



## Summer Newsletter 2012



FLORAL PARK™

### 2012 FPNA Scholarships Awarded

Funded from proceeds of the Floral Park Home and Garden Tour

*By Julie Humphreys, 1st Vice President and Sponsorship Committee Chair*



L to R: Lizbeth Ortiz, Karina Contreras, Justin Fletcher, Annalise Lyn Morgan, Brenda Vasquez

On June 10, the Floral Park Neighborhood Association held its quarterly general meeting honoring the recipients of the 2012 Floral Park Scholarships. Following a careful examination of the 76 high school applications and 20 college applications, the FPNA Sponsorship Committee selected four Santa Ana high school seniors and one Santa Ana College student to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Applications were judged based on the students' most meaningful volunteer or service experience and how it impacted their lives. Congratulations to this year's recipients!

**Annalise Lyn Morgan** (Godinez Fundamental High School) Joseph Bangor Memorial Scholarship recipient. Annalise's school activities include: President of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), President of Godinez Historical Society, Vice President of the National Honor Society, Cold Pride Member, and member of the California Scholarship Federation. She lists her volunteer service at the Autumn Years Alzheimer's Home as her most meaningful experience. She also volunteers as an archivist at Orange County Heritage Museum, volunteers for youth basketball at Godinez High School, and for Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. She plans to become a nursing major. (continued on page 4)

*Shall I compare thee to a summer day?...*

W. Shakespeare



## Hi Neighbors!

We are very excited for what is in store for 2012. In addition to our annual favorites, like the Freedom Fest, Chili Cook Off and Floral Park Holiday party, we are also adding some new events to spice things up in 2012!

In September, we are working on bringing back the Summer Concert in the cul de sac of Heliotrope. Granted this year it will be more of a Fall Concert, but expect the same festive spirit and ambiance from years past. Since we are in the midst of planning the event, please stay tuned for more details to come in the near future!

Also, for all you golf fans, we are planning a Floral Park Fall Scramble on October 13 at Riverview Golf Course! It will be a day of golf, food, drinks, and prizes!

In addition to these events, we are excited for Freedom Fest on June 30! Join your friends and neighbors and celebrate Independence Day with live music from the '80s cover band Past Action Heroes, carnival games and a watermelon eating contest for the kids! This year, we are thrilled to partner with Families of Floral Park (FOFP) on Freedom Fest to bring even more fun for everyone!

Furthermore, FOFP will be holding a silent auction at the event with some incredible baskets! You won't want to miss your chance to bid on these fantastic items! If you would like to make a donation to the silent auction, please contact:

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Below is the complete calendar of events for 2012 – be sure to mark the dates in your planners! You will not want to miss these fun filled events, we can promise you that! As the events approach, you can find more information about them at [www.floral park.com](http://www.floral park.com). Thanks!

**Freedom Fest | Saturday, June 30 | 3 - 7 p.m.**

**Fall Concert | Saturday, September 8 | 7 - 9 p.m.**

**Floral Park Fall Scramble | Saturday, October 13 | 10 a.m.**

**Chili Cook Off | Saturday, November 10 | 3 - 7 p.m.**

**Floral Park Holiday Party | Sunday, December 16 | 3 - 7 p.m.**



# COOKING DINNER?

By Janelle McLoughlin - Janellemcloughlin@gmail.com

Please stop by Sarah May Downie Herb Garden at the corner of Flower Street and North Park Boulevard.

Yes, if you need a pinch of rosemary, basil, fennel, chives or mint we have many choices of herbs that are thriving in our Sarah May garden. We welcome all of our neighbors to take a snip. This Spring young and old volunteers had fun replanting the park. If you have a favorite herb in your backyard, please bring and plant it yourself. We have extra space. The more the better!

The snails are a challenge since they too enjoy the tender leaves of these herbs. We ask you if you see a snail or two munching on the tender leaves of our herbs please redirect that snail. We want you to know that the snail battle is fought with child and dog friendly products.

New neighbors might not know that Floral Park Neighborhood Association adopted this space from the City over 16 years ago. It might surprise one to know that this beautiful peaceful corner had become a patch of dirt back in the '90s. The original Floral Park Garden Club initiated the re build idea and brought it to the Floral Park Neighborhood Association. This goes back to 1996 when the founding garden club members like Jean Hollingshead, Harriet Railsback, Jane Tucky, Phyllis Smith and many more would smell like hotdogs for days.

These folks came up with the idea to sell hotdogs at the Home Tour to raise money for Sarah May Downie Park. Wow, over the years they sold thousands of hotdogs to build this wonderful corner park. A regular site at home tour would be Mr. Kelly and Mr. Smith unloading another 500 hotdogs from Costco. Something about those hotdogs were the best tasting hotdogs ever was because they were filled with the love of volunteering to make our neighborhood better.

Today we continue fundraiseing for the park through our heart stone path. These heart stones are for sale and are a great way to honor a family member, welcome a new child or say good bye to a pet (see page 22 for details on heart stones).

We welcome you to come sit for a spell on our newly painted park benches and gaze at the blooming azaleas, hydrangeas, and lilies.



# 2012 FPNA Scholarships Awarded

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**Justin Fletcher** (Middle College High School) Justin's school activities include: President of Environmentally Connecting Others Club, Treasurer of Stand Up To Cancer, Secretary of Invisible Children, President of Hackie Sack Club and participation in the Inter Club Council. He lists his experience helping an elderly neighbor with her landscaping and recycling efforts as greatly inspiring his environmental awareness. He wants to attend CSUF and become a history teacher.

**Lizbeth Ortiz** (Segerstrom High School) Lizbeth's school activities include participation in the Pink Ribbon Club, Club Refuge, French Club, American Red Cross Club, and Career Beginnings Program. She lists her most meaningful experience as that of volunteering at the Country Villa Nursing Home for four years helping others in need. Her other volunteer efforts include the Catholic Workers Homeless Shelter and Sacred Heart Retreat Center. Lizbeth wants to attend UCI Nursing School and obtain a Ph.D. in nursing.

**Karina Contreras** (Segerstrom High School) Karina has participated in JV Softball from 2008 – 2010 and varsity dance. She describes her service volunteering with special education students at the Adult Transition Center for Santa Ana High School and Santa Ana College as her most meaningful volunteer experience where she can really make a difference. She also volunteers at the Orange County Library. She plans to attend San Diego State University.

**Brenda Vasquez** (Santa Ana College) Alice Sinclair Memorial Scholarship recipient. Brenda's school activities include participation in U Link, MESA and Adelante. She describes her efforts volunteering at the Mercy House homeless shelter as having a profound effect on her awareness of others and how she can really make a difference in their lives. She has also volunteered at the Orange County Food Bank, Godinez High School and St. Anne Church. Her educational plans include transferring to UCI and obtaining a Masters degree in biology.

In addition, the following Santa Ana non profits were selected by the Sponsorship Committee to receive funds totaling \$6,000 from the FPNA in support of their programs:

- **\$500 Santiago Elementary School**
- **\$500 The Wooden Floor**
- **\$500 Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts School**
- **\$500 WISE Place**
- **\$500 Discovery Science Center**
- **\$500 Mercy House**
- **\$500 Southwest Community Center**
- **\$500 Taller San Jose**
- **\$500 Latino Health Access**
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- **\$500 Santa Ana Historical Society**

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## Letter from the Editors...



*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." (Elizabeth Andrew)*

This newsletter is heavily dependent upon the faithful volunteer contributors who send ideas, write articles, send photos, and provide support in so many ways. Many thanks to the following neighbors and friends who contributed to this issue:

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We also appreciate our faithful returning advertisers and some that are new to this issue. We are grateful for their support of the Floral Park News and encourage you to support them in return.

Have a wonderful, fun filled summer!

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# HOME TOUR

*By Sandy DeAngelis  
Home Tour Chair*

To the right, you will see a letter of thanks for the 20 years of success behind the Floral Park Home and Garden Tour. As I note there, this is truly a group, if not a village, effort.

Here, I'd like to comment specifically on this year's Tour. I must say that we were very nervous early on as to whether we'd have enough homes and gardens available. When word went out that we had only two commitments the response was overwhelming. In fact, at the end, we were able to allow some volunteers to pass for this year but we'll be back at them in 2014. (We know who you are and where you live!) So it is especially relevant that I extend the neighborhood's many thanks to the wonderful home and garden owners who came forward to make the 2012 Home and Garden Tour a great success. If ever I doubted the true grit of the residents of Floral Park, it will never happen again, I promise. You were simply amazing.



