



2018 Neighborhood Calendar

EVENTS

Spring Cleanup	4/14
Wine Walk	5/19
Chili Cook-Off	7/14
Movie Night	8/18
Oktoberfest	10/13
Holiday Party	12/9

GENERAL MEETINGS

Spring Meeting	4/12
Summer Meeting	7/12
Fall Meeting	10/11

GARAGE SALE WEEKENDS

June 2 & 3
Sept 1 & 2 Dec 1 & 2

Spring in The Square -- WSNA President Dave Dethloff



Hello Neighbors! Spring is here and we finally got a little rain. It always amazes me to see how green everything gets after we have a few showers. I read that is because of our proximity to the Pacific Ocean. It's constantly churning up microorganisms that get caught up in the atmosphere and come down with the rain as natural fertilizer! Nothing better than mother nature helping out with yard care! Now if she were only a little more consistent.

March had to be the busiest month of the year! The first weekend was garage sales, the second was a slightly soggy but highly successful dumpster and e-waste day, the third was St. Patrick's Day. I hope everyone got their fill of corn beef, cabbage and green beer! The fourth was a sold out progressive dinner and finally the fifth weekend is Easter! Whew! I need to sit down because April 12th is our General Meeting, April 14 is neighborhood clean up & April 22 is Earth day!

Have you seen our entrance monuments lately? The combined creative talents of Don Harvey and Carlos Araujo, have placed seasonally themed entrance decor on our monuments! Nice work guys!

Bristol Street widening is coming along slowly and I do my best not to go that way. However, the other day I noticed they had the right hand turn lane curb poured coming out onto Washington. Yay! Progress!

Our membership drive is in full swing and I'm hoping to see an increase this year. It doesn't take much to become a member and your dues go a long way in keeping up appearances in the Square and putting on some of the cool events every year! I'm asking those of you who've been thinking about it to jump in & join us this year!

That's it for now... see you in the Square!

Tony and Margie Gomez Win Spring Alan Anderson Award

by Bobi Keenan



The Spring 2018 Alan Anderson Award goes to Tony & Margie Gomez for their home at 909 Louise Street.

Tony was born in Oklahoma, but his family moved to Mexico when he was 4 years old. He returned to California in 1951 to find work. There was plenty of work in the extensive farm fields of Santa Ana then and he worked picking crops for 70 cents/hr.! He worked hard and was promoted to foreman on farms in and around Orange County.

He and Margie met in El Monte and married in 1956. Five of their 7 children were born at Santa Ana Community Hospital (now French Park Care Center) before they moved to Santa Maria in 1964. Tony found good work in the fields around there and Margie stayed home to raise their 5 girls and 2 boys until they got older. She did some work in the fields and then went to work in the cafeteria of Hancock College in Santa Maria. Both of them were recognized &

rewarded for their strong work ethic, excellent on-job performance and congeniality.

Tony was hired by Simplot, a fertilizer company, in 1976. He liked that work very much because he was "his own boss" and got to work with farmers all around the area. He helped them compute the amount of product they needed, then delivered and placed the fertilizer around the crops. He retired in 1999.

In 2006, their daughter Anna, who owned the house, got married and moved out. She urged them to move into it so they could be closer to several of their children. So, they sold their house in Santa Maria and came back to Santa Ana.

They are very happy here.

The house has been meticulously cared for, inside and out. It has been re-stuccoed and painted. All windows and doors have been replaced and the kitchen has been remodeled and enlarged. Tony and Margie do all the gardening themselves.

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Washington Square is Fun!

and a little work
now and then

Neighborhood General Meeting Thursday, April 12th, 7PM Wilson School

Join us for the April meeting! We'll have updates on neighborhood issues and events. Our speakers will be Santa Ana City Manager Raul Godinez II and Susan Trant from Be Ready Earthquake and Survival Products.

Raul Godinez II was appointed city manager of Santa Ana in November, 2017. From 2015-2017, Mr. Godinez served as Director of Public Works/City Engineer of the City of Lynwood. He also has served as El Monte City Manager, the Santa Ana Executive Director of Public Works and as the Director of Public Works for the City of Oakland.

