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AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE  
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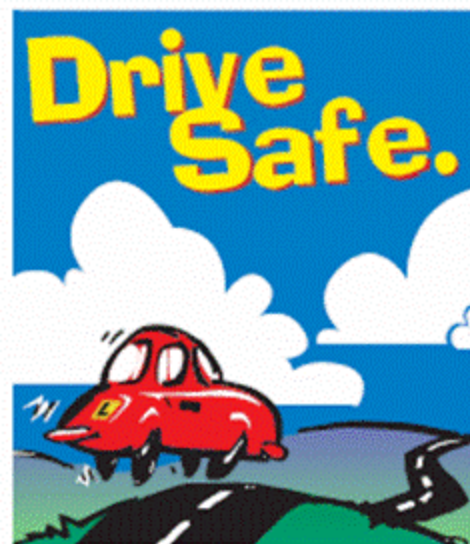
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<p><b>TROPICS RESIDENTS' CLUB MEETING 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH IN CLUBHOUSE @7PM PRESIDENT: RICHARD STOLL 408 839-3358</b></p>	<p><b>B BUG FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE DOORS OPEN 5:30PM MOVIE STARTS 6:30PM LOCATED NEXT TO THE LAUNDRY ROOM AND "SPLIT ENDS BEAUTY SALON" 102 PALM DR.</b></p>
<p><b>TROPICS POTLUCK DISH TO PASS FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 5:30PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE STEVE EVANS 386-0506  NO POTLUCK IN JAN OR FEB 2018</b></p>	<p><b>BINGO - EVERY WEDNESDAY DOORS OPEN 4:30PM EARLY 6:30PM REGULAR GAME 7PM SNACK BAR 5:00PM MELODY PETERSON 266-2607 OR RICHARD STOLL</b></p>
<p><b>CRAFT CLUB EVERY MONDAY 2PM IN THE CLUBHOUSE TINA MARIA 489-5749</b></p>	<p><b>TROPICS TRAVELERS SEE FLYERS IN CLUBHOUSE POSITION: Richard Stoll</b></p>
<p><b>TROPICS COFFEE CLUB MON-FRI 8:30AM IN CONFERENCE RM JACKIE HILL 489-4388</b></p>	<p><b>TROPICS SPRING CHICKENS EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 8:30AM IN CLUBHOUSE CAROLYN HOPPES 489-6894</b></p>
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<p><b>HEALTH MOBILE EVERY WEDNESDAY @CLUBHOUSE 11AM-3PM</b></p>	<p><b>TROPICS CERAMICS CLUB FOR MORE INFO CALL MELODY PETERSON 266-2607</b></p>



**THANKSGIVING DINNER  
AT THE CLUBHOUSE...  
GREAT FOOD  
WITH GREAT FRIENDS**



## MILLENNIUM MEMO

*“Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self-assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle.”*

How’s that for a deep thought! I’m not sure what it means but it sounds important, doesn’t it? As for my own “cleansing ritual”...I was going to share my New Year’s Resolutions, but my wife hasn’t told me what they are yet. A topic for next month, perhaps.

### Looking Back at 2017...

As usual, a lot happened over the past year. Some highlights:

We invested more than \$300K in Park Upgrades. That includes large projects (drainage, Palm Tree grooming) as well as smaller-but-important items, such as better pathway lighting—all paid for by the tax-exemption generated by your Income Certs.

The Tropics is still attracting lots of new homes—maybe too many, as we might have to worry about affordability if home prices keep going up.

After years of conversation, the County finally agreed to clear out the Creek, solving a potential flooding concern now that the drought appears to be over.

- SPARC, our resident services partner, had another strong year providing learning opportunities, Exercise Classes, Mobile Health Clinic, the ongoing Food Programs...
- Many of you earned special Kudos for service to your Park, for which we thank you. You are what makes The Tropics such a desirable place to live—well, that and our very affordable rents.

And, of course, I became a Grandparent. Yes, 2017 was another very good year!

### Now For Some Sad News...

Nancy just called me with the news that Irene Wolfe has passed away. Irene was the Residents Club President back in 1999, when we were trying to convert The Tropics to non-profit status. She was a formidable presence!