We can now safely say that this tradition we've built has developed a life of its own. We can look forward to many years, even decades, of greater success. Think of it, we had some 2,000 participants; 40-50 fabulous classic cars; and 60 vendors selling beautiful antiques, jewelry, creative wares. I even commissioned artist Brighton Smith to do a gorgeous painting for over my fireplace! The food and beverage stands were outstanding as usual. Families of Floral Park provided homegrown and homemade lemonade, always a highlight of the Tour. Our own Floral Park Mexican restaurant, Pico de Gallo, sold great tacos and other Mexican food. And, of course, it wouldn't be a Home Tour without hotdogs, provided the past few years by Jerry's Hot Dogs. Excellent all the way around, I must say.

Our streets were flooded with visitors, friends and neighbors admiring our incredible neighborhood. But, while they see the beauty of our homes and gardens, I hope they also were able to peer into the soul of Floral Park. I always tell newcomers that you can't remotely see what is truly inside until you spend time getting to know the fascinating array of warm, connected residents.

The great news is that we netted money to fund scholarships and other charitable contributions for 2012, and we still have some left over to support social activities and neighborhood improvement. Additionally, we were lucky to dodge some rain on the Monday following the Tour April 28 and 29 – I believe we kept our “unbeaten” string alive as we've never had a weather incident. What with the prospect of global warming, you never know. (Just kidding.) I think someone up there likes us.

So, let me just say at the close, it's been a great run. I look forward so much to many more. It's truly the highlight of my year. What an amazing place to live!



## We could not have done it without you... for 20 years!

As we wrap up two decades, yes 20 years, of the Floral Park Home and Garden Tour, I must say my overwhelming comment has to be "We could not have done it with YOU!" And just who is the YOU in my comment? Well, all of you who came to the Tour and supported our neighborhood, but also so many of you who went the extra mile to make sure we were a great success!!

First and foremost, I have to say "Thank You" to the home and garden owners who have so graciously allowed us to show off their homes and gardens. All I can say is WOW! So many people have said that this year's was the best Tour ever, and that may be. If so, I think it is due to all the heart and soul that each of you put into your homes and gardens. I truly feel that the heart of Floral Park was displayed this year in a way we may never have done before. I was totally serious when I said we had two houses in February and we would have to cancel the Tour unless others came forward. And come forward they did!! I was so very impressed and appreciative! You made us look so very good!

And then, the Committee members outdid themselves. My "side kick," Beverly Schauwecker whom I lovingly call my "brain," has worked with me for 20 years. And I assure you that she deserves an award just for that! But no stone was left unturned, because she always checked and double checked on each detail, and reminded and organized us all.

Who could ever have a better PR person than Linda Schulte? I think the Floral Park Home and Garden Tour was everywhere, even on Yelp! I was so impressed. And the press pieces were great. We even had three publications here the weekend of the Tour. And to put icing on the cake, so to speak, Linda wound up being the photographer for the weekend. Speaking about soup to nuts!

And who else could organize nearly 60 vendors and keep them all happy as well as provide a fabulous assortment of items to entice us all like Susan Hart? She has also been doing this for 20 years, and she has it down to an art form! It is a delight to see.

Have you ever tried to herd cats? Well imagine scheduling 190 docents for the weekend. That is what Nicki Curran and her able assistant, Wanda Marrero, did, and they did it beautifully. Homeowners and guests alike complimented the professional and knowledgeable docents.

Art Director, Sketch Artist, Designer Extraordinaire – that is Lea Pascoe. She did everything from design the book and promotional pamphlet to print out No Parking signs at the last minute. All the while, she assisted homeowners to stage their homes and completed write ups on them as well.

The garden write ups were done by Susan Wilkie. I am so glad someone knows the names of those plants!

The classic car show was organized and headed by John Richmond and Santiago Martin and I have never seen a more beautiful display. But I did miss the margarita maker this year! And, a hat's off to the late Allan St. Jacques, who initiated our classic car show many years ago.

John Schulte handled the registration and pre sale tickets expertly as he does everything he touches. Having that information available was invaluable.

And you may wonder who put up and took down all the signs, barricades, flags, tables and chairs. Well, I must tell you that Boe Boezinger has organized an incredible team who just "get it done." And this year, we were challenged by extra barricades required by public safety, and Ramin Faiz and his team did a great job putting up and taking down 120 extra barricades.

Without the relentless efforts of Tom Pataca getting signatures from homeowners and securing the permit, we could not have had the street available and, in addition, he secured the teams to man the ticket booths. Plus:

All the ads were handled beautifully by Nancy St. Jacques in her everyday efficient manner.

Ruth Seigle organized and arranged the Homeowner/Garden owner appreciation party.

Jane Martinez handled the phone calls from those with questions about the Tour.

In addition, we had support from Toni Kimball, Jennifer Faiz, Susan Grande, Helen Alberts and Paul Sanford.

So the long and the short of it all is that "it does take a village" to put on a Home and Garden Tour. And thankfully, we had a village of support this year, as we have each year. And a Thank You actually goes to all of these people and also so many more who just do their part to make this place the most incredible place I have ever lived, truly "one big family."

Thanks to all of you, and let's make it another 20 years of fun and games.

Sandy DeAngelis

## SIMPLE SOLUTIONS



Use a comb to hold nails in place can save your fingers!



Rub walnuts over scratches in wood to cover them.



Cardboard tubes work great for organizing cords.

# Jug Herlihy Honored with Induction into The Golden Eagles



By John Schulte (*Heliotrope Drive*)

This year, for the first time in many years, Jug and Bobbe Herlihy missed the Floral Park Annual Home and Garden Tour. They had a good excuse, though, as Jug was busy in Florida being honored with induction into a very elite group of Naval and Marine aviators.



The formal name of the organization is "Early and Pioneer Naval Aviators Association" (EPNA), for short), but it is more generally known as "The Golden Eagles." Founded in 1956, it serves as a living memorial to those early Naval aviators who pioneered and provided the leadership for the development of a unique military aviation force. Over the years, this highly honored and elite group of those outstanding Naval aviators has been extended to include those who have represented and defended the United States with distinction since before World War II through Vietnam.

The organization has a very limited membership, restricted to a maximum of 150 from the Navy and 50 from the Marine Corps, taken from all who have served. As one might guess, its membership is full, and the only way to gain admission is if a member passes away, or moves into emeritus status. Therefore, rarely more than one or two new members are inducted each year.

Collectively, the current members hold a Medal of Honor, 3 Congressional Space Medals of Honor, 43 Navy Crosses, 65 Silver Stars, 393 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 93 Bronze Stars, 35 Purple Hearts, and 2,857 Air Medals.

Jug was encouraged last year to submit his application, and earlier this year he was notified that he had been selected for one of only two membership openings in this elite and exclusive group and would be inducted into the organization in April, 2012. So, Jug and his wife, Bobbe, traveled to Orlando, Florida, April 26 through 28 for the ceremonies. While there, they had the opportunity to meet the other Golden Eagles, including the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong. No doubt there was a lot of swapping of "old war stories," and Jug can certainly add a few himself.

Jug served with distinction with the Marines for over 21 years. During his time as a pilot in World War II and the Korean War, Jug flew 131 combat missions, including 51 at Guadalcanal, 40 in the Marianas and Okinawa, and 40 more in Korea. During this period of service, he was honored as a recipient of 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses, seven Air Medals, and one Purple Heart.

Of course, some would argue that Jug's greatest honor out of World War II would be the hand of Bobbe, his wife of almost 67 years... their 67th anniversary will be this coming December.

The official certificate of induction into The Golden Eagles cites the name George B. Herlihy, Major USMC (Ret.)...but we just affectionately know him as "Jug," and he and Bobbe have been beloved residents and friends of Floral Park for about five decades.

So, hats off to Major Herlihy... Floral Park's very own war hero and now a Golden Eagle.

## Tribute to Tina Booth

By Judy Johnson (*Ross Street*)

During Home Tour weekend I was riding my bike and was stopped by Michelle Donahue who was working the FOFP Lemonade Stand. Michelle asked me who Tina Booth was. I told her that Tina is a very accomplished artist who volunteered to paint our lemonade stand. She painted the cutest lemon tree with a face on it puckering its lips from the sour lemons. It looks like a tree right out of the movie "The Wizard of Oz." Absolutely darling! Tina's art is what makes our lemonade stand so darn cute! I also shared with Michelle that Tina has been battling the horrible disease of cancer and had stage 4 brain cancer.

