Message from the President

Jim Sweeney, President, SCRL

SCRL Members:

Many of you have been considering the installation of solar panels for your homes. SCRL has completed discussions with Sunrun, a leading solar power installer, to offer SCRL members two attractively priced options for solar power.

The options are: (1) a 20 year power purchase agreement (PPA) where the homeowner does not need to pay for, own, or maintain the system and simply commits to purchasing the power at a set price or (2) outright purchase and ownership of a system.

We have scheduled an information meeting for the evening of May 13, at 7:30 pm, in room 111 of the Y2E2 Building -- the Yang and Yamazaki Environment and Energy Building. (http://campus-map.stanford.edu/index.cfm?ID=04-070).

We hope you will attend if you have any interest in exploring the solar option.

Representatives of Sunrun will be there to explain options and to take any questions. In addition, they will have a table at the SCRL annual meeting on May 20 and will be able to answer questions just before and after the annual meeting. If needed, we can plan an additional informational meeting.

Whether you install solar power and which company you use is, of course, entirely your decision (our agreement does not preclude your using another company.) However, after our discussions with each of the well-known installers operating in our area, the SCRL was able to reach an agreement with the one offering us the most attractive financial terms.

In short, the PPA option would provide solar electricity from a leased system at an all-inclusive price of $0.14 per Kwh for the first year, with a guaranteed 2.9% per year escalation rate for the 20-year term of the lease.

In contrast, the average price of retail electricity sold by PG&E is about $0.20 per Kwh with unknown future escalation rates. As additional incentive, Sunrun will also provide a $1000 cash back (check or pre-paid debit card) to the homeowner with each completed installation. Alternatively, homeowners can purchase a solar electric system from Sunrun for $3.75 per watt DC, regardless of system size.

In contrast, the purchase cost of a solar electric system varies widely, but in California averages around $5.86 per watt DC for small systems or $4.59 per watt DC for large systems.

For now, I hope you will save the evening May 13 to hear more from Sunrun. I will send out more information in a subsequent email.

Jim Sweeney:
for the SCRL Solar Committee: Bruce Clemens (chair), Amy Butte, Rita Koltai, Jeff Moore, Jim Sweeney.
What is Nextdoor, and what can it do for you?

Nextdoor is a free, private social network for you, your neighbors and your community. People (including SCRL members and residents of surrounding neighborhoods) are using Nextdoor to:

• Quickly get the word out about a break-in
• Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
• Track down a trustworthy babysitter
• Find out who does the best paint job in town
• Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
• Find a new home for an outgrown bike
• Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Nextdoor's Manifesto

• We are for neighbors
• For neighborhood barbecues. For multi-family garage sales. For trick-or-treating
• We're for slowing down, children at play.
• We're for sharing a common hedge and an awesome babysitter.
• We're for neighborhood watch. Emergency response. And for just keeping an eye out for a lost cat.
• We believe waving hello to the new neighbor says, “Welcome” better than any doormat.
• We believe technology is a powerful tool for making neighborhoods stronger, safer places to call home.
• We're all about online chats that lead to more clothesline chats.
• We believe fences are sometimes necessary, but online privacy is always necessary.
• We believe strong neighborhoods not only improve our property value, they improve each one of our lives.
• We believe that amazing things can happen by just talking with the people next door.
• We are simply you and your neighbors, together.

For more information, please Google “Nextdoor.”

Students Available for Hire by Residents

Audrey Gold of Lathrop Drive has compiled a list of neighborhood students looking for jobs. If you know of students who are home from college, or teenagers looking for work, please give them Audrey’s email: Audreygold@gmail.com.

If you need a pet-sitter, babysitter, balloon artist or helpful hands, ask Audrey for the list. There are some great students eager to help you.

SCRL Annual Meeting

May 20, 2015

Tresidder Memorial Union
Oak Lounge (2nd Floor)

6:00 p.m., display posters & information tables will be available

7:00 p.m., the meeting begins.

Don’t miss...

