

The La Honda Voice



Friday, December 24, 2004

Cuesta La Honda Board of Directors(BoD) Election Results

[The BoD election was an extremely close race. Ballot counting occurred on December 18. The results are listed below. The two new Board members will be oriented in January]

Dave Schorr - 108 (# of votes) - New Board Member

Carol Prentice - 103 - Incumbent

Bob Dougherty - 96 - New Board Member

Larry Fama - 95 -Incumbent

Grant Kern - 94

David Ehrhardt - 93

Bob Meehan- 88

Scott Hayes - 84

Mike Williams-17

Local Calendar

12/25 (Christmas)- La Honda House Café

The La Honda House Cafe will be open from 2-7 on Christmas day. Please call to make reservations - 747-0312"

12/31 (New Years Eve) - Apple Jacks - New Years Eve Party with Wishbone Tug

1/29 - Mountain Terrace in Woodside - Winter Wine & Food Pairing & Auction (see article below)

Comment about the BoD Election from CIAC President

[Carl Bralts represented the Cuesta Independent Action Coalition (CIAC) platform in the BoD election. One of the CIAC approved candidates, Bob Dougherty, was elected to the BoD]

"You should all pat yourselves on your back right now. From what Bob White tells me, this was a record voter turnout, and I am proud to have helped count the ballots. And yes, after every election there is talk of hanging chads and missing ballots. There was some confusion at first, but that was mostly due to us newcomers. There was also a mismatch between two of the ballot counts that we are still trying to resolve. The selection of the Board of Directors is just the first part of this great process called Democracy, but now the hard work begins. Let me take this opportunity to point out that the vote was excitingly close among the candidates. Almost evenly divided. A divided society needs leaders to help bring them back together and concentrate on interests of the entire community. I am calling out (not behind the barn) to this new group of Directors to work both sides of the aisle when setting policy, especially by encouraging

dialog in the community for important financial decisions and community planning. God bless all of you for voting and donating your time. (...and I'm not a religious man but it just sounds right today.)" From Carl Bralts (message #5686)

Winter Wine and Food Pairing in Woodside

"Join us for the Second Annual Winter Wine & Food Pairing & Auction, Saturday, **January 29**, 4p.m. to 7pm., Mountain Terrace, Woodside, Tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call 747-0372 for tickets.

You may also purchase tickets by sending a check to LHEF, P.O. Box 225, La Honda, Ca., 94020. Please indicate whether you want to pick up your tickets at the door or have them mailed to you. Featured wineries include: Boony Doon Vineyards, Cantiga Wineworks, Chaine d'Or Vineyards, Cronin Vineyards, Thomas Fogarty Winery and Vineyards, plus two La Honda family wineries, Rorden-Graham Winery and Smith Vineyards. The wine and food pairing is by Epiphany Gourmet.

Childcare will be available at La Honda Elementary for \$7 per child.

Reservations are required for childcare (747-0372).

If you would like to sponsor this event or donate to the auction, please contact our auction coordinator Heather McAvoy, hmpers@landb.com. More info at www.lahondaschools.org or email paula@meer.net **All proceeds go to the La Honda and Pescadero Educational Foundations** to benefit local schools." from Paula Womack (message #5659)

Interest in Organic Tomatoes and Basil?

"As many of you may know(and for those who don't), a few years back we ran an organic CSA here, and sold organic veggies and fruit with Linda Hellerich as our partner. We were certified by the CCOF, after about 3 years we closed down the operation. I have continued to grow all of our own produce organically, and am going to start soon next year's crop. I am going to offer tomatoes and basil plants for sale, and wanted to get a feel from this group if anyone is interested. The tomatoes are the Early Girl strain, I have had wonderful results from this plant. Lots of tomatoes, sweet and Medium sized. Early Girls like La Honda weather, don't need the kind of heat a lot of other tomatoes require and are disease resistant. The seeds came from my plants from last year and are all organic. I will be starting some basil as well, also organic, but not from seeds I have saved. Please email me if you are interested [email through message board] and I will save plants for you. Prices will be very good, but I have not set them yet" From Cathy Whitney (Whitney Ranch) (message #5691)