Tina was a very dear friend of mine and I loved her very much!! Even in the midst of suffering with this horrible disease, Tina never lost her wonderful sense of humor! She could always make me laugh!

Last week I got the call that I so dreaded, Tina lost her battle with cancer. Heartbreaking news! I went to her funeral and spoke with her family and they shared some information about Tina that I wanted to pass along to all of you.

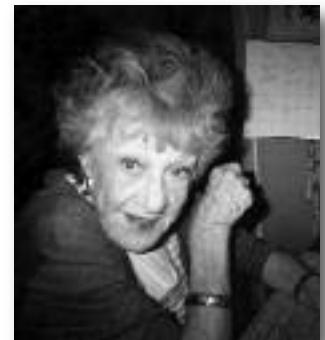
Tina was born in London in 1940. Her family moved to Kent in 1945 and her father John Skewes was an expert tailor with Salle Row in London and fashioned clothing for royalty, including the Duke of Windsor and many actors and actresses including Tyrone Powers. Her family moved to the United States in 1956 and settled in Laguna Beach. Tina met the love of her life, Clarence Booth, and they were married in 1957. They were married for 55 years. They have two children: a daughter Cora and son John. They bought their current home on Santa Clara in Floral Park in 1965.

Tina was an excellent painter. She loved oils and acrylics. Many friends and neighbors have enjoyed displaying her art in their homes. She also loved going to our local watering hole, The Olde Ship, for a glass of ale. One of her paintings was the logo of the Olde Ship that hangs over the side entrance as you walk into the restaurant.

So Tina has left her mark here in our neighborhood, on our lemonade stand, and most importantly, in our hearts. Tina was one of a kind and I will miss her very much.

Cancer is a horrible disease! Many of us have family members or friends suffering with this disease. It's not prejudiced either; it comes in many forms these days, attacking just about every possible body part. So to those of you that are suffering with this disease or know someone with it, my heart goes out to you!! Don't let a day go by without hugging and kissing the ones you love. Let them know how much they are loved today because tomorrow may never come!

*Blessings to all of you!!!*



# PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

By Mark McLoughlin, FPNA President

*A big thank you goes to the homeowners, the Home Tour Committee, and the many volunteers who made the 20th Annual Floral Park Home and Garden Tour another success. We appreciate all of our neighbors that invited so many friends and family to attend the weekend event.*



*What a great touch of recognition by the Home Tour Committee this year presenting years of service milestone pins to docents. I wore my docent pin with great pride, and could see so many other docents wearing theirs as well.*

*Actually, I think the Friday evening prior to the Home Tour was one of the best experiences... driving home from work, rounding the corner into Floral Park and feeling the buzz. Neighbors were out in their yards doing last minute sprucing up, spreading mulch, sweeping the sidewalk or, in the case of Gene Andre, finishing his final hours of gardening. My favorite was driving down Flower Street and seeing a huge branch walking down the street with legs; no faces, just legs and leaves. Come to find out it was a team of neighbors removing a fallen tree branch from the street. These are just a few examples of how everyone working together makes our neighborhood the BEST it can be.*

*As we dedicate this newsletter to the recipients of the annual Floral Park scholarships and donations to Santa Ana non profits, we are also looking at our unallocated funds and what projects and improvements the neighborhood should address this year. Over the past years 20 years we have installed the vintage street signs, built Sarah May Downie Herb Garden, reforested over 200 trees, and made many other improvements.*

*Folks have been asking what the plans are. We have some great ideas that have been brought forward by neighbors and we are looking for more. We want to hear from you. Some suggestions have already been made from neighbors like Jeff Smith (Flower Street) who asked for the vintage crowns to be replaced on the streetlights; David Ko thinks it would be a great architectural touch to have a simple monument in the median on Flower at 17th; Sandy DeAngelis wants drought tolerant plantings; Janelle McLoughlin suggested continuing reforestation throughout the neighborhood, and several neighbors requested a price proposal for vintage streetlights on Heliotrope Drive and the 1800 block of N. Ross Street. These are just few of the many ideas that have been brought forth.*

*Over the summer the FPNA will be having meetings to review proposals and costs. A presentation will be made at the September General Meeting.*

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So, in the previous incarnation of this continuing trek to fill my stomach, I told you about The Playground, our new, almost experimental restaurant in downtown Santa Ana. I was struck by the almost geeky approach the clan there takes to cooking, reminiscent of how so many high tech start ups began with true believers, wondering where life and technology would take them. This juxtaposition of food and technology leads me to share with you some ways to combine the two to make your own life a little easier and perhaps a lot more fun.

OK, can't think of a place for dinner this weekend? Wonder if that restaurant you've been meaning to go to has availability? Want to know if there's a good Peruvian restaurant in Orange County? Well, just whip out your smart device and, voila, your problems are solved... if you have the right "app," short for computer application or program. Apps typically are small in computing power but powerful in what they deliver.

One example is the ubiquitous Yelp, an app that's kind of a Wikipedia regarding local establishments. I use it almost exclusively to get a feel for restaurants I may want to visit. The app, available also in Web form, is an invaluable tool to find the hidden gems in the area. For my next contribution I'm planning to do something on delis within a reasonable distance of Floral Park. So, when I go to Yelp on my iPad or iPhone, I find plenty of options, located on a Google map and with ratings from one half to a full five stars. Detailed reviews by consumers just like you accompany the ratings. Some places have hundreds of such reviews.

But, one of my favorite features of Yelp is Monocle which takes advantage of what is called augmented reality. When you're in Yelp on your smart device (iPhone, iPad, Android phone, etc.) you find the tab that says Monocle and tap it. You may be asked to rotate the device to get its compass going. Soon, almost miraculously, you can point the device in any direction and up will come a display of restaurants (or whatever business you've chosen) in the direction you're pointing the smart device that indicates what's available within a short distance (a mile or so) from your present location. This is not only handy at home but invaluable on the road. You can always find a range of places to eat, shop, etc. I mention this because almost no one seems to know about this feature. It's one of my favorites. And, there is Urban Spoon where you can select by city, cuisine, and price range. It has a slot machine feel.

So, you say, I'm not going out. I'm staying home. I want some ideas about what to cook, given what I have available. My favorite for this is Epicurious. Now, I must own more than 100 cookbooks of all manner. It's an addiction of sorts. I think Epicurious has saved me a few hundred bucks over the past couple of years. So, it only has 100,000 recipes. Well, that might get me through the rest of my life! Just plug in a theme (Christmas, brunch, a chef, food items you have, you name it) and up come dozens or more recipes that will give you ideas. Just this week, we hosted a breakfast meeting for a support group that puts on an annual wine tasting for the Wooden Floor, our neighbors on Main Street. One of the members always comes up from Newport Beach with breakfast she made about 4 a.m. that morning and wows us. I had to stand up to the challenge Barbara presented. Good old Epicurious saved the day. We did a smoked salmon, potato, egg dish that put me in her league. That was topped off with an apricot bread pudding with homemade caramel sauce. Easy to do, delightful to the palate. Thank you, Epicurious.

Another dilemma. When I've been in England it's common for Sunday lunch (and, yes, they still do that over there... a lot) to have a pork roast with cracklings. I love them but had never made them. So, what to do about learning that technique. What else but YouTube? Again, available on the iPhone or iPad. And, of course, on the computer. I searched YouTube for "cracklings" and up came several how to videos that guided me right through the process. And, the result was delicious beyond compare.

Got three or four things cooking at the same time? Try KitchenPad, an app that lets you customize up to seven separate cooking times and even lets you choose the most appropriate alarm. My favorite is for beef or steak when I choose a mooing cow as my alarm! Need to choose a cheese? The answer is Fromage, an app that lists hundreds of cheeses with pictures, notes, and wine pairings. Magnifique.

Finally, one other jewel, OpenTable. If I'm in need of a reservation, this is my go to app. It's available on all platforms. You can choose almost any location across the country. Orange County can be found under the state listing or as a subset of Los Angeles - grrrrrr. Regardless, you just enter the date, restaurant name (perhaps chosen from one of the above apps), and number in your party. You'll get a response of times, typically at 15 minute increments if those are available. Click one and you're off and running. Almost all reservations I make these days come via OpenTable. For you value loving folks, they even have a points club you can join for better deals.

