

CUMMINGS VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you may already know, I will not run for re-election as your president. My age, time restraints, and needs at home are my reasons for declining. When I accepted the gavel from Chuck McCollough, I said then, and I still say, his was a tough act to follow! I am extremely pleased that he has accepted this year's nomination for president.

CVPA is the most vibrant, proactive lobbying group that we have representing us. It needs young, responsive leadership that is beyond my means to provide according to my standards. I want our membership to have the best available, so forgive me for stepping down.

A few of CVPA's important accomplishments this past year included: Alternating meetings between Stallion Springs and Bear Valley Springs; the Mistletoe Removal Program; the proposed Yuan Yung Buddhist Retreat Watch; the 2nd. District Supervisorial Candidate's Forum; the Candidate's interviews.

This administration could not have functioned had it not been for the outstanding contributions by the board members and committee folk, to whom I am forever grateful.

Vice-President DOROTHY WOODS; total enthusiastic support and always available to help out when and where needed.

Recording Secretary CAROL WEIN; never missed a word at meetings in addition to adding a few of her own.

Corresponding Secretary BEN RUDE; kept our commas in the right places besides chairing our Sign Watch committee which notified owners of non-conforming signs. Ben got results and provided a wonderful community benefit.

Treasurer ANN MILLER; watched our money like a hawk and kept our account more than \$1,000 above last year.

Telephone DICK WEIMER; dedicated, dependable and efficient. Dick also chaired the Nomination committee...you ask, he does.

Membership CHUCK MCCOLLOUGH; as chairman kept us almost at the same level as last year, far above the results of other organizations in these difficult times.

Mistletoe Removal Program also chaired by CHUCK MCCOLLOUGH. This program was administered most successfully and with great benefit to property owners and to the community in addition to providing 26 new members.

Newsletter BETTY MALONE; did a most noteworthy and responsible job gathering material and producing a quality CVPA Newsletter. Hostesses LORRAINE McCOLLOUGH, LOIS WEIMER, CAROL WEIN, PEG OLIPHANT, and JEN SWINGLE; what would our meetings be without the coffee, cookies and the 50/50 drawings?

Thank you all, and thank you CVPA members for your whole-hearted support this past year. I'm sure that with your continued support and cooperation, CVPA will grow and prosper.

*** CANDIDATE'S INTERVIEWS**

As you know, CVPA doesn't endorse particular candidates in any election, but we feel it's important to provide our members with information which will help them make an informed choice and vote for a candidate who will best represent their interests and the interests of their community.

Even after a very successful Candidate's Forum, the CVPA Board came to the conclusion that a more thorough understanding of the candidate's positions was necessary and we felt that the only way to get the information was to interview each of the candidates, one by one.

We drafted 6 questions which we thought would elicit responses on issues that directly affected Cummings Valley and the surrounding areas. Each candidate was asked the same questions, responding verbally at our meetings with them, and later in writing. A committee of CVPA members (Ray Heit, Chuck McCollough, Joe Fontaine and Betty Malone) met with the candidates, evaluated each discussion and the answers to the questions, met later to argue a little and agree a lot and finally graded each candidate. We were able to meet with 4 of the 5 candidates...Dick Rutan was the only one who did not respond to our invitation.

We hope that the information and our composite impressions of the candidates and the grades we gave them on the issues will be of value to you when you cast your vote for our next supervisor.

*** SUPERVISORIAL CANDIDATES' FORUM**

The Candidates' Forum, sponsored by CVPA and Friends of Tehachapi, was a great success. Even though the weather wasn't very cooperative, over 100 interested people gathered at Bear Valley's Oak Tree Country Club to hear all five candidates for the 2nd. District Supervisor seat present their views and answer questions from the audience.

We have since learned that Jack Becker has dropped out of the race, and Ed Ochoa, an educator at Bakersfield College, has thrown his hat into the ring. We've met with Mr. Ochoa and asked our questions (see separate article), so he's included in our rating of the candidates.

INTERVIEWERS' COMPOSITE IMPRESSIONS OF CANDIDATES

| ISSUES | OCHOA | GREEN | PEREZ | ROE | RUTAN |
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| 1. Dedication to upholding the goals of CVPA | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 2. Interest in putting quality of life values ahead of economic and growth goals | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 3. Dedications to getting public input in land use planning | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 4. Interest in responsible long range planning versus short term solutions | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>0</u> |
| 5. Likely ability to work constructively with all parties to promote the interests of the Tehachapi area | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> |

note: 1 = least positive impression
5 = most positive impression

note: Dick Rutan did not respond to our invitation to meet with him.