Susan Trant says "preparedness is in her blood". She grew up in the hurricane area of Florida and also had a father who was in the Strategic Air Command. She will discuss why we need to have a disaster kit, what it needs to contain and what paperwork and plans we may need for loved ones. She also will discuss FEMA options and what we can do to protect our children at school and in the community.

Neighborhood Clean-Up Saturday, April 14th

This year we'll address our neighborhood trash cans at the various corners in the "Square." We need to change out the signs and plastic protective covers. New logos are being made by our own Kirsten Sketch. We are looking for a few folks who are handy with a screw gun to remove the old signs and, if time permits, install the new ones. This requires careful work not to strip out the screws and then caulking around the edge to prevent water intrusion. So, if you feel qualified and own a battery screw gun, please join us. Our event signs announcing meetings and events are in of need a fresh coat of paint to spiff them up for the year.

We will be looking for crews to wash down not only the trash cans but also the various street signs that get dirty with dust, bird droppings, and graffiti. We'll also be trimming, pruning & weeding our entry planters.

So, grab your hat, your gloves, perhaps a broom, ladder or step stool, weeder, hedge clippers & wheel barrow and meet with WSNA neighbors to help tidy up the "Square" on Saturday, April 14th at 9:00 a.m. We'll enjoy coffee, juice and muffins at 1118 Freeman and take off on our mission. We'll be through by noon so you'll have the rest of the day to finish your taxes and get them in the mail!!!. The more volunteers, the faster we will get done.

16th Annual Wine Walk Saturday May 19th

WE NEED VOLUNTEER HOMES! Looking for three homes, in close proximity to each other, to host this year's Wine Walk, so talk with your neighbors and be this year's heroes! We will not be in your home, just driveway or backyard (without a swimming pool!) For further information, call Nancy at (714) 836-9110. Plan on joining your neighbors in Washington Square from 6:00 to 9:30PM as you embark upon a progressive evening stroll. Linger and enjoy the three volunteer homes and sample a variety of wines, snacks and sweets. Look for details in an upcoming flyer. and remember, we limit attendees to 75 so when you get your flyer, make reservations ASAP as this event sells out each year.



2018 Membership

The WSNA membership drive is on for 2018. You can either send your check to PO Box 4435, Santa Ana, CA 92702 or use your credit card on Washington-Square.org to make a donation. Remember, WSNA is a 501 (c)(3) organization and your contribution is tax-deductible. Membership amounts are just \$15 for Seniors, \$20 Households, \$50 Patron, \$75 Sponsor, \$100 VIP Sponsor, \$200 PoohBah Sponsor and \$500 Grand PoohBah Sponsor. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed, especially our anonymous Grand PoohBah Sponsor! It's time to step up and become a member!

Bristol Widening Update

According to Jason Gabriel, Principal Civil Engineer with the City's Public Works Agency, Bristol widening is still on schedule to be complete by late summer. McDonalds is expected to shut down and start rebuilding in April or May in order to complete their construction in sync with the Bristol completion. The Optometrist and Dentist are working on the entitlements process and coordinating utility connection for their future buildings with the City's construction contractor. Their current buildings will be demolished and they will rebuild south of McDonalds.

Entry Monument Decor



Carlos Araujo (L) and Don Harvey (R) recently decorated our entry monuments for Spring as part of a seasonal beautification project they developed. This is funded by your contributions to WSNA. The decorations have already been vandalized so keep an eye out for suspicious activity around them.



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by Sarah Covarrubias and Javier Garcia
corroborated by Maco Long

Washington Square's Emma Rodriguez

Did you know that Washington Square has a film star in its midst? Many of you know her, but may not know her story.

Emma Rodriguez was born June 27, 1922, in Mexico City, the youngest of a family of 9 children. In 1926, her family moved to Los Angeles to escape the violence of the Mexican revolution. They opened a Mexican bakery, "La Ciudad de Mexico", on Brooklyn Ave. The entire family (including all 9 children) worked there. Emma attended school, up until 3rd grade, learning to read and write English, which served her well the rest of her life.