The City did not want to get involved, but Irene would not take “no” for an answer. With Irene leading the charge, 200+ Tropics residents attended every City Council Meeting until the City finally got with the non-profit program. She left them no choice.

Irene served as President for a few terms, volunteered for every activity in the Park from Bingo to Pool Monitor and was a tireless advocate for our residents. If you lived in The Tropics, you knew Irene. With her passing, The Tropics has lost a great friend, as have I.

Good luck with your self-assessment, spare a kind thought for Irene, enjoy all the Park Improvements...and have a Happy New Year!

*George Turk*

## January Message from our Resident Council President Richard Stoll

**Happy New Year everyone!!!!**

Hopefully this year will be as great as last year here at the Tropics. We did lose a few loved ones, but gained many new residents as part of our family. The activities we had last year were outstanding. We're looking forward to a couple of new ones this year, especially when the residents get involved.

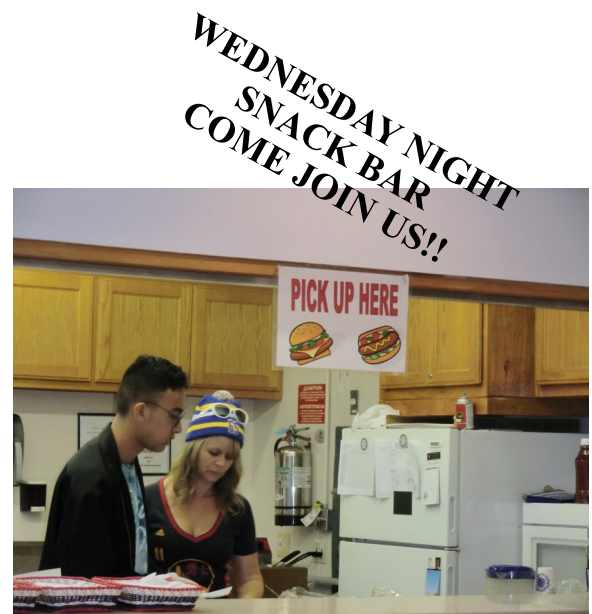
Speaking of getting involved, at Thanksgiving Dinner we had 21 tickets not used. This cost the residents almost \$300 in food costs. Remember if something comes up, especially when the tickets are free, let us know that you cannot attend. There are generally people asking for tickets, even on the day of the event. Just let us know. Thanks!!!!!!

Now is the time to be thinking of our wish list for this year. If there is something you see that would help the Tropics let the Board know. Speaking of the Board I want to thank Debbie Lependorf for coming forward to fill the Secretary position. Welcome aboard, Debbie!

Come join us for our Pizza Party and Games night. Fran is working hard to have a VERY fun night, playing those games we all grew up with. Chinese New Year Dinner also looks very exciting in February. The Lion Dancers will be here again. The food is going to be catered by the same company that did Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.

We also need to give Barbara Garcia a BIG THANK YOU for the entertaining New Year's Eve party. Thanks Barbara!!

Until next month, start this year off right and let's all get involved and enjoy the year!



## Manager's Corner for January 2018



Welcome 2018. The holidays are over and will be back before you know it. Your homes were beautifully decorated and we received a lot of nice comments from prospective buyers. Congratulations to the Christmas Decorating Contest winners. Management also commented on how most of the yards were looking better than previous visits. Thanks to all residents who make us look good – you are doing a great job.

Lots of residents took advantage of the extended hours through December for the pool. It is now closed until April 1<sup>st</sup>; however, the spa and saunas are open year-round. The new swim season will begin April 1 (which is Easter and also April Fool's Day). The Tri-City Mobile Food Bank will be here on Friday, January 5 and Friday, January 19, 2018. Christmas trees can be cut up and thrown in the dumpster (no flocked trees). Please remember to cut them up as well and do not throw in large branches.

