



# TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC

## MESA MESSENGER

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear friends and neighbors

'Tis the season to be jolly, to be with family, to give, and to be thankful. We decorate our homes and businesses. There is a buoyant feeling among us. We celebrate, perhaps for different reasons, but the birth of the Christ child is the foremost theme, I think. We have a number of churches in our neighborhood, and more to come. We are a nonsectarian organization, but I hope each of us can take some time to give thanks for our blessings during the holidays.

Certainly we in TRNA have much to be thankful for as the year ends. We have enjoyed near a quintupling of our membership. We have sponsored many very enjoyable social events, such as "Sunday in the Park," the Christmas and Easter parties, and the flea markets. Our Board of Directors has been very active in community matters, and our committee structure has been fired up. Our newsletter has gotten better with each issue. A great deal of volunteer effort has been put forth for the betterment of our community.

As we look forward to 1988, let us do so with resolve to make it a better year than 1987 in every way possible. We live in a fine community which is still developing. We are in a position to positively influence the character of the neighborhood and the quality of life for all who live and work here. There are ideas to be born and many to be sustained. If you want to be part of these events as a thinker or doer, please come forward and join the leadership of our association. The time you spent will bring satisfaction of being part of the future of our community, and best of all, I think you'll have some fun.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of you from Grace and I.



Dan

### TRNA COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 5 January IRNA Board
- 9 February IRNA Board

### TRNA OFFICERS

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## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The time has come for all of us to join and support the newly formed Westside Educational Task Force. The main objective of this task force is to acquire new schools, plus long-range planning for future schools (elementary, middle, and high) that the Westside desperately needs. This task force is also opposing the proposed boundary changes which would have our children bussed to Taft and Garfield Middle Schools and to Valley High School.

We need a unified showing of strength from the Westside to present to the decision making boards of APS. Our children and communities need adequate schools. Please attend meetings and bring friends!

The Westside Educational Task Force has been busy meeting with various Westside community members and with the APS Board to work out existing problems with Westside school overcrowding due to insufficient number of classrooms.

It is more apparent that current APS considerations for bussing, boundary changes, and/or year-round schooling are not going to solve the problem. It would seem that the only viable solution is new schools -- immediately. Even portable buildings and temporary schools are only a short term, inadequate solution.

The basic problem has been poor planning on the part of APS officials and a lack of foresight about the tremendous growth of the Westside. Forceful representation on the APS Board is necessary, as well as a forceful community voice which will require a positive response to our needs from the APS Board.

Community participation on the task force and making the issues known to as many people as possible is encouraged. We will experience a great feeling of accomplishment when we all, as a communal effort, achieve goals. Anyone seeking information is encouraged to call or, better yet, participate in the task force efforts or in the IRNA organization.

## IRNA STANDING COMMITTEES

Calling	Grace Curtiss	897-1700	Social	Kathy Ahrens	898-6738
Education	Frank Jackson	898-2105		Ken Allen	897-4248
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## SUCCESS

Our Christmas party was a huge success with almost 200 neighbors enjoying the evening.

Albertsons cooked us a really superb baron of beef -- carved to order by Fred Van Berkel and Steve Gabaldon. Sylvia Cota, Marilyn Walters, and Darcia Compton did an outstanding job of preparing and serving a grand dinner. Sandy and John Baggenstos, Joe and Barbara Evans, and Marsha Martin really worked hard transforming the school cafeteria with festive spirit.

We sang a few Christmas carols, ably accompanied by pianist Frank Jackson. Our President, Dan Curtiss, was a terrific master of ceremonies.

And if you asked the about seventy children what the highlight of their evening was, they would undoubtedly say "Santa" -- and also the delightful stories of the storyteller.

Many, many thanks to all of you for your help

Kathy

## KUDOS

For their hard work on the Christmas party, we salute Kathy Ahrens, our Social Activities Chairwoman, and her committee members: John and Sandy Baggenstos, Darcia Compton, Sylvia Cota, Barbara Evens, Marcia Martin, Marilyn Walters, Fred Van Berkel, and Ken Allen. Truly a fine, fun party -- well done, and we thank them.

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please feel free to write and submit articles of any type for publication in the TRNA newsletter. All articles are subject to acceptance, editing, and space available as determined by the editor.

## ADVERTISING WANTED

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**AWARDS**

It was our great pleasure to present a certificate of appreciation and a check for \$50.00 to CUB SCOUT PACK 126 of Taylor Ranch. Assistant Cubmaster Mike McWhorter and his family were with us at the Christmas party to accept the award. This pack was chartered in 1980 and is in the top five percent of packs in the four state area of the Great Southwest Council of the scouts. They have won the "Quality Unit Award" from the Scouts Council for the past three years and are in the high running to repeat this year. The pack is led by Cubmaster Bill Heitz and is composed of seven dens with 104 boys and fourteen adult leaders. Indeed, this is a fine Taylor Ranch community organization. We congratulate them for their achievement and thank the leaders for their efforts to support our boys.

The Board of Directors has adopted the policy of recognizing individuals and organizations in our area who have performed a significant community service. An award is made quarterly at the general membership meeting. If you know a candidate for such an award, please refer the name(s) to any board member.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Renewed your membership for 1988 yet?  
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