SSA General Meeting

Skyline Suburban Medicine
Coping with our local problems before heading for the emergency room
Speaker – Dr. Rich Lee, Skyline Resident

Join Us On
FRIDAY JANUARY 25
At The
SARATOGA SUMMIT CDF FIRE STATION

Refreshments 7:00 pm
Program 7:30 pm

First order of business will be the election of the SSA Board Members. (See Page 2)

Our speaker for the evening, Rich Lee, can be simply described as an M.D. practicing at Stanford University Family Practice. But he is much, much more. He is a backpacker, mountain biker, and an expert river kayaker, backcountry skier, and rock climber. Several years ago he was the physician for a Mount Everest expedition, and last year he led a local medical relief effort to India after the devastating earthquake in that country. Recently, he presented a lively and most informative first aide instruction for the local Community Emergency Response Team training class, including relevant photographic slides from the expedition and earthquake medical relief effort. We have asked him to share with us the most appropriate first aid for medical emergencies that might befall Skyline mountain residents. This should be an outstanding program.

Bring a potluck dessert.
SSA will provide hot beverages and soft drinks.

Saratoga Summit CDF Fire Station is located on Skyline Blvd., less than a mile north of Highway 9.
SSA Board Candidates

The SSA Board elections will take place at the next SSA General Meeting on January 25.

We have two new candidates for the SSA Board, Bill Chainey and Bill Fowkes.

Bill Chainey:
With my wife, Janice, I have been a resident of the Middleton Tract during the past five years. We built our home there when I retired from 30 years as a consulting engineer. We enjoy being part of the Middleton community and are officers of the tract’s water company (Jan) and the tract’s road association (Bill). We learned about the South Skyline Association through the Skyline Propane User’s Group. I am interested in the history of Middleton Tract and participate in the Skyline Historical Society.

Bill Fowkes:
Virginia and I have lived on Skyline for over 27 years. You can see our house just north of Portola Heights Road on the hill in a grove of Monterey Pine and Incense Cedar. I retired from the Stanford Medical School faculty in 1998 but recently accepted a half time position as Medical Director of the Mission Hospice in San Mateo. I have had experience with board membership in the past, most recently last year as president of our homeowner’s association at Donner Lake. I served many years ago on the Skyline volunteer fire brigade while on sabbatical leave. My recreational interests are mountain biking and vegetable gardening. I have the general interests of a mountain resident but no special driving mission, though I have real concerns about the feral pig invasion of our region.

Continuing candidates…
There are five board members who are running for another term. They are: Ken Broome, Bo Gimbal, Sharon Peters, Dick Schwind, and Ruth Waldhauer.

The Board Thanks Outgoing Members

Although we welcome and look forward to working with two new SSA board members, we will miss the outgoing members as well.

Judi Lovell and Jim Holliday have completed their terms as SSA board members. Jim served one term and we are sure to see him at many future SSA events.

Judi is recognized for her many years of service as SSA President and Secretary extraordinaire, and we look forward to many more years of having her as an active board watcher.

The board appreciates the time Judi and Jim devoted to the South Skyline Association, and their friendship.

SPUG Quarterly Report

On August 7, 2001, Governor David signed AB 426. This bill permanently exempts from sales tax propane that is used for a primary residence and for agricultural purposes. A qualified residence is a customer’s primary residence that is NOT serviced by gas mains and pipes, and has a tank equal to or greater than 30 gallons. In order for a “qualified” individual to purchase tax exempt propane one must complete a Certificate of Exemption. Amerigas mailed forms to customers. If you did not receive one, phone Amerigas at 1-800-660-1252. This exemption applies to all propane suppliers, not just Amerigas.

The SPUG group price for propane is $1.099/gallon as it has been since August.

Prices are subject to changes each Friday. See http://www.southskyline.org/ for recent updates. Members 55 years of age or older qualify for a 5% discount in addition to the SPUG group price. Our SPUG rate is based on automatic regular route deliveries on a keep-full basis, not "will call" service.

