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SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS
Gazette

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All Residents are Invited to Attend the
San Antonio Heights Association

# ANNUAL MEETING

## Thursday, November 21st

Life Bible Fellowship Church
2426 N Euclid Avenue
6:30 pm – Social Gathering with snacks
7:00 pm – Meeting

This is your opportunity to Talk with Leaders from SBCounty Fire & Sheriff, California Highway Patrol, Our District Supervisor's Office, Upland Mayor and SAWCo – JOIN US!

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Email: **sahbulletinboard@gmail.com**

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**CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL 909-980-3994**

**FIRE DEPT–SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS STATION #12 909-982-2611**

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**NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH 909-829-7311**

San Antonio Heights Sheriff's Substation…….. Business Line 909-476-6293

Messages for Deputies Ishmael Diaz and Mark Smoot can be left on the San Antonio Heights Sheriff's Substation Business line.

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**SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS (Message Phones)**

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| San Antonio Heights Association | 909-981-3317 |
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# What happened to Fall?



Hopefully by the time you receive this we will be cooling down and actually entering Fall weather conditions. We all know we have had some extremely hot weather, breaking records along the way.

It has been an extremely emotional year for a lot of people. With record-breaking fires (that may still be going on) to hurricanes and world conflicts, it should remind us of how important our community is. I consider San Antonio Heights to be "eclectic" which by definition is ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources. We seem to be able to support each other and our community even though we may not see the world through the same set of eyes. That is what I love about San Antonio Heights.

Why bring all this up? Our Annual San Antonio Heights meeting will be held on November 21st this year. It is the one time that all our different concerns and ideas can be expressed to everyone. It is also the time that most of our elected officials and emergency personnel will be on hand to hear you. I hope to see you there.

Another important date to remember is Dec. 21st. This is when SANTA will be cruising San Antonio Heights to give a little cheer to all that have been nice throughout the year.

WE were lucky and our neighborhood dodged the fires that devastated so many of our friends in the Mt. Baldy area to the north. If you can find it in your heart to help out in any way, I am sure it would be greatly appreciated.

I hope everyone has some time to spend with family and friends this coming holiday season and reflect on how lucky we are to live in a place like San Antonio Heights.

Respectfully,

Bob Cable, President



## Battalion Chief Tony Siciliano

Tony Siciliano joined the San Bernardino County Fire Department in 1998, promoted to Captain and served time at Station #12 in San Antonio Heights in 2002. Tony was recently promoted from Captain to Battalion Chief and is now back assigned to our District (Shift B) which includes San Antonio Heights. Our Board members are excited, thrilled, happy and jumping with joy to have Battalion Chief Siciliano working with the Association and the residents in the Heights. As it appears, all fire personnel are always friendly and helpful; Battalion Chief Siciliano is definitely a top notch leader also. While on duty, if Battalion Chief Siciliano is not out on a call, he attends our monthly Board Meetings which keeps us informed, along with Tony being helpful with matters relating to fire issues and overseeing events directly connected with the community, always with a smile.

Our congratulations Battalion Chief Siciliano for your well-deserved promotion and service and we look forward to working with you.



When Tony does get some time away, he enjoys relaxing and having fun at the river with his family boating and other water sports. We also understand Tony is looking forward to retirement coming up in a few years. Until then, we hope we contine to have the privilege of his leadership here in the Heights. Welcome Back!

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It is official – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors recently approved a new fire station to be built to replace the current fire structure at Station 12. It will be a while, but funds have been approved. Exciting!



# SANTA EVENT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 9 A.M.

In 2020, the Association opted to create an event after a hectic year of everyday activities wrestling with Covid's restrictions and requirements. We wanted to do something to bring smiles and happy faces to our residents. After research on how a few nearby cities managed their Santa events and with help from San Bernardino County Fire, the SAHA/Firefighter's Santa Event was born. We launched a fun program that worked well with our challenging designer street layout. The first year Santa made twenty-seven scheduled stops but these increased dramatically over the next three years to ninety-two scheduled stops and Santa handed out over 250 goodie bags. We are back for our fifth year – Much discussion regarding whether we should continue to have sign ups and stop at each resident's house who signs up or do a drive-by on several bigger streets and give start and stop times at several locations. We have decided to once again schedule stops, and this will require everyone's help who wants to participate. Signups are essential! Early signups will be helpful to begin preparing Santa's route. The date you must sign up by will be posted. Remember we need time to do the final preparations, and this information will be available at the SAHA Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 21st. To prepare Santa's route, we must have your last name, street address, phone number, number of children (ages are nice but not required) and MOST IMPORTANT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS so we can communicate with you.

