



Colony Olivenhain



Newsletter of the Olivenhain Town Council

June 2004

From the President — Bob Campbell

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.”--Another stolen literary quotation intended to upgrade the quality of this section of the newsletter. And this phrase expresses my feelings as I write to you my final “Prez Guy” message as your, well, Prez Guy of the OTC. Next month, following the June Election, this space will be occupied by the next vict...er, I mean, *representative* chosen by the Board as point person of, and head target for, your OTC. As recollections of the last two years come into focus, I most of all want to **thank all of you** who have been so supportive during my tenure. Your constructive, respectful, neighborly input has been the driving force of what some of you have called “the most productive time in the OTC’s history”.



We have achieved a lot together. (Come to the June 2 Election night and feast your eyes on the interior renovations!) You have repeatedly commented that the Hall and the Grounds have never looked better. (If this were *Star Trek*, that would prove we have clearly fulfilled the “Prime Directive”. Please refer to a *trekkie* for interpretation of that last conclusion.) And the stellar condition of the property was achieved simultaneously with increasing financial resources for both the preservation of the Hall and the renovation of the Hotel. (Oh, if only the government could do this, too.) Stronger, more mutually beneficial relationships with the primary, helpful users of the Hall and Hotel, like the AA organizations and the Boy Scouts were forged.

Thanks to **Karen Mendez**, greater organization and accountability was brought to the Hall Reservation Process, bolstering fairness for Hall users while ensuring collection of proper fees and reduction of exposure to loss and liability. Thankfully, this arduous, vital function of the OTC has been assumed by **Russ Lanthorne**, whose organization skills and unswerving responsibility will only add to this critical business function. And along with measurably getting done the “business” of the OTC, there has been a noticeable increase in the “fun index”—more events, more attendance, and more membership—thanks in large part to the initiative and creativity of **Cindy Brandenburg** and a cast of new volunteers. More folks, and more organizations, are stepping up to ask if they can donate services or help in some way—an atmosphere that was only a dream a few years back.

Two years ago I was asked by several Members to seek election to the Board, help get some very old, sticky issues resolved, provide clear leadership, and basically set a productive course for the future. (I also decided to throw in “meetings starting on time, running them fairly but efficiently, and ending them reasonably in respect for everyone’s time. Most of you told me you appreciated this “run it like a good railroad” approach.) With your support, it all got done. All these things made the last two years the “best of times” for your Prez Guy.

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General Meeting
 Wednesday, June 2, 2004, 7:30 PM
 Olivenhain Meeting Hall

June is our Annual Meeting for election of the Board of Directors. But this year, we’ll start by awarding the first of what we hope will be an annual award recognizing children from our community schools who exemplify the leadership spirit of Olivenhain’s pioneer settlers (see page 4). Then we’ll accept last minute candidates, and vote for the new Board members.

Most years the election is pretty routine, and occasionally pretty exciting. The OTC Bylaws require that members be present to vote, so please join us this year and see which it will be.

Country Pancake Breakfast
 &
Family Marker Day



June 19 8 am to 11 am
Adults: \$5; Children ages 10 – 4: \$3; 3 & under: Free
Olivenhain Meeting Hall 423 Rancho Santa Fe Road

No General Meeting in July!
 Come to the July 4th Picnic.