Wishing you a Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Nancy Payne  
Resident Manager

### WELCOME A NEW NEIGHBOR

Ricardo Patino Jr.—218 Hula Cir  
Glenn and Lynne Newell—222 Hula Cir  
Steven and Deborah Thompson—271 Oahu Cir



### OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY OF:



351 Tahitian Cir—Ho Ching Wong—passed on Nov 6, 2017

88 Palm Dr.—Lou Ann Wilde—passed on Dec 4, 2017

Former Resident—Irene Wolfe—Dec 6, 2017

# *Tropics Residents' Club*

**January Breakfast  
Saturday, January 13  
Doors open 8 am Buffet 8:30—9:45**

**Potato Pancakes, Patty Sausage  
and Scrambled Eggs  
With All your Favorites**



**No Ticket Necessary,  
\$3 at Door  
Breakfast Bingo at 9:15**

## **CERAMIC CLUB**

**Our club meetings have changed: we will now only have three meetings a year, January, April & September.** They are always held on the first Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm in the club house conference room. Anyone can attend and sit in on our meetings and also meet some active members of the club before or after the meeting. If you are thinking about joining or want to ask some questions or just get a tour of the ceramic room, this is an opportune time. The ceramics club is generally open everyday from Noon to 2:00 pm with a member or several members working on their projects. Anyone who is interested in our club is welcome to stop by and take a look at some of the ceramics that are finished & some are pieces we are still working on.

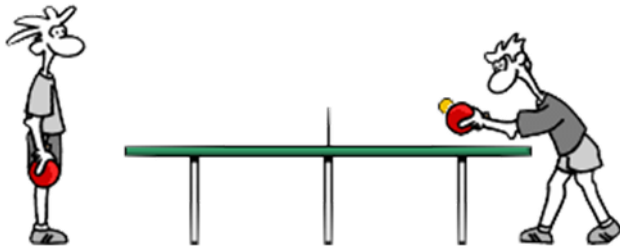
You can call the following senior member for a view of the ceramic shop and or just to ask questions. Feel free to call Melody Peterson at 266-2607 or if she is not available, we will ask another training member to help you.



# PIZZA PARTY & GAME NIGHT



**WIN PRIZES!!**



**PING PONG**

## MENU

**PIZZA  
SALAD  
BEVERAGES  
ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR  
(FIX YOUR OWN SUNDAE)**



**MINI GOLF**

**FUN NIGHT  
WITH  
FRIENDS**



**CHECKERS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM  
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 PM**

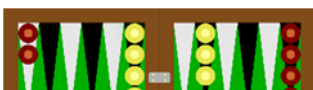
**LOTS  
OF  
GAMES**

## TICKETS

**\$ 5.00 PER PERSON, AVAILABLE AT ALL EVENTS:**

**COFFEE CLUB, BINGO NIGHTS, BREAKFAST.  
SEE PRES. RICHARD STOLL FOR TICKETS.  
TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH 1/17/18**

**BACGAMMON**



# NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH:



## JERRY GARCIA

- AWARD WINNING MUSICIAN, (1ST PLACE, ALL ARMY TALENT CONTEST, CARNEGIE HALL)
- A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER, (2 BARS IN HAYWARD),
- ENTREPRENEUR,
- AWESOME UNCLE AND LOVING HUSBAND!

Jerry was born in Pawtucket, R.I. during a hurricane, the middle of 11 children. 10 boys and 1 girl. They moved to Los Angeles when he was 5. He and his sister Carol took dance lessons and he tried out for the Mickey Mouse Club. That was just about the time they moved to the Bay Area. His father was a teamster and his mother owned a small diner. Because of the family size, they moved often with Jerry attending every school in San Leandro.

He taught himself to play drums. At one time, he played in the marching bands for both high schools at the same time! As a teenager he joined a band called the Four Kings. They were very popular and played for many teen clubs. The band later morphed into the We Three Trio. They joined the army together. Jerry getting stationed on Governors Island in New York. He tried out for the all army talent contest and won with a rendition of the drum solo in the Gene Krupa story. Who later recognized him in the audience at one of his performances and congratulated him on his win, (Pretty heady stuff for a 19 year old). The band stayed together after leaving the army, playing in every club in San Francisco, opening for entertainers such as Fats Domino, and Jerry Lee Lewis. The group stayed together for 20 plus years owning and playing in 2 bars in Hayward---Life shift--illness--career change. Jerry went to work for A.C. Transit "touring" the entire Bay Area, retiring after 16 years. Unable to keep still, he started landscaping--AND--Decorating for Christmas.

