

Spring 2009



The Glenite

News and Noteworthy Goings-on in the Glen

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Save the Date

What: Glen Faire

**When: Sunday May 31
Noon to 5pm**

**Where: Beverly Glen
Place**

Admission: Free!

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It's Time for the Beverly Glen Fair

As the summer is rapidly approaching, the traditional opening ceremony of the season historically has been the Beverly Glen Fair. And so the Fair it is! It is happening on May 31st from Noon to 5pm on Beverly Glen Place. As this is The Event of The Year, mark your calendars at once!

The Fair has traditionally had the purpose of getting the residents together to catch up and get to know one another in a casual atmosphere; enjoy some fabulous wine, graciously provided by Richard Renaldo; food, this year provided by the Kringles West Coast Fun Foods catering company; display various art and art wear made by the local artists and artisans; and bringing local businesses to the fair. This year we are welcoming the Epitome, an organic salon and spa, and Dragon Books, an antique bookshop, both located in the Glen Circle; and every other possible acoustical and visual art performances by the local residents and outside artists.

It will open with the usual accoutrements such as bagpipes and the children's parade. Yes, almost like Disneyland, but better, no traffic, and with superior weather and shade, in our canyon microclimate. The children's parade will lead the way for all the little ones to the kids play area, organized by the illustrious Playgroup. Rumor has it that the big bouncie, carnival games and an animal show await the little people. Not to mention the face-painting,

temporary tattoos, cookie decorating, and other surprises.

We are calling all local artists and performers to contact Dmitriy and Lilia Kazakov, this year's Event Coordinators for the Glen Fair (and residents) for information on how to join this fabulous event. Find Dmitriy at fair@beverlyglen.org or (310) 441-7710. Those of you that have children interested in participating in the parade, please contact Nina Lesser at nina@naomilangerstudio.com for details. All local children are invited to participate.

Entrance to the Fair is free to everyone. Glen membership may be purchased at the entrance and the special membership categories of Silver Sycamore and Golden Oak will receive unique designer T-shirts, not to be missed. The T-shirts will also be available for sale. All members will be offered a complimentary glass of Richard Renaldo's fine wine. Should you need help or information, look for the volunteers in purple Glenite T-shirts. We welcome and deeply appreciate financial support for ongoing activities to promote ethics and peace: a portion of our proceeds will go to UNICEF (www.unicef.org) as a way to give back to the global community.

Looking forward to meeting all of you at the Fair!

Lilia Kazakov, Event Co-coordinator
fair@beverlyglen.org

A Note from the President

First and foremost, thank you to all our new and old members. Your donation helps us do more for you. Especially this summer, when we have our long loved tradition of the Glen Fair!

Sunday, May 31st from 12-5 is the date and time, and our Glen Fair coordinators, Dmitriy and Lilia Kazakov (who also do free yoga at the DLRCC every Sunday) have saved the year by stepping in to coordinate the Fair. Special thanks to them for volunteering when we didn't think we could have the Fair this year.

We also have several vacant positions that need residents who can help make ROBG even better for our residents. Please feel free to contact me and I would be happy to discuss the Board positions or see how you can help ROBG help you, the residents. Regardless of whether you can volunteer or simply have ideas, comments or just something to say, please email any of the Board members noted on your right anytime and any and all residents and non-residents are invited to our monthly meetings, the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm at DLRCC. Our next meeting is May 11th, hope to see you there!

Ramin Kolahi
President

A Note from Elizabeth Hollendoner

My three years as Social Chair have come to an end, and as I sit here this Sunday morning overlooking Beverly Glen Blvd, I think how grateful I am to live in this wonderful community. The Holiday Party was my function, and I would like to thank the people who have been so instrumental in helping put together these events and contributing to their success.

Dan Bubben—You work harder than anyone I know. It was your energy, constant recognition and appreciation for the efforts of all board members that motivated us. You are and will continue to be sorely missed as President.

Dobbie and Greg Heimer—Becoming friends with both of you has been one of the true highlights of my time on the board. Thank you for all your help. 30 years of volunteering year after year can be tiresome, and yet you were always happy to do whatever was needed. Both of you are such cultural guides in this community;

I will always remember your stories of the Glen days in the past.

Barbara Loyo—thank you, thank you, for not only being the first person to volunteer, but then asking what you can do to help next. The community is lucky to have you!

Dan and Tensie Palmer—Two of the busiest people I know, and yet you always volunteered to help with every event—especially the tasks that no one wanted, like clean-up.

Amy Jones—My co-chair. Thanks for all of your behind the scenes work, and thank you for instituting the yoga classes back in the Glen, I wish we had a better turnout. We miss you Amy, and hope you come back to the Glen soon!

