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Bad things happen to good kids

A neighbor, thinking a stray dog was running loose, coaxed the dog into their back yard and secured him while they made a call to animal control. Unbeknownst to our neighbor, the animal was the working dog who herds and protects the goats who are busily clearing our fire-hazard brush. While the goats were unprotected that night, a coyote looking for his dinner caught and killed one of the baby goats. The coyote was happy but the mama ewe – not so much.

Please meet Buster. When you see him near your home he is looking for stray



goats. When he finds them he will get them back to the herd so they will be protected from hungry coyotes and such.

Newsletter Staff: A new editor and manager will be introduced beginning in October. Please send submissions for the newsletter to the office by the 28th of each month.

LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR NEW MANAGEMENT FOLKS.

Their name is Professional HOA Consultants. Inc., aka PHOAC. They are located at 8181 Mission Gorge Rd in San Diego.

President Wesley Porter will be on hand in the Crown Hills office beginning September 1st. Please drop by and introduce yourself to him. Mr. Porter has been in property management for 24 years and has first-hand knowledge of what is required of a Board of Directors, having served in that position himself.

Rachael Robenolt is Vice President and Property Manager. She has more than ten years in the management field and will lend her expertise to Crown Hills residents in an active role.

This company comes highly recommended and we think you will be pleased in the months ahead.

Have you seen our new web site yet? Check it out!

Log onto www.crownhills.org and see the results of the work of the Web Site Ad Hoc Committee. The site will be expanded and updated in the next few weeks. Many thanks to Becky Schooler, Beth Puls, Emma Byrd, Karen Linden and Shirley Green for the many hours they spent researching the possibilities. Thanks, also, to Mary Davis, for her help in transferring the components of her original crown hills site so that we could build on that foundation. Special thanks to Becky Schooler for lending her expertise to the set-up and transfer of the site. Great job, Becky! Below are a couple of many beautiful pictures of our community you'll see as you browse the site. Enjoy!





Board of Directors: President: Vice President: Secretary: Treasurer: Member-at-Large:

Judy Watson Shirley Green Luis Aguayo Mary Welch Tito Cruz

Meet The Candidates

We have three openings on the HOA Board of Directors. Tito will run for another term. Luis and Mary will be leaving the Board. Tito and the three new nominees have shared information about themselves to help you decide.

SO BE SURE TO VOTE!

Tito Cruz

I was asked to write a short bio for means of introducing myself as a newly appointed Crown Hills board member. Not being a person who talks about himself very much I am finding this not to be a simple task. The road to where I am today started in 1967 when I enlisted in the US Navy as a very young man. I was proud to serve 24 years as a Navy Hospital Corpsman and retired in 1991. I served several overseas tours on the USS Theodore E. Chandler, USS Coral Sea, USS Tripoli and the USS Okinawa with operations supporting the Viet Nam War, Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. My shore tours included Naval Hospital, Port Hueneme working as Paramedic in emergency room; as an instructor at Navy Regional Medical Center Oakland; finally, as the senior enlisted at the Branch Clinic, Recruit Training Command.

After retirement I finally was able to complete my education by obtaining a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Health. It looked as though I couldn't get away from our wonderful armed forces so I was offered a position as the Navy's Waterfront Environmental Coordinator, a unique position and the only one Navy-wide, where I train our Navy ships personnel about environmental awareness. This also includes spill investigation and spill exercise coordination. Currently, I serve as the Navy On-Scene Coordinator for the Southwest Region which covers California, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah.

I have been married to my dear wife Georgia for 41 years who also has a background in environmental management therefore making our dinner conversations about saving the planet very interesting. In 1995 we were looking for a second home away from the city life and found it here in Crown Hills. We both love it here and want to help maintain Crown Hills a beautiful and safe place to live. In my spare time I love to play golf, do some traveling and spend time with my three grandchildren Julian, Juliette and Casey.

Becky Schooler

Recently retired, I have the interest, experience and time to serve as member of the Crown Hills HOA Board. I have attended HOA Board meetings since moving here almost ten years. I am a member of the Crown Hills Website Committee and worked on the implementation of the Crown Hills Community website (www.crownhills.org).

