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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday April 6
Garden Walk
10am
D&LRCC

Sunday, June 8
Glen Fair
Noon -5
Beverly Glen Place

Thanks for another great party.



Photos: George Oliver

Dan Buben, President, and Elizabeth Hollendoner, Social Chair of the Residents of Beverly Glen, put together another wonderful winter Holiday Party this past December at the DLRCC so that all of us good Glen people could enjoy an evening of fine food and the best of company. Thanks Dan and Elizabeth! Thanks too to all the Glen people who donated food or helped with set up and clean up. The party couldn't have happened without you. Here, in appreciation,

is Elizabeth's list: Juli Feigon, Annie Lampi and George Oliver, Risa Buben, Dobbie and Greg Heimer, Amy Jones, the Palmers, Heather Siegel and Lauren Kaplan, Tedd Porter, Bob and Carol Levine, John Desrosiers and Stefania Panfili, Merrell Frankel and Tory Shelley, Richard Renaldo. She suspects she's missed a couple of people so she wants them to know they are thanked too.



Letter from the President

We are so lucky to live in Beverly Glen. I can say that because there are so many residents who are invested in this community and want to improve the quality of life. However, getting people to volunteer their time is always a challenge. Why is this? I ask myself. These are some of my thoughts: too busy with family, too busy with work, too busy with travel or too busy with other volunteer organizations? Or is it that residents feel that if they volunteer, too much will be required. Or perhaps, people feel that there is a country club group of individuals that will always take care of things in the GLEN and that their services are not required. These concerns are not real!

We need volunteers! I may sound like a broken record but your community needs your contribution...as little as 3 hours per month/10 minutes per day would make an enormous difference in the community. Many of us make New Year's resolutions and just cannot make the change. This small time commitment is a very achievable goal that would be very satisfying.

The Board's goal is to get new blood with new ideas to take the community to the next level. The Residents of Beverly Glen is looking for individuals to help in all arenas of the board: Vice President, President, Secretary, and Social Chair. Many residents tell me that I will be a tough person to follow behind. That's not true. We succeed only because of the other residents who volunteer their time and energy.

Here is an excerpt from an e-mail written by one of our volunteers – look at all the people that contribute to make one community event a success... “Thanks for the update on planning for the garden walk... Dobbie, you and Greg Heimer are wonderful as always to help. Steve Klippenstein thank you for designing the posters and Elizabeth Hollendoner, our social chair, for making sure that we are all communicating so that our head volunteer for the garden walk, Mary Dee Donnan, can make our garden walk happen again this year. Mary Dee is one of those in the community that is glad to volunteer without asking her to volunteer.” Again, we shine because of all the residents who volunteer their time. Please take a close look at the volunteers listed on page 2. If you know one of these volunteers, take a moment and thank them for their community service. A compliment goes a long way. Even better, ask them how you can volunteer and get involved. Any time you give will benefit the community.

Social events bring the community together. We are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate and bring back yoga to the Glen. Judy and Bob Graham volunteered for 12 weeks in 2007 and did a great job. If yoga is your passion please contact Judy Graham @ jsgrlg@roadrunner.com. Judy did an outstanding job coordinating this event and would be happy to share her experience and help take over this responsibility. If you have new ideas for events or an interest in bringing others together please contact Elizabeth @ elizabeth.hollendoner@pandarg.com. Let's make it happen.

Finally Sunday June 8th 2008 is our biggest event of the year: The Glen Fair. This is a fantastic event and a great place to meet other residents! You will want to be involved. Please email Elizabeth specifying where and how you would like to contribute. Take the time today to volunteer. New at the Fair this year, we will be providing a service to fill your fire extinguishers. There will be more details on this and other fair plans in the next Glenite. Mark your calendar today for Sunday June 8th.

See you in the Glen! Drive the Glen Slowly! Yield to your Neighbors!

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April 10, 2008



Disaster Strikes Beverly Glen!