Chris Holabird—Your enthusiasm and loyalty to the Glen is contagious—I wish I had known you 30 years ago.

Elke Heitmeyer—again, another highlight of this position was getting to know you— thanks for always volunteering for the Fair, and the wonderful send off you gave Dan in October. I know it was a lot of work, and you made it very special.

Richard Renaldo—words cannot even express your generosity to this community. The amount of time and money you spent donating wine for each event could feed a small country. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Mary Dee Donnan, thank you for always putting together a fabulous Garden Walk each year.

Karina Foonberg, our Social Chair, you have some great ideas for the upcoming year and I know you will do a wonderful job.

There are so many other people who have helped make our five annual social events a success, and I apologize if I have left off any names: we wouldn't have been able to do it without you. Volunteering is definitely a time commitment, however, the friendships and memories that I have gained these past three years will stay with me forever.



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Emergency Preparedness should extend to your car too!

by Dean Gamburd

With all of the recent and much needed heavy rains becoming an almost weekly event lately, Diana and I were discussing the best canyon driving practices during this rainy season. One of the best suggestions we hear when discussing driving regardless of the weather, is to make sure your SPEED matches the current driving situation and road conditions. We all may speed up or down Beverly Glen at one time or another, our speed varying with our car type, our driving comfort level and style, our tire condition, the traffic and of course the current weather and road condition. Should there be a wet road situation, be it caused by the rains or just water runoff from one of our neighbor's hillside sprinklers, water in and of itself is sufficient reason to cause us all to slow down. Slowing down will increase your reaction time, tire grip on the road surface, and ability to stop quickly, if necessary. Make sure your tires have sufficient tread depth on them to channel water out from under your tires and are properly inflated. Properly inflated tires not only add to our car control, but they will add miles to your tire life and increase your gas mileage too. Tires really don't get the attention they deserve considering they are our contact patches with the road and act as our only source through which our steering, braking, and various other car inputs and outputs are transferred to the road.

An important suggestion we often overlook is to be prepared, not only for adverse road or weather conditions, but to be prepared should we encounter others in an Emergency situation. We had two recent occasions to put our car preparedness to the test. In the first incident we were driving south on Beverly Glen from the valley side when we were passed by



a speeding car. We were in the number 1 lane, closest to the painted centerline, when a speeding car went by us on our right side in lane #2. The speeding driver hit some standing water and also some hillside runoff debris and spun in front of us, skidded back around and went nose first into the hillside where his car spun back around again, then rolled over twice before coming to a stop blocking both southbound lanes of traffic. Before the speeding driver's car came to a complete stop, Diana was on the cell phone to 911, and I was out of our car, Emergency Flashers on, our car positioned to alert oncoming drivers to the problem ahead and to protect the passengers in the car that had just crashed. We were able to render some minor first aid, direct traffic around the accident, and waited for the Fire Department to respond, which they did quickly, as the accident was only about a mile north of Fire Station 99.

The next day in reviewing what we did right and where we could have improved our performance, we decided that having some Emergency flares, a better first aid kit and more surgical rubber gloves in our car would have been nice. All three items were taken care of that very day. I put four 15-minute flares in the back of that car, several more pairs of medical gloves, and an improved first aid kit in too. My car had all of that equipment in

it already but I had never fully outfitted Diana's car the same way. It is now!

About three days later we were heading out to dinner, again in Diana's car, driving East on Sunset when we rounded a corner in the Beverly Hills area only to find that two cars that had just collided. Again, Diana immediately called 911 while I turned on our Emergency Flashers and positioned our car as to protect the accident scene in front of us. I set off one flare back a ways from our car to alert drivers coming around the bend of trouble ahead. I then put on the medical rubber gloves and provided some needed emergency first aid to the driver of one of the two cars involved. The driver had an elongated gash in her scalp and was bleeding profusely which I was able to stop. Once again the Fire Department arrived quickly on the scene and took control of the incident. In reviewing the second incident we felt that this time we had all that we needed to lend the proper assistance, warn the oncoming drivers with an early warning flare plus our flashers, control the traffic and do we could until the professionals arrived on the scene.

I would strongly suggest that you keep a bottle or two of water and a few high calorie protein bars in your car too. This is in addition to a First Aid Kit, a few pairs of medical gloves, road flares, space blanket, jumper cables, 12 V cell phone charger, and any other items you feel you either need or are qualified to have with you to assist others. The food, water and car cell phone charger could be very important if you are between your home and your office when the next BIG earthquake hits. I'm sure both your home and office are properly prepared. They are, aren't they?