*** MISTLETOE REMOVAL PROGRAM**

Chuck McCollough reports that about 90 property owners are participating in the Mistletoe Removal Program, and about 55 jobs (230 trees) have been completed. CVPA is no longer taking requests for participation in the program, but VENABLE'S AUTUMN LEAF TREE SERVICE in Bakersfield (399-7719) has told us that they will continue to accept jobs at the price negotiated by CVPA. They also want to assure everyone that even though the oaks have leafed out, no harm to the tree will occur by removing the mistletoe. Bill Dresser, our member forester agrees. So, if you are interested in the program and wish to have your oak trees de-mistletoed(!), please contact VENABLE'S. We are very pleased with the response we received for this program and want to thank all who have participated and will participate. People caring for their environment and protecting it for the future is what CVPA is all about.

We also received a welcome bonus from the Mistletoe Removal Program... 26 new CVPA members! Welcome Aboard!

*** CAMP KEEP**

CAMP KEEP (Kern Environmental Education Program) is a week-long summer camp for Kern County 6th. graders, and a wonderful learning experience for the youngsters about the importance of caring for and protecting the ecology of our area, while enjoying a "back to nature" mountain vacation. The cost per child is \$150, and individuals, businesses, and organizations like ours help by providing sponsorships for part of the cost. The child is expected to earn some of the tuition as well. The CVPA Board voted to sponsor 4 students from the Cummings Valley School 6th. grade class, at \$75 each, because we feel programs such as KEEP go far in promoting our goals.

If you would like to sponsor a child on an individual basis, you can contact Mary Landon at 821-4390.

*** SIGN WATCH**

First the good news...4 Seasons Realty has reduced the size of its billboard on 202! It was 3 TIMES the legal size. Now the bad news...it is still 2 TIMES the size allowed by law! We'll keep on it!

All the local sign companies have been notified by a letter from Ben Rude of the Sign Watch Committee about the ordinance regarding sign sizes. We hope they will pass the information on to their customers.

*** BAR-B-Q**

The date set for our Bar-B-Q is Saturday, June 4. The weather should be good and the date doesn't seem to conflict with any other doings' around the area. It will be held at the park in Stallion Springs and there'll be lots of good food, and hopefully some fun entertainment. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

*** ELECTION**

Our annual Board of Directors election will take place at our June meeting. Dick Weimer, chairman of the nominating committee reports that Chuck McCollough has agreed to be nominated for President, Betty Malone for Vice-President, Ann Miller for Treasurer, Laurie Rude for Corresponding Secretary, and Carol Wein for Recording Secretary. Of course, nominations will be accepted from the floor the night of the election. We want to thank Dick and his committee members, Jack Goodwin and Al Swingle.

*** MEETINGS PAST**

At our March meeting, Winnie Graham, of Broadview Farms in Cummings Valley and a teacher at COTT, presented a most interesting overview of the native plants of our area.

Jim Ellis, division chief of Kern County's Planning and Development Services was our speaker in April. He explained the permit process the developers of the Yuan Yung Buddhist Retreat will have to comply with before the project can proceed.

*** MEETINGS FUTURE**

May 5th. at 7:30 PM, Stallion Springs CSD meeting room, we will have as guest speaker Mr. William G. Hample, Historian and Author of "Historical Site Markers Of Kern County". This program promises to be an exciting & interesting program...Don't miss it!

CVPA will hold its annual meeting on June 2nd. at the Bear Valley Springs Association meeting room. At that time members will elect a Board of Directors for 1994-95. Try to be there. 7:30 PM.

We will be taking July and August off...no meetings!

*** MEETING NOTICES**

We have made it a practice to notify our out-of-area members by postcard of our meetings. We think it makes those members who seldom, if ever, are able to attend meetings feel more a part of the association. Let us know if you agree and would like to continue to receive notices of meetings.

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*** MEMBERSHIP AND MONEY**

We now have 473 paid-up and honorary members and \$5,436.51 in our treasury.

*** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

We want to thank Lorraine Garber and John Johnson of Johnson Realty for their unstinting and generous assistance in preparing this newsletter. And, thank you, too, to John Mester and his trusty computer who keeps us supplied with address labels for the newsletter and our membership roster. We are very grateful.

Man masters nature, not by force but by understanding.
Jacob Bronowski

The Supreme Court wrote, over 100 years ago: "All property in this country is held under the implied obligation that the owner's use of it shall not be injurious to the community".