Her brothers, Joselito and Roberto, also worked at the MGM movie studios in Hollywood. They developed a movie sound system where the images and sound were melded together to make "talkies"—The Rodriguez Sound Recording System. Their first successful short film in America was "Sangre Mexicana."

In 1930, Mexican movie producer Juan de la Cruz Alarcon needed a sound system for his new film "Santa". He took a chance on the Rodriguez brothers' sound system and the rest is history. This movie was a hit and a new beginning for Emma's family. Her dad sold the bakery, their belongings and moved everyone back to Mexico. This was the stepping stone to a great future for everyone.

Brothers Joselito, Roberto and Ismael, all became famous movie directors. They were instrumental in launching the careers of several very famous Mexican screen actors including Pedro Infante and Evita "Chachita" Munoz. Emma's brother, Enrique, and her sister, Consuelo, became sound engineers. Consuelo was recognized as the first woman ever in that field. The Rodriguez Brothers' movies became a very important part of what it's known as the Mexican movie "Golden Era." Their movies were "feel good movies"—funny, musical, and family oriented.

Emma became a bilingual secretary. However, she used to spend quite a bit of time on the movie sets where she had the opportunity to meet many renowned actors and actresses such as Luis Aguilar, Sara Garcia, Joaquin Cordero, Maria Victoria, Maria Felix, and many more. Thanks to the support from actor Fernando Soler, Emma had the opportunity to star in a small role in one of Ismael's movies. But it did not stop there...soon other family members including her mom, nephews and even the family dog, Mimi, participated in many films.



Eventually, she worked her way up to supporting roles. In all, Emma starred in over 40 films including "A Toda Maquina" and "Que Te Ha Dado Esa Mujer" (as the apartment manager) and "Dona Remedios", acting side by side with Pedro Infante and Luis Aguilar. In 1981, Emma and her sister Consuelo were recognized for their contribution and legacy to the Mexican cinema. Emma was awarded an Ariel (equivalent to our Oscar) for best supporting actress.



Emma in a scene from A Toda Maquina

Emma met her husband, Julian Feito, at a movie screening. It's not hard to imagine that he would be smitten with this witty, talented beauty and she with this tall handsome man! He would cruise around "La Alameda" (in Mexico City) in his impeccable Packard to pick up

Emma for dates. They went out for 7 years and became best friends before tying the knot! Pedro Infante and Luis Aguilar both sang at her wedding.

Julian's family owned a transportation company that had contracts for the distribution of tobacco products in Mexico. Emma, with her knowledge of English, played an important role in her husband's business. She helped him negotiate contracts and was always by his side. She was an excellent cook and mother to their four children--Manuel, Julian, Maclovio (Maco) and Gabriel. She continued to assist her sons in managing the family business until she was 80.



Julian & Emma's Wedding

She now lives here in Washington Square with her daughter and son-in-law, Maco and Rob Long, and granddaughter, Robbie. She has a total of 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She loves attending the WS gatherings. Many of you may know her from the Oktoberfests, Movie Nights and Progressive Dinners (which she attended this March).

She has a "dicho" or saying which she lives by: "Trust in God and don't worry" because most things we worry about never happen.

Emma Rodriguez still has a great sense of humor and loves to laugh. What is particularly endearing, during conversations, if she is reminded of a song or ditty, she breaks out in song. The actress in her still loves to be in front of the camera and have her picture taken. At 95 years young you can still see why she is the darling of her family and Mexico, and we are proud to have her as ours.