Amerigas asked that during the winter rainy months customers allow a longer lead-time for service. For tank changeovers, phone Amerigas when the tank is 30% full rather than 10% full.

For information about joining the Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG), or for members wishing to have correct information on the Amerigas contract with us, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request to Ruth Waldhauer, SSA Membership Chairperson, 22400 Skyline Boulevard, Box 35, La Honda, CA 94020.

SSA 2001 Treasurer’s Report

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SSA 2001 Treasurer’s Report
South Skyline Has New Community Emergency Response Team

On November 17, 2001 the first class of 23 proud and enthusiastic South Skyliners qualified as a Federal Emergency Management (FEMA)-endorsed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Applause from family and a potluck barbecue concluded the three-day training, sponsored by the San Mateo/Santa Cruz CDF.

The newly hatched CERTs had not yet eaten their hand-decorated birthday cake before they were called up to help direct traffic during a rescue. Four, including Dr. Rich Lee, responded with Fire-engineers Randy Amores, Scott Green and Volunteer Firefighters George and Dale Johnson. A motorcyclist had gone over an embankment on Skyline, crashed into a tree and broken both legs. He was evacuated by helicopter; the First Responders returned to finish their cake.

Planning, training and certification were under the sponsorship of Battalion Chief Peter Yaninek and Captain Vince Pena of the Saratoga Summit CDF, with help and coordination by the South Skyline Emergency Preparedness organization (SSEP).

Throughout, resident physician, Dr. Rich Lee, shared his experience in rescue-- medical emergency. He generously provided instruction, guidance and inspiration. Others who participated in the training were Fire Engineers Scott Green, Randy Amores, Fire Volunteer Dale Johnson and Dave Kovar from Montara Beach, expert in urban search. Fire volunteer George Johnson taught fire suppression with resident Dick Schwind.

Dr. Rick Allen, disaster psychology coordinator for the California Psychological Association, assisted by Drs. Rich Lee and Eva Blum, gave an impressively wide ranging and interactive presentation based on his own extensive experience, including September 11 in New York. The heart and soul of the enterprise was Irene Long, President of SSEP. We gratefully acknowledge the valuable contribution of Larry Hasset, owner-manager of the Palo Alto Hardware Store, who provided essential firefighting equipment to the CERT trainees. Thanks to all, South Skyline now has a core group of trained Emergency Response Team volunteers.

~Eva Blum

CALENDAR 2002
CERT TRAINING & EVENTS

SSEP, together with the Saratoga Summit CDF, will hold the next CERT training sessions during eight consecutive two and a half hour evening meetings in April and May. Mark your calendars! Additional events are planned by the SSEP for the upcoming season. They too will be under CDF sponsorship.

EVENTS:

- **January 12**: CPR training. Training is limited to 24 participants. Call the Saratoga Summit Fire Station to reserve your place: 408-867-3625
- **February 2**: Emergency Communication (technical aspects, radio, equipment)
- **February 23**: House & Road sign making
- **March 16**: Road/Brush Clearing followed by barbecue
- **April 13**: Road/Brush Clearing and Picnic

**For details call 831-338-0554**

CERT TRAINING:

- **April 23**: CERT Disaster Preparedness
- **April 25**: CERT Fire Suppression & Hazard Mitigation
- **April 30**: CERT Medical Operations I
- **May 2**: CERT Medical Operations II
- **May 7**: CERT Search and Rescue
- **May 9**: CERT Disaster Psychology & Team Organization
- **May 14**: CERT Final Exam & Course Review Disaster Simulation
- **May 16**: CERT Graduation “Homecoming” Barbecue
- **June 8**: CERT Neighborhood Team Meeting
- **July 20**: CERT Community-wide Disaster Drill

To sign up for the next CERT Training class call 831-338-0554 or email disasterpreparedness@yahoo.com
Take a Hike...