And, I've just scratched the surface, frankly. So, give them a try. It's a great way to combine food and fun... well for us foodie techies, that is.

# MEMBERSHIP

By Jessica Carr and Joy Rideout  
Membership Co Chairs

We are off to an incredible start this year. We have a goal of raising \$10,000 for our membership drive and we are almost there!! We are currently at \$9,945 with only 150 households contributing. I would love to blow that number away this year so we can continue to improve our overall neighborhood communication and mixers. Remember, you are already a member of this neighborhood just by the fact that you live here.

The money we raise during the year is not a membership due per se but rather a donation that pays for the administration of the neighborhood association. Please consider a donation no matter how small to keep our neighborhood association running smoothly. The Floral Park Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charitable organization. Contributions are deductible under state and federal law to the extent applicable (consult your tax professional for advice).

Let's talk about the fun stuff now. Did you attend the Neighborhood Mixer in March? If you did then you know we had over 80 neighbors there and we had an awesome time! If you didn't, then you must attend the next one to be held on June 24th at 2102 N. Ross Street at the home of Rob and Judy Johnson. All we ask is that you show up with a small appetizer that serves about 4 people and ready to have a good time. The Membership Committee will handle the rest.

Last couple of items:

- Is anyone interested in having the next mixer at their house? All you have to do is provide the location!  
The dates are September 9 and December 9 and held from 3-6.
- If I have missed your donation or I spelled your name wrong or missed including your partner's name, please let me know!! I will get that corrected immediately.
- If you have moved in prior to March 25th and did not receive your Welcome Gift, let me know.  
We don't want to miss anyone!
- For neighbors new to Floral Park after March 25th, we encourage you to come to the mixer and pick up your gift or we will deliver later that day after the mixer is over.

We look forward to a stellar rest of the year and truly appreciate your continued support,

**Jess and Joy**  
*jcarr@jcarrinc.com, joy@jcarrinc.com*

## 2012 Contributing Households:

John & Linda Schulte  
John & Patti Bretza  
Ann Salisbury & Henry Jenkins  
John & Mary Barthelmass  
Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout  
Ernest & Diane Eady  
Stacey Kato  
Wayne Suraci & Merle Craig  
Kathryn Burns  
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Thomas & Bridget Honan  
Sandy DeAngelis & Ed Trotter  
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Bill & Phyllis Smith  
Martha McClanaha  
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Edward & Patricia Cote  
Dr. David & Linda Chapel  
The Paddock Family  
Joanne Larens & Douglas Myers

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## 2012 Contributing Households (continued):

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Edward & Patricia Tornell  
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Jack & Barbara Austin  
Jim & Cheryl Taft  
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Nick & Allyson Kirkland  
Erwin & Bev Schauwecker  
George & Louise Medina  
Joel Miller & Mark Schropfer  
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Lazlo & Tricia Biro  
Chris Switzer  
Ernest & Diane Eady  
Albert, Georgie, Lexie & Susan Barnhart  
Dorothy Ault  
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David & Alyssa Nisson  
Steven & Celeslie Crane  
Charles & Julie Lake  
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Boezinger Family  
Emmet Berkery

Randy Harmat  
Steve & Kathleen Cooper  
Douglas & Sue Buck  
Kurt & Julie Fromicnecht  
Brad & Jamie Simon  
Shawn & Sharon Milnikel  
George R. Mouwdy  
Bill & Shirlee Stotts  
Gil & Wanda Marrero  
Russell & Kathleen Flynn  
Dean & Deb Davis  
George & Linda Salata  
Paul Satkin & Karen Duprey  
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Paul Waels & Cynthia Spitzer  
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Hao Vu & Tuyen Pham  
Joe Magaddino  
Angel Barnes  
William & Nancy Gallivan  
David & Ruth Seigle  
Tina Booth  
Mary Armenta  
Blake Anderson & Giavanna Piazza  
John & Teresa Whitworth  
David & Anya deLancellotti

Charles & Julie Lake  
John & Karlene von Szeliski  
Ruth Lyons  
Neal & Stacey Olson  
Richard & Mary Coleman  
Cynthia Robbins  
The Quayles  
Harris & Nancy Feldmen  
John & Sharon Lundquist  
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Joe & Donna Duffy  
Scott & Natalie Summerfield  
David Oh  
Jeff & Sonja Melching  
Liz Felsen

*(Donations received by April 2012 are shown. Please report any errors or omissions to jcarr@jcarrinc.com)*

## Are you new to the neighborhood?

Welcome! We are happy that you have chosen Floral Park as your new home. Whether you have come to raise a family, work at a new job, retire, or perhaps start a business, we hope you enjoy your new life in our beautiful neighborhood.

The FPNA would like to "officially" welcome you to the neighborhood with a welcome gift. If you moved here in the past six months and have not been contacted, please let us know your name and contact information. Contact 2012 Membership Co Chairs Jessica Carr, (714) 325 0561, jcarr@jcarrinc.com or Joy Ridout, (714) 325 8232, joy@jcarrinc.com.

## FPNA Membership Donations

**Please send donations to: FPNA, P.O. Box 11366, Santa Ana, CA 92711-1366**

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\*Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*\*To be used exclusively for email announcements related to the Floral Park Neighborhood Association and its events.*



If you enjoy the neighborhoods of North Santa Ana,  
Come to our annual Concert in the Park

Saturday Evening, August 25th  
Featuring Classic Rock Band The Answer  
THREE WAYS TO BUY

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# One Small Idea, One Ongoing Concert

(by Dan Peters via Jessica Carr)

One day a young woman named Wendy Navarro had an idea to have a talent show in Morrison Park and suggested inviting the surrounding neighborhoods to join in the fun. During the discussions about how this would look someone suggested that a band they had seen play would be a good fit for this venue and so it was decided; "The Answer" would play a concert in the park with the neighbors invited to bring dinner and snacks and watch the band play. Tables were made available for rent at a family friendly price with the idea that participation was more important than profit.

Noble as this notion is, the band and other vendors needed real money to participate in the event. The neighborhood associations reached out to local businesses for financial contributions and some of the first have been contributing every concert year since the beginning, Santa Ana Realty, Brown Colonial Mortuary, and Red Mountain Group (owners of Floral Park Promenade shopping center). There have been many others and in recent years Original Mike's and our Gay Neighbors Families and Friends have become prominent sponsors. Many of our sponsors have continued to contribute in these economically challenging times and one, The Olde Ship Restaurant on 17th street, has already sent a financial contribution for this year.

In recent years we have seen the expenses of the concert rise and some donations scaled back. The money raised from the table sales does not cover the cost of the tables, chairs, and dance floor. Even the money raised during the raffle does not make up the shortfall but with the donations from our sponsors we have been able to raise enough money each year to put on next year's concert. One of our newer sponsors, Peggy Bates with State Farm Insurance, has been sponsoring the glow sticks so we can read our raffle tickets and will again this year. All our sponsors deserve our thank\$.

Departments within the City of Santa Ana also work to make this event happen, The Police, Fire, Parks Departments, and the City offices in general contribute to make this a successful and safe event.

It's amazing to think that Wendy's simple notion grew into all this hoopla and after a one year hiatus the show will go on this year on August 25th (6 to 10 p.m.) with the theme Hooray for Hollywood. We have already purchased two cruiser bicycles and are working on other great raffle prizes. So set the date, plan your table decorations and get ready to cut a rug because there's gonna be a party in Santa Ana.

# CALENDAR 2012

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,  
All soft and still and fair;  
The solemn hour of midnight  
Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere...  
Emily Bronte



## FIRE UP THE BAR B!

### Simple, Tangy Bar B Que Sauce

using ingredients found in most households. (PS: you can push it sweeter with more sugar, brown sugar or teriyaki; push it spicier with red chili pepper flakes, your favorite hot sauce or chipotle; more tropical with pineapple, orange, lime or other juice combos... well you can customize to your heart's content have fun!)

#### Ingredients

1 cup butter  
1 onion, chopped  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
2 (15 ounce) cans tomato sauce  
1 (28 ounce) bottle ketchup  
3/4 cup water  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1/2 lemon, juiced  
salt and pepper to taste  
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

#### Directions

In a large skillet, melt the butter or margarine over medium heat. Stir in the onion and garlic powder. Saute until onions are soft. Stir in the tomato sauce, ketchup, water, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar and Season to taste with salt, pepper and hot pepper sauce. Reduce heat to low and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.