Maco and two brothers with Emma

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Police admin. business	245-8665
Police and Fire Emergency	911
Animal services(lost pets, barking)	245-8792
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Graffiti Hotline	877-786-7824
Obstructing Trees & Bushes	647-3380
Permit Parking-Frank Orellana	647-5614
Permit Parking Complaints	245-8225
Potholes (Public Works)	647-3380
SAUSD School Police	558-5535
School Traffic Concerns	647-5619
Street Cleaning	647-3380
Street Lights (Edison)	800-655-4555
Street Lights (City)	647-3380
Traffic Engineering	647-5619
Traffic Signals	647-5620
Trash Pick Up (Waste Management)	558-7761
Tree Trimming	647-3380
Vector Control (County)	971-2421
Water Bill	647-5454
Wilson School	564-8100

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A more complete listing can be found on the WSNA website.

If you have a smartphone or a tablet, you'll want to download the free "My Santa Ana" app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. With it you can report graffiti, street light problems, potholes, tree issues, water wasting, etc as well as get phone #'s

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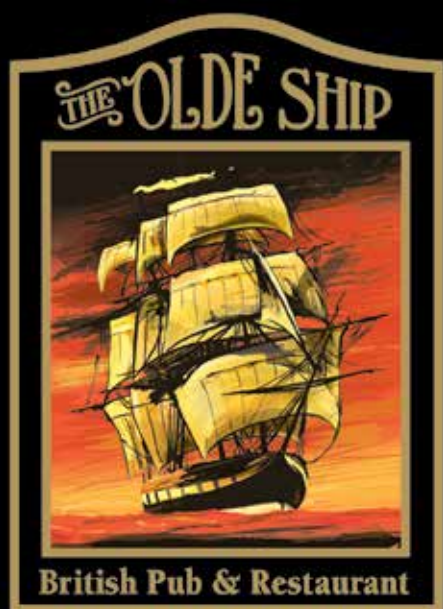


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Our Garden; Our Labor of Love

The Mystery of the Fallen Fruit

by Lubna Debbini

After a gorgeous display of blossoms, our white peach tree began its bountiful fruit production. I normally thin the crop by 50% by knocking off the smaller fruit from crowded spaces, but this year, I noticed something peculiar; many of the newly formed fruit was on the ground along with larger specimens that had been split in half or partially eaten. There were also pieces of newly grown branches broken and on the ground.

About a month ago, I began noticing a grey mourning dove hanging out in our backyard. It often pecked around the dirt at the base of our fruit trees or perched on the wires directly above them. At first I thought it might be injured but then saw it take flight several times in a seemingly normal way. So, I began wondering if the dove was responsible for the fallen peaches.

A quick Google search led me down the rabbit hole of superstitious and supernatural dove symbolism. My savvy husband then turned to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and confirmed that doves forage on the ground like chickens. The mystery of the fallen fruit continued to daunt me until one morning, when my friend, who was visiting from out of town, noticed a parrot in the backyard as we sat in the kitchen enjoying coffee. Normally, we Washington Square residents are so accustomed to the parrots, we go on about our business without pause. However, my friend's curiosity ushered us to the backyard for a closer look. As we approached the peach tree, a flock of parrots suddenly materialized from its bright green foliage, taking flight in a chorus of squawks.

With the mystery solved. I took to finding a solution for keeping the parrots at bay. Apparently, you can tie some reflective flash tape near the fruit and this will deter the birds. I've seen old CDs tied to trees and they must have the same effect. I'm guessing the parrots are too smart for the tape and CDs. Alternatively, you can cover the entire tree with a fine mesh net. Also, some suggest using a decoy like an inflatable owl. Have you tried any of these methods? What worked for you? Share your experience by posting your answers on Washington Square's Facebook page.



Did you know?

Your trash, recycling and green waste containers should not be put on



the street until after 4PM on Sunday and must be removed from the street by midnight Monday. Section 16-34 of the SAMC. You can be cited for leaving them on the curb too long or too early and it's just not a good neighborly practice.

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Join us this Sunday,
we would love to see you!