By Dean Gamburd

Some had predicted it. Others thought it could happen but hoped it wouldn't, while others fought hard to prevent it. But the realization of it hit everyone hard last night at the monthly meeting of the Residents of Beverly Glen. Yes, I am talking about APATHY!

Who's going to lead the Residents of Beverly Glen after Dan Buben's term ends? We can't look to our Vice President to move up to lead us, as that position has been vacant for the past few years. Pam Cooke, who has lead the Zoning & Development Committee for the last few years, and who has done an OUTSTANDING job in defending the Glen from the wrath of developers looking to ruin our picturesque Glen, must also step aside. Elizabeth Hollendoner, our Social Committee Chair is also not continuing after the years end. When Dan asked for volunteers to fill these positions at last night's meeting, not a single hand went into the air. Why is the Co-Chair of your Emergency Preparedness Committee writing this? Because I can't think of a bigger disaster that IS preventable from devastating the Glen.

Some might say that last night was a good night. There were actually 15 of your fellow Beverly Glen Residents at the meeting. That's a good turn out if you judge from past meetings. But if you look at the total population of the Glen and take into consideration that the Residents of Beverly Glen is YOUR voice in the hillside community and Los Angeles, that is not good participation on any level. Some might say it's just another strong indicator of the gross apathy in our little corner of the world.

So what's to come of your voice in LA? Will the Residents of Beverly Glen cease to exist after the end of the year? Will it lie dormant for a couple of years until some physical disaster prompts someone to resurrect it again which would be much too little much too late? Or can we possibly save it with minimal effort today? I think it's worth saving NOW! All it will take is for a few volunteers to give up an hour or two each month to help keep the community we all live in the paradise it is. Isn't your home and community worth an hour or two a month?

If you care about your home and community we WILL see YOU at the next meeting of the Residents of Beverly Glen, to be held @ 7:30 p.m. on Monday night, March 10th. When that notice of the 8,000 square foot new home that will start construction next door to you goes up, whom are YOU going to call?

Membership Notes

by Heather Siegel & Lauren Kaplan

Please renew your memberships for 2008 or join today. The ROBG has long supported the various needs and concerns of the Glen residents and now we need you more than ever. One of the top priorities for the Residents of Beverly Glen is to bolster membership. Dues from annual membership go to strengthening our community. Dues sponsor the publication of the Glenite, the Annual Holiday Party, the Beverly Glen Fair, The Garden Walk, as well as the Annual Wine Tasting. The current board members work diligently to address the concerns of the Glen and work on key issues such as traffic in the Glen, zoning, emergency preparedness, as well as works to plan social events so we can have the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other better. Thank you to those who renewed or joined the ROBG this winter.

To donate or renew, please see the back page of this Glenite. Thanks!

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In Memorium



ROGER MARSHUTZ 1929-2007

An overflow crowd of family and friends, many from out of the Glen, gathered on December 22 to honor Roger in the courtyard of the Les and Dorothy River Community Center, a Center that Roger himself had headed for many years and where people now came to praise his career as a photographer and to share personal memories. His wife Nancy reflected on their wonderful years together, his daughter Hilary shared the story of her father's humor in floating dollar bills in the toilet to shock unsuspecting family members, others spoke as friends from professional days, and Nancy joined a group of Glen women to drum a rhythmic accompaniment to one of Roger's favorite songs, "I Surrender". Finally Pam Cooke reminded everyone of how much he was involved in the life of the Glen community and how much of a contributor he was. Only a week later when the LA Times came out with a lengthy article about his career did many of us also realize for the first time how modest he had always been. His accomplishments had been truly outstanding. As a photographer he had done studies of many top Hollywood stars, including Marilyn Munroe, Audrey Hepburn, Paul Newman, and one famous 1956 shot of Elvis Presley reaching out to his fans. His interest in people was not limited to the famous and he once did an entire exhibit of portraits of homeless men, recording their voices so that their stories could be told while you saw their images. His last exhibit was in 2006 at the Harvard Peabody Museum where his work was titled "Reconfiguring Korea" based on photos taken for the army during the Korean War. His impressive career obviously permitted him a wide choice of places to live so we can feel honored that he chose the Glen to call his home. You were a great friend and neighbor, Roger. We'll miss you!



