



# Graystone of Almaden

A Neighborhood Association

April 2012 Newsletter

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## Special Recognition

Two people merit special recognition by the Board for their work supporting our neighborhood association. They are:

**Jeanine Smith** - Jeanine has served on our Board for more than 10+ years, hosted several events in her home and volunteered for numerous "jobs" over the years. She has recently sold her Graystone home and will be moving into a new home nearby. Thanks Jeanine for all that you did to help make our neighborhood and Association special. You will be missed!

**Sharon Turetzky** - Sharon is a fairly new neighbor and she jumped in and single handedly has updated our Neighborhood Directory. Plus, she has committed to update the directory in PDF on a semi-annual basis. Thanks to Sharon!

# Activities

## Progressive Dinner - May 5 @ 5 PM

Each year we spend an evening getting to know our neighbors a bit better. We enjoy an informal meal together and share news, stories and updates. On Saturday, May 5 we will once again hold our Progressive Dinner. See all the details on the attached flyer. RSVP to Kristen Vehling @ [kvehling@yahoo.com](mailto:kvehling@yahoo.com) or call her at 268 5973 to secure your spot and tell her what you will be bringing to the dinner.

## Wine Tasting - May 18

Normally, we choose a varietal and then each person brings a special bottle of that varietal to share and compare. Blind tastings always bring lots of interesting discussion.

This time, we are changing things up. We have chosen a winery, not a varietal. **Marilyn Remark Winery** will be joining us and sharing their wine with us. For those of you that do not know of Marilyn Remark wines, you are in for a treat. They are located in the Santa Lucia Mountains in Monterey County. They just recently were selected as a “top ten” winery by Wine Business Monthly.



Marilyn Remark focuses on Rhone-style wines, featuring grapes such as Marsanne, Roussanne, Grenache, Syrah and Petite Syrah. Recently, these grapes has been all the rage in the press, considered by many to be the hot new blends in California. Per usual, you are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Instead of providing a great bottle of wine to share, you are asked to contribute \$XX pp to cover the cost of the wine. Please RSVP to our organizer, Joel Mjolsness @ XXXXX. And, thanks to Joel for setting up this exciting evening.

**You're Invited to a**



## **Summer Picnic/BBQ - August 25**

If you joined us last summer for our picnic and BBQ, you know that this is an event not to be missed. BBQ, games, music and a jump house tend to make for a great afternoon and evening. So, circle the date of August 25 on your calendar right now. More details will be provided later.

# **Neighborhood Directory**

As noted on the first page, we are pleased to distribute a new Neighborhood Directory. We will send you a PDF version of this directory shortly so you can have the information on your mobile device or laptop. Enjoy, and again, thanks to Sharon for getting this done.

## GRAYSTONE NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY



[almadengraystone.org](http://almadengraystone.org)

March 2012

# Babysitters, Tutors & Helpers

Last month we put out a call to all of our neighbors to see who is interesting in offering their services to other neighbors. Several of you wrote back with your “advertisements”. We are pleased to share these advertisements.

## Babysitting

Hi, my name is Katie Foreman. I'm an 18 year old student at Leland heading off to college next fall, and available to do some babysitting over the next few months. I live here in Graystone over on Pfeiffer Ranch Ct. My availability is evenings and weekends, and my home phone number is 408-323-011.



## Babysitting (Continued)

*Need a babysitter?*

*Need a mother's helper?*

*Experienced babysitter, at your service!*

*Kira Turetzky*

*I am thirteen years old and I love spending time with younger kids. I have taken a Red Cross babysitting course and I have first aid training. I am comfortable babysitting children that are older than two years, and I can bring games, books, and movies to entertain the kids. I am well aware of what to keep away from young children and toddlers and I can handle more than one child. I can work weekends and most weekdays after I get out of school. (3:30PM)*

*I can work as a mother's helper, and I am willing to help with infants and light housework.*

*My rate is \$5 an hour for one child and \$7 an hour for two children, any more than three is negotiable.*

*References are available, and can be given out to those who wish to contact them.*