Sarah's Neighborhood News

homes for sale:	beds	baths	Sq.Ft.	list/sold Price	DOM*	Sale Type
926 N. Olive	3	2	1385	\$659,000.	13	Standard
homes in escrow:						
1134 Bomo Koral	4	3	1459	\$559,900.	10	Standard
1412 N. Louise	3	1	1872	\$615,000.	7	Probate
welcome to our new neighbors at:						
907 N. Lowell	2	1	922	\$535,000.	47	Standard
1147 W. 10th	3	2	1513	\$640,000.	10	Standard
1027 N. Olive	3	2	1824	\$485,000.	2	Standard
1124 N. Olive	3	1	1396	\$580,000.	155	Standard
1104 N. Baker	3	11.5	1561	\$585,000.	132	Standard
919 N. Westwood	3	2	1679	\$630,000.	56	Standard
per MLS and the County Recorder for the period 12-18-2017 to 3-26-2018 * = days on market						

HAPPY SPRING!

The real estate buying and selling season is now in full swing, but what to buy? As of today (3/27/2018) there is only one house for sale in the neighborhood. This is not just a Washington Square phenomenon—low inventory is citywide, countywide. If you are currently a homeowner, that is great. If you are looking to buy or have family/friends looking to buy, this makes things a bit tough. With the median price of homes in Orange County over \$700K, Santa Ana is still a good investment for housing. Currently, Habitat for Humanity has some brand new (1st time home-buyer) houses going up here in SA—3 and 4 bedrooms in the low \$400s--with financing and down payment incentives. Contact me if you know someone who is looking to buy. If you are looking to lower your payments or have a high interest rate, it may be a good time to refinance or streamline your mortgage loan. Although interest rates have inched up a bit since this time last year, they are still in the mid-4%^s. So contact your credit union or bank. I can also assist you in finding a good mortgage broker.

Last Sunday, at an open house, I met a young couple thinking of moving to Washington Square. Then along comes Mike and Susie, who moved into WS last year, and said “this is the best neighborhood ever.” And in typical WS fashion, several other neighbors chimed in the same.

We no longer live in small towns or villages, where families have known each other for generations. We live in fast paced OC, where everyone is working, commuting, texting; where people enter their homes through garages, and are holed up inside until the next morning when the same routine starts all over again. Washington Square residents are different: the very active neighborhood association; the “old-timers” who welcome all the new neighbors; the volunteers who organize fun gatherings, empty the trash cans, paint the signs; newsletter and Facebook contributors; the “nosey” neighbors who know everything and has “advice”, but is always there to lend a hand; the board members who keep residents abreast of the City antics. Each of these volunteers reach out to all neighbors to make them feel included; to feel a part of a village, a community; to feel “connected.” As someone who is familiar with many different neighborhoods, I salute Washington Square as “the best neighborhood ever.”

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COOKING WITH CAROL BBQ Salmon with Honey & Pink Peppercorn

I like to share recipes. However this one I have kept to myself for the last 20 years. I decided it is time to share when I took this dish to Washington Square's Progressive Dinner (you missed a lot of good food and fun!!!)

This recipe is based on one of Sunset Magazines "Best recipes of all times"...only easier. It looks and taste great and will get eaten by people like me; a non-fin fish eater. It can be served hot, warm or cool and travels well, a good all-around recipe. Feel free to cook a smaller portion.

Sometimes pink peppercorns are hard to find but can be found at Penzeys in Anaheim off the Euclid and 5 freeway. Enjoy.



Half a salmon without skin

1 cup dark brown sugar

1T salt

1 large Tablespoon a of grated fresh ginger or 1 teaspoon powdered ginger

1 ½ cups of water

2 to 3 bay leaves

1 tea spoon ground Allspice

¼ to ½ cup of honey

1/3 cup of pink peppercorn

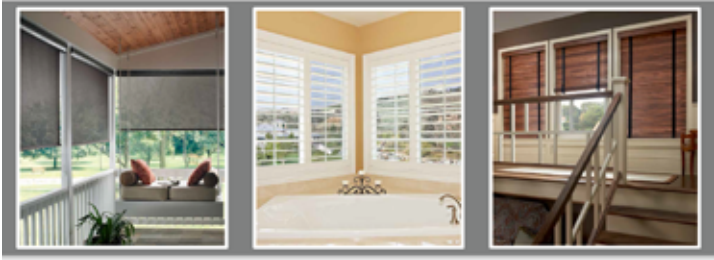
Put brown sugar, salt, ginger, water, allspice and bay leaves in a sauce pan and bring to a boil. Boil until sugar and salt are completely dissolved. Remove from the heat and let it completely cool. When liquid is cooled put fish in a plastic bag and pour in the liquid. Refrigerate and turn over half way through the marinade time. I like to marinate the fish 2 days but overnight will do.