Marrying me guarantees him a lifetime of aggravation. YAY--It'll keep him young!!

Barbara Garcia

## FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES AT THE B BUG CLUB FOR JANUARY 2018

**Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> The Big Sick—2017 R Rated**

After meeting at a stand-up comedy show, funnyman Kumail and graduate student Emily embark on a romance. But as the expectations of his strict Muslim family create conflict between the couple, their relationship begins to crumble

**Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> 47 Meters Down—2017 PG-13 Rated**

Two sisters on a Mexican vacation are trapped in a shark observation cage at the bottom of the ocean, with oxygen running low and great whites circling nearby, they have less than an hour of air left to figure out how to get to the surface.

**Cast: Claire Holt, Mandy Moore, Chris J. Johnson**

**Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> The Boss Baby—2017 PG Rated**

An addition to the family in the form of a suit-wearing baby brother has 7-year-old Tim worried about losing his parents' affection. But when a corporate plot threatens the balance of love in the world, Tim teams with his sibling to foil the scheme.

**Cast: Alec Baldwin, Miles Christopher Bakshi, Tobey Maguire**

**Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> Cop and a Half: New Recruit—2017 PG Rated**

Grizzled veteran detective Mark Simmons (Lou Diamond Phillips) can't seem to catch the "Badge Bandit" -- the city's serial prankster who's causing mischief and embarrassing the police. Karina Murphy (Lulu Wilson) is a spunky 12-year-old who dreams of being a cop. She stumbles on Simmons' stakeout where she proves she's got serious detective skills and tech-savvy smarts. While Simmons wants to ignore Karina, the police captain does the unthinkable and teams them up.

While on their mission to stop the "Badge Bandit," the unlikely duo goes on a hilarious, action-filled adventure!



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KNOW WHEN THEY ARE TAKING PIC-  
TURES AT TROPICS EVENTS THAT YOU  
DO NOT WANT YOUR PICTURE TAKEN  
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PICTURE IN THE BREEZE MAGAZINE!!  
THANK YOU**

# TROPICS BINGO

33000 Almaden Blvd, Union City

## Every Wednesday

Doors Open 4:30 & Flash Games  
Played @ 6:30

\*\*\*\*\*PACK COSTS\*\*\*\*\*

- 1 PACK—\$9.00 2 Packs—\$13.00
- 3 Packs—\$16.00 4 Packs—\$19.00
- 5 Packs—\$22.00 6 Packs—\$23.00
- 7 & 8 Packs—\$25.00

\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL GAMES\*\*\*\*\*

- Two Strip Games—\$1.00 each
- Double Action—\$1.00
- Treasure Hunt—\$1.00 each
- Flash Games —\$1.00 each



All Profits go to Local Charities

## Bingo & Snack Bar Dinner

Wednesday, January 17

Grill Open 5—7 pm



Loaded Baked Potato  
& Meatloaf Casserole  
With Vegetable &  
Dessert  
**\$5.00**

# TRI-CITY HEALTH SENIOR MOBILE CLINIC

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### SERVICES

Asthma Cold/Flu Symptoms  
Infections  
Wound Care  
Illness Cholesterol  
Blood Pressure  
Glucose (blood sugar)  
Foot Screenings  
Health Education  
Lab Work Blood Tests  
Cholesterol

**WHEN:** Wednesday

**TIME:** 11am-3pm

**WHERE:** CLUBHOUSE

**PARKING LOT**

**TREASURES WERE FOUND AT THE CLUBHOUSE FLEA MARKET**



Tropics Residents' Club  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

November 2, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Stoll at 7:02 p.m. All Board members were present except for Fran Eikenberg.

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Helen Cummins, Joyce York, Debbie Lependorf and Barry Lependorf.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Debbie Lependorf & Barry Lependorf

Debbie Lependorf volunteered to fill the Secretary vacancy.

Barry Lependorf inquired as to whether he was appointed to serve on the Audit Committee. Last month at the Board meeting, he was under the impression he was appointed to the Audit Committee. On Oct. 20, Barry received an email from President Richard Stoll, letting him know he spoke to the Audit Committee and the Board and they decided not to accept him as a member of the Audit Committee.

