



**Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association**

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Association (SONA) general meetings are open to all interested parties. General meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Bascom Community Center, 1000 S. Bascom Ave beginning at 6:30pm. SONA board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sherman Oaks Community Center at 6:30pm. Newsletter is partially funded with a Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grant from the City of San Jose.

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### *Notes from the President*

Hope everybody had great holidays and a chance to visit family, recharge your batteries and wrap up 2013. And I hope that 2014 brings you happiness and health.

Our January meeting will be an open discussion on the coming year and also a chance for you to meet neighbors you haven't had time to meet. Together we can make a difference. What are the issues on your block? What do we see as a problem? Who's doing something good that needs a little neighborhood support? Do you want to help organize SONA-wide clean ups, garage sales or block parties?

One of the primary things SONA must address this year is finances. Our newsletter is printed monthly and distributed to about 1500 households. This has only been possible due to grants but we need to become self-sufficient. Do you want to switch to an all-electronic version? Print the newsletter quarterly? A combination of the two? Operating on donations and dues means we must live within our budget.

**The Friends of Bascom Library are holding the first book sale of 2014!** On Saturday, January 11, 2014 between 11am and 4pm you can shop for gently used books of all kinds. This is a book lover's heaven. And, if during your first of the year cleaning you have come across books that others might want, you can bring them to the sale for donation. Used books for sale and donation are always located in the nook just to the left of the entry of the Bascom Library.

Bascom Community Center staff has been gearing up for more programs at the facility for local residents. Take the time to stop in and check out the existing program and leave your message about what you would like to see. On the potential "new" list are fitness classes geared toward the more mature residents, including chair exercises. Staff suggests that you check out the activities at the Cypress Center, as these are the ones that can be easily transferred.

Looking forward to working with all of you in 2014!

*See you at the meeting...Randi*

### **General Meeting**

**January 9, 2014**

**Bascom Library**

**Community Room**

**1000 S. Bascom Ave**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**San Jose CA 95128**

**6:30pm**

- ❖ **Mix and Mingle**
- ❖ **Meet the Neighbors**
- ❖ **Coffee and Cookies**

**7:00pm**

- ❖ **Welcome**
- ❖ **Report from Elected Officials**
- ❖ **Report from SJPD (If available)**
- ❖ **SONA 2014**
  - **Goals**
  - **Meetings**
  - **What's new?**
  - **What needs to be addressed?**
  - **Issues and game plans.**
  - **Fundraising**

**8:15**

- ❖ **Drawing and Wrap Up**



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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherman-Oaks-Neighborhood-Association-San-Jose/151383304945052?fref=ts>

**Nextdoor Neighborhood:** [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com)

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