*Nutritional Information:  
Amount Per Serving Calories: 43 / Total Fat: 2.9g / Cholesterol: 8mg*

#### JUNE

- 24 Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3 6 p.m., 2102 N. Ross St.  
30 Floral Park Freedom Fest, 3 7 p.m., Greenleaf St.

#### JULY

- 10 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2341 Bonnie Brae

#### AUG

- 14 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., TBD  
25 Multi Neighborhood Concert in the Park, Morrison Park

#### SEPT

- 8 FPNA Fall Concert, Heliotrope Dr. Cul de sac, 7 9 p.m.  
9 Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3 6 p.m., TBD  
11 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2112 N. Ross St.  
19 FPNA General Meeting

#### OCT

- 9 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2215 N. Victoria Dr.  
13 Fall Golf Tournament, 10 a.m.

#### Nov

- 10 FPNA Chili Cook Off, 3 7 p.m., North Park Blvd.  
13 FPNA Board Meeting, 7 p.m., 2473 Riverside Dr.  
14 FPNA General Meeting & Elections

#### DEC

- 11 FPNA Board Transition Meeting, 7 p.m., 2121 N. Victoria Dr.  
9 Quarterly Neighborhood Mixer, 3 6 p.m., location tbd  
16 Floral Park Holiday Party, 3 7 p.m.

Visit [www.floral park.com](http://www.floral park.com) for updates!



# Most

# BEAUTIFICATION

By Janelle McLoughlin  
Beautification Chair

# Beautiful Yard Contest

Usually around Home Tour time the FPNA gets a notice from the City regarding its annual Most Beautiful Yard (MBY) contest. The contest was created to recognize Santa Ana residents who have improved and maintained the exterior and landscaping of their homes. All neighborhood associations get the same notice.

The City encourages all the neighborhood associations to nominate three yards for the award. The one winner gets a lovely sign provided by the City that can be displayed in the winner's yard for a year.

Due to budget cutbacks City personnel can no longer drive around the neighborhoods and view the yards firsthand, so the decision making rests on digital photos submitted with the nomination forms. The onus was on our shoulders to provide great photos along with the approval of the homeowner.

The FPNA Beautification Committee piled into one car with the optimistic belief that we could accomplish the task in 15 minutes. What we found driving around the neighborhood at a snail's pace was that each yard was more beautiful than the next. The process became a two hour labor of love with an abundance of choices. The funny part of this story is that we must have looked like the Keystone Cops hanging out of the car windows taking pictures and driving in circles up and down the streets for hours. Neighbors flagged us down and said they had watched us come down their street four and five times. We explained our mission and said because we cared so much and had so many choices, it was so hard to narrow the list down to just three yards.



The final three nominated yards were (\*the winner):

- 2214 N. Greenleaf Street (Sherry & Walter Gibson)\***  
**2010 N. Flower Street (Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Beatty)**  
**2418 N. Riverside Drive (Doug & Bobbie Kraus)**

What a great opportunity to participate in a chance to soak up all the beautiful front yards in full bloom. A snail's pace ride through the whole neighborhood is a real treat ... try it!



**The City provided the following guidelines:**

#### JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Maintenance: condition of the driveway, absence of common storage space issues, special creative efforts in the landscaping
2. Landscaping: good landscaping design, aesthetic balance between landscaping and the rest of the property, condition of the landscaping, different design themes (herb, drought tolerant, desert, traditional)
3. Overall General Appearance: excellence in home and property maintenance

#### JUDGING STANDARDS

In order to maintain a fair and objective contest, we ask that you review and refer to the guidelines in the Judging Criteria when inspecting the homes in your neighborhood.

#### PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST

The purpose of the contest is to recognize residents of Santa Ana who have maintained and/or improved the landscaping of their homes.

#### CONTEST PROCEDURES

1. Judging will take place during the month of May 2012. There will be one winner for each participating Neighborhood Association.
2. The winners will be those houses that demonstrate the most attractive and/or improved look in each participating Neighborhood Association. The prize will include a mounted photograph of the winning home and a sign to display in the winner's front yard.
3. Residents are encouraged to participate by maintaining and improving their front yards. Examples of those improvements are planting flowers, trimming trees, hedges and yards, cleaning driveways, etc.



# Bluebirds of Happiness in Floral Park

By Cathy Creekmur (Heliotrope Drive)

Did you know there was a housing shortage in Floral Park? Did you know there are bluebirds living in Floral Park? There are the larger scrub (blue) jays often seen in the neighborhood but the smaller Western Bluebirds have made their home here, too. Bluebirds are a member of the thrush family that includes robins. The bluebird males are a brilliant blue with a rusty orange breast and the females are more gray blue.

Bluebirds are hard workers, raising and providing for their young; however finding suitable homes can be a challenge. Bluebirds are cavity nesters which means they require a protected hollow area in a tree or a man made nest box in which to build their nest. And not just any cavity or bird house will do. Bluebirds are very particular about their homes and location. The size of the entrance of their home is important to protect the young from predator birds. If you are thinking about investing in bluebird real estate by providing our little friends housing in Floral Park, then make sure you ask for a bird house designed specifically for bluebirds. Wild Birds Unlimited in Yorba Linda has a nice selection of feeders and houses from which to choose.

If you are interested in visiting an active bluebird home already established, come by 2345 Heliotrope on your evening stroll. I'm often in the yard around 7ish feeding the bluebirds and watching them take care of their young. The first nestlings of this year fledged the week of May 21st. Even if I'm not in the yard, you can still see the male and female bluebirds hard at work feeding their very large family. Once the babies fledge they will continue to come to the feeder for a while until they mature and are ready to establish a home of their own. I even had them feeding from my hand last year. This year I have five new babies in the first clutch, all of whom will need homes of their own once they grow and pair off with their own mates.

So the real estate market in Floral Park is heating up. Join in the excitement. You too can own a bluebird home in this vintage neighborhood and help our feathered friends. It's all about location, location, location. Look for more information in the follow up article in the September newsletter on birds in the neighborhood, along with an invitation to visit the backyard birds where most of the seed loving birds hang out.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## LORAL PARK YEAR TO DATE BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL

	2012 Budget	Year To Date Actual
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		
<b><u>Beginning Funds as of 01 01-12</u></b>		<b>\$100,368.02</b>
Contributions / Promotional Sponsorship Funds		
Investment Income	\$100.00	\$54.55
Membership Contributions	\$10,000.00	\$9,545.00
Newsletter / Website Promotional	\$6,725.00	\$3,535.00
Subtotal	\$16,825.00	\$13,134.55
Expenses		
Administrative	\$6,000.00	\$2,066.08
Membership / New Neighborhood	\$2,500.00	\$495.75
Newsletter / Website	\$3,800.00	\$1,423.65
Subtotal	\$12,300.00	\$3,985.48
<b><u>General Fund Ending Balance</u></b>		<b>\$4,525.00</b>
		<b>\$9,149.07</b>
<b>SPONSORSHIP FUND:</b>		
Contributions		
Home Tour	\$55,000.00	\$47,505.00
Heartstone Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$55,000.00	\$47,505.00
Expenses		
Home Tour	\$30,000.00	\$17,082.96
Social Events	\$10,500.00	\$818.01
Planned Sponsorship Commitments	\$3,500.00	\$2,300.42
Scholarships	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Charities	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$54,000.00	\$20,201.39
<b><u>Sponsorship Fund Ending Balance</u></b>		<b>\$1,000.00</b>
		<b>\$27,303.61</b>
<b>Total Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>\$131,295.70</b>
<b>FLORAL PARK ENDING BALANCE AS OF 04-30-12</b>		<b><u>\$136,820.70</u></b>

**Garage Sales** Garage sales in Santa Ana are limited to the first full weekend of the months of March, June, September and December.

**Com Link** Meets the fourth Thursday of the month in the SAPD Community Room, 60 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana (for agenda and directions visit: [www.ci.santa ana.ca.us](http://www.ci.santa ana.ca.us) ).

# The Grapevine

If you have personally used a service that might be useful to share with other neighbors, please send your submissions to: fpnews@floral park.com with the subject, GRAPEVINE. Include the company (or person) name, phone number, what you had done and why you liked it. Remember, no self promotion or promotion of businesses you have not legitimately used and were pleased with. The companies listed in the Grapevine are recommended by neighbors and not the FPNA or its Board. Users of the services shared below are personally responsible for checking references and licenses of the companies listed.