We hope to have the final information at the SAHA Annual Meeting. This will be a great time to sign up. We are researching technology that could provide available tracking of Santa's route. Questions? Email SAHBulletinBoard@gmail.com – Phone – Call 909-981-3317 or 909-717-8409

# “SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”

During my preparation for this issue of the Gazette, Sharron Jungman (a resident of the Heights and a member of the COP) called and asked me to include the above slogan in the next Gazette.

This slogan brought back the memory of a phone call I received about a year ago on our San Antonio Heights Association message line. A woman on her way home from her morning hike and who lives in the Heights called on our Heights message phone. She immediately told me she had just noticed an incident that looked like a robbery may have just happened on the east side of the Heights, she was calling from her car and just happened to have our phone number. She described the car but said she could not get the license plate, because the car was in back of her and she was uncomfortable that the individuals might see her and be suspicious if she looked back. I asked her if she would be okay to stay on the line and told her I would call and ask the COP Commander for his suggestion on what to do. He told us she should call Dispatch and we learned he had just minutes prior been in contact with Chris, our Sheriff, who works this area, so in this case, the Commander talked with the woman and put her in contact with the Sheriff. Later that day I learned that the Sheriff was nearby, had responded and made an arrest. I was surprised how that made me feel good to have been available to help.

I do not know any other particulars about this event, other than her phone call did matter, my phone call did matter, the Commander’s phone call did matter and a crime was either prevented or interrupted and someone was arrested. The message remains the same:

**“DON’T HESITATE IF YOU “SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING”**

Call Dispatch! Your call might help someone in some serious trouble or prevent a crime right here in the Heights or anywhere.

Remember in the June, 2024 Gazette Issue, page 3, I offered an explanation to the Cover Photo: We said in the next issue, we hope to do an article on how this walking group began many years ago. Well, we still do not know – we will try for the next issue! Wish me good weather so I can go take a walk and talk with the boys (cooler, it has been a bit too hot for me). Donna Hawthorne, Editor

**See Something, Say Something**

**CALL DISPATCH 909-829-7311**

**"Help eliminate any type of crime in the Heights."**
**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

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# THERE IS A NEW SHERIFF IN THE HEIGHTS

# WELCOME!!



Hi! My name is Mark Smoot. I am the new San Antonio Heights and Mt. Baldy Community Deputy. I have been a deputy for approximately 17 years. I have been at Fontana Sheriff's station for 8 years. I am excited to be in this position. I am here to help the community. If you have any concerns, please let me know. If you just want to say "Hi", feel free to flag me down, I am always willing to talk. I am hoping to help and make a difference in this community.

# SAN ANTONIO HEIGHTS RESIDENT, LLOYD GARRISON serves on San Bernardino County Symphony Board of Directors for the past 10 years and is now Corporate Secretary



**I asked Lloyd if he would be interested in authoring an article for the Gazette and telling us about how he came to be involved with the SBCounty Symphony. He said yes and while reading his well prepared article for the newsletter I was amazed at what a wonderful, adventurous, full, and exciting life he has had. Please enjoy – in this community everyone is our neighbor.**

## COMING TO THE "HEIGHTS"

**THE EARLY YEARS -** In 1987, Marion and I sold our two-story townhouse in Covina. We moved into our newly constructed Lewis Home in San Antonio Heights... Our home interior was constructed according to Marion's wishes. The exterior grounds looked like a moon scape, full of rocks and gravel. Nine double truckloads of topsoil were brought in to allow a future lawn and garden. Marion worked at Cal. State Los Angles University (CSLA) as the Chief Chemistry Department Administrator for undergraduate and graduate school studies. She also helped write grant proposals for post-doctoral faculty research. She did this for 27 years, retiring in 1989.