A conversation took place regarding the extent of training, information, and forms that outgoing board members should give to incoming board members.

The Minutes for October 5 Board meeting were read by Richard Stoll and approved by Richard Stoll. The Treasurers report was read Rick Casados. Richard Stoll clarified several expenditures and then Richard Stoll approved the Treasurers report. Richard Stoll read the Bingo and Tropics Travelers reports and he accepted them as read.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email from Dennis of the Catering company, regarding the Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 25 at possibly \$12 per person.

Email from Erin McShan from Logan High school regarding the Choir performing at the Christmas dinner on December 23. The choir is available and will perform.

Email from Monica with the Mobile Health unit regarding day and time for November and December. Mobile Health unit will be at the Tropics every Wednesday from 11 to 3.

Letter from Debbie Lependorf regarding the Secretary vacancy she wishes to fill.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Richard asked for a motion to accept Debbie as Secretary. Jayme Ojeda made the motion and Ruth Churchill seconded the motion. Before the vote took place, Carolyn Hoppes clarified the vacancy clause in the by-laws regarding filling an open position on the board. The motion passed with vote of 6-0.

Richard indicated to Debbie that he would take care of the Secretary of State form online and pay for it with his debit card.

Board members discussed the Halloween party and the general consensus was it was a great event and the residents were pleased. Several suggestions were made, one being a different roll be used for sandwiches or even French dipped sandwiches for a future event. It was also suggested that some thought should be given if you are a chairperson of an event to having a dishwashing crew be assigned to helping the kitchen crew.

Gwen indicated that everything was set for the Flea Market on November 4. All the checks are in and tables will be picked up between one and two on Friday. Signs will be put out Saturday morning by a volunteer, vendors may come in Friday afternoon between four and seven to set up their tables and tables will have vendor names on them.

This year's club house Christmas decorating will take place on November 30 at 6 p.m. and pizza will be served after decorating is complete.

Carolyn brought up a suggestion given to her for Thanksgiving table decorations that oranges or cuties with words like Hope, Happiness, Thanks, etc. written on them be used.

Richard brought up meals to be delivered and a volunteer is needed. After discussion, Anita and Rick agreed to deliver homebound Thanksgiving meals. He also indicated that he would have bookoo students helping.

Richard brought up the Audit Committee. He asked for a motion to be made that Barry be put on the Audit Committee. Jayme made the motion and Richard asked for a second and a discussion took place and Anita seconded the motion and discussion continued. Richard amended the original motion to state Barry would be appointed to the Audit Committee after the current audit is done. Rick Casados seconded the amended motion. Debbie asked the board if the current Audit Committee would resign if Barry was appointed to the committee. Richard indicated that yes, the current audit committee would resign if Barry was appointed. Barry rescinded his request to be appointed to the Audit Committee. All motions were rescinded, and the Board accepted his request.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Richard indicated that he needed to buy table cloths for the eight round tables for both Thanksgiving and Christmas as all tables are used for these two events. Richard asked for a motion to purchase the table cloths for \$74.39. Jayme made the motion, Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Richard brought up sending out Christmas cards from the board, He stated Helen Cummins has done this in the past and she has the cards and all Richard needs to do is purchase stamps. Carolyn made a motion that the Residents' Club purchase the stamps and Jayme seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

The board agreed to have the second annual House Decorating contest to judge Christmas decorations at your house. Carolyn made a motion to have the contest and give prizes. A discussing took place about how many prizes and how much. The motion was amended, and Jayme seconded it. The board agreed that the prizes would be First Place, \$150, Second Place, \$100, Third Place \$75, Fourth Place \$50 and fifth place \$25. The board will ask for volunteer judges at the November General Meeting and the prizes will be awarded at the Christmas dinner.

Richard indicated that he is hoping Barbara Garcia will be the entertainment for New Year's Eve, but he hasn't asked her yet. A discussion took place regarding how much to spend on New Year's Eve entertainment. Richard asked for a motion. Rick Casados made a motion to pay Barbara Garcia \$500 and Gwen seconded. Motion passed 6-1.