• Election of members to the SCRL Board (by ballot in advance)
• Overview of the past year’s SCRL activities and programs (by Jim Sweeney, SCRL President)
• Financial report (by Chuck Bonini, Treasurer)
• Introduction of a new emergency plan (by co-chairs of the SCRL Emergency Committee)
• Information tables on topics of interest*
• Community discussion

*Information Tables Available*

Department of Public Safety
Emergency Preparedness
Faculty Staff Housing
Outdoor Environment Committee
SCRL Welcome Committee
California Avenue Housing
SCRA
Parking and Transportation Services
Peninsula Sanitary Service, Inc.
SCRL
Sustainability
Water Conservation and Quality
Stanford Grounds
Avenidas Village
Faculty Staff Housing

Rental Housing – New Homes Being Built!

Stanford is expanding rental housing options for faculty and staff. In winter, 2014, the university entered into an agreement to master lease The Colonnade, a 167-unit apartment complex currently under construction near the border of Los Altos, Palo Alto and Mountain View.

The Colonnade is comprised of 100 one-bedroom and 67 two-bedroom apartments in a four-story building with traditional California tile-roof architecture. Amenities will include a fitness center and spa, rooftop deck, and clubroom.

The university does not yet know the complete mix of possible residents for the complex, which could initially include some renters not affiliated with Stanford. Apartments will be available in summer, 2015. For more information, please visit www.leaselosaltos.com where you can view floor plans and sign up for the interest list.

Campus Home Sub-Leasing

Are you considering renting out your campus home? Before doing so, please check your ground lease. And remember…

- Prospective renters must meet the eligibility criteria. Please contact Faculty Staff Housing to verify your renter’s eligibility and to provide notice of your rental status
- To list your home on Faculty Staff Housing’s website, go to: fsh.stanford.edu

For more information, please call 725-6893 or email FSHousing@stanford.edu.

Homeowner Insurance Monitoring

Are you aware of EBIX? Homeowners Insurance is required for homes located on Stanford lands and/or homes for which university loans are secured. Earthquake Insurance is also required if you have a university loan.

Our office has been working with an outside provider, Ebix BPO, to track the homeowners and earthquake insurance information required for each on-campus lease and all of the outstanding Stanford loans.

EBIX may have contacted you for information in the past and if so, thank you for your cooperation.

We now have 83% of all lessees and borrowers marked as fully compliant, but we do need to complete our outreach. Should EBIX need to contact you again, we would appreciate your timely response to their request. EBIX can be reached at Stanford@Ebix.com, by fax (770) 325-3312, or by phone (915) 652-3970.

New Tools for Home Improvement Projects

Our internet-based home improvement project application process soon will be available. In spring, 2015, individuals will be able to quickly do the following:

- Create a user account
- Complete Home Improvement Project Application
- Obtain email confirmation of application submission
- Complete the Delegation of Authority Form for applications that are not submitted by the Eligible Lessee

A Friendly Reminder

- All home improvement projects require review and approval by Faculty Staff Housing. This approval is a prerequisite to obtaining a permit from Santa Clara County. This approval may require Stanford’s Heritage Services participation for mature homes (50+ years old).
- Included in home improvement projects are landscaping projects such as tree removal. Certain trees, such as oaks and redwoods, may also require Santa Clara County tree removal permits.

Your cooperation in our efforts to maintain an attractive community for faculty and staff is greatly appreciated.

Please Update Your Contact Information if Necessary

If your contact information on file with FSH has changed (e.g. email address, phone number, etc.), please send updated details to FSHousing@stanford.edu. We will verify information with you before updating our records.

Outdoor Lending Library

Thanks to Marian and Jim Adams, there’s an outdoor lending library at the corner of Cooksey Lane and Santa Ynez Street.

The couple christened the cabinet, crafted by Jim, “The Book Barn,” because of its resemblance to said structure. And as the signs say, people may take a book and leave a book…gratis.

“I’ve always admired the Little Lending Libraries in Palo Alto,” says Marian. “Jim made this one as a Christmas present.” And it’s clear that it’s a gift that keeps on giving.
John Harbaugh

Master Craftsman

John Harbaugh has magic hands. And with them, using tools ranging from humble to hi-tech, he creates masterpieces of furniture, many of them of his own design.

The professor emeritus of geology has been interested in crafts since childhood, but as he says in his memoirs, “The first real involvement (of working with wood) came when I was 13 and took mechanical drawing and shop in the eighth grade. I loved it and made all the prescribed simple woodshop items. In the summer of 1940, my father bought some secondhand wood power tools—lathe, drill press, jigsaw and bandsaw, and I established a shop on one side of our garage. I didn’t make much of consequence, mostly focusing on gimmicky things like turning candle holders, but it was all enjoyable.”

And that joy in woodworking has held true for the rest of his life. After John began his career at Stanford in 1955, he spent many an evening and weekend designing and crafting. In retirement, he continues woodworking in a designated area of his backyard, and in his studio. The following photos of the handcrafted furniture filling John’s home on Salvatierra Street should say more than the proverbial 1,000 words.

The exterior of the bookcase resting atop the drop leaf secretary is made of walnut from Kansas.

The decorative inlay on the bookcase’s capital graces the top of John’s handiwork. He uses a very fine cutting instrument to insert the intricate design.

The woodgrain directions on both sides of this capital’s inlay are mirror images.

John delights in such a pattern. He says, “You can do things with veneer that you can’t do with solids.”

John’s right hand rests on the slanted portion of the drop leaf secretary and bookcase. When lowered, this front part rests on the side pull-outs, or “sliders,” providing a convenient writing surface.

Another drop leaf secretary fashioned by John. The lowered front part reveals pigeonholes and slots.

“This style goes back hundreds of years,” says John. “They could be found in Tudor times, and were popular during Colonial times.”
John’s outdoor work area

Power tools are prominent in the studio area that John carved out of his garage.

John commonly uses cardboard templates when designing a furniture item, but when he’s unsure about the appropriate curves and exterior dimensions, he’ll make a 3-D full-scale cardboard mock-up and place it in the room where the item will be used. The idea is, he says, to see how it fits architecturally with the surrounding furniture before committing to the design.

John occasionally uses nails in a piece of furniture, as when assembling a drawer where joints that involve nailing are also glued when the drawer is assembled. But his rule is never to allow nail heads be seen on the item’s exterior after the nails are in place. He will often cover drawer sides, for example, with veneer, thus concealing the nails.

When he’s not using nails to hold things together, John uses white glue and clamps…sometimes as many as 15 or 20.

“You can’t have too many clamps,” he says with a smile…

…and the proof is found even in the places no one else sees.
Greetings, SCRL Community!

The pleasant weather allows us to take advantage of outdoor activities such as finding areas where the family dog is allowed to run free. An area where this activity is prohibited is the Stanford campus.

The campus includes Lake Lagunita and the greenbelt surrounded by Stanford Ave., Junipero Serra Blvd., and Page Mill Road. Lake Lagunita is also the home of the endangered, federally protected Tiger Salamander, which can be harmed by unleashed dogs running free.

Santa Clara County Ordinance B31-31 requires that a dog must be leashed AND under the owner’s control, which applies to all of the Stanford campus. If a citation is issued, the fine is approximately $100.00. Why chance it?

Even with the signs that were posted with the ordinance and past reminders, we continue to receive reports of unleashed dogs which have been aggressive and sometimes even hostile or vicious to people and/or their leashed dogs. More disturbing, we have also received reports that some owners of unleashed dogs have been verbally hostile and even threatening when asked by others to comply with the ordinance and leash their dog. Signs are posted in the greenbelt, Lake Lagunita, and now Escondido Village.

In addition to the signs and reminders, we have increased patrols and are now issuing citations. From the contacts we’ve had with owners of unleashed dogs, we realize that some dog owners and dog walkers don’t live on campus. To help with our enforcement efforts, you can ask a dog owner to comply with the ordinance and leash the dog.

If you don’t feel safe approaching a dog owner, or prefer not to, we ask and encourage you to call our 24/7 non-emergency dispatch number (650) 329-2413. We’ll do our best to respond promptly so that we can observe the violation, which is required in order for us to issue a warning or citation.