Development on Selkirk Lane

By Randolph Davis

On January 3, 2008 about 25 Glen residents attended a public hearing at the West Los Angeles Municipal Building. Their concern was the proposed building of a three story house on Selkirk Lane. Currently there is a small 1 bedroom house on the 39 foot wide hillside lot. The builder requested variances to build within 6 feet of the property line which would put the new house 6 feet from existing neighboring houses. The effect on the neighborhood would be a much larger than standard house.

Zoning Administrator Annik Charon listened as the neighbors raised the issues of fire safety, access to the hillside, encroachment on views, blocking out of light, increased traffic and parking on a street that is 15 feet wide near the proposed house. The main desire that was repeatedly voiced was stemming the potential tide of overbuilding in the Glen. The Glen is mostly single and two story homes, most are smaller houses and an eclectic mixture of design styles. The worry is that the Glen could start transforming into wall to wall mini mansions; maximizing house sizes both vertically and horizontally. The outcome of the hearing was a "no decision" with the Zoning Administrator stating that she would come to the site and judge what was appropriate.

The turnout by the residents of the Glen demonstrates that we are a community and the desires of an individual to do whatever he wants to do with his property regardless of the impact on his neighbors does not go unchecked. If any homeowner in the Glen is concerned with development of a property in their neighborhood, they should talk to their neighbors. They might feel the same way. You are not alone. Your neighbors are a powerful resource.

Traffic Committee Asks for Financial Support from Residents

Beverly Glen has come to a major crossroad regarding the management of traffic in the Glen. We are now at a point where all the changes that can be made have been made and all that can be done has been done. Adding more traffic signs, signals and road striping or LAPD enforcement and other like measures will not make any further impact on control of traffic conditions or reduce the impact of traffic in the Glen. The harsh reality, at this point, is that we can either accept the traffic as we experience it today, or we, the residents of the Glen, must step up and take the challenge of managing traffic through Beverly Glen to the next level. The members of The Beverly Glen Traffic Committee are today asking you for your support to help us to raise \$15,000 and take our efforts to the next level of commitment and involvement in calming and managing traffic here.

Let me explain: Traffic problems in the Glen are historically entrenched and are not going to go away. Unless we are prepared to take charge of our community's destiny, we will continue to see the high frequency of traffic accidents, damage to resident's property and threats to our personal safety by speeding cars and careless drivers passing through our neighborhood. However, there are some very effective measures that can be taken to further calm and manage the traffic here in the Glen. After much evaluation, the traffic committee believes that these measures are our only hope to make a difference in managing traffic in the Glen, and finally bring the dragon that has threatened the Glen for so long to its knees. There are a number of structural changes that can be made to control the course of traffic through the Glen within the existing roadway. For example, we can create chicanes and use strategic road narrowing by building landscaped medians to slow and manage traffic. We can also install new speed feed-back signs and rumble strips and make other surface changes which will help to slow and manage the traffic that passes through our community.

To find out how to most effectively employ these measures, we must find out how to apply them, how many of them we need, and where to put them. To do this, we need qualified traffic engineers to conduct studies of existing traffic conditions, to quantify our traffic flows and speeds, and then to recommend how to use the most effective state-of-the-art traffic calming and management techniques. We also need the same traffic engineers to work with ROBG, LADOT and LAPD to make sure their findings and recommendations are accepted by the city of LA. This traffic study will, for the first time, provide ROBG and the residents of Beverly Glen with a clear vision of what can be done to calm and manage traffic in the Glen and how much it will cost. This traffic study will also provide a much needed tool to help us understand and define our traffic measure choices and, at the same time, provide the necessary documentation for city officials to make real changes along our roadway. Your Traffic Committee has selected a traffic engineering company to conduct this study, and we have negotiated a scope and a cost of \$15,000 to have these engineers conduct a three-month traffic study. Following the study, the traffic engineers will work with LADOT and LAPD on how best to implement the study's recommendations on the traffic calming and management measures that we can employ effectively along Beverly Glen.

