

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

By Ruth Werfel

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KEN SHEEHAN presided at the November 6th Annual Meeting which convened at the Kilaga Springs Multipurpose Room at 6:00 P.M. Among his first actions was the introduction and election of four new Directors: Allen Gillespie, Shirley Guzman, Joan Scarper and Doreen Traxel. Barbara Moss, Ken Sheehan, Will Small and Pauline Watson were elected for second terms. Ken recognized and thanked outgoing Directors Paula Payne and Joel Thomas, and also announced the appointment of 20 new Coordinators for 2009.

JEAN EBENHOLTZ, who was unable to attend, received the Executive Director's Outstanding Service Award for being "A Model of Excellence and Professionalism for Her Invaluable Contributions That Have Enriched the Lives of Many and for Her Dedication to the Establishment and Success of Neighborhood Watch from its Inception."

SECRETARY PAULINE WATSON was awarded, for the second year, the 2009 Spark Plug Award for her untiring efforts in organizing the information used in the successful delivery of the 10th anniversary celebration gift bags. Among her many other achievements have been: organizing the N.W. section of the parade and Booth Fair, establishing a Help Menu on our NW website, and organizing many potlucks and social board functions.

Among the many accomplishments of 2009, as indicated by Ken Sheehan, were:

- Completion of the colored village map project identifying location of all mail box stations including house numbers assigned to each station and the location of all "Boris the Burglar" street signs.
- Sponsorship of three well attended forums: "Helping and Protecting our Seniors" on April 14, a Summer Symposium for Village Coordinators and Mailbox Captains on August 24, and an eventful Speakers Town Hall Series on "Know Who & What's Available in Your Neighborhood for Safety and Security" on October 6.
- Development of the Welcome Packets to deliver to new residents. A total of 248 packets assembled by Neighbors InDeed and Neighborhood Watch were distributed to new residents by our Mail Box Captains.
- The printing, approved by the Association, of 7,050 copies for the following venues: new resident orientation information, vial of life forms, revisions to extra NW Handbooks and printing three sets of village maps and mail station rosters for the Association, Emergency Response Team and Neighborhood Watch. A total of 589 Vial of Life vials were handed out this year.

Following the meeting was a very successful potluck dessert fair.

GENERAL WARNINGS/SUGGESTIONS: If contacted by mail, phone, or in person by any individual you do not know, do not give them any personal information. Take their card, or name, address, and

phone number and tell them you will get back to them. Then contact someone you can trust and have the solicitor's information verified. If the solicitor becomes aggressive, contact the police.

When new Village Coordinator rosters with names, addresses and phone numbers are received, old rosters should be shredded before disposal. Also, remove name address and customer number before discarding sales catalogs/ magazines. With that information someone could possibly order from the catalog in your name.

AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL