



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS SUMMER 2013

Stone Oak Community of Mutual Amenities -  
SOCOMA



One of my favorite things that SOCOMA has done over the last few years is reviving the summer pool parties. Years ago, SOCOMA would host a pool party on Labor Day, a tradition that faded as our neighborhood grew. By the end of the 2013 summer, SOCOMA will have hosted three pool parties.

The Summer Kick-off party was held in June right after school ended. Despite an ominous rain storm 30 minutes before the party was scheduled to begin, we had a great time. I think the neighborhood kids set the record for the longest continuous "Shark and Minnows" game ever held in the deep end.

At the July party we had over 100 SOCOMA residents. I still smile when I remember a family walking in about 8:30pm with dazed expressions, wondering why the pool was so crowded. After a brief introduction, they were enjoying fajitas and beer with the rest of us. It was a great party - even if you didn't know it was happening.

The final party of the 2013 swim season will be held on Labor Day. I hope you will join us.

For about \$3 per house, SOCOMA will have hosted three pool parties this year. These parties bring a lot of neighbors together. We all meet new people and new friendships are

formed. For less than 1% of the dues we pay, the neighborhood is stronger. Time and energy well spent in my opinion.

I want to thank the Valeras, the Munozes, the Adams, the Doderers and the Sorias for all the time and effort put into setting up tables, cooking fajitas and cleaning up. I also thank everyone who brought a side dish to share as well as everyone who showed up and had a good time.

Thanks to all of you, we live in a great neighborhood. I am proud to have you as my neighbors.

Your SOCOMA board of directors will be planning the Labor Day party and beginning work on the 2014 budget at our upcoming meetings. If you want to help us or even if you are just interested in what we do, please join us on the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the rec center.

Have a great summer. See you at the pool on Labor Day.

Bill Neely  
President, SOCOMA HOA Board of Directors

Here is your 2013  
Board of Directors

## 2013 Board

### President

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### SOCOMA CONTACTS:

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To receive any future neighborhood emails from the SOCOMA Manager, you have to go to the SOCOMA Website - [socomahoa.com](http://socomahoa.com) to subscribe your email address.

## NNO and Neighborhood Garage Sale 2013

Our SOCOMA annual garage sale will be **Saturday, Sept. 14**. We are looking for volunteers to help organize this event. If you are interested, please contact Kindra Soria @ [manager@socomahoa.com](mailto:manager@socomahoa.com) or 481-1709. If you are interested in having a garage sale, please go to our [socomahoa.com](http://socomahoa.com) website and fill out an application and return it to the drop box at the rec center.

Our National Night Out (NNO) will be Tuesday, October 1. We are looking for volunteers to help organize this event, and also for volunteers to be a host for their street. If you are interested, please contact Kindra Soria @ [manager@socomahoa.com](mailto:manager@socomahoa.com) or 481-1709.

I would like to thank Ginger Baer and Jean Kanter for all their help in organizing these events the past several years. Your hard work and dedication to our community is appreciated!

### Welcome New Neighbors



#### **Matthew & Jamie Krenek**

910 Spring Knoll

#### **Crucicela & Conrado Mendoza**

1310 Cougar Run

#### **John and Irina Hancock**

18018 Green Knoll

#### **Eliud Gonzalez & Flor Angelica**

#### **Diaz De Leon**

1311 Coyote Path

#### **Peter & Laura Rhee**

1310 Scenic Knoll

#### **Trent & Amy Hammond**

17910 Crystal Knoll

## Thank You John Halas

Our Socoma "handyman", John Halas has resigned after many years of maintaining our neighborhood and keeping it in great condition. Your hard work, commitment and knowledge of our community is much appreciated. THANK YOU! We wish you all the best!



## REMINDERS

**\*\*If you still need a basketball/tennis court key, email Kindra Soria at [manager@socomahoa.com](mailto:manager@socomahoa.com)**

**\*\*Remember - if you move out of SOCOMA, you have to turn in your key to the manager or you will be assessed a \$50 replacement charge at closing.**

## Neighborhood Youth Job Corp.

Name	Age	Phone	Jobs/Qualifications
Jessica Butcher	20	481-1592	babysitting and pet sitting
Alicia Davis	18	497-3781	babysitting, Safe Sitter Certified
Emma Gaona	16	499-5115	babysitting and pet sitting
Lucia Gaona	13	499-5115	pet sitting
Kristian Padilla	20	497-2452	babysitting and pet sitting
Laura Padilla	21	497-2452	babysitting and pet sitting
Kristyn Kraus	16	497-5115	babysitting/pet sitting Safe Sitter-CPR
Ryan Kraus	14	497-5115	dog sitting, mow/yard work
Brian Sula	13	685-7136	will bag and dispose dog's droppings
Christopher Sula	9	685-7136	will bag and dispose dog's droppings
McKenna Toomey	16	497-0288	babysitting and pet sitting-CPR Certified
Rachel Trueblood	19	497-2414	babysitting and pet sitting
Hannah Woodworth	17	495-9635	babysitting Safe Sitter-CPR Certified

# Knights Cross Crusaders Swim Team Finished Strong in 2013

Our 2013 swim team had a huge season of successes at all levels! Team participation increased to 108 swimmers! That's the first time our team has had more than 100 swimmers since more than 10 years ago!!! The number of families participating also set a new record with 63 families involved in making our season safe, fun and exciting!

