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Regular monthly meetings of the ITHA are held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of each month, January, February, March, April, May, June, September and October, No regular meetings are scheduled for July, August, November, or December. Location is the St. Francis Episcopal Church, 399 San Fernando Way, and all Terraces residents are welcome.

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Our new forum is now available for all neighbors: http://forum.ithasf.org. Members discuss topics such as local events, meetings, crime, schools, and gardening. The newsletter is available on the website: www.ithasf.org/sundial/sundial.html

# President's Letter

By Mark Scardina

### **Fall 2021**

As I sit down and write this summer letter, I am wondering whether summer will ever begin since our kids have already returned to school, football is about to start and our Giants are in a tight pennant race with their traditional adversaries, the LA Dodgers. Of course this means that the weather should be perfect by the time our annual Sundial Picnic comes around on Sunday, October 3rd. We take up after our 2020 hiatus with our successful Oktoberfest theme and add to it a special and worthwhile event. That Sunday morning beginning at 9am our Social Committee led by Wendy Dwyer, Colleen Carrigan and Sandy Gandolfo have organized our first Ingleside Terraces Giving Day. This event will not only entail a walkathon fundraiser to support the SF/Marin Food Bank, but we will also have clothing/home supplies donation stations for communities in need. Please see and fill out the included form for participation details.

As I wrote in our last newsletter, our Sundial Park is on track to be designated a San Francisco landmark. The final stage is occurring on September 13th at the SF Board of Supervisors meeting. They will take up the Planning Department's recommendation as an ordinance. Once passed we intend to have a dedication ceremony and plaque installed. We will let everyone know the date and time and if possible we may be able to schedule it for our picnic.

As part of this landmark application process, a number of the board members spent considerable time researching our history. We even found minutes from our first ITHA meeting back in 1939. Looking over those years, it was interesting to find that the neighborhood issues have been recurring. The concerns about how to get greater participation and membership, preserve our urban park community, and be of service to our neighbors have been constant these 80+ years.

However, it is important to recognize our board and committee members are volunteers and neighbors too. Our role is to preserve the body of our CC&Rs which are currently enforceable and that all have signed to comply with when we took title. This responsibility does not extend to matters outside this role as ITHA is not a private development as some HOAs but an internal part of San Francisco. As such, we are not a first responder or substitute for City services when it comes to issues such as safety, noise, neighbor-to-neighbor relations, etc. As an association, we do not own our streets, parks, or any real assets. This is why our dues have been voluntary and we thank all those who continue to support and welcome new supporters.

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On a final note, I'm sure you have heard in the news as well as in these pages the problems with affordable housing in the City and the various attempts by the state to impose a one-size-fits-all solution. Due to its extensive public transportation and job opportunities, San Francisco, and in particular the westside is seen as an opportunity zone by the rest of the Bay Area. Even though we are seeing extensive housing projects, such as Balboa Reservoir and Park Merced break ground next year and Stonestown planned for 2025, these are not viewed as sufficient participation to be exempt from state overrides. Two bills, SB-09 and SB-10 are on track to be signed into law that effectively eliminate single-family zoning in San Francisco. There is a preservation opportunity underway that has bi-partisan support. A California State Constitution amendment is being drafted to preserve local community planning and zoning rights. Stay tuned.

Hope to see everyone at our Oktoberfest Event!

Mark Scardina President



A seven-years-in-the-making major piece of public art was installed at Ingleside Library.

The 15-foot-tall, \$144,000 handcrafted steel sculptural gate is adorned with spirals and the word "Ingleside." Its blue-green color is meant to evoke wind and water.

"It was a herculean effort," sculptor Eric Powell told the *Ingleside Light* after hanging the gate's largest section. "A combination of five years."

Inglesidelight.com

#### Oldest Mural on Ocean Restored

From The Ingleside Light by Alex Mullaney

Restoration of the oldest mural on Ingleside's stretch of Ocean Avenue was quietly completed in February 2020 but the pandemic prevented any recognition of its completion.

Between November and February, Yano Rivera of Precita Eyes, touched up the Ocean View-Merced Heights-Ingleside leaders and landmarks depicted on the side of the PG&E facility on Ocean Avenue near Junipero Serra Boulevard.

The 22-year-old mural was refreshed for the next 20 years by the OMI Community Action Organization, which won a grant through Supervisor Norman Yee's District 7 Participatory Budgeting program. According to Precita Eyes, the mural is called "The Lights of the OMI and its Contributors." Edna James, executive director of the OMICAO who also appears in the artwork, applied for the grant to refresh the mural.

The mural was commissioned by the now defunct OMI Business League President Royce Vaughn in 1999 and executed by creative director Robert Fleege and painter Michael Manente, according to the organization's treasurer Al Lewis. https://www.inglesidelight.com/longstanding-inglesidemural-refreshed-for-decades-to-come/

# ITHA BBQ and Oktoberfest Picnic Sunday, October 3 • 12 - 3 pm

Make each lap around Urbano count on 10/3 by raising money for the San Francisco/Marin Food Bank. Afterwards enjoy good food and drink at the 106th neighborhood picnic. Please turn to the BACK PAGE for more information including specifics about donations we are accepting for those in need.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Upcoming Events in the Terraces** 

Oktoberfest picnic/Day of Giving:

Sunday, Oct. 3, 12 noon - 3 pm

**Walkathon:** Sunday, Oct 3, 9am – II am.

**Annual Meeting:** TBD

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# BETTY JOHNSON

With deepest sadness we note that Betty Johnson passed away on Saturday evening, May 22, 2021.