Castle Rock

Spectacular views in all direction, rock outcroppings ideal for climbing, waterfalls, and a variety of ecosystems ranging from beautiful groves of oak, madrone and Douglas fir, to chaparral communities, a summit forest of black oak, and meadows dazzling with flowers in the spring make Castle Rock one of my favorite parks.

When I walk with my seven year old grandson and his friends, we head straight to Castle Rock itself, which is less than a half-mile from the parking lot. Here he and his friends scramble in and out of the tafoni caves for hours.

Tafoni is a phenomenon occurring only in a few places in the world. The requisite sandstone outcroppings are cemented together with calcium carbonate in the form of mineral calcite. The extend of cementation has to be variable, so that some parts of the rock are harder than others. This strange weathering only happens where there is a climate with a prolonged dry season. Heavy winter rains seep into the sandstone along cracks and planes of soft rock. The rainwater contains calcium dioxide from the air, which dissolves the calcium carbonate that holds the sandstone grains together. The dry season allows the rock to dry out, and the calcium carbonate is then drawn to the surface by the capillary action of water. As the water evaporates, the calcium carbonate is left within a few feet of the surface to form a hard shield that resists erosion. The interior of the rock, however, is left without much cement and easily crumbles away and is removed by water, wind, and animal activity, including people. The 80-foot outcropping of Castle Rock is sometimes so congested that climbers must wait their turn to rappel off the summit.

About a mile from the parking lot is the 100-foot Castle Rock Falls that can be viewed from an observation platform.

The Saratoga Gap Trail is on the west slope of the ridge, offering a wonderful chance to see the role of topography on mountain ecology. Compare the deep green of the moist evergreen valleys with the drought resistant vegetation of the dry and rocky west and south facing ridge tops. Some of the most beautiful oak, madrone, and chaparral in the Santa Cruz Mountains are in this park. Chaparral blooms with monkey flower, chaparral pea, ceanothus, pitcher sage and bush poppy to mention just a few. Grasslands explode with vibrant displays of mule ear, buttercup, baby blue eyes, larkspur, iris and many others. Returning to the parking lot via the Ridge Trail there is another spot popular with climbers: Goat Rock.

The park covers 3,300 acres and has more than 14 miles of excellent trails with extraordinary views of Monterey Bay, the Monterey Peninsula, and the Santa Lucia Mountains 80 miles to the south. Another 4000 acres is being acquired from the San Lorenzo Water District through efforts of the Sempervires Association.

For trail information and maps phone park headquarters at 408-338-6132.

Ruth Waldhauer with help from Tom Taber

We would like to hear from others about favorite walks in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Send us your articles or suggested trails to Skylines Editor 26160 Highway 9, Los Gatos, CA 95033, or email: SkylinesEditor@earthlink.net

Picchetti Spring

For Bob, Paul and Gunnar

Through the wispy rain,
On the chill late winter morn,
The sluggish newt
Crosses spongy duff while
A jaunty chickadee takes time
From grub and rotted twig
To sound the cadence
Loud and clear:
Spring is near! Spring is near!

Alert now, the Indian Warriors
All fitted out in bonnets grand
Deep red beneath
The new-leafed buckeye stand.

Listen too, the broad hounds tongue
With blossoms blue to mock the sky.
So hear, the gentle milk maids shy
Delicate in white against the blackened soil
Now come to flower from nurse leaf’s toil.

Midday a tease, a ray of hope,
As clouds consent to break.
And, in the fleeting warmth,
The plumed paintbrush
Opens scarlet to the day
And bids the sun to stay.

Sylvia Sippel
Feb. 2001

In Memory of Bob Hanko

The South Skyline community is saddened by the death of long-time resident Bob Hanko, husband of Nonette Hanko a founding board member of the Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District. Bob died on December 17 after a long illness.
The Comforting Pace
Of Nature

The stress of the holidays is behind us. Stop. Take a deep breath and look out the window.