Since October 2007, the ROBG Traffic Committee has been searching for sources of funds to pay for this study. LADOT does not have the resources of manpower and money to conduct this study, ROBG does not have the money to fund the study and, despite the best efforts of Robert Ringle and me, the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council has also declined to fund the study. This leaves the funding of the study up to us -- the residents. We believe that every resident of Beverly Glen has a stake in this; there isn't one of us that is not unhappy with the traffic and wishes we could do something about it. Well this is our chance! This is not a great deal of money and with over 650 homes in Beverly Glen raising \$15,000 should not be that hard. But we need your help to raise these funds! If every household were to write a check for \$25 today, we would be able to fund the study. But we realize that some households will not make a contribution, to offset this and really achieve the long term goals of the your traffic committee, buy "slow down" signs etc we will need a level of commitment for more dollars from all residents. Your Beverly Glen Traffic Committee is urging you to consider making a donation of at least \$50 and more if possible. We need everyone's participation and support!

Please make your check out to ROBG and write Traffic on the memo line and then mail it in care of Keith Hudson at 2337 N Beverly Glen Blvd, Los Angeles 90077. All donations, large and small will be appreciated. Receipts for donations will be mailed to you after your check has cleared. Remember you can share your thoughts on traffic and other Beverly Glen issues at the Traffic Committee web site www.beverlyglentraffic.com.



HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY PAT!



Best birthday wishes to Pat Forrest, one of our all-time favorite people and Glen citizen extraordinaire. Pat has lived in the Glen for over forty years and raised her three children here. She has always been generous and public spirited, serving on innumerable committees, the Residents board, and as President. She has been a mainstay at the Fair, running the food and artists departments where she insured there was enough food by making a lot of it herself and keeping track of the 10% fees charged artists by having them stuff the money into her low cut blouse. She recruited the Flatland Band, a favorite in the Fair entertainment, by calling her old high school classmate Dennis Aigner, who is in charge. When the DLRCC had its raffles Pat always supplied the grand prize, using her expertise as a travel agent: a plane trip to the Bay Area. Finally, those who remember the Glen Spook House on Halloween will recall her as the best witch in the west, sitting beside her cauldron and sorting out the

youngest most easily frightened children so they would not go through until they matured a little, and all the while cackling an unforgettable cackle. When she finally let you through you knew you had come of age in the Glen! So thanks, Pat, for everything!

A PLAYGROUP THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the residents of the Glen for supporting Playgroup's Bake Sale. The proceeds will benefit our sister school in Africa. —Susan Share

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.

GARDEN WALK:

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 AT 10 A.M.

You are invited to meet at the DLRCC for another great Garden Walk and Progressive Brunch led by Marydee Donnan. There everyone will receive a map and walks will branch out to different locations which will include repeat visits to the Donnans and David May, to the Grams and Mary Morlas, possibly to the Armandpors, and last to the Holabirds

News & Notices

CHRIS DONNAN SPEAKS AT THE FOWLER: SUNDAY MARCH 2 3-5 P.M.

The Glen's famous archeologist Chris Donnan will address the topic of his most recent book on excavation of five stunning Peruvian tombs of the Moche Indians in a lecture and book signing at UCLA's Fowler Museum from 3-5 P.M. It promises to be another of his remarkable world class presentations.

POTHOLE ALERT

Report new or old potholes to the Glen website www.beverlyglen.org and the ROBG will contact LA Street Maintenance to get repairs made.