History of La Honda, Part IV

Here is a continuation of the highlights from "A History of La Honda" by **Werner (Bud) Foss**. (Thank you Charlie Catania and Mary Bordi for getting me started with this project)

This section contains excerpts from the section entitled:

New La Honda - General Store, Post Office and Hotel



"Auto Scene" in La Honda

"The Bandit Built Store"

"As announced on the 4th of July 1877, William Sears and his father built a new store and hotel on their property on the site of the bear pit, the present La Honda. Oscar John, George Carter and the famous Younger brothers and their gang, were among the men who worked on the store, hence it has been called the "bandit built store... A partition in the center of the building separated the store from the saloon"

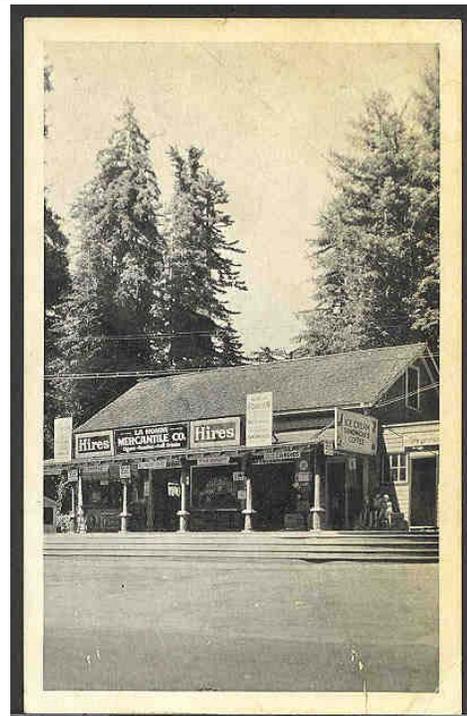
New Postmaster

"On March 12, 1880, William Sears turned his Postmastership, store and saloon over to his father, to open a large saloon in San Francisco. This left La Honda without a Postmaster, so on July 26, 1880, John Sears petitioned Postmaster McClure of Redwood City to appoint his daughter, Ida Sears, to the post and on Aug. 26 she was appointed. On June 4, 1881, John Sears added a four-room cottage to his hotel. He advertised rooms for \$2.00 a day... Albion and Alfred Blomquist

bought it... They sold the store to Frank Cavalli on Jan 4, 1903, and opened a cigar store business in San Francisco."

Cavalli and Woodhams

"Frank and Charlie Cavalli showed the La Honda people and summer guests their ability as storekeepers. They put on unusual entertainment for their guests, such as frog-shooting contests, games, prizes and sports of all kinds. On weekends they had the famous Tapioca Band... When prohibition came in, Frank and Charlie's business dropped off and sold out to Edgar Woodhams and Edgar Bartley... Frank... opened Cavalli's Inn 200 yards down the La Honda road... Over the weekends large crowds from Redwood City and Pescadero showed up at Woodhams hall and they really had some good times... sold out to George Finley [who] opened the store under the title of the "La Honda Mercantile Co."



La Honda Mercantile Co

Blacksmith Shops

"By 1880 he [John Sears] had finished not only his store and dance hall, but a blacksmith shop as well. He built his blacksmith shop alongside the wash-house, where Chinese did the washing for the mills while they were running...A.L. Ackerman, also a Redwood City blacksmith...purchased the old idle Catholic Church [that] had been built in 1886, by Father Riordan of the Menlo Park Church...The Church was just a square building when Ackerman bought it, so he built a side

wing, a front porch and made it into a 2 story hotel with attic rooms...When the Knight stage quit running in 1910, Ackerman's Blacksmith shop and hotel suffered a big loss...The site of John Sears' blacksmith shop is where Apple Jack has his Inn today."

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Cavalli Bros. Store

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