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Happy November, OTNA Members!

Our next meeting is sure to tickle your taste buds! That's because we've invited our favorite eateries in the Old Torrance neighborhood to tempt us with some samples. At the meeting, you'll have a chance to nibble on goodies from the Torrance Bakery, the Red Car Brewery, the Depot, Buffalo Fire Department, La Capilla, Foster Freeze, Fox Drugs, By Brazil, Buffy's, Eat at Rudy's, Johnny C's Homestyle Deli, the Torrance Market, the Bartlett Center Café—and more! We'll even have a sneak preview of a new coffee/tea house that's opening soon. Representatives from the restaurants will be on hand to tell us about their establishments. What a great way to explore new places to dine—within walking distance!

The meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 18th**, upstairs at the Bartlett Center, 1318 Cravens Avenue (next to the Torrance Historical Society & Museum). The meeting begins at **7:30 PM**; come as early as 7:00 to sip coffee, iced tea and lemonade and chat with your neighbors. And don't forget to invite your friends—the tasting event is free and open to the public. See the flyer for more details, or click here:
<http://www.oldtorranceneighbors.org/calendar.html>

In case delicious snacks aren't enough for you, there's a special bonus for current and new members only! Anyone who joins the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association or renews their membership at the meeting will receive 3 free tickets for our fund-raising opportunity drawings. (Additional tickets can be purchased at the meeting for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.) Prizes include gift certificates for participating restaurants, and more!

We'll have some business to conduct before we start snacking, including voting on proposed donations to the Torrance Rose Float Association and the Volunteer Center for their school backpack project, "Operation Teddy Bear." Supporting the efforts of local charities like these is one of the goals of your Old Torrance Neighborhood Association. If you would like to propose an organization to be considered for a future donation, please feel free to provide details. You can mail the information to the address above, or use the "contact us" link on our website at <http://www.oldtorranceneighbors.org/contact.html>.

Another goal of OTNA is to improve our neighborhood, so I hope you'll join us for the next **clean-up on Saturday, November 21** from 9:00 to 11:00. We'll meet at 8:30 AM at the Payne's home at 1318 Engracia Avenue. As a thank-you to the restaurants, our clean-up "target" will be the downtown area. (Suggestions for future clean-up targets are always appreciated.) Sign-up at the meeting, or call Charles at (310) 328-7549. For more details, click the link above to visit our website.

Just a reminder: as this is our last meeting in 2009, it's a good time to pay your membership dues for 2010! Dues are still just \$10 a year for families or businesses. Current members are guaranteed to receive notices of OTNA meetings and events by your choice of postal mail or e-mail—plus, you'll be kept up-to-date on all the happenings in Torrance with timely e-mails from Debbie Hays, our community relations "czarina." (And don't forget those free opportunity tickets!)

That's it for now, and I hope you will come and enjoy a "Taste of Old Torrance"! This event is open to all, so feel free to invite your friends and neighbors, too.

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