## Air Conditioning/Heating

### Sol Mechanical

Don Crane  
Referred By: Kathy & Steve Cooper  
(888) 602 4822, solmechanical@cox.net

We had forced heating air conditioning put in our 1929 home for the first time. Don and crew were professional, on time, and did what they said they would do. We had no surprises. They are customer service oriented to the max!

### Brrr Air Conditioning and Heating

Robert Humphrey  
Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroeper  
714 746 6515, brrair@hotmail.com

We hired Brrr Air Conditioning and Heating to install a new air conditioner and furnace in our home on Bonnie Brae. Robert and staff were professional, dependable, and reasonable, and cleaned up thoroughly at the conclusion of each day.

### Cool Air Technologies

Bill McIntosh  
Referred By: Stacey and Leslie Kato  
714 501 9300, trish@cool air tech.com  
Bill and his staff are honest, reliable and professional. We have used them for both heating and ac services and have very pleased.

### Mick's Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Inc.

Mick Cotner  
Referred By: Betsy Benton  
714 550 9758

Mick replaced a heater and thermostat in just two hours. Three men all performing the job in a very professional manner. Mick spoke plainly, gave me his best heater as advertised with no gimmicks, doing all the work on schedule. Great job, from a man who takes pride in his work.

## Bee Removal

### Adkins Bee Removal

Spencer Murphy & Javier  
Referred By: Tom Pataca  
949 254 6532, ADKINSOC@GMail.com  
www.AdkinsBeeRemoval.com

10 years experience

We just had a bee hive removed that contained approximately 20,000 bees. Our concern was not to kill them. I called Adkins Bee Removal and all was a success. The bees were removed with the queen and taken to a beekeeper. We were able to keep the honey and it is the best I have tasted.

## Cabinets & Countertops

### C & M Kitchen Cabinets, Inc.

Jacques Boulanger  
Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm  
714 848 1010

Precise, professional, fair and a true pleasure to work with.

### Cabinetry

Frank Biondi  
Referred By: The Berkerys  
562 424 8334  
Interior workshop

## Chair Caining

### Chair Caning by Jerry

Referred By: Nancy St. Jacques & Bev Schauwecker  
949 675 2559  
Hand weave, Pressed, Rush

### Jean Van Couvering Chair Caning

Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel  
714 546 5392

She is very reasonable and did a beautiful job on our antique dining room chair. She does not do the staining, but a refinisher did that step and we still saved money.

## Child Care

### After School Care Donna Oshaban

Referred by Michelle Donahue  
714 558 1534

A Floral Park neighbor, Donna provides exceptional care; loving, encouraging and with a level of expectation for great and cooperative behavior and she gets it! Her home is perfectly clean, she provides the best quality after school snacks and offers a wide variety of fun games and activities after homework is done. I pick up a happy 4th grader with homework done and a smile on her face. Picks up the kids at Santiago but would consider kids from other schools. 6 kids max 2 slots open. Part time optional.

## Closet Design

### Tailored Living

Scott Barnes  
Referred By: Douglas Kraus  
714 279 2402, Scott@TailoredLiving.com

Scott redesigned our closets to maximize space. He did a fantastic job installing lots of shelves, racks, drawers and rods and now our closets hold twice the items and are neatly organized. He provided a design (free with consult) and a quote that he stuck to. Very happy with the job and can recommend him highly.

## Computer Services

### My Computer Needs Repair (MCNR)

Bob Freeman  
Referred By: Patricia Tornell  
562 426 3106, mail@MCNR.net

I've worked with Bob personally and in my business for the past 25 years and would recommend him highly for all your computer needs. He's extremely knowledgeable and always able to solve those frustrating computer problems that plague us all from time to time.

## Contractors

### Valley Custom Finish

Mike Ruisiewski  
Referred By: Patricia Lockhart  
714 767 4903

A Master Craftsman with over 33 years of experience, Mike will make your restoration creations a reality with his imaginative and quality craftsmanship. He installed and re-sized a door to fit the door frame and also explained what hinges look best on vintage doors.

### Tyler Burns (TBCC) General Contractor

Referred By: Darlene Glenn Wolff  
714 270 6555

Tyler and his crew did quite a bit of building work for us. He was on time, professional, courteous, kept within budget limits, and reasonably priced. His work product was outstanding.

## Driveways

### Systems Paving

David Hess  
Referred By: Allan & Nancy St. Jacques  
949 433 8353

Removed old cement and installed new Castle Cobble stone driveway in two days.

## Electrician

### MacFarlane Electric

Referred By: Betsy Benton  
714 5439265

In Santa Ana since 1933. Jerry came out on emergency for me, and performed very professional service to the main electrical panel which was no longer to code. He has more than 30 yrs. in the profession, and many years working for MacFarlane. Jerry completed this task in two hours; a job that I had previously been quoted requiring a day's work costing hundreds more. I highly recommend this company to my neighbors.

### C & D Electric

Corey Gonyez  
Referred By: Susan Giampietro  
714 240 4430

Certified journeyman electrician who helped w/lighting, etc.

### ECB Electrical

Bob Vela  
Referred By: Lea Pascoe  
714 757 1494, CA Lic# 862504

Bob really understands older homes and electrical systems, thinks outside the box and is the best at coming up with a great solutions for old updates or new needs.

### Lovell Electric

Referred By: Judy Michel  
951 817 1637, CA Lic# 899295

Ron Lovell checked all our home wiring and installed two chandeliers. He is knowledgeable, prompt and his work is reasonably priced.

## Fireplace & Chimney

**Far West Construction** Russell Lutman, owner  
Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel  
714 776 1397, 714 803 1604  
Russell specializes in fireplace and chimney repair.  
He repaired our 1926 firebox bricks and capped the  
chimney. Honest and easy to work with. Showed  
expertise with old masonry and fireplaces.

## Flooring & Tile

**Robert Tusko Tiling**  
Referred By: David Seigle  
714 527 3167

**Tile Restoration** Greg Galbraith  
Referred By: Herb and Judy Michel  
714 926 3587

We were impressed with the careful, clean job he did  
restoring our Batchelder fireplace tile and front entrance  
tile. Very reasonable. He stays busy. Call well before  
you need him.

**Sandra Terwilliger (Sam)**  
Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis  
949 581 8088  
Hardwood floor maintenance

**Jim Schwanke Hardwood Flooring**  
Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd / Mike and Cheryl  
Conradson  
714 638 3300

Did a great job at repairing and refinishing our hard  
wood floors. (Ladd) Repaired and refinished all our  
hardwood floors. Very reasonable and honest.  
Finished floors are beautiful. (Conradson)

**Bill Markle**  
Referred By: Melanie Choi  
949 422 1513  
His tile and marble are great!

**Bob's Shade & Linoleum**  
Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm  
714 538 5322  
Retro linoleum floor complete with new thresholds and  
baseboards. They are professional experts in their field.

**Empire Carpets** Barbara Stowers  
Referred By: Patricia Lockhart  
949 412 0918

I recently had my carpets replaced by Empire Carpets.  
The sales rep was professional, extremely helpful and  
very educated in the field of interior design. I would  
gladly recommend her.

**Anaheim Hills Tile Supply**  
Referred By: Joel Miller and Mark Schroepfer  
714 283 8522, Joe Ribble, Owner

We've purchased tile from Anaheim Hills Tile Supply on  
several separate occasions. His is a locally owned and  
operated business. We've always been impressed with  
his professionalism and reasonable prices and we  
couldn't recommend him more highly!

**Rick Moore, Moore's Floors**  
Referred By: Joseph Gerda  
714 622 4476

Rick Moore was the primary worker for Schwanke  
Flooring that I and many of our neighbors have used  
multiple times for both refinishing and installation of  
hardwood floors. His work was always excellent with  
reasonable prices and now he has his own business.

## Golden Oaks Hardwood Flooring Amir Makmatchi

Referred By: Anne Etheridge  
949 394 7881  
Great wood floor guy!  
Under Foot, Surface Restoration  
Referred By: Krista and Frank Arellano  
877 644 7688, www.underfootinc.com  
Used a high pressure steam cleaning process to clean and  
reseal our bathroom tile floors, steam clean our back patio,  
front and back driveway, brick walk way and the top of our  
slate bbq. I was so impressed by their professionalism and  
willingness to go the extra mile. They re grouted parts of  
our bathroom floor, repaired a piece of loose slate in the  
back yard and even cleaned and resealed our bathroom  
countertops. This was all done in a half day and at an  
extremely reasonable price!