I worked in a polymer R&D chemical laboratory. At Bell and Howell, I worked on Organo metallic magnetic polymers. This led to a patent and publication in various technical journals.

The events that led to Marion and I meeting were quite unique. At CSLA,I was working on an advanced degree in Political Economics and technology transfer to less developed countries. Further, both of us were members of ski racing teams competing on the US intermountain circuit. With these two occurrences in play, we linked up with each other, and tying the knot together, in 1979.

**THE LATER YEARS -** Aside from my 12 years in chemical R&D, my most interesting post graduate school employment was at Hampshire Chemical Company. There, I was tasked with sales and marketing of specialty chemical intermediates. At that time, Hampshire Chemical Company was the organic division of W.R. Grace. While I was there through time, Hampshire was bought and sold 4 times; eventually being absorbed into Dow Chemical.

At the time of Hampshire being first sold, I was also working in the evening, going for another advanced degree in international marketing at the Claremont Graduate School under the guidance of Peter Drucker.

In 1988, Hampshire tapped me to open new chemical intermediates markets in Southeast Asia, Latin America, Australia, and South Africa; cutting short my second graduate degree work at Claremont Graduate School.

In that time period from 1988 until 2001, Mr. Boeing and I became quite intermittent with each other, accumulating millions of flyer miles.

In that time period of 1989-2000, the internet was in its early years. Call reports and spell check hardly existed. As my penmanship and spelling was at question, my call reports were faxed to Marion in the "Heights" who typed them up and faxed them to Hampshire's Boston headquarters. In essence, Marion had come out of retirement to become a needed Hampshire Chemical contract employee.

After several years, it became more cost effective to have my own office and apartment in Hong Kong. Hong Kong became a locus of points of business travel. Travel took me into Shanghai, Wuhan, and Guangzhou. Taipei, Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Seol, Hanoi, and Bangkok, as they were only a short distance away from my Hong Kong office. Perth, Mumbai, and Johannesburg were only an overnight away. In my market development role, my travel was largely devoted to the major industrial cities, and there in, I interfaced with their scientists, engineers, professional officials. societies, and government officials.

When Hampshire Chemical was bought out by Dow Chemical and absorbed into it, I returned to my home in San Antonio Heights, as Dow had its Pacific

Division headquarters in Hong Kong. After a year back in the States, along with most of the Hampshire management staff were spun off and let go. I was given a most generous severance package and a golden parachute. I left with no bitter feelings.

Hampshire Chemical was most generous to Marion and me. At Hampshire's expense, they flew her to my apartment in Hong Kong, and from there she was able to go with me to Jakarta, Taipei, Perth, and San Jose, Costa Rico.

**RETIREMENT YEARS -** After Marion retired from CSLA. she eventually found a calling to work on the staff of the Discovery Shop, which is part of the American Cancer Society's fund razing apparatus. I say calling, as Marion is a cancer survivor.

I, on the other hand, had a little more difficult time easing into retirement. Eventually, I discovered the Osher Lifelong Institute (OLLI) at Cal. State University at Fullerton where I have been a guest lecturer on China (PRC), its economy and its foreign policy with Russia, Europe, SE Asia, and the US. I also have given lectures on climate disruption (commonly known as climate change); its technology and its effects on the world economy.

One of the most interesting that I have been doing in retirement is connected with the San Bernardino Symphony Orchestra (SBS). The SBS is 95 years old. West of the Mississippi, only the Los Angeles and San Francisco Symphonies are older.

We are a regional Symphony. Our audience comes from San Bernardino County, eastern LA County, and Northern Orange County

Our Symphony has several homes: the California Theater for the Preforming Arts in San Bernardino, for our full symphonic concerts and San Bernardino City College Theater for our jazz and chamber music concerts and its football stadium for our 4th of July concert and fireworks. Anthony Parnther is our Maestro and Music Director, whose multiyear contract has just been renewed.

In 2024 there are two remaining concerts: our "Movies with the Maestro" on October 26 and "Our Christmas Festival" on December 14th. Both concerts are at the San Bernardino Theater for the Performing Arts. You can access us on our website at: SanBernardinoSymphony.org.

## NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025

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**The above residents have volunteered to serve on the 2025 SAHA Board. Voting will be held at the Annual Meeting, December 21, 2024.**

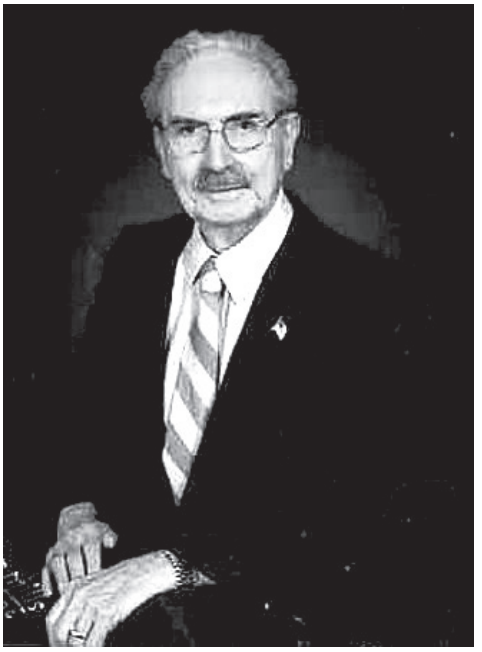
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# ONLY TWO ISSUES A YEAR - DOES NOT REQUIRE BEING A BOARD MEMBER

# INTERESTED?
# CONTACT 909 981-3317

# Obituary for Michael Pompa, 12-9-19 / 6-4-23



Received the following obituary from Laurent Pompa, one of the sons of Michael and Margaret Pompa, former residents of the San Antonio Heights from 1956 to 2023 (67 years). Michael passed away on June 4, 2023, and the family has recently begun the final and sad process of selling the family home, shuffling through photos and paperwork and gathering up memories with joy and tears.

Laurent began with how their parents had purchased the property at 2445 Oceanview Drive, Upland in December 1956 and completed construction of their new home the following year.

Michael and Margaret's contributions to the Heights included: both were founding members of the San Antonio Heights Association and served in administrative positions (secretary) , founding members of the Heights Citizens Patrol, County Grand jury Services for five years, and served on the San Antonio Water Board.

The Pompa's five children were raised and educated participating in various academic competitions and athletic sports in Upland schools. Their children successfully continued their higher education at universities in and beyond the state of California and also received academic and athletic scholarships and finally settled into multiple professions in education, military, and business.

Earliest memories of living in the Heights included some vivid memories of the early Spring scent of orange and lemon blossoms, late night and early morning smoke from smug pots, the sound of aircraft-powered wind machines, and rows of orange and lemon groves cascading along San Antonio and Mountain Avenue with later coming the sounds of little league games, bear, deer, and coyote sightings cottontail rabbits feeding on our lawns, streets bordered by

Michael Pompa (continued)

Eucalyptus trees with no street lights; stopping by D & D Market for an occasional tank of gas and a soda (located in the general area of Guiseppe's Restaurant parking lot on EUCLID Ave), Santa Ana winds; protecting our home overnight by "hosing down", (with water hoses) on our wood shake roof against fire embers falling from the sky from forest fires roaring across the foothills of the San Gabriels, climbing all over the old stone "Power House", building on Mountain Ave., spending countless hours exploring the foothills above us (Cucamonga Canyon camping and fishing) and inside the San Antonio Dam, skateboarding down its spillway, "through Upland and Montclair; riding horses down the bridal path on Euclid Ave., shooting practice on East 24th St at the Rifle range and finally on some clear days seeing the Pacific Ocean. It will always be San Antonio Heights – the "jewel," of the San Gabriel to this family member. Oh, the stories and memories we can share

Thank you, Laurent, for sharing your beautiful family memories. Laurent currently lives nearby in Rancho Cucamonga.

**FOR SALE**
**WATER STOCK SHARES (San Antonio Water Company)**

**Residential homeowners, landowners, or landlords requiring additional water services, e.g., for adding an (ADU or JADU) – Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit or for investment interests. A total of (3) separate One-Quarter shares are available to purchase; either individually or in increments of 1, 2, or all 3 shares.**

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