In Memorium

WILL KELLOGG 1917-2007

Not many of us may remember Will Kellogg who died this past December in Boulder, Colorado, but he began his long and distinguished career as an atmospheric scientist while living in the Glen and sending his four kids to Playgroup and playing a mean bass recorder in the Glen Tuesday night recorder group. One memorable night the group took time out from music to look up and watch as the newly launched Soviet Sputnik sailed among the stars across the sky. Will was especially impressed and went on to become a leading expert at the Rand Corporation on satellite use for weather study. He later moved to Boulder to become senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and led one of the first scientific studies in 1971 of the effect of human activity on climate change, followed by a book he co-authored in 1981 warning of global warming. He lived long enough to see his message born out and ultimately believed, even at the highest and most resistant levels. Thanks, Will, for your wise words.



News from France and Italy

By our far flung correspondent Suzanne Dunaway

So here I am, an expat sitting in Mediterranean sun at a desk in a little seaside town in France, wondering (my most profound thought of the day sometimes) if the little donkeys up the street are going to have enough to eat and whether I should take them my artichoke stems or used them in an omelet. Heavy decisions. And yet pages of the daily International Herald Tribune tell of courageous monks marching against unimaginable suppression, confessions of drug-taking athletes, and Congo women on death-beds from rape. These disturbing events are also a part of what may look to some like an idyllic life.

Prejudice and strife are not always somewhere else. The Catalans here suspect the French (and vice versa) and wish to have their original country back, the good old days. There practically no Italians in our little community, as Italians prefer their own country, disdainful of haughty French attitudes. Many French, of course, consider Italians the peons of Europe, southern do-nothings who just happen to make a good cup of caffè' and a fair pizza. But try to find the equivalent in France. A French pizza Margarita is an oxymoron of crème fraîche, cooked ham, and olives. But then again, Italian chefs are going "creative" and might do better to let the French make the sauces. If only one could enjoy the other.

I am here for both. I am aware, after decades in Rome, that my idols have feet of clay. I've worshipped with complete awareness the madness of Rome's traffic, the piles of garbage on street corners, the hours (sometimes whole days!) wasted attempting to pick up a package or mail a letter at the post office, the demise of great old ristoranti where one used to find a perfect spaghetti alla carbonara and now finds over-filled plates of mediocre fare, for the tourists. And I ponder often the French attitude that one deserves to work only 35 hours a week, enjoy complete medical care, and retire at 55 or 60 to (probably) one of several houses one owns (huge savings, compared to ours, are in real estate for the children, not uncertain money markets). And why not? Do we have medical care for all (see Sicko, a perfect example of French medicine)? The French have more time to spend with family, more vacations than any country I've visited, and live longer than either the Americans or the Italians. I see few who do not have their cheese course after the plat du jour of rabbit in mustard, roast potatoes and endive salad, and sometimes dessert after the cheese. But they walk, bicycle, and hike it off, happily discussing the next meal.

The Italians, on the other hand, are depressed. They are the most depressed of Europe's inhabitants, perhaps because the euro has doubled the price of everything, including that perfect caffè, and not even a few tiny, intense cups of the best antidote to sadness can help a country that has never seen a sponge mop, or a lab test returned in less than three weeks. But, they live longer than we do also, depression and all. Vivre le difference. I love the Romans' "fish in your face" attitude toward life, and I welcome the civility and order I find on the French side of the Italian border, but I wish they could embrace the best of one another. Italians could use some efficiency, and the French could use a good mozzarella. And I'm often sad to find that the world is the same, everywhere.

