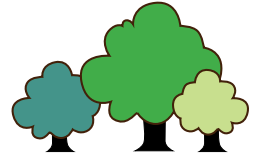


SORRENTO OAKS NOOZ BYTES



Welcome Miguel (Sp. 28)

Welcome to our community, Miguel. We miss your mom, Martina.

Walk, walk, walk around the park

Enjoy roses, poppies, hollyhock, zinnias, palm trees, daisies, bamboo, rocks, salvia, grasses, succulents, cacti and more. We have some beautiful gardens... and a wonderful neighborhood. Lucky us!

We travel

For Sharon (sp. 75) a recent trip to South Africa with Alvaro's Adventures (www.alvarosadventures.com) was billed as "Birds and Wine of South Africa". "While the wine was excellent and the birds (over 300 species!) were fascinating, most memorable were the big animals (Zebras! Elephants! Giraffes! Lions! Hippos! Rhinos! Cheetahs! Warthogs! Wildebeests!) and the native plants. I was especially fascinated by the interdependence of some bird species with specific plants; the sunbirds there are nectar feeders like our own native hummingbirds and are essential pollinators of the beautiful Proteas, a cherished plant that we see growing (and buzzing with hummingbirds) in some gardens in Santa Cruz."

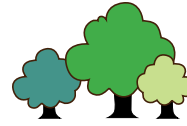


We travel more

Greece: Blue skies, clear blue water, white buildings. Chris (sp. 22) met friends there and they explored the mainland and several islands for a month. They found small hotels with water views, excellent restaurants, places to sip, trails to hike and beautiful views. A wet winter produced colorful gardens. Several islands introduced them to different local foods and wines, markets and shops. Feta cheese, olives, wines, fish came from local families. Chris watched the flag go up over the Parthenon one morning, early before the tourist crowd, and took in the history of it all.



Virginia and Ken (sp. 20) celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska. They started with a 7 day cruise with 3 on-land stops, including a helicopter ride over glaciers and walking on one. The cruise was followed by a trip to Denali National Forest, where they saw grizzly bear, moose and caribou during their travels. The trip was highlighted by a glimpse of Denali mountain, the highest mountain in North America, which is often shrouded by clouds.



Our Bees

Years ago, the Cossis (formerly of sp. 9) arranged to have made, then donated an owl house to SOHA. Phil (sp. 32) painted it and set it securely in an oak tree in the Glen. Soon it was fully occupied....by honeybees! Recently Joseph (sp. 6) was at neighbor's house across the glen and the neighbor mentioned that he had seen bees flying in and out of the tree box in the glen, sort of thinking the hive might be his. Joseph told him if he wanted to retrieve the hive he would first have to contact the SOHA AC/MC. This summer the neighbor took the bees (without consulting AC/MC!!). He cracked opened the owl box, the bees swarmed out, and he realized....they weren't his bees after all. He took the queen and her bees and put a new owl box in our oak tree. Thanks to Thomas (sp. 8) and Hedi (sp. 6) for the story.



CD Management

Do you like shopping?
Do you like money?
Do you like shopping for money?
Wondering if you might be that person? Call me, I'd be glad to talk with you about it:
Diana, sp. 53, new chair of the Finance Committee.
PLEASE consider the CD Management position. WE NEED YOU!

Happy Birthday, USA (7/4/1776)
and SOHA (7/1/1995)!



Bridging the gap

During the heavy winter rains and flooding in the glen our bridge washed out. To the rescue: in June it was beautifully rebuilt by Phil (sp. 32) and Jeff (Maintenance). Our board approved funds for the project and it is not only good looking, it's VERY sturdy. Walk over it or take a look from the Glenview Garden. Thanks, Phil and Jeff.



Monthly Park Fees: Due on the 5th business day of the month.

Board Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, clubhouse

Finance Committee: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:00 pm, clubhouse

AC/MC Meeting: 1st Monday of the month, 5:00 pm, clubhouse

Garden Committee: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 4:30 pm, clubhouse

Birthday Bash Party: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:00 pm, clubhouse

Handmade: 3rd Tuesday of the month 1:30 - 4:00 pm at the clubhouse

Bookmobile: Every other Tuesday 2:30-3:00pm, outside Clubhouse

Emergency Assistance: Requiring Police, Sheriff, Fire Dept, Ambulance : 911

Any other urgent assistance: Call Mathilde (sp. 71) or Ken (sp. 20)

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