Every single family saw their swimmers improve their strokes and times throughout the season thanks to our **tremendous coaches and the dedication of our swimmers!** We all enjoyed seeing "personal bests" established at every one of our meets. More than 350 "personal best" times were set by our swimmers during the five meet season. Saving the best for last, with just half our team participating, the Crusaders set 65 "personal best" times at the League Championships!!!

Out of 108 team members, 28 kids had never swam competitively before joining our club. That's 25%!!! By the end of the season, all these newbies had progressed from "My legs are tired" and "I'm out of breath" to swimming butterfly and breast stroke, two of the hardest strokes to swim in competition!!

None of this would have been possible without the spirit of commitment from families, volunteers, and organizers. An enormous thank you goes out to all involved! It was so very cool to see how much progress our swimmers achieved. **It is a great and hard earned thing to be proud of all your swimmers!**

"Even the Dads improved this year! At the end of season party, the Dads were gloriously victorious over the teens in the final relay of the season!! Ahh Yes, a win is a win, even though the teens were severely handicapped by the last second implementation of "the Dad Rules."

Always remember Crusaders:

***"Swords Forward" and "Prepare to Conquer!!!"***



Tom and Sandy Munson, KC Swim Reps

## Manager's Forum

I can't believe that summer is almost over! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and has been able to spend quality time with family and friends. It has been a great pool season at our SOCOMA community pool, and I would like to thank Lisa Cole, our pool manager, and all of our lifeguards for doing such a great job keeping the pool looking so nice and running so smoothly.

I hope you have had the opportunity to join us for one of our SOCOMA pool parties. Steve Munoz has done an excellent job organizing these parties, and we appreciate all his hard work. If you haven't had the chance to come to a party, we have one more, please join us on Mon. Sept. 2 to have some food, drinks and laughs with your neighbors.

If you haven't been by the recreation center in the last few months, please take a few minutes to drive by and admire the new "look". After 26 years of the original paint color, we have updated our recreation center, and it looks beautiful!

I would like to give a special Thanks to Ed and Rachel Mitchell, SOCOMA residents and owners of MitchCo for the wonderful job their company did renovating and painting the exterior of the SOCOMA Rec Center.

Kindra Soria, SOCOMA Manager

## SOCOMA WOMEN'S GROUP

**Come and meet and chat with a great group of ladies.  
We get together for lunch every month in different  
restaurants.**

**Luncheons are always at 11:30 AM on the 4th Thursday  
(except November-3rd Thursday, and December-to be  
announced)**

**Invitations are made by e-mail. If you want to join us, please write to  
ZeSilia@sbcglobal.net with SOCOMA monthly luncheons as the  
subject.**

**Please remember to store your trash containers out of view from  
the street except for the purpose of trash pickup, as per Article  
VIII, Section 2.5 of the Socoma Covenants.      Manager**

# 2013 SOCOMA POOL Season



Come Join Your  
Neighbors at our  
SOCOMA  
Pool Party!

Monday, Sept. 2

4:00-10:00

SOCOMA will provide burgers,

BBQ and drinks

Please bring a side dish to share

A-G Dessert

H-P Side Dish

Q-Z Salad

## Regular Pool Hours:

Monday 11:00 to 10:00

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday 11:00 to 10:00

Thursday 11:00 to 10:00

Friday 11:00 to 10:00

Saturday 10:00 to 10:00

Sunday 1:00 to 10:00

**Pool Closes  
For the  
Summer on  
Monday  
Sept. 2  
2013**

## ASSOCIATION DUES:

### *E-mail Dues Invoices?*

Send me your email and we can send your invoice via E-mail. It's cheaper and quicker!

### *Pay Dues Annually?*

Yes! You can pay your dues annually. It saves time and \$\$ for you and the association. No more late charges.

### *Just Do It!*

Let us know  
@ sherri-kraus@att.net

## SOCOMA BOARD MEETINGS

### SOCOMA Board Meeting Dates for 2013: 2nd Monday of every Month @ 7:00 pm

January	7	July	8
February	11	August	12
March	11	September	9
April	8	October	14
May	13	November	11
June	10	December	9

Congratulations to  
Bill Neely  
our SOCOMA Board of Directors President  
and Steve Munoz  
our SOCOMA Board of Directors  
At Large  
for being re-elected to their Board positions!  
We appreciate all your time, hard work and  
dedication to our neighborhood!