I am a native of San Diego County, living in La Mesa before moving here in early 2002. My background includes managing a 12 room hotel in Coronado and owning/operating a business. I was employed in the Grossmont Union High School District for 13 years in many capacities, the latest as an ROP Computer teacher at Granite Hills High School. From there, I was employed by the San Diego County Office of Education as an ROP Coordinator for eleven years. In this position, some of my responsibilities included working personnel and students in 22 school districts in the county; collection and reporting of student and program data; curriculum development; teacher training; managing the countywide electronic attendance system; coordinating marketing efforts and managing websites on a local and statewide level.

I have an AS in Business Administration, a BS in Workforce Education Training & Development and an MA in Counseling. I enjoy living in this community and the people I have met here. I have the willingness and necessary skills and knowledge to be successful as a member of our HOA Board of Directors. I would be a great asset for our community. Cast your vote today!

Jeff Soto

As a native Californian, and graduate from UCSD, it was natural for me to want to remain in the best city in California, San Diego. While finishing up classes in college, I was fortunate to have gained experience in the granite/natural stone industry, selling material, then helping a contractor run his granite counter-top installation company. Traveling all throughout San Diego broadened my appreciation for the city we live in, and opened my eyes to the value of having pride in homeownership.

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Jeff Soto (Continued)

After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics, I began underwriting commercial loans for California Bank & Trust in 2007. While with the bank, I returned to UCSD in the evenings, & received a Professional Finance Certificate. Having worked my way up to a senior credit analyst position, and as a corporate officer with the bank, the past few years have been trying, as I have seen first hand just how devastating the economic meltdown has affected people. Despite the difficult times, I continue to find my job to be enlightening and rewarding at the same time.

When it came time for my wife and I to purchase our first house, Alpine became a clear choice for us, as we desired a small community minded area with great schools. What better place for our 2 1/2 and 4 year olds to grow up, than in a community like Crown Hills. We purchased a neglected property here in August 2009, and have worked to transform it into a home we are proud to call our own. My parents joined us in Crown Hills in April 2010, with a purchase of a beautiful home where they can retire and watch their grandchildren grow.

Having the opportunity to give back to my community has always been a priority of mine. Along with teaching a Junior Achievement financial class to a group of 6th graders last year, I participate each year in various charity events, including those put on by Alpha Project for the Homeless, City of Hope, and also United Way.

It is now my goal to bring a youthful, energetic, and open-minded perspective to the Crown Hills HOA board. Having diversity on the board is important, and is a great way for our community to remain alert and open to the needs of all its members. I look forward to this opportunity of becoming a Crown Hills board member, and in return for your votes, I will commit to proudly serving our community, in an effort to continue to make it THE most desirable community in all of San Diego.

Pam Smart

I grew up in El Cajon and graduated from El Cajon High School. I attended UCSD and San Diego State University where I obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and an MBA. (Continued next column)

Pam Smart (Continued)

I served three years in the U. S. Army and twelve years in the Air Force. I later worked for the Air Force as a civilian for twelve years, retiring in 2004.

For two years I served as Treasurer of the Eastbrook HOA in Anchorage. I then moved back to the San Diego area and took up residence in Crown Hills in 2008. I currently volunteer for AARP preparing tax returns for seniors and low income families.

I would like to serve on the Board of Directors because I don't think anyone should complain about decisions unless they are willing to commit the time to also serve.



GARAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 24TH 8:00 - 2:00 Start cleaning out the garage now!

From the President's Pen

Projects being worked on by the Board and homeowner volunteers are as follows:

- Paving: Along with Tom Smith & Joe Brunold, we are looking at our streets and storage lot to determine what updates need to be addressed. This will likely be on the November agenda.
- Well Drilling: Fred Rowe, Jim Hook and I are looking into drilling a well for landscaping purposes. Almost all information has been gathered and a payback analysis will be presented to the Board at the October meeting.
- Surveillance system: Thanks to Tito Cruz's input on what to buy, the cameras have been purchased and will be installed in September.
- Office Procedures: Shirley Green has a final draft and we will wait for input from our new management company before finalizing.

How to Help Your Neighbor

Jared, the police officer who took a shot to the head in El Cajon recently is a Crown Hills Resident. You can help him and his family in a number of ways:

- Send a get well card in care of his neighbors Ken & Nancy Hauer, 2331 Hyacinth, or bring it in to the office for forwarding.
- Inform the office manager if you are willing to make a meal for the family when they are able to come home. The Hauers will coordinate the meals and let you know when you can help.
- Pray for Jared and his family and the recovery of this courageous public servant.