The birds are there, feeding, drinking, and preening. Look, there at the nyjer feeder, all the Lesser Goldfinch are happily feeding, more waiting in the oak tree for their turn. The Pine Siskins have just come in and are flitting in and out. They’re faster than the goldfinches, so there’s lots of fluttering as everyone tries for the itty-bitty seed that brings these species to mountain feeders. Some Pine Siskins that returned from last year remember the front feeder filled with Patio Mix (a mix of hulled sunflower, hulled millet and peanut chips). Needless to say the chickadees and titmice love it too.

The Fox Sparrows and Golden Crowned Sparrows are scurrying in and out of the Coyote Bush to get the millet that’s been knocked out of the stake feeder. Quail, juncos, both Steller’s and Scrub Jays and our resident “flock” of chipmunks are running about the wood pile and in and out under the ceanothus bush eating all the Dove & Quail mix put out in the morning. Around back on the deck the rain has filled the trough on the folded summer chair. First the House Finch, then the junco take vigorous baths in the pint sized puddles.

When the rain really starts coming down, the finches and juncos find shelter on our house sign just under the eve over the front door. Since this sign is only ½” deep and maybe 14” long, it’s quite comical to see six finches and juncos huddled together waiting for the down pour to stop. When the rain does stop and the birds start to move around, there’s a lot of preening going on. They shake the water off and work their beaks over their feathers. Most birds have an oil gland at the base of their tail. They get oil on their beaks and bring the feathers through the beak to straighten things out and to reapply the oil. The oil is so important in making them weatherproof.

The simple chore of filling the bird feeders can bring solace and relief in our busy schedule. The birds welcome the food and we know we’re helping them get through the rough times. Be sure that the feeders don’t have any rotting food in the bottom. Knock out any remaining food and put in fresh. If it’s raining, fill only half way so they empty the feeder faster. Also, if you have been using seed with no shells (hulled sunflower etc.) consider switching to a seed or mix with has shells, as the hulled seeds are more likely to go moldy. Squirrel baffles do double duty as a rain shield.

~Freddy Howell

Blooming Currants

Currants are among our earliest blooming shrubs. Two species along South Skyline are chaparral currant (Ribes malvaceum) and pink flowering currant (Ribes sanguineum var. glutinosum). Both have formed a close association with Anna’s hummingbirds (Calypte anna).

Chaparral currant is summer deciduous, growing 3-6’ tall. Alternate leaves (½ - 1 ½” across) are a rounded maple or mallow shape, dull green above, lighter green and hairy below. Leaf blades are thick and wrinkled (rugose). Flowers are pink tubes (hypanthia) ¼ - 1/3” long and ending in five-lobed petals, light pink to white. The 10 to 25-flowered racemes droop in 2 – 4” long clusters and bloom from December to April. Spherical berries are dark blue to black, edible, but bitter or insipid. Chaparral currant grows in dry, sunny locations including chaparral and open woodlands. It is found below 4500’ in most California counties, and is endemic to the state.

Pink flowering currant is winter deciduous, growing 6-10’ tall. Leaves are similar in shape to chaparral currant, but thinner and larger (1-3” across). Flower tubes are a darker pink, and up to 30 hang in clusters 4” long from March to April. Fruit ripens from red to black, and again, is more appealing to birds than humans. Pink flowering currant grows in wooded canyons, along streambeds, and in other cool, moist locations. It is found below 3000’ along coastal mountains from British Columbia to Monterey County.

Both currants have adapted with the Anna’s hummingbirds – the plants providing food and the hummingbirds’ cross-pollination. Together, the currants bloom during most of the Anna’s two brood breeding season from November to May. The flowers produce large amounts of diluted nectar. Currants begin blooming early in the year when there are not as many other food sources. Blooms are high off the ground, allowing some protection from predators.

We have both chaparral and pink flowering currents growing near our house. The first were planted by birds in a dry, sunny location, the second by humans in a wet, partially shaded area. Both are doing quite well.

