

## ECA NEWSLETTER

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### ROB KERR- PRESIDENT

Happy Holidays!

Please support our Holiday Toy Drive! I am grateful to be a part of a wonderful community.

Claudette Ostrander passed away recently. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor. She was also our Evergreen Commons President and Treasurer for many years. She will be missed.

Lynette Purvis has volunteered to be our new Treasurer in the interim. We welcome her to the Evergreen Commons Board.

Our next community event will be our Annual Homeowners' Meeting which will be held on February 28, 2019 at Pasadena Elementary School beginning at 7:00 PM.

Please consider running for the Board of Directors for next year. Please contact Rob Kerr at 916-717-7388 or [rob-kerr@mac.com](mailto:rob-kerr@mac.com) if you are interested in running for the Board.

The pool assistant position is open. If you know of someone who would be interested in filling the position please contact Marvin Potts, 916-481-9642, or Rob Kerr 916-717-7388.

### SAMIRA AL-QAZZAZ-ECA BOARD SECRETARY



The Board of directors will meet on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the home of Board member Ben Bote, 4434 Park Green Court. The meeting is open to all members in good standing.



## MARVIN POTTS—POOL AND PARK

The flowers have been very colorful this year but will soon be finished for the year. The irrigation has been turned off since we are now having cooler weather and the solar has also been turned off for the season.

Re-keying the park and pool gates is being postponed until after the first of the year



## DICK PRYOR-ARCHITECTURAL

I thank everyone for keeping their property in conformance with the CC&Rs. For those few that have stopped watering their lawns to let the grass dry up should make sure that the trees and shrubs get enough water to keep them alive. Dead grass does not meet the requirements of the CC&Rs and will need to be covered with a mulch. Plants that have died must be removed.

## ECA BOOK CLUB

We had a small group of readers this month but had an interesting discussion of *I Cannot Get You Close Enough, by Ellen Gilchrist* about the South and Southern culture and their writers, women in particular.

Next meeting – 10:00 AM, Dec. 12, Sue Supple, 4431 Pasadena, discussing, *News of the World by Paulette Jiles*.

In January we will meet at Linda Hax' s to pick our 2019 books.

**COME JOIN THE FUN AND GET ACQUAINTED!  
WE ARE GROWING AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS!**

Contact us for more information.

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## THIS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

       **Len Cross of Terra Vista Way** lost his valiant fight and recent 10+ week stay in UCD intensive care with leukemia/lymphoma, RIP. A celebration of his life was held October 27 at the home of his daughter in Fair Oaks. In lieu of flowers neighbors may donate in his name to the Leukemia/Lymphoma of the American Cancer Society.

### FROM KAREN BUXTON

Evergreen Commons lost a longtime dedicated community leader with the passing of **Claudette Ostrander**. For the past several years her health had been declining as her body just wore out, and she died on October 22. A memorial gathering, most likely in the park, will take place at a later date. Claudette had been active in Evergreen Commons Homeowners Association for over 45 years, as president (several times), treasurer (several more times), board member, and volunteer.

Claudette and her first husband were original homeowners. He worked with builder Jim Streng and had first choice of the new lots. He chose one on Park Green Court backing on the park. After his untimely death, Claudette rented the house and lived nearby with her sister Sharon for a time. One day when she was flying to the Pacific Northwest for a weekend, she found herself sitting next to a handsome man named Bill Ostrander. To their mutual surprise, they were both on the same return flight days later, and once more sat together and chatted. After a week of thinking about it, they called each other, went out to dinner, and the rest is history. They were married in the park in the spring of 1989 and moved back into Park Green Court. Barbara Streng, Jim's wife, sang at the wedding.

ECHA is unusual in that it has always been run by homeowners themselves. That's the reason our annual dues are so low. While we contract with necessary services such as bookkeeping, gardening, and pool services, a board of homeowners, not a paid agency, is the governing body. Without volunteers, this would be impossible. Both Claudette and her husband Bill were committed to this local form of self-government. They consistently supported the rules of the association, believing that regulations should be enforced or changed, but never ignored. In recent years this hasn't been much of an issue, but longtime residents can recall that this has not always been the case. Claudette and Bill saw the association through good times and bad.

As treasurer, Claudette's financial and investment skills have significantly increased the association's savings account, providing us with a cushion for coming expenses. It was her suggestion that we hire a bookkeeping firm to keep track of homeowner payments and provide expert knowledge of the frequent changes in laws that affect associations like ours. (con't on next page)

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Her passion for our neighborhood extended to social activities.

One of the features of our homes is that there are few windows facing the street. In a sense, we live behind closed doors, which can isolate us from our neighbors. Claudette strongly supported social outreach activities, with the goal of keeping people in touch with each other. She had a special fondness for the Easter Egg Hunt, even persuading her sister to dress up as the Easter bunny.

I knew Claudette only in passing until a decade or so ago, when I finally took a turn on the association board. I admired her efficiency and dedication, but what made my time on the board memorable and pleasurable was experiencing what a big heart she had. We will miss her.



### TREASURER - LYNETTE PURVIS

Well, here we go!

As some of you may already know, I have accepted the job of ECA Treasurer. This position was left vacant by the very sad, recent passing of Claudette Ostrander. She was really good at this job, and just never got a chance to train me. So, I have been meeting with Riverside Management and Dick Pryor, hoping that I will soon be able to step in and function well in this position

I don't have any financial figures to post at this time (I'm still gathering information from prior reports). Thank you in advance for your patience. I should have everything figured out by the next newsletter

### SOCIAL DIRECTOR—JACK MILLER

NO REPORT



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING!





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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**  
**BEN BOTE**

Just a reminder, with the Holidays here, please be aware of your surroundings and don't leave any personal items on your porch or driveway. Also, please report any suspicious activity/people to your block captain or to non-emergency law enforcement.  
Thank you.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**



**THURSDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 22**



**NEXT BOARD MEETING**  
**7PM, THURS. DEC. 6**  
**4434 PARK GREEN**  
**BENJAMIN BOTE'S**  
**RESIDENCE**



**NEXT BOOK CLUB,**  
**10 AM, DEC. 10**  
**4431 PASADENA**  
**SUE SUPPLE'S**  
**RESIDENCE**



**TOY DRIVE**  
**DEC.**



**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**FEB. 28, 2019**