

**OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BARTLETT SENIOR CENTER**

**Co-President Todd Hays brought the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.** and introduced the current Officers, Co-President Charles Payne, Vice President Bob Voeste, Treasurer Trish Stewart, and Secretary Delores Sutherland.

Trish Stewart presented our current Treasurer's Report and advised that OTNA recently donated to both **Readership Torrance** as well as sponsoring the **Milk Shake Booth** at the recent Torrance Historical Society **Rock Around the Block** event in July.

Co-President Charles Payne introduced our meeting sponsors, Jim and Laura Sahagun-Herren. Jim and Laura are realtors with Prudential California Realty with their emphasis in the South Bay area, and specifically the historic Downtown Torrance area. OTNA was treated to the "best of the best" bakery goods from our local Torrance Bakery with gift certificates for Torrance Bakery and "Eat at Rudy's" as well. **Thanks Jim & Laura!!**

Janet Payne (OTNA past president) reminded us of **upcoming events**:

- Saturday, September 20th – Neighborhood Clean-up. Meet at the home of Co-President Charles Payne – 1381 Engracia Avenue at 8:45 a.m. for morning treats! Clean up takes no more than two hours and makes a very positive and highly visible contribution to the appearance of our community. Our next clean-up will be in November.
- Saturday, September 27th – Knight's of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner @ Nativity Church Annex – 1415 Engracia Avenue – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. / \$7 adults - \$5 children (under 12). Watch for future dinners – the food is excellent.
- Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – "Classic Car & Cycle Show" at Torrance High School.
- Saturday & Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Torrance Historical Society Original Fall Tour of Historic Homes in Old Torrance - \$18 donation. Tickets are available at the Torrance Historical Museum.
- Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – Torrance Woman's Club "Bunco Party" a benefit for Torrance Elementary School – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The public is invited.
- Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – Riviera Garden Tour. Tickets are available at the Torrance Historical Society Museum.

## **TORRANCE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURES Y & Z**

The OTNA members had the privilege of hosting **Mayor Frank Scotto and TUSD Board President, Dr. Michael Ernst** so they could present their views relative to two **school Bond Measures (Y & Z), to be voted upon** in the upcoming November, 2008 election. They both expressed very strong feelings for the necessity of passage of these Bonds to remedy the current situation of serious deterioration of Torrance School System facilities.

It was obvious, by the large number of attendees that there is a high level of interest in these Bonds. The Mayor and Dr. Ernst presented an overview of the Bond Measures and showed actual photographs reflecting the sad state of disrepair of Torrance Schools. Following the presentations, the floor was opened to questions from attendees, which were answered by Mayor Scotto and Dr. Ernst.

While there were a large number of questions from Bond supporters, there were also questions reflecting concerns over the potential cost to taxpayers and the importance and effectiveness of the administration of Bond funds and the resulting contracts, if the measure(s) is passed. The Mayor and Dr. Ernst agreed, and stated that effective administration was a priority focus. There were several passionate pleas from attendees; imploring voters to focus on the importance to our future generations of a base of well-educated citizens to draw on to effectively manage our city. Passing this measure is imperative to assuring adequate facilities for the education of today's children, from which Torrance citizens will choose our future leaders.

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the Bartlett Senior Center.** Refreshments are served at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.