



Chapman Woods Call

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CHAPMAN WOODS, CALIFORNIA

September 2003

Let's Picnic! Chapman Woods Sports Family BBQ, Picnic & 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2003, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

at the home of Roger & Michele Engemann
731 Madre

\$5.00 per Adult—Kids free!

Baseball Batting Cages—Tennis—Golf Putting Green—Horse Shoes—Ping Pong—
Badminton—Swimming - Clown - Games - Dodger Dogs!

Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Bring your homemade chili or homemade pie; win the prize of your dreams!!!

If you don't bring chili or pie please bring a salad to share.

Please bring a picnic blanket- No host beverages

RSVP by September 7, 2003 (PLEASE) to Pam Hicklin, (626) 568-1705
(Let me know if you're bringing a salad or chili.)

RSVP (by September 7th) COUPON

Please detach and return this coupon **along with your check** payable to Chapman Woods Association
by September 7th to: Pam Hicklin, 3449 Yorkshire Blvd. Pasadena CA 91107. Question, call (626) 568-1705

New Resident

First Time Attending

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Number of Attendees (\$5 per Adult; kids free) _____



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *Pooling Our Efforts - Mitch Kauffman*

By the time this Call is printed, many of you will have seen the movie "Seabiscuit". On the surface it's the touching story of a great racehorse with tremendous determination. But the underlying tale highlights how two imperfect beings, an undersized, inadequate horse ridden by an oversized, unsuccessful jockey, bond together to create something much greater than they could achieve individually.

The Seabiscuit analogy can be carried to our own lives as well. Is it not the same story we live each day, whether it be with our families, friends or work? It's that spirit of unselfishly pooling our individual strengths that helps us achieve wonderful things.

When it comes to our neighborhood, it's not too dramatic to see ourselves as a small enclave fighting for survival amidst an encroaching outside world. The tiny voices of 450+ individual households have little hope of making a dent against such formidable forces. But by "Associating", we have created an entity with the potential of preserving our quality of life and property values. Our western neighborhood, San Marino, has an incorporated city with a tax base and ordinances to preserve their local beauty while Chapman Woods has only its pride and hard work.

As you may have noticed, the CW Board has been taking a stronger, proactive stance in recent years. These efforts have been geared toward preserving our local heritage and quality of life. Our success or failure rests on the volunteer efforts of our residents. When faced with unexpected challenges early on, it was gratifying to find support from residents who had previously served your Association. In particular, Dick and Lynda Patton have heroically donated their efforts to filling a Board vacancy and providing immeasurable support for our recent "CW Beautification" auction. They did this now, after the last decade having between them served as three Association Presidents and on innumerable Board positions. We owe them our gratitude.

But their example begs another question: *Where is everyone else?* Certainly we all have tremendous time demands, whether from family or work. But to maintain our lovely community, we need a viable Association Board. The Board has accomplished great things, including restoring the Rosemead-Huntington Walls, instituting monthly maintenance along Rosemead Boulevard, and as evidenced on page 4 of this Call, is actively campaigning local officials for further improvements. Our continued efforts have one purpose in mind: The preservation and improvement of our community.

With the second half of this administration beginning, we are actively seeking residents will serve on the next Board. As a volunteer organization, our success or failure will rest on your willingness to pitch in. But new challenges are evolving, what with the Gold Line opening and possible development of Clearman's corner, much remains to be done. An Old Testament quote comes to mind "... If not you, then who? If not now, then when?"



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