



OCEAN PARK CIVIC LEAGUE



NEWSLETTER

January 2003

Serving the Ocean Park Community

Meeting Notice

Thursday, January 9, 2003

@ Ocean Park Fire & Rescue H. Q.

Time: Social - 7:00 P. M. ~ 7:30 P. M

Meeting: 7:30 P. M. ~ 9:00 P. M. Sharp!

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Meeting Agenda

(We will keep to the time schedule)

7:00 - 7:30 P. M.: Social and Refreshments
7:30 - Pledge of Allegiance- Meeting called to Order
7:35 - Treasurer's Report- Anne Kane
7:40 - Shore Drive Community Coalition Update- Anne Kane
7:55 - Spring Party Discussion- Billy Sykes
8:10 - OPLC on the Internet- Tim Solanic
8:25 - New Business Open Discussion- Billy Sykes
8:45 - Adjourn (On Time!)

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Name: William G. Sykes

OPCL Position: Co-Vice President/Past Co-President

Occupation: Patent Attorney/Electrical Engineer/Real Estate Broker

Where in Ocean Park do You Live? Seagull Bluff Drive.

What Brought You to Ocean Park? My wife Frankie! In 1967, I worked as a surfboard builder and repairer at a surf shop called, Martin & Davis Sea Center. The shop was located in Ocean Park on Shore Drive where Lazy Daisy is today. While working at the surf shop I meet Frankie who lived in Ocean Park on Jefferson Boulevard all of her life.

Why Do You Stay in Ocean Park? After you once live in Ocean Park, you do not want to leave! There is nothing like coming home putting on your swim suit, grabbing your chair or kayak and heading to the beach. Also, I could never get Frankie to leave Ocean Park.

Where Did You Live Prior to Coming to Ocean Park? Norfolk. I went to Maury High School and Old Dominion University.

The Best Thing About Being Active in the Civic League? It is a great way to meet Ocean Park's wonderful neighbors be in a position where I can help manage how the neighborhood is being developed. Many years ago, before I got involved, I watched how the Ocean Park Civic League pulled together and stopped Lovely Ladies (a go-go bar) from occupying the building where La Fiesta Restaurant is today. Our living conditions and home values would have taken a turn for the worst if Lovely Ladies moved in. I was inspired by watching how the leadership of this civic league handled that situation, so I thought I better get involved and help someone else.

What are Your Goals for Your Tenure in the Civic League? I would like to see more people involved in the civic league. I believe that most people feel just like I had felt, that they do not have the time to get involved. All of us are really busy, even the retired people. But we need to band together and continue to protect our community. An excellent way to start your involvement is to visit our fantastic web site designed by Tim Solanic and voice your opinions or concerns. Do not believe that the only way to get involved is standing up in front of the civic league meeting and talking. This is not the only way! We need people that can send e-mails, make calls, assist with community watch, take pictures, write articles, help with social events, make recommendations, deliver newsletters, help with the community watch program, go to meetings, etc.



NEWSLETTER DEVELOPMENT

Our newsletter attracts the interest of many local business owners. They come to us without solicitations on our part to advertise in the newsletter. They recognize the values of doing business in our upscale neighborhood. We warmly appreciate their interest and welcome the placement of their advertisements, which help defray the expense of publishing the newsletter. We encourage our citizens to use their services.

We try to place informative articles in the newsletter that our residents wish to know about and enjoy reading. Surely, some of our residents can make a literary contribution and write stories that concern the area. We want to know about your concerns and suggestions on how to improve our lifestyle. Nostalgic stories about our area will be accepted gladly. We want the newsletter to be of interest to everyone, and not develop into a local shopping journal. Please assist and voice your opinions or provide timely comments.

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Surfing in Ocean Park

Whether you've lived in Ocean Park for 60 years or 60 seconds, this Newsletter and the OPCL.org web site are a great place to find more about what makes Ocean Park a most desirable neighborhood in which to live.

OPCL.org has been 'live' for only a short time and has already grown into a fully comprehensive resource about our area. It's use as a communication tool is growing steadily as well. In the near future you will find using OPCL.org could help positively affect various local issues and concerns. An example - Mayor Oberndorf successfully used the many e-mails she personally received raising concerns about making the Lesner Bridge 6 lanes. As a result, even though OPCL.org at the time was not a factor, language was adopted that forced the City into researching possible 4-lane + bike path rehabilitation as an alternative. E-mail campaigns have been extremely successful all over the country in 'getting things done or changed.'