(Thanks to Ruth Waldhauer for suggesting this article. Ruth was greeted by the blooms of chaparral current shortly after she moved here in 1989).

~Sarah Schoen
It Is Best To Take Precautions Against The Deadly Hantavirus

The October *Skylines* published a short article by Pat Congdon about the Santa Clara County Vector Control department trapping deer mice on Skyline. That was our property they were using as a testing station. Since we moved here in 1993, we have been overrun with deer mice in our house, basement, garage, and (somewhat alarmingly) our cars. Vector Control felt, with ample justification, that if finding deer mice was the goal, our house was the place to do it.

**JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM**

There are literally millions of deer mice in our immediate vicinity. The CDC in Atlanta estimates that 10 to 30% of all deer mice are infected with Hantavirus. Even if you use the 10% figure, that's an awful lot of infected deer mice on Skyline Ridge. Hantavirus is one of the deadliest pathogens on the planet, roughly comparable to inhaled Anthrax spores. From the onset of the first flu-like symptoms, it takes about 48 to 72 hours to kill you. Only early and heroic medical intervention prevents the illness, Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome, from being fatal.

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

This is a tough and complex subject, because it's not enough to acknowledge that a situation contains risk, it's also necessary to assess the likelihood that you will encounter that particular risk. In this instance, we have millions of infected deer mice all around us, but very few illnesses. In the entire history of California, there have only been 33 deaths reported from Hantavirus. Why? Here are two hypotheses: First, it may be that we are using the word “infected” incorrectly. The only way to know that a deer mouse carries the potential to communicate Hantavirus is to draw its blood and check for Hantavirus antibodies. This only means the mouse has been exposed to the virus, not that it has been infected. No one has ever seen a deer mouse sicken and die from the illness; we don't know if it kills them or not.

Another possibility is that the virus is extremely fragile. If this were so, even a large number of infected mice would not create a large infected human population, because the transmission rate would be very low.

**PREVENTIVE MEASURES AND SAFETY TIPS**

We are presented with a situation in which very few people are getting sick, but the gravity of the illness makes the stakes very high. What to do? The good news is that a few simple preventive measures will take care of most of the risk.

First, you need to be able to recognize a deer mouse. A full-grown mouse is quite large—about the size of a nice bratwurst. They have huge, round, saucer-like eyes that make them immediately recognizable.

You will need rattraps to catch them; a mousetrap would be a minor inconvenience in the day of an adult deer mouse. Use snap traps to kill them, not poison. With poison bait, you lose control over where the mouse dies. Using live traps accomplishes nothing, especially if you re-release the mouse on your own property, and relocating a live animal is illegal.

Try your best to screen the mice out of your living space. Walk the perimeter of your house and secure all possible points of entry with heavy-gauge wire mesh. To fill small faults in the foundation use mortar, not concrete, because mortar doesn't shrink as it dries. In cars, garages and outbuildings use traps liberally and check them regularly. When setting traps, place the trigger end of the trap against a wall. For bait, there are lots of things that mice like to eat, but I use dried apricot slices so I don't have to change bait very often.

Hantavirus is transmitted by aerosols from the mouse droppings (the feces and the urine). Fill a spray bottle with water and a couple tablespoons of bleach. Spray all droppings and trapped mice before handling them; that will kill the virus. To clean an area occupied by mice, spray everything first, then use cloths or mops. Vacuums and brooms can stir the aerosols into the air. To dispose of a dead mouse, use latex gloves, even if it has been thoroughly sprayed with the bleach solution—it's cheap insurance.

Hantavirus should be taken seriously as a risk because it's so deadly; but by following these simple guidelines, you can reduce your own risk to nearly zero. I, for instance, have been living with a huge mouse population around me for eight years now, and as far as I can tell, I'm still alive.

