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# THE RIVIERA REPORTER

NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVIERA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

SERVING THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA COMMUNITY SINCE THE 1940's - SEPTEMBER 2012



## Presidents' Message

RHA Co-Presidents  
Judy Brunetti and  
Janet Kaplan

You may have noticed that you haven't received a Riviera Living magazine of late and be wondering why. The publisher of the magazine, N2R Publishing is re-organizing and will not be producing another issue until sometime in the 2nd half of 2013. So we are publishing our own newsletter, Riviera Reporter in the meantime.

Since you last heard from us we have been busy with several projects. We awarded scholarships to 3 outstanding South high graduates; Jaime Savitz, Curren Clune and Brett Hoffman. There is a photo of these gifted youngsters in this edition and also on our website at [www.hollywoodriviera.org](http://www.hollywoodriviera.org).

We met with Mayor Scotto in March to discuss the need for an ordinance to protect our views from obstruction by trees and other vegetation. Then in May members of the Board and concerned homeowners attended the City Council Meeting where we submitted signed petitions, presented speakers and formally requested that the city draft a view ordinance. Following up on those activities, we then met with Councilman Brewer and later with Councilman Bill Sutherland to get their feedback on the ordinance issue. Next steps include a meeting of interested volunteers which will be held on Sep 24 at 513 Camino de Encanto at 7:00 pm, and a meeting by the Board Presidents with the remaining Council Members.

Over the summer we compiled and catalogued 77 years of historical documents from the Riviera HOA newsletters and meetings. Minutes, photos and other fascinating documents have been sent to the Torrance Historical Society where you can now go to view this wonderful collection. Thanks to Anne Obrien and Lisa Edmundson for their guidance and assistance with this project.

On August 25 we brought back Movies in the Park at El Retiro Park with a showing of Kung Fu Panda. What a great way to wrap up the summer! We are looking forward to seeing many of you in October at our general meeting, "Filmed in the Riviera," featuring special guest speakers Marty Cohen, Bruce McKaig and lots of familiar sights on film.

## RHA General Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2013, @ 7:00 PM  
Richardson Middle School Cafeteria  
23751 Nancy Lee Lane  
(off Newton Street)  
Torrance, CA 90505

**"Filmed in the Riviera"**  
Short films and movie clips filmed  
locally with special guest speakers  
Martin Cohen, Paramount post-production  
executive of "American Beauty"  
and  
Bruce McKaig, one of the stars of "Skater Dater"

Martin Cohen, post-production editor of "American Beauty," will explain the editing and finish process of that Oscar-winning film. Many Riviera residents and students were extras in the scenes that were made at South High. See clips of the film and learn what was left on the cutting-room floor and what made the final cut!

Bruce McKaig, local resident and businessman, is one of the stars and skateboarders in the 1967 short film, "Skater Dater." You'll recognize many of the streets and landmarks in this charming, award-winning movie! Bruce will talk about his experiences making and promoting the film.

Plus two promotional shorts from the 1950's. You'll recognize the view, but not the landscape!

**Join us on Wed. Oct. 17th for a fun,  
fascinating evening!**

Doors open at 6:30. Light refreshments.



## Outstanding Landscape Award!



### February Landscape Award - Larry & Nuch Miller 517 Paseo de la Playa

Larry's sister Sarah (pictured with her brother and his wife on the right, & Sarah's husband John) was the designer of this wonderful succulent garden for his fabulous new home on the water. The rear garden, terraced down to the ocean is also planted beautifully with succulents.

### April Landscape Award - Kris & David Kenneth

Kris and David Kenneth recently redesigned their front entry to reflect the tropical, lush, relaxing feel of their destination wedding in Puerto Vallarta. The home's previous entry consisted of old railway ties and was not functional for the family or pets. From the street, you are welcomed by custom crafted wood gates flanked by two King Palms (ARCHONTOPHOENIX cunninghamiana). The remaining front border is filled with Penstemon (PENSTEMON hybrid), Cordyline (CORDYLINE hybrid), Ginger (HEDYCHIUM) and Euphorbia (EUPHORBIA characias). The new large flagstone courtyard secures their two small children and two dogs. It is used for entertaining, lots of play time and is flooded with color including: Princess Flower (TIBOUCHINA urvilleana), Flax (PHORMIUM hybrid), Pygmy Date Palm (PHOENIX roebelenii), Ginger, Canna, Angel's Trumpet (BRUGMANSIA 'Charles Grimaldi'), Purple Banana (ENSETE ventricosum 'Maurelii'), Trumpet Vine (DISTICTIS), Euphorbia, and Geranium. The home is very welcoming and lushly private - their tropical paradise.



## Congratulations to the 2012 Recipients of the RHA Scholarships!

Latest RHA Scholarship recipients: Jaime Savitz,  
Brett Hoffman and Curren Clune

Each will receive \$500 for their college studies.

**Jaime Savitz plans to attend: CSU San Luis Obispo • Major: Nutrition and Medicine**

Top ten academically in her graduating class of 487. AP English, Japanese, physics, Multivariable Calculus and government. Clarinet ensemble. National AP scholar with honors, 2011. Volunteers with five charitable organizations.

**Brett Hoffman plans to attend: Lehigh University, PA • Major: Mechanical Engineering**  
AP Calculus, Physics, Psychology, and Chemistry. Attended exploration Summer Program at Yale University grades 10-12. Volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and Community Helpline phone service.

**Curren Clune plans to attend: CSU San Marcos • Major: Business**

Eagle Scout project: painting a homeless food service center in Lawndale. Torrance Police Explorer since 2011. Varsity volleyball. Volunteers at St. Lawrence Church as sound engineer during Sunday mass. Has worked at family restaurant business all through high school.

## Membership Form

### Join the Riviera Homeowners Association for 2012-2013

Membership runs from September through August. Since our new membership and business year has begun, it's time to join or renew your membership in the Riviera Homeowners Association today and help support the interests of our community. Please fill out the form below and make checks payable to "Riviera Homeowners Association" and mail to RHA Membership, PO Box 1074, Torrance, CA 90505. Or you can renew online through our Paypal System on our website at [www.hollywoodriviera.org](http://www.hollywoodriviera.org). Information is never shared with any third parties.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive emails from us? If not, and you would like to be on our list, please provide us with your email address. **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



**\$25 Annual Membership for 2012-2013 (September - August)**  
**If you prefer, you can sign up and join in person at the general meeting.**

*-Additional contributions are always welcome!-*

**We need volunteers to help with generating  
additional support for the Tree/View Ordinance.**

**Call or email any member of the board  
to help or get more information.**

### Your Membership Dollars at Work

**Your membership dues help to fund the following:**

- **Scholarships for our Riviera Students**
- **Newsletters**
- **General Meetings**
- **Speakers and Performance stipends**
- **Liability Insurance**