**B. Joseph Interiors** Joe Gonzales  
Referred By: Blake Anderson & Giovanna Piazza  
714 526 30191  
Joe is a rare combination of a knowledgeable, helpful  
and hard working artisan who is also easy to have  
around the house while the work is being done.  
Joe shows up when he says he's going to, does the  
work he says he's going to, charges what he says he's  
going to and then does more than he promised.

## Furniture Restoration

### Castelazo Cabinets Roberto Castelazo

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball  
714 557 4854  
Mr. Castelazo repaired two tables for us (both 75 100  
years old). His work is fantastic. The oldest table had  
a leg sheared off and his replacement is undetectable.  
The other table had been refinished poorly by several  
people. Mr. Castelazo restored it to original condition!

### Zeferino Antique Restoration & Refinishing

Referred By: Mark & Janelle McLoughlin  
714 401 5833  
A master artisan, highest quality workmanship, knowl-  
edgeable of antiques and period correct repairs. Great  
attention to detail, fair and reasonable prices, and an  
excellent communicator. Zeferino refinished all our  
kitchen cabinets including building our center island and  
dishwasher front. Once we saw the quality of work we  
had him restore our dining room and bedroom furniture.

## Handyman / Carpenter

### Bill Miller

Referred By: Anne Etheridge  
714 832 9402  
Extremely gifted carpenter and fabulous handyman.

### First Rate Remodeling, Inc. (Robert Cline)

Referred By: Ken and Linda Mesesan  
714 225 2458  
We have worked with Robert since 2006. He has sub-  
stantial experience that includes roofing, carpentry, fin-  
ish carpentry, window repair, door hanging, architectural  
molding, concrete, plumbing and electrical. He's great  
to work with on any project scale. We highly recom-  
mend him!

### Mr. Ramin Faiz (Floral Park Resident)

Referred By: Toni & Dick Kimball & Christine Switzer  
949 302 3249, www.inhousearchitecture.com  
Everyone is always looking for a wonderful, honest, de-  
pendable, reasonably priced, and a talented handyman.  
Mr. Ramin Faiz is the answer we have all been waiting  
for.

## Home Theatre / Audio Visual

### Video Sonics

Referred by Ron and Cindy Wilsie  
714 281 0641, Wayne Nicklin

## Housekeeping

### Floral Park House Keeping

Referred by: Heather Morin  
Cell: (714) 721 6510  
Wonderful housekeeper available. Excellent, reliable,  
hardworking. English Speaking/bilingual. Juana is a  
very dear lady, she takes care (and walks) our dogs  
too along with cleaning our home for many years.  
Any business her way would be much appreciated.

### Housekeeping

Cathy Mendez  
Referred By: Leslie Kato  
(714) 929 9436  
Reliable and thorough. While she does speak English,  
it is best to talk with her husband on the phone.

### Marcella & Edwin

Referred By: Douglas Kraus  
562 469 8189  
Been cleaning our house for 14 years. Very nice and  
totally trustworthy. Speak English, hard working, cleans  
under rugs, windows and will work to your satisfaction.  
Recommend highly.

## Landscaping / Sprinklers / Trees

### Greg McCollum Landscaping

Referred By: Boe Boeziinger  
714 647 0174  
Designed and implemented front garden landscaping.  
Great ideas, easy to work with.

### Ladd Modern Irrigation

Referred By: Robin Romain  
714 542 9733  
Takes care of our whole water system.

### VT Tree Service

Referred by: Guy and Lisa Elston  
714 997 0903  
Have done a beautiful job trimming our cedar tree twice.  
Certified arborists, professional crew.

### Ron Nichka, Emerald Landscape Design

Referred By: Lynda Yana  
626 824 1008  
Completed redesign of Sara May Downie Park.

### Vargas Tree Service

Referred by Leah Schmidt  
714 630 5337  
I have had excellent service from them twice, along with  
Carolyn Urtel, my neighbor.

### Barbara Deed Garden Design

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake  
949 786 4055, www.barbaradeedgardendesign.com  
Barbara did a great job designing and rebuilding the land-  
scaping for both our back and front yards. Her masonry  
and landscape contractors were excellent. She managed  
all the contractors and completed the project quickly.

### Nick Dean Landscape Design

Referred By: Douglas Kraus  
323 828 3858, nickdean@sbcglobal.net,  
www.nickdeangardens.com  
Designed our front and back yard. Very, very creative,  
easy to work with. Extremely pleased with the result  
and whole process. Nick's a great guy.

### Greenland Landscaping

Victor Quinones  
Referred By: Sharon Evans  
(626) 209 7661 or (866) 610 1531  
Highly recommend. Put in large new beautiful lawn,  
fixed my old sprinkler system and did other planting  
and design. Reliable, finished on time. I shall use  
him again.

## **Lighting**

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### **Kona Lighting**

Referred By: Judy Michel  
714 828 0910

I was pleased with the service I received at Kona Lighting. They completely rewired one chandelier and did an excellent job of repairing two breaks on a second crystal chandelier.

## **Locksmith**

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### **Murray Willis**

Referred By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Chisholm  
714 394 2022

Locksmith with many years experience with doors. He is quick, fair and reasonably priced.

### **Orange County Locksmith Service**

Referred By: Patricia Lockhart  
714 634 2222 or 949 250 1234 (ask for Dave or Phil)  
Dave was more knowledgeable than any other lock smiths I called in the yellow pages. When he came out he was a true pro. He assessed my needs as a landlord and made everything just right for me.

## **Masonry**

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### **DMC Masonry**

Referred By: Ron and Cindy Wilsie  
949 454 8386, Contact: Dave "Snowy" Collins

### **McCleary Masonry**

Referred By: Megan Whitford  
562 714 2324

Mark McCleary is a wonderful and talented masonry guy. He can basically do anything with stone: walls, facade, driveways, pathways, etc.

### **Tom Hohman Masonry**

Referred By: Alex Hart & Mason Nakamura  
info@tomhohmannmasonry.com, 714 785 5711  
Tom did a great job for us on a backyard masonry project. He and his crew showed the utmost professionalism. The work was first rate, done on time, and the clean up was meticulous. We highly recommend Tom Hohman Masonry.

## **Painting/Plaster**

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### **Y Kim's Painting**

Referred By: John & Linda Schulte, Mel & Kate Ladd  
714 821 1014  
Painted inside our home. He's meticulous and dependable!

### **Old Towne Painting**

Rick Litchie  
Referred By: The Berkerys , Mike & Cheryl Conradson, Jim & Karyn Cripps  
714 285 1920

Exterior Painting and Color Consult..(Berkery)

Not just house painters "house artistry"! Meticulous in all details, prep and color consultation. Fantastic job! (Conradson) Very responsible and reliable. GREAT JOB. Stained our new Kitchen Cabinets a Rustic Black BEAUTIFUL. (Cripps)

### **Joe Maturino Plastering/Stuccoing**

Referred By: David Seigle  
714 883 7244

### **Hillside Plastering**

Referred By: Boe & Cathe Boezinger  
714 569 0655

Ray Smith is a true artist. Wonderful work specializing in the unique challenges of vintage homes.

## **Patchwork's Plastering Company**

Referred By: Karla & Rob Octavio  
714 530 5119

Aston Hill is a true professional reliable and honest, and a good communicator. Great attention to protect the vintage details in our home.

### **All Star Plastering**

Referred By: Mel & Kate Ladd  
714 618 2018

They really went the extra mile to get us the color and texture we wanted for our exterior stucco.

### **www.historichousecolors.com**

Recommended By: Anne Etheridge  
For those who want assistance choosing historically and architecturally accurate house colors.

### **Kevin's Painting**

Referred By: Joseph Gerda  
714 572 2360

Chose them based on their references (top rated company on Angies List) and very reasonable price. They were professional in all manner, were on time, and returned phone calls promptly.

### **Gogh Van Vincent Painting**

Referred By: Mark Mittman  
Ty, 714 350 5807

I have used Ty on the inside and soon outside of my home. His attention to detail and quality of work are second to none!