MAY 19TH ELECTIONS

Don't forget to vote! Tuesday, May 19, 2009. There are many important issues that need your attention.

OTTO FELIX: IN MEMORIAM

For many years a Glen resident who was regularly involved in community activities, Otto Felix died last December in his home, surrounded by friends and family. Donations to support his charitable work can be made to the Otto Felix Memorial Fund at 2147 N. Beverly Glen Boulevard.

GLEN GARDENS: IN GRATITUDE

We wish to thank the gracious Glenites who opened their gardens to the many visitors attending the recent Garden Walk. Todd and Jama Clark at the "Foundation", Peter and Judy Forrest, Bijon and Robin Armanpour, all on the Place, and David May up on his hillside were appreciated for their hospitality and their colorful landscaping, reminding all of us what beauty can be created in small spaces. Appreciation is also due to Dmitriy and Lilia Kazakov who coordinated the event and to Dobbie Heimer and Dean Gamburd who made sure there was food for the hearty brunch at the LDRCC.

GLEN CO-SPONSERS A POLITICAL DEBATE

We were pleased to be one of twenty-two Westside neighborhood groups to co-sponsor a recent political debate on April 30 at the Skirball Center over the issues facing all of us in the upcoming May 19 election. The two candidates in a run-off for Jack Weiss' vacated seat on the City Council are Paul Koretz and David Vahedi who debated and answered questions. The contest for City Attorney is between Jack Weiss and Carmen Trutanich, but as we go to press Jack Weiss had declined to participate, thereby leaving center stage to his opponent. We want to thank our Treasurer, Nikki Carlin, for arranging our participation in this very significant event. Both offices are very important for the future of our communities and our city, so be sure to vote on May 19th. Six state issues are also on the ballot. Turn-out may be light so your vote will carry even more weight.

PLAYGROUP STATEMENT

Playgroup is a Glen preschool, non-profit and parent cooperative, founded by Glen neighbors in the 1940's. It rents space from the Dorothy and Les River Community Center on Scenario Lane at Beverly Glen Place. Children of Glen residents receive placement priority but cannot be guaranteed immediate acceptance at any given time. Other factors include age, timing of the application, boy girl balance and siblings in the class, and ability of the parents to commit to the responsibilities of a cooperative school. Interested parents should inquire promptly by calling (310) 470-0992.

SUNDAY YOGA AT THE DLRCC

Dmitriy and Lilia Kazakov will present a complimentary yoga class every Sunday at 10AM at the Dorothy & Les River Community Center. Please RSVP for attendance to dimitriy@kazakovdesign.com or lilia@kazakovdesign.com.

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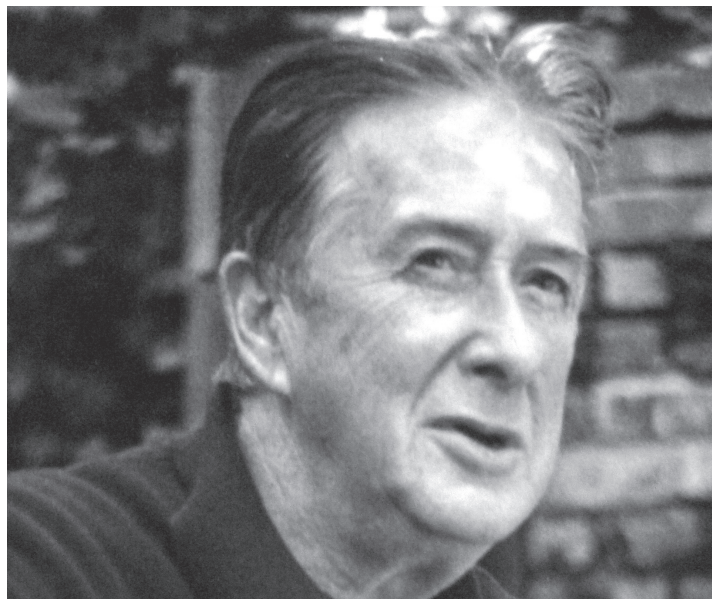
By Chris Holabird

As the celebrations were winding down for Barack Obama's inauguration, we began thinking that the person who might have enjoyed this historic occasion almost more than anyone we know is Les River for whom the Community Center is named. Les and his wife Dorothy, the "L" and "D" of the LDRCC, were a remarkable couple and great supporters of the Glen community and we thought a few facts about Les might be timely. We went of course to Ken Stern, former President of the Residents, who keeps a huge stack of old Glenites handy for just such a request and were quickly referred to the February 1974 issue in which there was a biography of Les written by Kit Salter, at the time a Glen resident and UCLA professor. So with appreciation to both Ken and Kit, here are a few glimpses into the life of Les.

