



BURLINGAME NEWS

CENTENNIAL KICK-OFF!

More than 200 people showed up at 3170 Maple to begin our Centennial year! Mike and Deb Morrison



were the very gracious hosts for the event in their home, the first house completed in Burlingame, April 1912.

Kathy Garcia and her Centennial Committee of Vance Walker, Kim Hawley, Valerie Lake, Lois Draper, Ginny Sherwood, Jerry Doran and Judy Taylor, deserve our congratulations for many months of preparation to make this such a special occasion for everyone! So many details came together January 14 for the delight of everyone. Even a Burlingame wine label! To cap it all, Todd Gloria presented a Proclamation making **2012 Burlingame Centennial Year in the City of San Diego!**

And many thanks to our *very* generous Centennial Party Sponsors:

Kim Hawley – Ascent Realty

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A special thanks to our neighbors and in-kind sponsors:

Steve & Paula Cook – Party Productions Rental

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BNA ANNUAL MEETING -- MARCH 14

Mark your calendars now for the Burlingame Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting to be held at 7 pm, Wednesday March 14, at Mazara Trattoria!

The meeting agenda includes electing the 2012-2013 Board of Directors. It will be your opportunity to talk with the nominees. ***It is important that all BNA members attend to ensure a quorum for the election.*** To be eligible to vote in this election, you must be a current BNA member as of Wednesday February 29. If you are unsure of your member status, please contact Michael King at 787-6153 or email at mwking@earthlink.net.

The Board will review last year's activities and accomplishments and present BNA plans for 2012 activities and Centennial. The Membership Forum will provide time for discussing neighborhood concerns and issues. Todd Gloria and a representative of Assemblymember Toni Atkins will also be present to hear our concerns.

Three board members are needed to replace departing members, so if you wish to be more involved in the neighborhood, consider running for a position on the Board. Remember that we are a neighborhood association that represents every person living in Burlingame. Contact Grant Merkel at 501-4483 or inquire@burlingamesd.com for more information.

BNA Monthly Meetings at Mazara

March 14 Annual Meeting

April 11

May 9

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BURLINGAME CLUB

March 15

April 19

May 17 Dinner

Editor's note...

I was so pleased to be at the Centennial party last month with neighbors celebrating our 1912 beginning. We live our lives today in the modern world, but we in Burlingame are fortunate to also be grounded in that early 1900s San Diego history, with connections to McFadden & Buxton System Firm, Mayor Benbough's Kalmia Street homes, Balboa Park Expositions of 1915 and 1935, and so much more over the years.

Our 100 year history allows us to be a San Diego Historic District and for many home owners to benefit from the Mills Act property tax reduction. So it was a special treat to have former State Senator James Mills attend our Centennial celebration and to have him speak about the genesis of the Mills Act. He was pleased to be among so many who appreciate historic preservation and to meet many of us individually. But in addition, he enjoyed the unexpected opportunity to visit with various relatives of old friends. Hope he will join us again for the Centennial Block Party.



Ginny Sherwood, Editor vjsherwood@yahoo.com

Thanks for buying the 2012 Burlingame Centennial Calendar!

Brought to you by the Burlingame Neighborhood Association and the Burlingame Club to celebrate our historic community on its 100th birthday, 104 calendars were sold. All 27 homes that were completed in 1912 were included, with full page photos of the six houses that will be on the Burlingame Club Home Tour, along with six other 1912 homes. Burlingame events, meetings and activities are listed for each month so you have no excuse for missing any neighborhood fun.

Your purchase is supporting the extra Centennial events this year. Thanks go to Ernie Smith, who chaired the committee, took the detail photos and organized the entire layout; Robbie DePerro, who did the feature home photography, often from a *tall ladder in the street*; and Valerie Lake, who supplied a friend several copies of the "System Firm" advertisement which he transformed into the calendar cover.

The calendar can still be purchased by contacting Michael King.

BURLINGAME HISTORIC HOME TOUR

June 2, 2012

The Centennial Home Tour planning is well underway. The Burlingame Club Home Tour Committee, chaired by Valerie Lake, has the six 1912 homes selected, which are featured in the Centennial Calendar for the months January through May and October. On the tour day, antique cars will be in the neighborhood, the display boards and video at the January Centennial Party will be out for everyone to see and the North Park Historical Society will have their reprint of *Burlingame: A Tract of Character* for sale.

Committee member Julie Ellison is designing a special tour guide booklet, which will have historical info on each house, as well as early Burlingame history unearthed by Valerie at the San Diego History Center the past couple years.

The Centennial Home Tour Committee invites all our neighbors to assist in making this a successful showcase Burlingame event. There are several ways you can participate:

Volunteer as a docent for a three hour period in exchange for a ticket to the Home Tour and party after. Because all six houses are two stories, many docents will be needed. Please contact Valerie at vlake@ucsd.edu soon.

Advertise your business in the Tour booklet or suggest businesses for the Tour Committee to contact.

Sell the tour to friends. Buy an extra ticket and take a friend. Note that the proceeds go to neighborhood charities.

Contact Valerie Lake at vlake@ucsd.edu to volunteer. Complete Home Tour details and ticket purchase will soon be available at www.burlingamesd.com.

