

# The Riviera Reporter

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2004

## The Prez Sez...



Happy Holidays Riviera residents! I would like to extend our warmest Holiday greetings from the entire Riviera Homeowners' Association Board to all of you this Holiday Season. Our Riviera neighborhood has so much to be thankful for. I, for one, am thankful for the great neighbors my family and I share our life with everyday. I hope everyone will join us for our Annual Holiday Concert on December 8, 7:00 pm at Richardson Middle School. This is the first year where all three Riviera schools, Riviera Elementary, Richardson Middle School and South High, will send performers to our concert. It will be a great night of music and friends. Santa will be stopping by to bring some treats so bring the entire family.

Looking ahead, I believe the coming year will bring many great things to our neighborhood. The RHA is working on two special projects which we will be unveiling soon. One will offer RHA members a special way to display their pride in our historic neighborhood. Another project will establish a beautiful enhancement marking the classic entrance to the Riviera. I will share more details on these projects in the coming months. It should be an exciting and fun time.



HO! HO! HO! SANTA'S COMING

## RHA GENERAL MEETING:

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, December 8, 2004 – 7:00 P.M.

**WHERE:** RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
23751 Nancy Lee Lane (off Newton Street)

**AGENDA:** HOLIDAY CONCERT

Children from Riviera Elementary School, Richardson Middle School & South High School will perform a Holiday Program.

I want to remind everyone to send in their annual dues. Your \$20 goes a long way to helping us work on behalf of our neighborhood. RHA board members volunteer their time, so we appreciate your support. In this time of giving, please remember those of us working on your behalf. We can all do our part to make this jewel, the Hollywood Riviera shine a little brighter.

*Michael Cotton, President*

## HELP WANTED – ASAP

The RHA is looking to fill two positions immediately: Programs Coordinator and Traffic Coordinator. Join the RHA board and make a valuable contribution to your neighborhood.

Contact President Michael Cotton for more information.



RHA President Michael Cotton presided over the meeting held on October 20th to discuss the subject of development in the city of Torrance. Left to right: Michael Cotton, Austin Woodward, representing the League of Women Voters, Hope Witkowski and Ted Lieu, City Council members, and Doug Maupin, developer. For those of you who missed it, it was a very informative meeting.

# WHAT'S UP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



❶ The Vine Garden/Analon & Tom Rocchio



❷ The Deck Garden/Mary & Russell Varieur



❸ The Cottage Garden/Lori & Dane Eurich

## "Autumn Along the Riviera"

The Riviera Garden Club held its Fall Garden Tour on October 23<sup>RD</sup>. It was a beautiful day and it was a great success! The turnout was tremendous and everyone had a wonderful time. These are just some of the photos of the day; check out the rest of the photos on the Riviera website where you can see them in full color. Go to: [www.hollywoodriviera.org](http://www.hollywoodriviera.org).



❹ The Beach Garden/Kathy & Merle Countryman



❺ The Japanese Garden/  
Dr. Barry & Mikko  
Hensen

❻ The Spanish Farmhouse/  
Pam Zambriski &  
Mark Martis



❼ The Mediteranean Garden/Ruth & Nate Vogel

## RHA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL GUIDELINE

The Riviera Homeowners Association has been working to improve the way we track and report our membership dues activities. Each newsletter has the most recent dues payment information right above your mailing address.

The RHA's business year begins in September and ends in August; it is meant to coincide with the school calendar year. The current 2004-2005 business year began on September 1, 2004 and will end on August 31, 2005. Annual dues received during this period will be counted toward this period. We hope this guideline helps you to better understand the dues payment message included in each newsletter.

## RHA MEMBERSHIP FORM 2004 - 2005

If the information on the mailing label is correct, please indicate by marking the appropriate box below.

- Continuing Member - mailing label personal information is accurate.  
(NO NEED TO FILL IN PERSONAL INFORMATION BELOW.)
- Continuing Member - See modifications and/or comments below.
- New Member - see information below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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The following officers can be contacted through their email at the RHA:

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## ENROLLMENT FORM

Also, please review the membership enrollment form below. If you are renewing your membership and all of the information on the mailing label is accurate, mark the appropriate check box and submit your dues. Space is provided for modifications or new enrollment information should you need it.

The RHA does not share this or any other personal information with anyone for any purpose other than newsletter processing and delivery.

We will continue to try to improve these administrative functions in order to better serve you.

### Amount paid:

\$20 (annual) +  \$\_\_\_\_ (Other) = Total \$\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Date \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of the Riviera Homeowners Association?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## OUTSTANDING LANDSCAPE AWARDS



Paul and Jacqueline Csengeri, of 5624 Calle de Arboles, were awarded the Outstanding Landscape Award for October. With the help of Greg George, their Architect and Landscape Architect, they transformed a typical upper Riviera tract home into a strikingly handsome Cal Asian architectural gem. They certainly achieved their goal of creating the feeling of a tropical island resort. Their stunning tropical landscape, with Asian touches of bamboo, is set off by a chartreuse-colored house and wall, and is highlighted by specimen palm trees, banana trees, bamboo, papyrus and lily turf. The Kangaroo Paws will lend an exotic note when mature. The original home belonged to Paul's father, who was a physician in Riviera Village for 40 years.



Mike and Susan Baker, of 208 Paseo de las Delicias, received the Outstanding Landscape Award for November. Their love for Hawaii shows in the tropical feeling of the plantings, with Palm and Banana Trees, Bird of Paradise, and several types of Phormium, including Maori Queen and Tom Thumb. Accents of Japanese Blood Grass and Petunias mingle in the mix that wraps around their front yard. A handsome Arizona Flagstone pathway leads to a lovely wooden gate behind which hides a "to die for" inner courtyard complete with fireplace, tiki bar with plasma TV and comfortable outdoor wicker furniture. This attractive landscape was created by Dave Cordone of Absolute Custom Landscape, who has done several other landscapes in the Riviera and has been seen on HGTV.

*The Landscape Awards are presented by: Ruth Vogel, and Mary Lenihan for the RHA and Toni Sargent for the Riviera Garden Club.*

# RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2004-2005 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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## 2004-2005 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's that time of the year again. Your membership dues are very important. Without your membership dues the RHA cannot continue to provide the programs and services we have proudly undertaken. They help defray the cost of our newsletter along with the cost of our general meetings (highlighting important issues to the Riviera), college scholarships, school donations, the annual Concert in the Park, and other community projects. Please support the RHA by sending your \$20.00 annual dues today.



## 2005 RHA SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Attention high school seniors!

The Riviera Homeowners Association provides annual scholarship awards to graduating seniors who live in the Hollywood Riviera and are planning to attend college, either two or four-year programs. Awards are based on academic excellence, participation in school activities, teacher recommendations and community service. Interested seniors can get application information from their college counselor at South High. If you do not attend South High or have questions about the RHA scholarship, please contact Art Wong, RHA Scholarship Chair, at: [scholarships@hollywoodriviera.org](mailto:scholarships@hollywoodriviera.org). Applications are not due until early 2005. However, it's never too early to plan ahead!

*Art Wong, Scholarship*

## BEEN TO THE RHA WEBSITE ?

Come take a look for the latest updates on the Riviera or a look back at past issues. It's a great place to check out winning landscapes of recent years and get information on upcoming RHA events. Do you have ideas of general community interest? Submit them to: "[webmaster@hollywoodriviera.org](mailto:webmaster@hollywoodriviera.org)".

*Julian Chasin, Webmaster*



**REMEMBER THE TROOPS**