He began life as a rarity for those times, a native Californian born in 1902 in San Francisco. He didn't stay there very long, however. After graduating from the University of Chicago, and possessed by a great interest in people, especially underdogs and workingmen, and possessed also of an agile pen, he got a job for eighteen months as a reporter for the New York World. Around these early days he also managed to squeeze in a job as meter reader for the gas company in Chicago where he met Carl Sandburg and enjoyed hearing him read aloud from his Rootabaga Stories to groups of neighborhood kids. He then took time out to serve as an able-bodied seaman, voyaging to the orient and back, and upon returning ended up in Hollywood where he wrote scripts for movies while also creating his own novels on themes of social injustice. At least one of his novels, dated 1939, is preserved in the UCLA library. A movie assignment took him to Detroit to scout backgrounds for a film on factory life, F.O.B. Detroit, where not only did he discover the proper setting but came upon a very spunky young woman named Dorothy whom he brought back to Los Angeles as his wife along with two vintage Packards. The time was 1942 and they came to the Glen where they bought their distinctive Lloyd Wright house at 1756 on the boulevard and moved in along with the two Packards.

Les enjoyed people and loved talking politics and he got lots of both by simply walking across the boulevard to the Glen Tavern which was frequented by many UCLA students who found this the closest liquor permitted near campus. This period of high spirits was to end abruptly when the tavern burned down and Les went on the wagon.

Much of Les' life was devoted to his interest in politics while Dorothy served as the breadwinner at a talent agency. He formed the Glen Democratic Committee in the 1940s and lots of its early energies were directed towards non-partisan issues like securing a traffic signal for Beverly Glen and Sunset (success!) and controlling traffic (still an issue!). He was also a major supporter of the founding of the Residents Association in 1952 with its push to get the City to regulate hillside building codes for the protection of all



(still regrettably an issue). He moved from being President of the Glen Democrats to serving on the County Democratic Central Committee but his greatest pleasures were always at the local level with meetings in his living room from whence he could rally his troops in the glory days of California grass roots democracy and send them off to do battle for just causes. However, many of those who came to these meetings did so as much for the good company as for good causes and Les himself had a wonderful time and positively reveled in this wide circle of friends, some of whom were authentic characters. One of them was Dick O'Neill whose old family wealth included vast ranchlands down the coast, one large parcel of which was presented to FDR for use by the federal government in establishing Camp Pendleton Marine Base. Another regular was "Doc" Eldridge, an elderly man always dressed in a black three piece suit and tie, even on the hottest days, whose wife Gracie made sculptured portraits of William Mulholland, Doc's hero. When Doc died and left Gracie frail and failing, Les joined two others of us in forming a legal guardianship to oversee her final days and make certain they would be happy ones.

Les spent the last years of his life forging plans for a community center so that people of the Glen could share good times together just the way he had always done for his friends in his own living room. He came really close, and if he had only lived a little bit beyond 1981 he would have seen his dreams finally realized. It's very fitting then that his name should be on the Center, along with Dorothy's, and every time we go there for a party or a program or hear the voices from Playgroup as we pass by we know that nothing would have pleased Les more than to know his Center was being used to bring the Glen community together. Nothing, that is, except the election of Barack Obama!

UPDDATE ON GLEN MEMBERSHIPS

Here's our current list of members supporting the community through the Residents Association. Thank you...we depend on your support! If you haven't yet joined for this year please use the back page of the Glenite to send in with your payment.

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TREASURER'S NOTE

The treasurer of the Residents of Beverly Glen, Nikki Carlin, reports our current bank balance to be approximately \$17,500. The ROBG underwrites the publication of The Glenite, the costs associated with events like the Garden Walk, Fair, and Winter Party and also the need to keep reserves on hand for emergency needs. The Fair and membership are the two principal sources of income for maintaining our necessary fund balance and we thank all of you for your personal support.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

ROBG is looking into a new program with LAPD to help train residents on the use of radar/laser guns. ROBG sort of pioneered this many years ago and its success is based on volunteers. If interested in volunteering to use a radar/laser gun, please email me at traffic@beverlyglen.org.

Look for more traffic and safety ideas coming this year, do send me yours!

Ramin Kolahi
Traffic Chair

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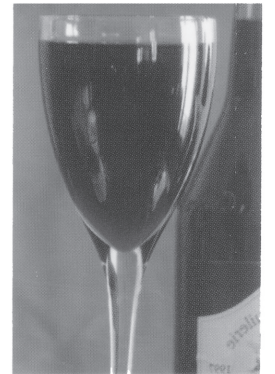
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