There are a few dog parks up and down the peninsula which you can find through an online search. We encourage dog owners and dog walkers to use these parks where dogs can run free instead of risking a citation on campus.

If you have any questions with this bulletin, or any safety or security issue or concern in our community, please feel free to contact me at: william.larson@stanford.edu.

Bill Larson
Crime Prevention and Community Safety Specialist
Stanford University Department of Public Safety

SCRL Wine & Cheese Party

Friday, May 15
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Frenchman’s Triangle Park

Hope to see you there!

Want to help?
Contact Sara Jackson (jackson.saram@gmail.com) or Amy Krehbiel at (amy.krehbiel@gmail.com).

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Voting on Measure A: Information & Deadline

What is Measure A?

If approved by 66.7% of voters, Measure A extends the current $638 annual parcel tax for six years and increases the rate by $120. Provisions from the current parcel tax will carry forward, including independent citizens’ oversight committee, annual escalation adjustments, exemptions for seniors, and PAUSD will offer exemptions to all persons eligible under the law.

REMINDER: The election for Measure A is conducted entirely by mail. All registered voters residing in the Palo Alto Unified School District (this includes all homes in the SCRL neighborhood) were mailed ballots the week of April 6, 2015. Completed ballots must be postmarked by May 5, 2015 to be counted.
Get ready to bike or walk to work on Thursday, May 14

Celebrate a healthy commute in May, National Bike Month

Bike to Work Day is Thursday, May 14. Get ready to ride by tuning-up your bike, joining a free class to learn bike safety tips and rules of the road, or entering our Bike Safety Pledge prize drawing.

Enjoy a bike tune-up discount at the Campus Bike Shop. They are offering a full bike tune-up special, “Ride a Safe Bike,” ($75 value) for $60. This is a popular special that sells out quickly, and you must call in advance for an appointment: 650.723.9300. This offer is valid through April 30 or until fully booked.

Attend free bike safety classes open to all community members. Class attendees learn bike safety and the rules of the road and receive a voucher for $10 off the purchase of any helmet from the Campus Bike Shop. Pre-registration is required on the Stanford Department of Public Safety website. Attend an upcoming Bike Safety Class:

- Wednesday, April 29, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 29, 6 p.m.
- Where? Public Safety Police Compound training facility. 679 Pampas Lane

Participate in prize drawings for bicyclists and walkers

- Bicyclists, take Stanford’s Bike Safety Pledge through May 31 to be entered into a drawing to win a Breezer Downtown 3 bike ($449 retail value). Many thanks to the Campus Bike Shop for donating this generous prize!
- By taking the pledge, riders commit to follow the rules of the road and wear a bicycle helmet for every ride, even short trips. Those who have taken the pledge previously are invited to reaffirm their pledge and enter the drawing.
- Are you a walker? Walk for your commute and stop by one of the Stanford Energizer Stations on Bike to Work Day. You can enter a drawing there to win one of two $100 gift certificates to The Walking Company.

For full details on all activities, tips, and incentives for Bike to Work Day, visit the P&TS Bike to Work Day page.

For bicycle questions, comments, or suggestions, contact our bicycle program coordinator at bike-information@stanford.edu or 650.725.BIKE (2453).
We hope you are available to be a volunteer for this year’s Stanford Historical Society’s Walking Tour. “Hidden Gems of Upper Lomita” will take the visitor on a mile-long stroll, stopping at a dozen sites surrounded by mature trees in a less-traveled part of the campus. At each stop a docent will describe the building’s architecture and history.

These sites cover a variety of styles from 1892 to 1969, and are the designs of Charles Hodges, Louis Mulgardt, John Branner and Milton Pflueger. Among the architecture gems will be Kingscote Gardens, the Knoll, and the Fire Truck House. Access to interiors will be limited.

This family-friendly walk will also offer a treasure hunt for children ages 6 to 12.

Volunteers will partner with a speaking docent to help guide visitors and to answer general questions or help with refreshments.

