

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Neighborhood Watch was well represented in the gala parade that initiated the four-day celebration of Sun City's Tenth Anniversary. Marchers included many village representatives with their colorful signs, Boris the Burglar, a Vial of Life booster and a contingent of ballooned golf carts followed by Board members and their chauffeurs. A slide show of all the paraders can be seen on our website, www.lincal.net/watch.

SUMMER SYMPOSIUM: The August 24th symposium was another big success with eighteen organizations participating. These included not only those groups that offer consolation, counseling, advice and other such assistance to residents, but also representatives of the Association and the Lincoln Hills Foundation. A representative of each group gave a brief review of the group's activities and furnished handouts giving additional information.

"IS IT NORMAL AGING OR DEMENTIA: WHERE DID I PUT MY KEYS": is the title of a panel discussion presented by the Communications and Community Relations Committee as part of the Speakers Town Hall Series. Jean Ebenholtz, member of the Steering Committee of the Lincoln Hills Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver's Support Group will moderate the panel of three who will define and discuss dementia and its ramifications for caregivers. The Lincoln Hills residents are invited to attend the presentation which will be held Tuesday, October 27, 3:00 – 4:30 in the OC Ballroom.

NEW DIRECTORS: We are delighted to introduce to you our three new Board members.

SHIRLEY GUZMAN, whom I caught just as she was about to depart on her morning run, protested a picture, but I assured her that our members would be happy to know she was living an active life. Originally from Cleveland, Shirley has lived most of her life in Sacramento. She has spent 40 years in the title industry and the last 20 as an escrow officer. One of her two sons lives in Rocklin and the other is in the Navy. She replaces Paula Payne on the Board, while Paula will continue as Coordinator of her village #4

ALLEN (AL) GILLESPIE of Village 42B will be taking over Pauline Watson's Market. Al has spent much of his life in and about Oakland in the retail business with, as the expression goes, his fingers in many pies. The last eight years before coming to Sun City were spent in Napa, but the lifestyle here attracted him and his wife and they moved here four years ago. Since the loss of his wife he has been looking for the right opportunity to fill his interest, and he enthusiastically responded to Ken Sheehan's suggestion that he join the Board. He has always been active in community service and worked for some time with Seniors First, so he will be an important addition to our group.

DOREEN TRAXEL and her husband have been residents of Village 25B since 2006. Ken described her as "a very positive and energetic woman." Doreen was the owner and operator of a retail store specializing in gifts and home accessories in Roseville for 19 years. In the years prior to and since then has been a realtor and is currently with Coldwell Banker's Sun Ridge office here in Lincoln.

MAY WE BRAG A LITTLE? Peter Gilbert, President of the Sun City Lincoln Hills Board, recently commented in the community Yahoo site, something he seldom does, but he wanted, in his words, to share “just how outstanding the Neighborhood Watch group has been in filling their role in our community. For some ten years now they have served our community without fanfare, without pay and without much recognition. . . .

“All year they do outstanding work. . . . I come from a community that had a very strong Neighborhood Watch organization when I lived there. It was the envy of many neighbor cities in the Bay Area. However our group here in Lincoln Hills is in a class of their own. With very limited resources they always get the job done and done well.”

Wouldn't you like to be a part of this “outstanding” group? We still need Coordinators for Villages 1A, 1B and 29. Just three!