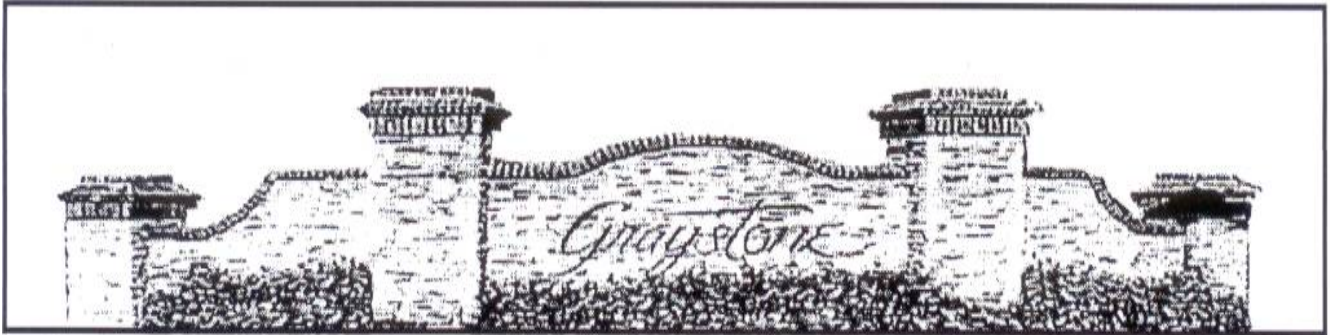


# Graystone of Almaden

A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



**March 2005**

## **Progressive Dinner**

Please mark your calendars for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Graystone Progressive dinner. It will be held on **April 23, 2005**. Please see the last page of the newsletter for details of this event.

## **Welcome New Neighbors**

I would like to welcome our newest neighbors to Graystone, Noor Ali, his wife, Shazi Ali and their children, Zain (11) and Zaid (7). The Ali family moved here from around the corner on Redmond Avenue. Noor works at Cicso Systems. Please make the Alis welcome to our neighborhood.

## **Foreign Exchange Student...**

**By Jeanine Smith**

Want to learn German? My husband, Don, and I sponsored a German high school girl last year and this year her sister would like to come and stay in the U.S. for her Junior high school year. Would anyone be interested in letting Yvonne Freytag live with you and your family for the entire

school year (2005-2006) or even a portion of the school year? Yvonne would be attending Leland High School.

If you may be interested in sponsoring Yvonne, please give me a call and we can discuss the specifics. My number is 927-7505, or you can send me an e-mail at [smithdsl@pacbell.net](mailto:smithdsl@pacbell.net). This is a really great experience. Yvonne's resume follows:

My name is Yvonne Freytag and I was born on July 1, 1989 Munich, Germany. I am currently living in Munich. I attended Williams Elementary School in Almaden during 1997-1998. I also attended Bret Hart Middle School in Almaden for three months during 2001. I speak German, English and French. My hobbies include playing the clarinet, theater consortium, singing in the church choir, tennis and reading. My father, Joann-Christoph, is a professor for databases and information systems at Humboldt-University in Berlin. My mother teaches French and Chemistry at the high school. I have a sister, Tatjana, and a brother, Benjamin. I would love to come to the United States to study for a year.



**Yvonne Freytag**

## **Math Tutor**

Is math giving your child the algebraic blues? If so, then I'm your man. My name is **Scott Powell**. I'm 17 years old and am a student at Leland High School. I can help your child with mathematics from first grade through tenth. I am an honor student currently taking pre-calculus, and I enjoy working with children – young or old. I am available for appointments seven days a week and I charge \$10 an hour. Contact me at 268-5305 for further information and appointments.



## **Recommended Businesses**

We are always looking for contractors, businesses, handy-men who our homeowners have used and been happy with. If you would like to recommend someone, please let me know.

I recently needed to have my master shower stall regouted. It seems there aren't many people who do this work. I called **The Grout Expert** from an ad in the paper. This is a family run business. After getting what we considered a reasonable estimate, we went ahead with the work. The young man who did the work (one of the owners), did an excellent job. My shower stall looks brand new. He showed up on time and worked solidly all day long leaving no mess behind. I would definitely recommend this company. If you are interested, their phone number is 650-333-5023.