~ David Lawrence

**Editor's Note:** My cats do a very efficient job of keeping mice out of the house and garage.
Imagine Skyline Winters
In the 1880’s

As you try to make your way back up the hill in your SUV in a rain or snow storm, consider what your trip would have been like in times past.

If you lived on Skyline in the winter months in the 1880s, you would have been a small rancher or possibly a woodchopper. The loggers had already fled for the season to the comfort of boarding houses in Saratoga or Searsville (Portola Valley). Mill owners and gentlemen ranchers had retreated to their mansions in San Jose or San Francisco. Or perhaps, they had taken the opportunity to make the grand tour of Europe.

Now back to the rancher in his farm wagon. If he thought a storm might be brewing, he would postpone his trip, because he knew that dirt roads would become rutty, muddy quagmires and farm wagons didn’t come with heated cabs.

Trips to town were infrequent affairs anyway, which took the entire day and sometimes two. Since early ranchers were pretty self-sufficient, trips to town were primarily made to deliver produce, purchase manufactured supplies and to celebrate an occasional holiday.

The roads up the hill were longer than they are today, as modern roads have straightened out many curves with their cuts and fills. If a particularly boggy section of road looked impassable the wagon driver would simply create a new track higher or lower then the standard one.

If a driver was so unfortunate to get his wagon stuck, he had to use his own horses, fallen branches and his wits to pull himself out. If they were anywhere within earshot in this sparsely populated country, local ranchers would bring their teams to help.

There were gates at every ranch. The driver had to set his brakes, get down and tie up his horses, open the gate and then reverse this procedure on the other side of the gate.

At the completion of his journey, after having stabled and fed his team, a rancher was more than willing to sign a petition for a county road in his area. With the coming of cars in the late teens and early 1920's, tourists joined the ranchers in demanding better roads, which at this time meant paved highways.

Paved county roads and State highways opened up the Skyline to summer folks and commuters from the Valley. The mechanization that provided better access to market for ranchers on the hill, also gave an advantage to their larger and more efficient competitors in the flatlands. Whether in a farm wagon or in a SUV, life is always a little more challenging on the hill.

~Janet Schwind

Open Meeting of the Skyline Historical Society
Seeks History From Residents of 1930-1950 Era

The Board of the Skyline Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ruth and Ann Waldhauer on Wednesday February 6th. All who are interested in Skyline history are invited to attend. Call President, Dick Schwind for directions and details at (408) 867-9422.

Janet Schwind is writing a history of the Skyline region with many others gathering material. At this meeting the Board will be reviewing preliminary drafts of some of the chapters completed: The Timber Cutters, The Road Builders, The Ranchers, Life on the Ranch, Lords of the Hill and The Boulevard Builders. They will also be delineating the tasks ahead such as map making, research topics and editing.

The writers are now tackling the era from the 1920s to the 1950s, (including ranch life, the Depression, Prohibition, World War II and the building of summer cabins.) They have interviewed some former and present residents of the hill during this time, but would like to contact more of them, and would appreciate their sharing of family photos.

IF YOU KNOW OF SUCH ‘old timers’, please contact Janet Schwind at (831) 425-3845 (new telephone).

~ Janet Schwind

The SSA Mountain Barn Dance held in October, was a fun time for everyone.
Telephone Complaints Are Being Worked

In our last issue, Joe Davis volunteered to work with Pacific Bell to improve our telephone service. He asked for Skyline residents to send him feedback on their telephone problems. He continues to persevere in this effort.

I have received about 60 phone complaints and I could use more. I have been in contact with a Pac Bell engineering escalation coordinator. Unfortunately the engineer I was referred to was for the wrong area and now I’m playing phone tag with the next fellow. I did get some information from the first fellow who tells me they plan to install a DSL connection on Skyline soon. I’m not sure where or what portion it will serve, but he is going to get back to me. The problem with DSL is that it has a limit of 10 miles from the base point where it starts on Skyline; it might be at Skylonda or Highway 9 and then only 10 miles in each direction. So nothing definite yet, but keep the e-mails coming. Send your comments to: fixphoneproblems@aol.com, or call 650-948-6424.

