

Buki's Bulletin



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Ventura Keys Annual Meeting

The Keys' annual meeting held at the Ventura Yacht Club on Thursday, January 30th yielded lots of good information. For those of you who weren't there, let me share some of the highlights. The meeting was chaired by Marzia Searl, president of the Ventura Keys Board. Have you all noticed the entrances to the Keys—the freshly painted walls and new signs? This is an example of what your annual dues provide. The exterior painting is a result of the untiring efforts of Board member David Bayer. Chairman of the Holiday Lights Contest, Sharon Friedman, presented

awards to the following:

Waterfront homes:

1st place, John and Marcia Spille; 2nd, Hans and Frances Rieger; 3rd, David and Debbie Bayer

Off-Water homes:

1st place, David and Leslie Herbruck; 2nd, Blanche McBroom and Lois Love; 3rd, Walter and Mary Dastnoit

Duplexes:

1st place, Doug and Marzia Searl; 2nd, Dan and Glyn Pike, and Greg and Francine Morrison.

In addition to the trophies, the winners received prizes donated by Longboard's, Bay Queen and Oriental Treasures. Thank you, all.

Real Estate is Booming!

At a recent meeting in the Ventura Office of The Prudential-Jon Douglas Company, Nancy Amortuguy, office manager, announced that the 1996 total volume of sales for the office was \$87.5 million. This is over 40% of Ventura sales posted by the entire Ventura Board of Realtors, which was \$209.4 million for 1996. The January 18, 1997 issue of the Los Angeles Times reported that Southern California home prices rose last year for the first time since

1991. The increase is "another strong signal that Southern California property values have stabilized...and are expected to continue to improve this year." The median price of homes in Ventura County rose by 2.1% from year-ago levels. Though not a large increase it stands in contrast to a string of annual declines. Staying current with the real estate market is why we're one of the top real estate companies in Southern California.

Want Your Palm Trees Trimmed?

Keys resident, Paul Masi, has arranged with Tommy's Trees, a licensed and bonded tree service, to come and remove the dead palm fronds from the palm trees in front of our homes. The cost starts at \$25 per tree, and is determined by the number of years since the last trimming (or the amount of fronds that need to be removed). With a minimum of 10 homeowners, Tommy's will do the job at discounted rates. Any Keys resident interested in this service should contact Paul Masi at 644-9335.



If you're thinking of selling your home, now may be the time. Call me for a free evaluation of your home.