I also needed my carpets cleaned. I called one of our neighbors, Laura Weber, after seeing a carpet cleaning truck in her driveway and asked how satisfied she was with the company she used. She said she was very happy with the work. I called the company, **Innovative Carpet Care**, and spoke to the owner, Ben Gadir, who gave me a very reasonable estimate and came out the next day to do the work. He arrived promptly when he said he would and he did an outstanding job on my well-worn, dog-dirty carpets. Ben does a double wash, the first being done with a rotary jet extractor to deep clean then he washes with a wand steam cleaner. My carpets looked as good as the day we put them in when he was done. The number for Innovative Carpet Care is 377-2293.

## High School/College Graduates

If you have a son or daughter graduating this year from high school or college, please let me know and I will put their picture and information in the next newsletter. You can scan or e-mail me their picture and info at [libbyz@pacbell.net](mailto:libbyz@pacbell.net).

## Neighborhood Babysitters

Following is a list of our neighborhood babysitters. With the Progressive Dinner coming up on April 23, you may want to call one of these girls to baby-sit your children that night.

**Lindsey Friessnig** is 14 years old and is a Red Cross certified babysitter. She has a lot of experience with children. You can call her if you need a helping hand at a birthday party or need to go out to dinner on a Saturday. Her phone number is **268-6351**.



**Anja Ghose** is 14 years old and attends Leland High School. She has taken the Red Cross babysitting/first aid course and has lots of experience babysitting so far and would love to baby-sit your children. You may reach Anja at **323-0840**.



**Kelsey Smith** is 14 years old and has completed the babysitting CPR training course. You can reach Kelsey at **927-7505**.





**Amy Smith** is 13 years old and has completed the babysitting CPR training course. You can call Amy at **927-7505**.



**Megan Avery** is 15 years old and has taken the babysitting COR training course. You can call Megan at **927-9823**.



**Ashley Smith** is 15 years old and would love to baby-sit your children. Ashley has completed the babysitting CPR training course. You can reach Ashley at **927-7505**.



**Melissa Zambito** is 13 years old and is a freshman at Presentation High School. She has experience watching her two active young cousins. She is very responsible and will watch over your child(ren) with great care. You can reach Melissa at **323-0665**.



**Nicole Zambito** is 12 years old and is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Bret Harte Middle School. She has had a lot of experience with children, including volunteering in the toddler class at church and helping with kinders and preschoolers over the summer. You can reach Nicole at **323-0665**.



## **Graystone E-Mail List**

If you have changed your e-mail ID or would like me to use another one, please send me a note to advise me of your new one. ([libbyz@pacbell.net](mailto:libbyz@pacbell.net)).

I have been sending out the newsletter in pdf format. This may not work for some of you. I will send the newsletter out in doc format to anyone who needs it. Please let me know which you prefer.

**Christina Chan** is 13 years old and has taken the CPR training course. You can reach Christina at **323-9934**.



# PROGRESSIVE DINNER RESERVATION FORM

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2005

Please join us for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Graystone Progressive Dinner. This is an adult-only event. It is a casual affair with lots of socializing. It's a chance to meet new neighbors and catch up with old ones. For those of you new to Graystone, don't be shy about signing up for this event.

The format will be the same as the previous years. We will meet at one home for a wine and cheese course, then progress to another home for an all-appetizer dinner. From there, we travel to the final house for a delicious assortment of desserts and coffee.

This event is available to all Graystone Association Members. I have one host home already. The Singers on Pfeiffer Ranch Road (next to Scala's) have graciously accepted my plea to host the appetizer course. I need two more volunteers to host the other courses. If there are no other volunteers, we will not be able to have the event this year. All participants will be asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert.

Please complete the bottom portion of this flyer and return it to: Libby Zwilling at 6523 Deer Hollow Drive, or call in your reservation at 927-7442, or e-mail me at [libbyz@pacbell.net](mailto:libbyz@pacbell.net).

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**COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS PORTION TO LIBBY ZWILLING  
BY APRIL 8, 2005**

I/We will be attending the Progressive Dinner

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

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

Please indicate your contribution choice:

Host one Course \_\_\_\_\_ Provide an Appetizer \_\_\_\_\_ Provide a Dessert \_\_\_\_\_