*Contact me:*

*[kirat98@gmail.com](mailto:kirat98@gmail.com)*

*Home Phone: (408) 997-2652*

## **Babysitting (Continued)**

*We would love to babysit for you!*

*Rachael and Andrea Haaland*

We have lived in this neighborhood since we were born. We are dependable and reliable. We have both taken the Red Cross Babysitting course where we have learned a lot about taking care of babies to grade school kids. We have also been trained in basic first aid. We will be graduating Bret Harte Middle School this year. We will be turning 15 in September and will be attending Presentation High School. Please call us the next time you need a sitter - we are only around the corner! Please call 927-7273 or email [haalandfamily@comcast.net](mailto:haalandfamily@comcast.net)

## **Babysitting, Dog Sitting/Dog Walking & Plant Watering**

Hi. I'm Kylie Kammerer. I'm fourteen years old and in 9th grade at Leland High School. I am able to do a few different jobs. I can babysit, dog sit/dog walk, and do yard work (such as watering plants while you go on vacation). My fees for babysitting is usually 10 dollars an hour, and for the rest we can figure things out once I know how much I am going to do, and for how long.

Here is my contact information - Home Phone: (408) 268-1490,  
Cell Phone: (408) 838-3537, and e-mail address: [kyliek@pacbell.net](mailto:kyliek@pacbell.net).

## **Guitar Lessons For All Ages**

I am Jason Dietz from 6475 Deer Hollow Drive and I give guitar lessons. I have 7 years of experience and charge \$20 for a 45 minute lesson. I suggest 3 to 4 lessons per month. Contact me at: 408-201-4642 or [jasondietz@ymail.com](mailto:jasondietz@ymail.com)".

# Association Business Update

## Year End Summary

As we get ready to close another year, here is a high level summary of the activities and the revenue and expenses.

### Revenue

- Goal was to attain 110 members. Only reached 97. Actual revenue (less PayPal fees) was \$7708.

### Expenses

- Our major expense continues to for landscaping services to regularly maintain the “common areas”, with expenditures of \$2400.
- Social activity expenses included the Picnic (\$520) and the Progressive Dinner (\$521), for a total expense of \$1041.
- Printing the Directory totaled \$300.
- Administrative expenses included Website (\$180) and PO Box (\$46) and postage and printing (\$128), for a total expense of \$354.
- The Dumpster fee was \$600.
- Total expenses totaled \$3495. The remainder of revenue (approximately \$3500) has been allocated towards our next major improvement project. We are currently researching several options.

## Board Candidates For 2012 - 2013

This year, we are voting electronically. We will be sending you an email asking you to “reply” to our email with a Yes or a No to the slate of candidates. The candidate slate is shown below.

- Julia Alloggiamento
- Ron Mak
- Tim Miller
- Paul Reilly
- Greg Turetzky
- Scott Sherwood
- Kristen Vehling

# Membership Renewal

*It Is Time To Renew*

*Please Send In Your Check For \$80 Now*

*Avoid Our Pesky Follow Up Call*

Maintaining a strong base of membership is critical to our success as an Association. Last year we fell short of our goal on membership and dropped below 100 members for the first time in recent memory. When we follow up to check on non-renewals (and this is a time consuming and non enjoyable task for Board members) we find that many people have just forgotten or not gotten around to sending in their check. When called, people generally renew. So, please use the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope NOW to mail in your renewal check for \$80 or go to our website ([almadengraystone.org](http://almadengraystone.org)) to use PayPal. Either way you choose to pay, it saves us the effort of contacting you individually to ask for your support.

Thanks in advance for your continued support. Together, we make a real difference in keeping Graystone of Almaden a great place to live.

## *Friendly Dog Walking Reminder*

*Please pick up after your dog when walking around our neighborhood. We have received several complaints that our own neighbors have been seen walking away from the "scene of the crime" without a plastic bag in hand. Don't you be that person!*



*You are cordially invited to  
The Graystone Neighborhood Progressive Dinner  
Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.*

*Appetizers at the home of  
Sharon and Greg Turetzky  
6547 Deer Hollow Drive*

*Dessert at the home of  
Kim and Steve Day  
6486 Pfeiffer Ranch Court*

*Adults Only.*

*R.S.V.P. to Kristen Vehling by April 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*(408)268-5973 or [kvehling@yahoo.com](mailto:kvehling@yahoo.com)*

*Please let Kristen know if you will be bringing a dessert or an appetizer.*

*Please drop desserts off at the Day's home before 4:30 p.m.*