~Joe Davis

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1981 39 foot NuWa Hitchhiker 5th wheel RV trailer with rear slide out living room; 5’ sliding glass door; A/C, forced-air heat; gas stove and water heater; gas/electric refrigerator; electric washer/dryer combo. All appliances in working order. Good for temporary quarters during construction. $2,500/best offer. Call 408-781-3293

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Fire Fittings: Convert 1½ inch pipe thread to fire thread. Blue reflectors included. South Skyline Fire & Rescue. George. 408-354-1401

SERVICES

Skyline handy-man - experienced home repair and remodel. Ron Collins 408 741-1003

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Policy on Classified Ads: Ads are free to SSA members. No continuing ads will be accepted. They must be resubmitted for each issue. Deadline dates are July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1.

Skylines News Articles: The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue is March 18, 2002.

Send all ads and articles to: Patti Begley 26160 Highway 9, Los Gatos, CA 95033, or SkylinesEditor@earthlink.net

Skylines invites individuals to submit articles, and artwork. We reserve the right to edit all submissions. We assume no responsibility for omissions, incorrect information or personal opinions.

SSA CALENDAR

General Meeting - January 25, 7:00 pm at Saratoga Summit CDF Fire Station

Business Meetings at 7:15 pm:
Thurs. January 10 – Sharon Peters
Sat. February 9 Retreat - Dick Schwind
Thurs. March 14 – Larry Myers (Call Larry Meyers for location and directions)

President Larry Myers 408-354-5830
Editor Patti Begley 408-867-3973

CERT trainees Sherry Niswander and Bridget Orwig have a laugh over their emergency buckets. (Photo by Tom Anderson)
SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SSA fosters a sense of community spirit, keeps residents and property owners informed of public agency actions and other issues of concern in the South Skyline sphere of influence, protects the rights and represents the interests of those in our area, and engages in various projects to enhance the unique South Skyline environment.

Regular membership is open to property owners and residents in the South Skyline area who are at least 18 years of age. The SSA area includes Skyline Boulevard and feeder roads between Route 84 and the southern terminus of Skyline Boulevard. Those outside the SSA area may apply for associate (non-voting) membership by paying regular dues. Membership includes delivery of the quarterly newsletter SKYLINES and participation in Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG). Please provide the following necessary information:

Name(s): ___________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________

Property Location in the SSA area: ________________________________________

Telephone: (____) ___________
E-mail (will be kept confidential):________________________________________

Check here if you do NOT want to be listed in the SSA roster: _________
(Distributed to members only)

Participant in Skyline Propane Users Group (SPUG)? ________
Own Tank? _________ Rent Tank? _________

Return application and check for $15.00, payable to South Skyline Association, to Ruth Waldhauer, SSA Membership Chairperson, 22400 Skyline Boulevard, Box 35, La Honda, CA 94020.

SSA maintains a website at www.southskyline.org.
Have you used it? _____If so, about how often?____________
What information were you seeking? _________________________
Suggestions for improving it?______________________________________________________________________
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SOUTH SKYLINE FIRE AND RESCUE:

This year, the South Skyline Fire and Rescue Volunteers need your donations to buy wildland fire protection equipment. **If you would like to donate, please write a separate check payable to South Skyline Fire and Rescue and mail it with your SSA membership.** Please include this portion of the application with your donation, which will be forwarded to the treasurer.

Name:_____________________________________Amount enclosed: $__________

Address:____________________________________________________________

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The SSA is what we make it. Let us know if you have a talent or skill that would be useful. We are particularly looking for articles for SKYLINES, informal legal advice, printing access, people to join the History Project and people to monitor government agencies (Counties, parks, MROSD.) Any comments for the Board are also welcome.

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SOUTH SKYLINE ASSOCIATION
Box 400, Star Route 2
La Honda, CA 94020