



MEMBER NEWS

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PRESTO - CHANGO

THE MAGIC IS HAPPENING

We celebrated the last day of June with sipping some lovely wine donated by the Santa Barbara Winery for our members to sample, thanks to member Craig Case.

For our first Show-and-Tell preview party we enjoyed the company of two dozen of our Angel/Charter members and key associates. It was an *eye-opener* for most of our guests who hadn't seen our place since the early days of our renovation. Steve Mitchell, our graphic artist and newsletter co-editor said, "Now I can see what we've been writing about".

Our guests that saw the club for the first time included Sarah Miller McCuen, Craig Case, Jim Buckley, Erin Graffy, Hiroko Benko and David Asbell.

Isabel "Invisible Izzy" played the grand piano and one of the Magic Castle's most honored magicians Pop Haydn entertained us with his incredible close-up card magic.

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Invisible Izzy and Inish Bomes



Hostess Jeanette Porter (Jet) & Allison

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During the days of construction we will have very small, little Show-and-Tell parties for our Angel and Charter members. We would like to show them what we have accomplished with the money from their membership.

The Countess D'luca would be very thrilled to see what we have done to turn the Old Cafe del Sol into an imaginary replica of her palace in Spain and is a tribute to the hard work of Arlene and her team of talented artisans.

The lights are shining brightly at the end of the tunnel! We are almost there!



Steve Mitchell, Stephanie Nishimoto, "Pop" Haydn and Nancy Haydn

ALL WORK & NO PLAYERS

Our team needed a breath of fresh air so we sent them outside for this month!

Seriously folks, for the past year we have devoted all our energies to the physical creation of the interior décor and improvements of the club. We are very proud of their accomplishments. We have a small crew but they work as a team under Arlene's direction and our head carpenter Scott Willett.

The interior now looks like our vision of that fabled summer Palace of Gold in Spain. The exterior had no real character. Working with our architect Bill Wolf and suggestions by the Santa Barbara Architect Review Board we decided to move with the nessary (and expensive) exterior improvements that we originally thought might have to wait until later in the year.

- * AIR CONDITIONING: With luck this will be installed by early August.
- * PERSONNEL: We will be interviewing candidates for the remaining staff positions.
- * VERANDA: Install a new porch with a one-level veranda seating area overlooking the lake. This also provides a fire exit and a handicap ramp to the valet parking.
- * LANDSCAPING: The new Santa Barbara friendly landscaping. We have planted the palm trees earlier this year and we have many bushes, flowers and grown cover coming.
- * PAVING: The parking lot and valet driveway area will be resurfaced.

THE INSIDE STORY

While the outside work is being completed we will be spending the month working with our hospitality staff on the many aspects of club policy and general member information.

We are not planning a grand opening. We will simply open one step at a time. Only our members will know by our newsletter when we will start charging money for our drinks and special appetizers. When we open you will also be able to tell because we will have the Valet out in front. With luck, around the second week of August we will start opening with two nights,

Thursday and Friday. On those nights we will have cocktails, a small menu to order little nibbles and great walkaround magicians. From there we will grow into some impromptu variety entertainment.

The hours for Thursday and Friday will be 5 PM until 7 PM (sunset hours) casual, no reservations needed with just the bar open. Then at 7 PM we will change over to an evening venue with reservations a must, and cocktail attire (coat and ties for the men and nice evening look for the ladies).

CONGRATULATIONS, RICHARD M. SHERMAN



Last month June 20th our Angel Member Richard M. Sherman celebrated his 90th birthday. The Sherman Brothers, Richard and his late brother Bob, wrote little ditties like *Mary Poppins*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, and of course the world's champion "earworm" *It's a Small World After All*.

Richard was honored at a birthday event by the Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. Richard has two Academy Awards and nine nominations.

He is also my best friend and we have known each other for 60 years. While he was busy earning awards with his brother, Richard and I wrote our *Smash Flops* songs and about 200 songs including two musicals. One was our show *Pazzazz!* that was the opening musical at The Granada and another version at the Lobero. The newest re-write is *The Great White Way*. At 90 Richard is in good health and looking forward to the day he can come up to the Magic Castle Cabaret for *An evening with Richard M. Sherman*.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Amanda & Richard Payatt

Carolyn Groth Marat

Robert Yamin

Malinda Lodge

(Angel)