Pour Hot water over the pink peppercorns for 15 min. Heat up the gas grill to Med temp. Remove the fish from the bag and lay it on a double sheet of heavy duty Aluminum foil. Cut away excess leaving 1 inch around the fish. Drain the peppercorns and lightly crush them. Warm the Honey to the point it will pour on the fish and sprinkle on Peppercorns. Grill for 20 minutes or until edges are caramelized.

Bon Appetite, Carol Frank

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Washington Square "Mom's Group"

by Lindsay Manning

With a number of new families in the neighborhood, a new "Washington Square Moms Group" has been organized. We have recently held two meet up / play dates; one at a local park and one at a Washington Square home. We have families with newborns and "babies on the way" as well as preschool and school aged kids. The group welcomes families of all ages!

The group provides a great way to meet other families in the neighborhood, as well as share in "mom" questions, tips, advice, recipes, organizing play dates, babysitting and any other topic that might frequent a group of mothers! Plus, it is always nice to be able to see familiar faces when out on walks and bike rides throughout our lovely Square. The group is fairly new so we welcome any other moms in the neighborhood. We have a Facebook page titled "Washington Square Mommies" which has been a great way to organize meet ups, communicate, ask questions, etc. We'd love to have you join us so feel free to put in a request to be added to the group – we would love to meet you!



Moms at a recent play date at Morrison Park



in Downtown Santa Ana

What's going on in DTSA? -- By Sam Puzzo

I am very pleased to be doing the Downtown Santa Ana portion of our newsletter this issue. My wife Carol and I enjoy quick or take home meals from McFadden Public Market or 4th Street Market due to the various and wonderful selections in each. Carol recently went to Mix Mix during restaurant week and had a great time. We are now trying to get to more of the stand-alone restaurants and the enormous variety of foods available.

The Main Event to report is the re-start of the Farmers Market, Sundays 11AM to 3PM on the 2nd Street Promenade. If you are on the e-mail list for DTSA activities you would have already seen this notice. If not, you can sign up for e-mails and get regular updates on activities at: www.downtown-santaana.com/

As for food related news, two new food purveyors opened in Fourth Street Market and my wife and I tried both. One specializes in seafood and one burgers and other meats. We will go back. Here is information on both from the 4th Street Market Website, www.4thstreetmarket.com. The address for 4th Street Market is 201 East 4th Street. The Market is open 7 days a week. Hours are 7am to 9 pm and 7am to 11 PM on Friday and Saturday. Some vendors have different hours.

Graze

4th Street Market 11-9 Su-Th. 11-10 F-Sa

The menu items at GRAZE feature the highest quality products available. Their burgers are grilled to order and feature an all natural signature blend patty of Short-Rib, Brisket, and Chuck, and come served on a freshly toasted locally made artisan bun. Their signature sauces are created in house with only the finest ingredients including Calabrese Chili Pepper, Bourbon Barrel Smoked Black Pepper, Rendered Duck Fat and House Fermented Black Garlic (a 192 plus hour process). Short cuts just aren't part of their handcrafted process, and their burgers showcase that.



Supernatural Sandwiches

4th Street Market 11-9 Su-Wed. 9-11 Th-Sa

Our Mission is to make seafood approachable by creating sandwiches influenced by international flavors, crafted with quality ingredients and cooked to order to ensure maximum freshness. All of our sauces are made from scratch and add a dash of love - that makes a sandwich so refined that it's considered gourmet. Our goal each day is to serve food of the highest standard; Your Standard! Outstanding service ensures that every visit is an experience that is SuperNatural!