Betty graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Chicago in 1954 and passed the Illinois State Boards to become a Registered Nurse. She followed her sister Edie to California and soon after met Barney in San Francisco.

In 1964, Betty and Barney and their three children moved to Monticello Street from Parkmerced. They filled their home with love, celebrations, and lovingly raised their children. Betty and Barney were involved with the neighborhood picnics at the sundial, with the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT), Musicale, and bookclub. For years, Betty and her dear friend Elaine Mannon could often be seen walking morning laps on Urbano Drive. Betty was a regular volunteer at Commodore Sloat School, for Travelers Aid at San Francisco Airport, and for Food Runners, an organization that provided food to those in need.

Betty maintained friendships with IT neighbors Maxine Jackson, Esther Kwan, Doug Rioth, Norman Meunier, Elaine Mannon, Wendy Dwyer and Toni Illick.

In 2019, Betty was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease which later progressed to Lewy Body Dementia. As a retired nurse, she knew the challenges these diseases would bring. She found comfort knowing that the retirement community where they moved in 2012 offered great support. She made many new friends with the staff at Resident Health Services and later in the Skilled Nursing Facility.

Betty left a positive impact on everyone she met. We will all remember her love, care, and compassion. Betty leaves behind her devoted husband Barney, three children and their spouses; Andy and Beth, Dan and Anna, Barbara and Scott, and three grandchildren; Quinn, Cassidy, and Cora. There are countless close family and friends who meant so much to her.



Henry (Hank)
Galván Gómez
July 1, 1924 - July 27, 2021

Henry Galván Gómez, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully at his San Francisco home, surrounded by the love of his sons, daughter, and caregivers.

Hank was born a first generation American in San Bernardino, CA.A lifelong visual artist, he graduated in 1949 from the University of California, Berkeley with a BA in architecture. He worked as an architectural draftsman for the Chevron Corporation for 35 years, retiring in 1988. Hank served during WW II from 1943-45 in the Army Air Force and was stationed in Scotland as an airline mechanic. Henry met Phyllis Williams who was in the cadet nurses' program at UC Berkeley with Henry's sister Sarah who introduced them. Phyllis and Henry married in 1950. They moved to San Francisco in 1953 where they raised their family. While working at Chevron, Hank organized countless sports tournaments. He connected with the community through volunteering and fundraising in these groups: board member of YMCA Camp Jones Gulch, PTA, Ocean View-Merced Heights-Ingleside Neighborhood Association, the AIDS Memorial Grove, Kiwanis International, and Sons In Retirement. Hank also compiled newsletters and programs for many of these organizations. His love of singing and playing guitar extended to every corner of his life. He sang at senior homes with his family and joined the Chevron Blenders. He joined the SF Cable Car Chorus in 1978 and remained an active member for the rest of his life. As a member of the SF-CCC and The Four Sons Quartet, he sang the Anthem for Giants' games from 2002-2016.

Hank is preceded in death by his brothers Manuel, Rodolfo, Salvador, Roberto, his sisters Sarah and Amalia, his wife Phyllis, and his son Michael. He is survived by his brother Albert and his sister Anita, his sons Gregory, Robert, John, his daughter Claudia, and four grand-children. A memorial service was held on September 4th. Remembrances including pictures and videos can be shared at SFColumbarium.com under Hank's name.

# THE SUNDIAL

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# ITHA presents the

# 106th Sundial Park • BARBECUE & OKTOBERFEST PICNIC & Ingleside Terraces Giving Day

## Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Entrada Court

Get to know your neighbors! Everyone is welcome!

**SF/Marin Food Bank Fundraiser 9am-I Iam:** Make good use of our Urbano track and walk or run to raise money for families in need. Scan the QR code to sign up or sponsor a participant.



**Donation Stations 12pm-3pm:** Support communities in need by donating: new socks, hand sanitizer, masks, toiletries, art/school supplies, and gently used eyeglasses and coats.

**BBQ/Picnic12-3pm:** Bring your tricycles, bicycles, Big Wheels, strollers and wagons for the chariot race! ITHA will provide BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, vegan burgers, trimmings and drinks. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share for the potluck. Please RSVP to Wendy Dwyer at 706-0549, email at events@ithasf.org, or return this form to 350 Urbano Drive before Sept. 22

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Name	_ Phone
Address	_ Email
I can help with: [] water stations at Urbano Walk/Run Fundraiser (9am-I bbq chef rotation [] children's activities (balloons, face painting).	lam) [] picnic set up (10am-12pm) [] clean up (3-4pm

If you would like to write a check to ITHA to help sponsor this party, fabulous! Your contribution will be applied to balloons and decorations. ITHA will continue to sponsor the furniture rental and the BBQ with all the trimmings.