BURLINGAME CLUB VALENTINE BAGS for ELDERHELP



The Burlingame Club has been putting together Valentine bags for many years. Pat Taylor got the Club started doing 25 bags and now it is 50 bags! A few years back, Pat turned the organization of this Club activity over to Valerie Lake. All year Valerie accepts travel soaps/shampoos and stores them in her home. She is always on the lookout for bargains--last summer she bought fine quality red and white dish towels, 12 for \$10, at Costco! Each bag contains several small shampoos, lotion and soaps, a puzzle book and colorful pencil, a dish/tea towel, chap stick, nail file, decorative tissue packet, etc. As seen in the photo, everything is put in a Valentine bag with a replicated old fashion Valentine card from the Burlingame Club.

Since ElderHelp assists a few elderly men, we started last year to make some bags with men's items. In addition, this year we made six bags for Club member Mary Tarbell-Green, Interfaith Minister/Hospice Chaplain for San Diego Hospice, to distribute to her patients. Mary sent the Club a lengthy letter telling how one patient and adult son caregiver felt receiving the Valentine bags.

The delivery of the bags to ElderHelp was greeted with delight by the staff, who started thinking of clients, among their 300, who would particularly appreciate the gift. "Burlingame" will be cherished in their memories.



Photos by Julie Ellison. Complete coverage at www.burlingamesd.com

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HOUSE OF INTERNATIONAL FLAIR at 3139 KALMIA - THE HOME OF LOIS DRAPER

Members of the Burlingame Club, friends and family awaited Lois Draper's move back to her Burlingame home at 3139 Kalmia (one of the 1912 Benbough houses), in June of 2011. Though she had made most of the Club's meetings, driving from her home in Escondido, we looked forward to having her return to the neighborhood. What follows is the tale of Lois's comings and goings in Burlingame. I interviewed her a few months after her return--for good?

From the moment one enters Lois's home you know she has traveled the world. Ask Lois about the objects displayed and she will transport you to Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia or Yemen. But first we need to get Lois into Burlingame.

In 1971 Lois was visiting her sister, Jenny, who lived nearby on 33rd Street, when she was told that work was going on on a large house on Kalmia. Lois, husband Bob, and 4 children had outgrown their Allied Gardens home. Lois contacted the owner of 3139 Kalmia, Mrs. Steickman, who agreed to show her the house. Mrs. Steickman and her husband, who owned and operated a hardware store on 30th and Juniper where Madeline's is now, had purchased the house during the war years and because housing in San Diego was in short supply, they turned it into a rooming house. They installed a new front door, (still visible to the left of the original front door) new stairs and rented out the individual rooms upstairs. Lois thinks the tenants cooked on hot plates in the closets!

The Steickmans had not maintained the house and it was in shambles, but Lois liked the 4 bedrooms and 2 baths on the second floor. She and Bob bought the house for \$32,000 with a simple hand shake to seal the deal and moved in with their 4 children: Michael, Michelle, Melinda and Scott. The children went to McKinley, Bob worked as a math consultant for the San Diego Unified School System and Lois dealt with various restoration challenges. Just one example was the removal of the third story bedroom which was beyond repair.

Then in 1975, Bob surprised Lois with a question: "How would you feel about moving to Saudi Arabia?" Though they had often talked about teaching overseas, Europe was what they had had in mind. This position would be in Jiddah where Bob would be the curriculum director for an international school system on a two year contract. Lois's response, as she remembers it, was that they could do anything for just 2 years. They decided to go, and rented their Kalmia home. As it turned out, the Drapers were gone for 8 years and their tenant stayed the entire time.

The Draper children left to go to high school in the US, while Bob and Lois continued their stay in Saudi Arabia. In 1989, they returned to San Diego to work as superintendent of the Christian Unified School System in El Cajon and in the Education Department at the San Diego Museum of Art respectively. But 1996 found them working overseas again, this time in Yemen. From there, they moved to Almaty, Kazakhstan in 1997. In 2002 Bob was diagnosed with a brain tumor and they returned to the United States for medical treatment. Bob had surgery but died 8 weeks later.

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Lois returned to 3139 Kalmia. In a bereavement group, she met Andy, a widower whose wife had also died from cancer. They married and Lois moved to his home in Escondido. Lois liked her home there but she missed the familiar support of her Burlingame neighbors and friends. Sadly, Andy died in 2010 and Lois eventually decided she wanted to move back to Burlingame and 3139 Kalmia. So we all extend a welcome back, Lois!

Interviewed by Pat Taylor 2012 & edited by Ginny Sherwood

BURLINGAME NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS INVITES YOU TO JOIN!

To bring the neighborhood together, the BNA sponsors events and programs such as:

- September Block Party
- www.burlingamesd.com
- *Burlingame News*
- Holiday Caroling & Luminarias
- Dumpster Day
- Burlingame Garage Sale
- Neighborhood Watch Support

In addition to these ongoing annual events, 2012 activities will include Burlingame Centennial Celebration events such as the recent Jan.14 party and the Centennial Birthday Block Party Sept.8. Your support is critical for this year!

Your annual dues are \$25.00 per household. The only eligibility requirement is to live in the Burlingame Historic District. Complete and mail the form below with a \$25 check to the address shown. The Burlingame Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization, so additional support in the form of donations is always appreciated and welcomed.

If you would like further information or are interested in serving on any of the BNA committees, please contact us.

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Address		
Family & Other Members	OK to publish in the <i>Burlingame Resident Directory</i>: Name? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Phone(s)	Phone number? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Email(s)	Email? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> [] Initials	

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