Richard asked the board to approve a Bingo charity donation to the Salvation Army in the amount of \$1,007.25. Jayme made the motion to donate this amount and Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Richard will give a check to Jim with Salvation Army on November 15 at lunch.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Flea Market
- Pot Luck on Sunday
- Breakfast on Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov.
- 25 Deck the Halls - Nov. 30

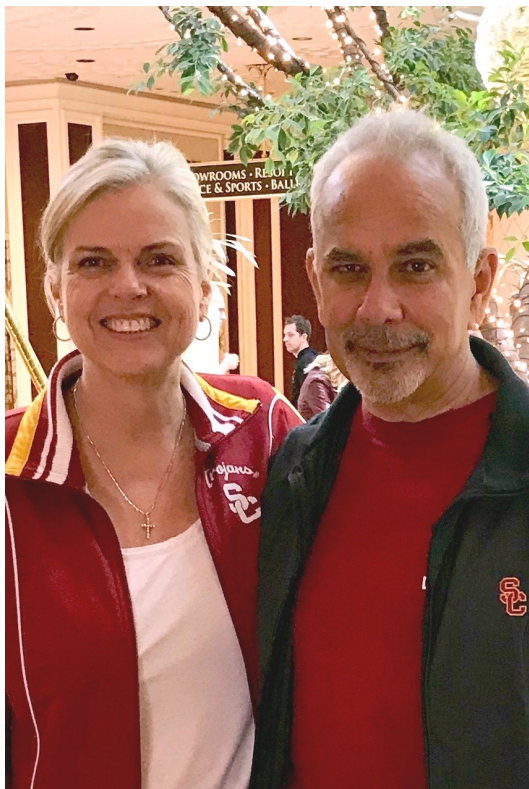
**OTHER BUSINESS:** No other business

Jayme moved to adjourn the meeting and Rick seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Lependorf, Secretary

# Meet your President

By Tina Maria



For the New Year we are pleased to spotlight the President in charge of Millennium Housing operations Mr. George Turk.

“The Tropics Mobile Home Park was purchased in August 10 2000; that’s how it got its name Millennium Housing. The most exciting change was replacing the Keh Partnership, an investment group, with a non-profit. The Keh folks had sued the City—and won a very large rent increase that was retroactive for 7 years. Residents had to come up with a large back-rent payment. Keh threatened to sue again in 1999, which is when we got involved”

“We’ve spent around \$3M on streets and the electrical system. Those would be the biggest, but the most “fun” improvements would be the Clubhouse upgrades (do you remember the ugly clutter in front of the building?) putting the “Playground” where that weird old structure was (with the big mud pit in the middle), Clubhouse handicap ramp, the beautiful Pool Area and all the little things suggested by residents—pathway lighting, auto door openers, the B-Bug stuff and Clubhouse Sound

## Dampening System”

Having graduated from USC in 1975 George’s talent has taken him to many new levels of achievement. Listed are just a few of his responsibilities and challenges he has mastered: Major CPA firm—4 years, CFO of a Shopping Center Developer—10 years, CFO of an Office Building Developer—2 years, CFO of a Mobile Home Park Owner—4 years, Millennium Housing and related entities—23 years.

He now brings his talent and experience to The Tropics Mobile Home Park for all of us to benefit from. “When I was working for the MHP owner, I witnessed how one-sided the relationship between Park owners and residents was. So...while other men deal with their mid-life crisis by getting a red sports car or a mistress, I decided to leave the “Dark Side“ and created our Mobile Home Community Affordable Housing Program to convert Mobile Home Parks to non-profit ownership. We knew that it is almost impossible for residents to buy their communities, so this seemed like the next best thing—a non-profit structure in which the net surpluses were reinvested back into the Park instead of into the investors’ pockets, residents have a voice in how their community is operated and residents have the peace of mind knowing that their rents are protected and their Park can’t be closed or redeveloped into another use”



**“My greatest achievement was giving residents—most of whom are very low- or Low-income—the peace of mind of knowing their rents are protected (and we’ll offer subsidies if they truly need it), their Park cannot be redeveloped into another use and that residents have input into how their community is operated. We think The Tropics is the finest affordable senior community in the Bay Area.”**

**George’s second great achievement is “creating SPARC, our resident services partner, which has brought so many programs to The Tropics, such as the Food Bank, Spectrum Lunches, Health Fairs, Dinner Seminars...”**