### **Nick Field**

Referred By: Sara Chesters and Frank Barbaro  
nickfield5@yahoo.com or cell: 714 743 1689  
We used Nick Field, a local Santa Ana resident, for a complete inside and outside paint job when we moved into our new home. He did an awesome job and is especially good at decorative and detailed work and wallpapering, he was trained in England a true pro.

### **Carlos Painting**

Carlos Jacobo  
Referred By: Anne Etheridge  
714 492 3336

Carlos has painted numerous rooms inside my house. He also did exterior venetian plaster on the entire house (and it looks fabulous if I do say so myself). He is meticulous, honest, fairly priced and hardworking. I really can't say enough good things about him.

## **Piano Tuning**

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### **Jim Laiola**

Referred By: Judy Michel  
714 956 5638

Jim did an excellent job of tuning our piano. Jim tunes most of the pianos in the Orange County schools. He is prompt, efficient and pleasant to work with.

## **Plumbing**

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### **George Brazil Plumbing and Heating**

Dave Lambie  
Referred By: Joe Magaddino

1 800 Call GEO  
Major gravity furnace overhaul. Knowledgeable and did a great job. Tried several plumbing companies before but I found no one willing to do the job.

### **Bass & Sons Plumbing**

Referred By: Beverley Schauwecker  
714 534 5403

Very knowledgeable about "old" plumbing. I highly recommend them.

## **Southwest Plumbing**

Steve Herold  
Referred By: Darlene Glenn Wolff  
714 288 9991 or cel 714 540 0090

I would highly recommend Steve. I have used his plumbing services, and he helped us out tremendously and professionally (fixing other plumber's work). He was also one of the team lead volunteers on the Fisher Park Build Day project. (Enthusiastically seconded by Bill Daugherty & Kathryn Tarbell)

### **Archer Plumbing Inc.**

Bob Carr  
Referred By: Sharon Evans

714 537 5679

I've used Bob for many years on both large and small jobs. Always returns calls promptly and shows up on time. I am always happy with his work and his cost is reasonable. (3/12)

## **Roofing**

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### **Weatherline Roofing**

(Ken LaRue)  
Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis  
714 748 9707

### **American Home Insulation**

Referred By: Ron Striewig  
949 413 2371, Contact: Michael, Owner  
Attic insulated fast, courteous, clean and efficient.

## **Solar**

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### **Heritage Solar, Inc.**

Referred By: Kevin Barber and Stacey Clinesmith  
949 677 9470, dennis@heritagesolar.com  
www.heritagesolar.com  
Dennis did a complete solar installation on our house about two years ago and now our average electric bill is \$75 a YEAR! We were so please with the service and their professionalism!

## **Security**

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### **Jay Dyer, Intruder Detection Services**

Referred By: Judy Michel  
714 776 5373

We had Jay install an alarm and fire protection system several years ago. It continues to work beautifully and trouble free. Jay is personable and easy to work with.

## **Swimming Pool**

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### **Perfection Pool**

Brad Young  
Referred By: Sandy DeAngelis  
714 904 3230  
Pool maintenance

### **Allmark Pools**

Mark  
Referred By: Rob & Judy Johnson  
562 587 1418  
Did a fabulous job on our pool!

### **Jonathon Pools**

Referred By: Chuck & Julie Lake  
714 396 1091  
Jonathon refurbished our 50 yr old pool to look like new. He replaced old equipment, installed new plumbing, improved overall circulation in the pool which has eliminated persistent algae problems, patched plaster, and acid washed our tile. He was on schedule, courteous, and a pleasure to work with.

### **The Pool Doctor**

Referred By: Douglas Kraus  
714 944 8738

Cleaned and sanded down my plaster pool to look like new. Also did deck o seal around brick. Very reasonable, nice guy and did great work. The Pool doctor knows his stuff on pool repair. (3/12)

## **Windows / Window Washing**

**Awning By Russ** Owner Russ Rinner  
 Referred By: Jessica Carr & Joy Ridout  
 714.525.RUSS  
 Fast service, great pricing. Highly recommend.

### **Window Restoration & Repair**

Referred by: Karla & Rob Octavio  
 562 493 1590  
 Scott and his team did a great job of repairing some original windows, and replacing others with exact replicas (but better glass!). Excellent attention to vintage details and restoration. Very professional, on time, great communication.

## **Home Craftsman Inc.**

**Jim Crawford**, Owner/Installer  
 Referred by: Chuck and Julie Lake  
 714 404 2518, windows4@gmail.com  
 Jim did a great job for us, replacing aluminum sliders with wood casement windows on our entire second story. The entire house looks much better and more in tune with the style and its original construction period. Jim also hung several interior and exterior doors, including a difficult Dutch door.

### **Sure fit Mobile Screen Shop**

Referred by: Wanda & Gil Marrero  
 800 737 2733 or 714 953 4401  
 Installed normal screens and the "disappearing screens" to our home. Family owned and operated since 1986.

### **Eddy's Window Washing**

Referred by: Judy Johnson  
 714 321 4801

### **West Coast Screen & Glass**

Referred By: Allan St. Jacques  
 714 633 6232  
 Called one day, arrived the next; and did a quick and efficient job of replacing four small windows.

### **Rembrandt Windows**

Blair O'Callaghan, owner  
 Referred by: Wally McCloud & Denny Patterson  
<http://www.rembrandtwindows.com/index.html>  
 714 968 6538 office  
 In an attempt to clean our windows, Denny promptly dropped our custom made, 1924, arched/hinged window from the second story. Blair and his skilled team of crafts men repaired the window to its original state in a most timely and expert manner. We highly recommend them.

### **A Clear Choice**

Referred By: Darlene Glenn Wolff  
 1 877 33 CLEAR  
 Our neighbors have been using this company for years and that is how we started using them. We have used them for four years and been very happy with both the windows and the carpet cleaning services.

### **BJ's Window Cleaning**

Referred By: Anne Etheridge  
 714 730 9200  
 I have been using Joanie at BJ's for years. She's fabulous ... very thorough, good clean up.

### **American Window Cleaning**

(Mark Remmel)  
 Referred By: Sharon Evans  
 714 554 1197, cell 714 654 8069  
 Best window washers I have ever had, by far. So professional, trustworthy, perfect clean up, and very reasonable in price.

## **Yoga (In Home)**

### **Yoga in your Home**

(Diana Markessinis, RYT 500)  
 Referred By: Giovanna Piazza  
 DianaMarkessinis@gmail.com  
 Diana is a knowledgeable, patient and very encouraging yoga teacher. Though she can teach at any level, she's perfect for newbies or people (like me) who are newly returned to yoga. Diana teaches yoga at Soul At Home (owned by our very own neighbors David and Simon) but she also teaches private in home lessons for individuals, couples, families (with children) or small groups of adults. Diana's coaching is a great way to begin!

## **Need Minutes?**

If you've missed a neighborhood general meeting and would like to obtain a copy of the minutes, you can request a copy to be mailed (or emailed) to you. Monthly board meeting minutes are also available on request. Just send your request with name, street address and/or email address to email: azander@roadrunner.com Or via mail to:

FPNA (Minutes)  
 P.O. Box 11366  
 Santa Ana, CA 92711 1366

## **The Floral Park Newsletter welcomes your ideas:**

Have you visited a local restaurant or venue you would like to recommend? If so, please send the contact info and a brief description of why you liked it.

Do you know of a Floral Park neighbor or school aged kid who is doing good things and could inspire others? If so, please send us their story or contact info. We'd love to feature them in an upcoming Floral Park Newsletter.

If you've moved from Floral Park or are in touch with someone who has and would like to be featured in the "Where are they now?" column, please provide details and a high resolution (min 300 dpi) digital photo.

Please send your ideas and photos to fpnews@floral park.com or leadesign@SBCGlobal.net.

Thank you!

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Due to popular demand, the Floral Park Neighborhood Association is continuing to offer the Heart Stones in Sarah May Downie Herb Garden for a donation of \$200 (up to 25 letters). The proceeds will be used for neighborhood beautification projects, including the Sarah May Downie Herb Garden.

The stones can display the name of your family, friends, pets, or they can be used as a loving memorial for a dear one.

Space is limited so please put your request in ASAP. The deadline for submission will remain open as space permits. The order form can be obtained online at [www.floralark.com/documents/hearts.pdf](http://www.floralark.com/documents/hearts.pdf). Please use a separate form for each heart being ordered.

If you have any questions, please email them to:  
[janellelmcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:janellelmcoughlin@gmail.com).

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