You probably live here for many of the same reasons I do. If you've been wondering what you could do to help preserve our eclectic, lively neighborhood, it is not necessary to spend hours attending meetings. Use OPCL.org to share your concerns, thoughts and ideas. You *will* make a difference at City Hall, Richmond and even Washington but especially in Ocean Park and the Shore Drive Community. Do you want to see Shore Drive become six lanes or have Pleasure House Point completely developed, or would you rather keep our main thoroughfare at four lanes and have a natural area to hike in? Concerned that a variance will get approved and cannot attend the meeting? E-mail the Planning Department, Board of Zoning Appeals and the City Council to establish your opinion. It *does* make a difference. Who do you e-mail? Find out at OPCL.org.

Finally, most of you are already aware the primary topic of the next OPCL meeting will be the initial planning of the April Party. If you attended the Annual Holiday Social, you know how much fun that party was. Be sure and attend the January 9th meeting and *YOU* could be the lucky recipient of a door prize - OPCL.org gear.

~Tim Solanic, webmaster@opcl.org

Please Attend January 9th! You could be the lucky winner of an OPCL.org Tote-Bag or Cap

How can the Ocean Park Civic League offer this stuff? Check out OPCL.org/stuff

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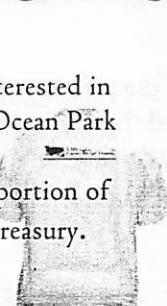
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WEAR THE OPCL LOGO

We can now find the identifying design of the Ocean Park Civic League on an assortment of items now offered for sale by CafePress. Some items with the OPCL logo are shown here. Other items include post cards, and variety of shirts and mugs, all with the Live Oak insignia. If you are interested in purchasing an item, please bring up our Ocean Park Civic League web site: OPCL.ORG or CAFEPRESS.COM. A portion of the sales are rebated to our civic league treasury.



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Annual Holiday Social

Thanks to the hard work of your energetic Social Committee the Annual Holiday Social on December 15th was a huge success. Madam Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and her husband, Roger, who attended even thought so!

Even though they all couldn't physically be there the day of the party, the team of Donna Epperson, Mary Barrineau, Carol Andolina, Chris Solanic, John Picco, Nancy Taylor, Jackie Longworth and Caroline Webber did a dazzling job. Thanks to Carol, Anne Kane, The Callahan Clan and Walter & Susan Karlau for delivering the flyers to throughout the community.

The festivities started about 5pm at the Ocean Park Rescue Squad Headquarters. Tables were decorated with red holiday table cloths and two poinsettias that were donated by Krogers. Party goers brought delicious goodies from many different kinds of cookies and deserts from Tea Tarts & Chocolate Chip Cookies to Chocolate-covered popcorn[!?]

People brought an assortment of delectable dishes from homemade pasta to luscious cakes and cookies. There were even some delicious salads, too. A bounty of tasty treats satisfied everyone's appetite.

Thanks to Donna for announcing the winners of all the Door Prizes.

The collection of donations from local businesses was quite impressive:

Croakers Restaurant - \$35 gift certificate

Lynnhaven Fish House- \$25 gift certificate

Chick's Oyster Bar- \$25 gift certificate and a bunch of cool stickers

Pancho & Lefty's- A colorful T-shirt and a bunch of salsa

Jimmy's Pizza - A large pepperoni pizza

La Pizzeria - A large plain pizza and the ice for the event

Dockside Inn- \$25 gift certificate

Bayside Exxon - 2 Free Oil Changes, value, \$25 each

Zia Marie- \$25 gift certificate

The Lazy Daisy - 4 hand painted wine goblets

Fresh Market - a holiday basket, value, \$50

Ten Oaks by The Bay - An enticing holiday gift basket

BeutiControl - Gift Basket, value, \$30

Starbucks - 3 pounds of Coffee Beans

Krogers - 2 poinsettias, 2 party trays of chicken other goodies

Please support these generous local businesses! Check out OPCL.org for more info about where to find them.

We look forward to having a bigger and better Holiday Social next year. Thanks to the success of this party we're starting to plan for one in April. Attend the Civic League meeting on January 9th and let us know your ideas. If you can't attend, contact us at OPCL.org, or 464-6922 to help out in whatever way you can.

Thanks again for everyone who made the Annual Holiday Social a success!

Submitted by Chris Solanic

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

It is with great pride that I report that many residents and/or property owners in Ocean Park noticed the subtle hint in the last few newsletters. We have received over \$200.00 in additional donations.

If every dues-paying member talked to just one neighbor to get a \$5.00 annual membership, that would be an additional \$1,000+. Now you see why I'm thrilled by these additional contributions.

A few have seen the good deeds of our civic league and are more than willing to help cover the costs to see that we all continue to enjoy the quality of life in Ocean Park. Others are becoming involved to improve upon all that we want to preserve.

Your financial support is wonderful! You may view the total report at the January 9th meeting. Please attend with some ideas of how you can become more actively involved. Yes, with the resources we have "saved up," we are going back to our "roots" of being more of a neighborly and social group.

Cheers in the New Year!

Anne Kane



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