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### **Happy New Year, OTNA Member!**

Right now, the hot topic of conversation in Downtown Torrance is Historic Preservation. So . . . in an effort to help give us a better understanding of what exactly a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) is, OTNA is hosting a meeting on “*What is a Historic District & How Does it Work?*”

We’ve invited Gordon A. Olschlager, AIA, to be the guest speaker at our meeting next week (Wednesday, January 19th • Bartlett Center • 1318 Cravens Ave. • 7:30 PM). Mr. Olschlager, a Senior Associate architect for Nakada & Associates, Inc. (Los Angeles) has over 25 years experience in the practice of architecture, with special expertise in the rehabilitation of historically significant buildings. He was also instrumental in developing a preservation planning document for the City of Los Angeles’ Planning Department to use as criteria for historic development. Mr. Olschlager has also been a member of The Angelino Heights HPOZ Board since 1994 (Angelino Heights was the first HPOZ designated in Los Angeles).

Mr. Olschlager’s presentation, *What is a Historic District & How Does it Work?*, will detail how to balance the needs of property owners with the protection of the community’s historic assets. He will also discuss the benefits and constraints for property owners in historic districts. In addition, a slide show citing examples, will be a part of his presentation — ample time will be allotted for questions and answers.

And . . . on another note, I just wanted to remind you that OTNA memberships are renewable in January. Annual memberships are just \$10.00 per household — *that’s only .83 cents a month!* The money OTNA collects via annual dues, donations and sponsorships, is donated back to our community (less operating expenses). Here is a list of the worthwhile programs and activities OTNA supported in 2004:

- \$175** - Easter In El Prado Park
- \$100** - Southeast Library
- \$150** - Operation Teddy Bear
- \$ 50** - South Bay Ballet

You’ll find a membership form at the bottom of the enclosed purple flyer. If you’re not sure if you need to renew your membership, you can either call and/or Email our Treasurer, Ron Butterworth, at 212-5593 or [rbutterworth1@socal.rr.com](mailto:rbutterworth1@socal.rr.com) and he can tell you. Or . . . simply bring your check (or cash) to the meeting next week. *I hope to see you on the 19th!*

Best regards,

**Debbie Hays**  
*President, OTNA*