

CUMMINGS VALLEY PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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*** CHANGING OF THE GUARD**

At the June 3 meeting, a new board of directors was elected for the 1993-94 membership year. Our new president is Ray Heit, who served as vice-president the previous year. Ray is a practicing real estate appraiser who, in his earlier years was active in land development and recognizes that some areas are appropriate for development while others are not. Ray, a past president of Tehachapi Kiwanis, and a 14-year resident of BVS, is well qualified to assume the presidency. (See his remarks elsewhere in this issue.)

*** RAY HEIT STATEMENT**

As incoming president of the Cummings Valley Protective Association for 1993-94, I am taking this opportunity to thank you for your confidence in electing me president.

What I am about to undertake is going to be a tough act to follow considering the high standards that were set by our previous President, Chuck McCullough. However, it is my intention to make every effort to continue in the footsteps of his administration.

I cannot successfully carry out my role as president without your help. We urgently need a HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON and a TELEPHONE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON. In addition, we need people to serve on the membership, hospitality, newsletter, publicity and telephone committees. Let's spread the responsibilities around and make yourself a working member of this organization. Please volunteer. We need you!

I do want to thank the following board members for having accepted positions on my board and I look forward to working responsively and cooperatively with them throughout the year.

Vice President	Dorothy Woods
Secretary	Carol Wein
Corresponding Secretary	Ben & Laurie Rude
Treasurer	Ann Miller

I also want to thank Ed Kern for accepting the position of publicity chairman and Betty Malone for newsletter editor.

*** CALAVERAS TOUR**

On a bright Monday morning May 17, approximately 20 people were treated to a 3-hour seminar and a 2-hour walking tour of the Calaveras Cement Manufacturing Plant at the east end of Tehachapi. Of the 20 folks, 6 were from the CVPA; Carol Wein, Charmian Lyda, Rick & Betty Schrieber, Ray Heit and Solveig Thompson, the extraordinary tour organizer. We thank her for her well conceived project executed in a fine fashion.

Mr. Lars Oberg, Manager, Environmental Affairs of the Calaveras Plant was our guide and gracious host. In addition, members of his staff also provided fill-in detailed information. Nothing was left out about the manufacturing of cement.

Most important were the efforts made to demonstrate just how clean the manufacturing operation is. We were impressed by the plant's capability to keep under control, smoke, dust, and particulate emissions from a process that basically involves lots of dust.

Of great importance was the question of just what fuel is used to fire the kilns that make the clinker cement. Rumors have circulated that the plant would soon be burning old rubber tires as an alternate fuel. It was patiently explained that no such thing was contemplated. Currently the plant is capable of burning only coal or natural gas. New equipment would have to be designed and installed for tire burning, which is out of the question, considering that the plant is new. All of us felt quite comfortable having been shown that the emissions were as clean as current technology permits.

Many thanks go to Calaveras Cement Co. and in particular, Mr. Lars Oberg for their public contribution. A service that provides for public awareness such as this tour can only make the folks in the Greater Tehachapi area most secure that we have a very responsible, concerned management and manufacturing facility that benefits our area.

*** SUMMER HIATUS**

Because so many members are away during the summer, no general meetings are scheduled for early July and August. Our next meeting will be held September 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stallion Springs CSD meeting room.

The CVPA Board is considering scheduling some general meetings at BVS next year, in which case members will be notified by our telephone committee.

*** BUS TOUR OF CUMMINGS VALLEY**

Sixty members and guests braved the threatening weather of a freak winter storm on June 5 to tour Cummings and Brite Valleys from the comfort of a 47 - passenger bus. Forty were on the morning tour, and twenty went in the afternoon.

Jerrie Cowan of the Tehachapi Heritage League focused her narration on the history of the various pioneer ranches in the two valleys and shared the microphone with Jon Hammond, who provided a wealth of information on the flora and fauna of the area. Everyone enjoyed the superb job they did in providing fascinating information.

Participants were able to see about a dozen of the early settlers' ranches and homesites as well as learn about some of the newer ranches and farming operations.

A high point in the excursion was a visit to the beautifully restored house and grounds of the 105-year-old Elizah Stowell house now owned by CVPA members Bob and Patty Souza. In their unmatched hospitality, the Souzas invited everyone into their home with it's Victorian ambiance overlain by Bob and Patty's tasteful decorating.

Special thanks to Jerrie and Jon for giving up their day to make the two runs of the tour, and to all the others who helped to organize and run the event.

*** TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP**

As CVPA continues to work for all of us who value the beauty and lifestyle of the area, we ask for your continued support and payment of your 1993-94 dues. Our membership year is from July 1 to June 30. A number of members have paid in advance, in which case the '94 year will appear on the top line of your address label. If it does not appear, your dues are now payable. Please return the dues statement with your payment. Note any change in address or phone number.

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Enclosed find my family membership dues of \$12.00 for 1993 1994

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