

FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

2010 Sidney Pope Memorial Orchid and Onion Awards

These awards annually recognize the best and worst of East Sacramento.

This year the "saints came marching in" with the Orchid Award going to Sacred heart Church for it's amazing face lift and new wheel chair accessibility! With the dedication of many community members and parishioners of Sacred Heart this long awaited project has fully bloomed making the corner of 39th and J.....simply heavenly!

The Onion Award this year was "home baked" being awarded to Maryann's Bakery who seemed to leave their long time East Sac bakery all but abandoned and blemished when they moved to their new site in 2004. Leaving us with nothing but the crumbs!

And thanks to all the ESIA members for your votes! These award were presented on June 19th at the Bertha Henschel Pops in the Park event.

September 29th General Membership Meeting

Location: David Lubin School

Time: 7 – 8:45 p.m.

Agenda:

- Sacramento City Unified School District Board Candidates: Andrea Corso, Jeff Cuneo, and Mary Hernandez (invited guests)
- City Utilities An Overview of Measure B.
- Roundtable discussion of Top 3 ESIA Priorities

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Quick Updates:

Any volunteers for helping ESIA with our website? Please contact Tricia Stevens at 452-5216.

Thank you to ESIA members for voting in the election of ESIA officers. We are here to serve!

Remember the McKinley Park Farmers Market at 9 am Saturday mornings through October.

You are invited to the SACOG Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) workshops to be held on October 27. Please visit the website at www.sacog. org for information and reservations. This is an important event for our community!

President's Message: Paul Noble

If you've read the ballot with the names of your ESIA Board members, you know that I've been nominated to serve a two-year term as President. I'd like to use this message to tell you a little about me, and to let you know what I think are the major issues facing our neighborhood. My wife, Lillie, and I have been residents of East Sacramento since 1973, except for an interlude in the 1990's when we moved to Folsom for a few years. I was a Professor of Chemistry at Sacramento State for 36 years, the last 12 of which were spent in academic administration. When I retired in 2006 I was serving as Associate VP for Academic Affairs, with responsibility for budget and planning.

Since retirement I have become increasingly involved in neighborhood issues. In order to appreciate the complexities of urban planning, I completed the twelve-week City of Sacramento Planning Academy, and also took an extension course from UC Davis called "Planning in California". I've served for the past three years as Secretary of the ESIA Board, and I've also actively participated as a member of the City's Inclusionary Housing Task Force. More recently I served as a member of the Traffic Calming Committee that developed a plan, now being implemented, to mitigate the effects of the Mercy Hospital expansion.

My time in Folsom, with the grueling commute both Lillie and I had to endure, gave me an appreciation of the threat posed to our region by urban sprawl. I actively support infill development as a means to curtail this sprawl, but I also know that any infill project proposed for our neighborhood must be carefully examined to ensure that it doesn't adversely affect the quality of life that makes East Sacramento such a great place to live. This is probably the most important role of ESIA—to make certain that city planners and City Council members hear and respond to our concerns.

I hope that you'll be able to attend the General Meeting on September 29th. As you can see from the description elsewhere in this newsletter, we have an interesting program planned. I look forward to meeting as many ESIA members as possible, and responding to your questions.