To serve as a volunteer, send us your preferences: first shift (12:45 to 2:30 pm) or second shift (2:30 to 4:15 pm). We also need your best contact information: address, phones, and email. Sometimes it is necessary to contact volunteers on the weekend of the event with last minute changes, so please include both your home and cell phone numbers.

Your assignment and general volunteer information will be sent to you a week before the tour.

Volunteers will receive a complimentary ticket and will be invited to a celebration immediately after the tour.

Please contact Janice Conomos if you have questions or want more information: 650-323-1957 or <jrconomos@sbcglobal.net>.

Thank you!

Janice Conomos and Gail Woolley
Stanford Historic Walking Tour Subcommittee
Fun! Fitness! All year ‘round!

Residents of all ages are invited to join…
Stanford Campus Recreation Association (SCRA)

Designed especially for faculty/staff and their families.

All assistant professors may postpone initiation fees until they are tenured.

Need more information? Contact General Manager Steve.Robe@stanford.edu or call 736-SCRA (7272) option 1. You may schedule a visit or request to be a guest for a day; enjoy the pool, play tennis, have a BBQ/picnic, play in our lush green grass, just hang out at the club, read a book, or relax under the sun in one of our teak loungers.

Complete the application included with this newsletter and/or found on our website of SCRA.STANFORD.EDU under “membership” tab and drop it off or mail it to 875 Bowdoin Street, Stanford, CA 94305.


For adults, we have a Wine Tasting group which meets quarterly, and each summer we have a “Sip and Dip” day with local wineries setting up under the trees, where members sample a variety of vino. New activities take place throughout the year; check on our Website http://scra.stanford.edu under the main calendar of the home page.

Fitness Room with cardio and weight machines.

Group Fitness Offerings: Yoga, Stretch & Strengthen for Seniors, Tai Chi, and Music for Kids. There is a Fitness Room with cardio and weight machines; one-on-one instructions are available upon request.

For answers to questions about specific programs

Aquatics: Call 736-SCRA (7272) option 5, or email SCRA@Stanford.edu.
Tennis: Call 736-SCRA (7272) option 2, or email SCRA@Stanford.edu

General questions
Steve.Robe@stanford.edu or call 736-SCRA (7272) option 1.

Club Hours: 5 a.m. -10 p.m. 7 days/week & 365 days/year
SCRA is a great place to...

...do strokes or paddle pleasantly.

...barbeque or bask on the patio.

...take time for tennis or practice your backhand.

...stretch & strengthen in the fitness room.
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date of Application ________________

NAME: (Please Print Full Name): ____________________________________________________________

Applicants Primary Email: ________________________________________________________________

Spouse/Partner’s NAME: ___________________________________________________________________

Spouse/Partner’s Email: ___________________________________________________________________

Address: (Street, City, State, and Zip): ______________________________________________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Office/Cell Phone: _______________________________

Department: __________________________ Job Title: __________________________________________

Children’s Name(s) & D.O.B:
1. __________________________ 2. __________________________
3. __________________________ 4. __________________________

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: I agree to pay $2,000 initiation fee ($500.00 due within 15 days of the date of joining remaining balance due within 12 months from joining.) Dues of $120 per month payable year round. Dues will be paid by payroll deduction.

Regular Applicant’s Signature: __________________________

EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP: I agree to pay $2,000 initiation fee ($500.00 due within 15 days of the date of joining remaining balance due within 12 months of joining and stay current with Emeritus Rate Dues payable annually in advance. Emeritus Applicant’s Signature: __________________________

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: If you are an Assistant Professor you can postpone paying the initiation fee until you become tenure. Monthly dues will be at the current regular membership rate by payroll deductions. Note: Once you become tenure you agree to pay the current initiation fee to the club within 12 month period.

Assistant Professor Applicant’s Signature: __________________________

PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION: I hereby authorize Stanford University to deduct SCRA dues from my salary to pay Stanford Campus Recreation Association. The deduction will commence the month of joining the club. Stanford University ID Number: __________________________

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The biographies and photos of the current members of the SCRL Board of Directors are posted on the SCRL Website.

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