I welcome feedback from WSNA residents on foods they have tried and enjoyed as well as other DTSA experiences to let other neighbors know what to do or try. There are many things going on in Downtown Santa Ana; food and drink events, cooking classes, art shows and event gatherings. I can use all the help you can contribute to raise the neighborhood's awareness. Help get the word out on your favorite find in DTSA. Email me with your experiences and suggestions. DTSA@washington-square.org

Shredding Event

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Do you need your documents shredded or recycled?

Come stop by Seven Gables' Shred Day
Saturday April 14th 9-12 Anaheim Hills
Saturday April 21st 9-12 Tustin

Realtor and friend to the neighborhood, Sarah Covarrubias has invited Washington Square residents to bring up to 5 banker boxes of documents to shred and recycle at the Seven Gables Shred Day event.

It's a great opportunity to clean out your file cabinets after doing your taxes and it keeps your personal information safe from scavengers going through our trash cans.

The Seven Gables offices are located at:

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Progressive Dinner Wrap Up

Bacon wrapped stuffed dates, salmon spring rolls, jalapeno poppers, oh my! These were just a few of the many tasty appetizers to choose from at Beth and Kelly Thomas's lovely home. The challenge was not to overdo it on the appetizers because delicious entrees were calling us at Kyle Walker's home. Her beautiful backyard was the perfect setting. What can be better than having an amazing dinner with 50 of your good friends and neighbors? It was great to meet and get to know the many new residents who attended this event. We then walked over to Susan Fisher and Mike Maguire's beautiful home for some amazing homemade desserts. It is not often when you wish that the night would never end and this was that night. Thanks to all in attendance for bringing your homemade dishes and making the 8th Annual Washington Square Progressive Dinner a resounding success. Special thanks to our hosts as well as the volunteers who helped with set up, sign in, and clean up. This wonderful event would not have been possible without you.

--Javier Garcia



Literature and Libations

by Pat Lenahan

A new addition to the social scene is the Downtown Santa Ana Book Club, the brain child of Washington Square's own, Julie Seyler. Julie had been searching for a book club but found that the ones available had numerous restrictions or did not have the atmosphere she was looking for. Julie added: "I wanted to form a book club that you wanted to join." The DTSA book club has been a hit since its inception in January. Originally, it was designed for a small group of 15, but due to the overwhelming interest, the group accepts 20 individuals per meeting with membership now capped at 70.

The DTSA book club meets in the Red Room of Chapter One and hosts lively discussions and interactions. The book club does not dissect every page in detail, but rather starts with general questions and reactions to the book. Group members socialize, enjoy food and drink and share their impressions, opinions and viewpoints about the book.

One participant stated that he doesn't read a lot, but the one book per month affords him an opportunity to do so. The diversity of the group allows members to share opinions and to learn from one another. Participants appreciate being exposed to books that they wouldn't necessarily have read such as "Sing, Unburied Sing", "Little Fires Everywhere" and "Kafka on the Shore".

The DTSA Book Club can be found on MeetUp.com where discussions of the books read often continue.

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They have flowers blooming around the front of the house; the grass is neatly mowed and shrubs carefully trimmed by Tony. This year, they completely replaced the cement driveway and walkways, making the entrance to their home and yard look beautifully new.

There is a small bistro table and 2 chairs on the front porch. Margie always has seasonal decorations there, making a cheerful and welcoming entrance to their home.

They have a little grey dog named Negrita.

Since moving here, Tony and Margie walk Negrita up and down Louise Street each morning and afternoon. They always have a big smile and warm hello for everyone along the way.

Unfortunately, Margie and Negrita have been quite ill, off and on, over the past few years. Tony takes loving care of both of them. When Margie is not up to it, Tony still takes Negrita for her daily walks.

Tony and Margie are wonderful people and wonderful neighbors. Even their dog Negrita is friendly!

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