mindfulness session once a week. Kindergarten through third grade sessions are play-based with activities such as reading a mindfulness story and practicing movements based on story themes like mimicking a roaring lion and jumping like a frog.

Classes will be taught by JoelShanna Giannini, a former middle school Chemistry and Computer Science teacher who teaches private and community yoga sessions throughout Sacramento. As the owner of Just Breathe Yoga and Pilates, she has classes with the Sacramento Library System, City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation, Sacramento and Placer County’s Juvenile Detention Systems and Placer County Office of Education.

Additionally, she teaches at Oak Park Community Center at 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for adults and 10 a.m. Sundays in Curtis Park for Families and the Community.

For more than 10 years, Giannini has studied and practiced Hatha yoga, Yoga Nidra, Restorative Yoga, Trauma Informed Therapy, Pilates and General and Senior Fitness.

Meeting: Sierra 2 has six years remaining on its lease with the City

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Impact Foundry, who facilitated the process. Eric observed that SCNA is unique among neighborhood associations as it runs a nearly $1 million per year business with Sierra 2 Center. SCNA and Sierra 2 are part of the same organization. SCNA’s fundraising efforts combined with Sierra 2 rental income fund programs and events.

Sierra 2’s executive director, Terri Shettle, presented the 2017 annual financial report. The budget projected a loss of $10,000 in utility costs, and a loss of $10,000 revenue from two tenants who left the center, plus additional repairs and maintenance.

Terri noted that Sierra 2 is the economic engine, providing 70 percent of revenue. SCNA provides 15 percent, while the Senior Center and The Learnery provide 4 percent. The Senior Center is now economically viable with its revenue up 38 percent. Sierra 2 rental income grew by 3 percent.

The newly redesigned website is now online. It’s been well received and is much more interactive than before.

Terri credited Heather Hogan, who guided this project.

Renovation of the 24th St. Theatre will be the big fundraising push for 2018. A Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission Matching grant of $40,000 was secured, in addition to the HarT Foundation’s funding and $14,000 from the annual Big Day of Giving. The art commission’s matching grant made it possible to do more work than just updating one item at a time. Upgrades and improvements should last for 30 years.

Terri reminded attendees that the next big fundraising opportunity is Giving Tuesday on Nov. 28.

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Last year the Sierra 2 Center had 115 donors assist 61 families and 150 children with toys and clothing for the holidays. This year the staff hopes to surpass last year’s efforts. Overall, the Salvation Army, in connection with ABC’s Channel 10, served 9,000 families and 21,000 children in the Sacramento region.

There’s still time to make a difference in the life of a child. The deadline is Dec. 13.

If necessary, the office can reserve a tag over the weekend. Attendees can assist with the purchase or sale of any property across the nation.

Terri credited Heather Hogan, who guided this project.

Additional support was received from classes and workshops for all ages. Currently, classes are arts-centered, but future plans call for more food-focused activities and tech courses.

The Learnery revenue stays with Sierra 2.

Sierra 2 Center has six years remaining on its current rental lease with the City. Terri said the City is pleased with Sierra 2’s stability. She is working with City Councilman Jay Scheiner’s office to change some language in the lease.

Assembly member Kevin McCarthy was scheduled to speak but did not attend due to a scheduling error by his staff.

Five board incumbents were re-elected with one new member, Kat Haro, nominated from the floor and elected as a write-in candidate. There will be 13 board members to begin the new year. Members also approved a change in SCNA bylaws to reflect the updated neighborhood boundaries.

Attendees were fortified after voting with beer, wine, water and cookies during a social time.

The annual meeting concluded with a presentation about increasing Sacramento passenger rail service, along the Highway 99 corridor. (See story on page 6.)

Staff writer Susan MacCulloch contributed to this story.

Angel: Staff revels in seeing neighborhood youngsters’ joy in this giving

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An Angel Tree in the Sierra 2 Center lobby, they select a tag (or two) that represents a child. Each tag includes the child’s name, age, toy preference and clothing sizes. Donors register their tag and their name on the form provided on the tree. They take the tag with them to use as a guide when shopping for as little or as much as they are able. All gifts will go to that individual child.

Donors return their gifts unwrapped with the tag to the Sierra 2 office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.