



MIRALESTE HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSN., INC.

P.O. Box 2876, Torrance, California 90505

Newsletter, January 1985

After the well-attended Annual Meeting, November, 1984, the duly elected Board met in an organizing session in January with results as follows:

President	Noreen Dobratz 29700 Knoll View	Home: 514-9007 Office: 831-0222
Vice President:	James N. King 29949 Knoll View	832-2403
Architectural Chairman	Elaine Van Amburg 29959 Knoll View	519-1774
Secretary:	Marion Vincent 30043 Knoll View	833-6833
Treasurer:	Sandra Sanders 3023 Crownview	548-5331

In order to eliminate the 6 months learning period in a one year term, under the new By-laws voted in November, the term of office is now two years. Dobratz and Vincent volunteered to continue in office to establish a staggered term for the Board.

The old and new Board met for a marvelously convivial dinner meeting to set guidelines for 1985.

There was consensus that 1984 had accomplished much in acquainting neighbors with neighbors. There will be effort to continue this.

1984 also did something positive about tree trimming. 10 families participated in the group rate trim in November. More wish they had gotten the good discount, so this will be continued in 1985. Call Jim King if you want to book early.

The Board reviewed 6 building plans to guarantee that regulations were met for height and function. This is an important adjunct to the Board's responsibility on behalf of us all.

The fountain area demands major time and money commitments.

1. We continue to bless Ken Skervejm for his help with the fountain. We have hired a "pool man" which should ease Ken's job.
2. The area has been much improved by our volunteer who chooses to be anonymous. She contributed and planted many things for color, including seeding the bank to wild flowers. We should be seeing the results soon. Many of you

stopped to help at various times. The rest of us are grateful to you all.

3. We especially thank Peter Eschbach who "got the gophers" by his special technique.
4. You should know that the tree that blew down was diseased. It will be replaced.

You'd be interested to know that our expenditure for the fountain area this year was \$2,900.00.

If you think the cost of the fountain keeps our dues high you are right—but have you considered the alternative?

Back when Miraleste was platted, this area of the hill was included with the Parkway area. We were each taxed \$500.00 a year to maintain the Parkway. The Parkway consumed our dollars with little concern for those of us on the hill above. In a classic democratic maneuver, some of our neighbors got elected to the Miraleste Homeowners Board. When Miraleste Hills membership outnumbered Miraleste on the Board, they voted us out of the taxing district.

If you'd prefer, we can vote to become a taxed district, where everyone of us, every lot, pays a share in maintenance. However....you'll be glad to know that our volunteer way is not threatened. Membership in the Homeowner's Association is steadily rising.....and please notice the dues notice below.....still at the same price of \$35.00...not \$500.00.

A point about **Neighborhood Watch**: It seems to be working. We have had a minimum of trouble this last year. Could it be because we have our own "subway vigilantes" who keep extra alert? We have heard of someone who walks at night with a large flashlight which he shines into parked cars, causing a hasty exodus 75% of the time. It's been suggested that for our dues we get a subtle light-reflective bumper sticker identification (no names) so that a legitimate car parked on the street would not be accosted. What do you think of that idea? Call Noreen: 514-9007 or 831-0222.

Via Colinita: The R.P.V. Council expects to consider the closing of Via Colinita at its working session January 29th at 8 p.m. To confirm the agenda call the City Clerk, Jo Curcell, at 377-0360 the week of the 21st. This matter concerns our area acutely as Via Colinita is our direct access to the businesses on Western Avenue.

If anyone would like to play golf call Cal Vincent 833-6833, or couples bridge call Ruberta Weaver, 833-4258.

Ruberta Weaver, editor