Newsstands are ubiquitous, especially in Europe, where everyone reads, and I won't give up my Herald, even when the front pages now (thank you, Mr. B.) are often enough to make one retch. When Jane Curry sent me my monthly Glenite recently, I saw, with a sweep of nostalgia and pleasure, that I still knew almost everyone who had, as usual, generously contributed food, entertainment, and precious time, but I saw, too, another uplifting quality of the Glen that Italians and French, Palestinians and Israelis, Hamas, Tutsis, Hutus, Catholics, Protestants, Jews and so many others might benefit from practicing. The Glen may be a tiny microcosm in the world's complex organism, but at least once a year, at our humble Art Fair, one can rejoice to Hava Nagila and delight in Shira's middle eastern belly dancing without fearing plots to obliterate one or the other off of humanity's grand map. How fortunate to have lived in such a place.



JOE ROSA of the BEVERLY GLEN MARKETPLACE

By Warren Garfield

Joe Rosa believes that every neighborhood is different and that's his key to success. First, he analyzes the needs of a community and then he works to serve it. When he owned three locations, Encino, Brentwood Country Mart and Bel Air, he decided here was where he would stay and he sold off the other two. A butcher shop evolved into a marketplace, with bakery, wine, take-out and gourmet meats. It all began in New Jersey.

In 1957, Joe worked in his Dad's store in Lyndhurst, New Jersey and he always remembered the way the market was layed out. That same layout is what you see in today's Glen Marketplace. In his Encino and Brentwood meat shops, he pioneered the cooked turkey business for time-strapped customers. In 1980, Joe visited the Glen Centre and decided to open a butcher shop, Bel Air Prime Meats, providing prime and choice. He saw that the surrounding community was composed of professional people and entertainment people. They're busy, he realized, their time is limited and they will need prepared foods for take-out. But not just barbequed chickens; they will want gourmet dinners, pastas, coq au vin, and veal parmigiana. Soon, Bel Air Prime Meats was a hit. In 1988, Joe decided to take over the Convenient Food Market next door, at the time, "a confused 7-11." It was a store of convenience, but not much serving the needs of the community. He expanded the building, moved the butcher shop to the main floor and the butcher shop became the deli for prepared foods and take-out. Soon, a bakery was added. Customers arrived from all over the area, Beverly Glen, Bel Air, Brentwood, Sherman Oaks and the Valley to Joe's Marketplace.

Today, Joe's home is in Italy, and he travels there most of the year. He noticed their coffee bars and decided something like this was needed here in the Glen. People who ate at Adriano's and other restaurants had no place to go after dinner. Soon, a coffee bar was installed in the space that is now Fabrocini's restaurant. Next time you're there, notice the fireplace, and coffee bar décor. Unfortunately, it was slow to get going and Joe gave his okay to turn it into a restaurant and so it is today. Next, a small building was added to the front of the market, and a video store was installed. After a slow start, Joe replaced it with a wine enoteca, which is more in line with the needs of the community. He likes to tell how two TV news crews came up to his store when the Lottery was \$140 million and asked, "Do wealthy people buy lottery tickets?" He laughed, saying sure, but usually we learn that the winners have bought their tickets in tiny, remote liquor stores. "Maybe the Lottery red-lines the wealthy neighborhoods," he quipped.

Joe admits he's never satisfied, always striving to serve the community better. He's proud that he's made many friends here over 25 years, and watched their children grow up, people who still come in to say hello. Unfortunately, we won't be seeing Joe as often. He's retired and plans to move back to his home in Chianti, Italy. Joe sold the Marketplace to the two Vitaliano brothers two years ago. He maintains a residence here and stays around two months a year. He sees local doctors and consults with the new owners of the Marketplace. We appreciate his efforts providing an anchor to the Glen Centre and a lasting service to the community. Beverly Glen is lucky that Joe Rosa decided to stay in the Glen Center. His legacy will be to serve our needs for many years to come.

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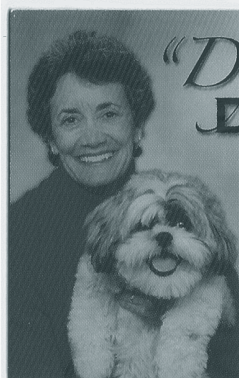
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