**George tells me “the Most Fun part of my job is the interaction with our homeowners, even though that can be frustrating at times! Residents care so much about The Tropics that they give us a LOT of advice. I should try to come to Resident Club meetings more often—I miss those. Back in 2000 there were so many problems left by the prior owners that it seemed I was up there all the time. After 17 years, we’ve fixed most of the problems, rents are protected, home values are high, so it doesn’t seem as if I’m needed up there as much”**

**“Least Fun: some residents think they are entitled to treat Park Staff rudely and don’t offer the respect they want for themselves.**

**What do I laugh at? My own bad jokes!”**

**George has converted 40+ parks to non-profit ownership, more than anyone else in California combined. Twenty of those parks are owned by Millennium Housing; the rest by assorted other non-profits. Millennium’s 20 parks include nearly 5,000 spaces, making us one of the largest housing charities in California”**

**“My older daughter, Lisa, graduated from SF State and now works for the University of Utah’s Science Department in Salt Lake City. She and her husband recently bought their first home. I’m still waiting for her to have a baby, however. My younger daughter, Rebecca, graduated from Oregon St Veterinary School in June and is practicing in Bend, Oregon. She’s engaged, although no date is set yet.**

**“I’m very proud of both girls. My wife Roann was raised in Fresno, but is now an elementary school principal in Orange County. She exemplifies that old saying: “Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.” I don’t know how I got so lucky as to find her, but I’ll just enjoy every moment with her.”**

**With all his responsibilities George makes time for hobbies and interests: “Bowling (until I hurt my knee—bowling is a very physical sport, obviously), USC sports, the L.A. Angels of Anaheim, old movies, travel, bad jokes and my children. I should add my job to that list. It doesn’t seem like work—I’m actually paid to help people!”**

**This is our park President. When I first met him I called him Mr. Turk. He said “please call me George” You’ll find him friendly and a joy to talk to. We are privilege to have him come just at the right time and save our park. The result is we have a better and more affordable community to live in.**

**George also is the original and most consistent supporter of our Emergency Communications Station.**

**The next time you see him say thank you George!**

# Tropics Travelers



## Visit the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco

- We will take Bart to Civic Center walk across the street to the Asian Art Museum.
- The major exhibits are *Couture Korea* and *Philippine Art*.
- The Café Asia will be open.
- Using your Senior Clipper Card Round trip is \$5.30 (regular \$15.60).
- Admission is \$15.

**Friday, January 19, 2018—Meet at Club House 10:15 am**

*Tropic Travelers reservation form for Asian Art Museum Day Trip*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Release of Liability: I/We the undersigned, agree to take full responsibility and hold harmless the Tropics Travelers from any loss or liability which may result from my participation in this event. I/We understand the description and comprehend all risks involved by participating in this activity. I/We hereby absolve the Tropics Travelers from any Liability*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ .....See Richard (408-839-3358) for more information



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- Please submit your article **NO** later than 6pm on the 10th of every month to the Breeze email address: [tropicsbreeze@gmail.com](mailto:tropicsbreeze@gmail.com).
- We will be adding new articles and stories in the coming months. Our first new article will be getting to know the people that work behind the scenes. This month we are featuring Mr. George Turk. In the coming months there will be others from Millennium Housing and from our own office staff here at the Tropics that we will feature. Enjoy getting to know these people that are there to help us enjoy our community.
- Because of limited space in the Breeze magazine you have read a summary of the Board minutes every month. You can read the Board minutes in it's entirety on our website [www.the-tropics.net](http://www.the-tropics.net) or in a purple binder at the Clubhouse library.
- We are trying to limit the inserts. Please have flyers and articles in by the deadline. If you wish to submit a flyer after the deadline or are told your submission has to be an insert because of lack of space. You are responsible for making the copies and be present to help insert into the Breeze Magazine. Please include your name and phone number so I can notify you when the magazine arrives, you can come with your volunteers and help with inserting the flyer. **THANK YOU**
- We welcome all articles from our residents as space allows. The only requirement is that your article not be political or personal in nature. They will be inserted as space allows with consideration given to content and quality.

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