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Happy New Year OTNA Members!

Each program we had in 2014 was a big success! Our November annual program *Taste of Old Torrance* was GREAT! Those who attended had their **taste buds tantalized with sumptuous samples** from local within-walking-distance eateries. The entry fee was a donation of non-perishable/canned goods (value \$5) or \$5 cash — all to be donated to the Volunteer Center's Food for Kids program. As a result, we were able to fill a giant cart with canned goods — top and bottom, plus donate \$375 cash to the pantry (more than double last year's cash)! This event is a FABulous way taste what's available in Old Torrance, and . . . *personally meet the owners, too!*

Our **first meeting of the New Year** will be on **Wednesday, January 21, 2015**, upstairs in the Bartlett Center (1318 Cravens Avenue, Old Torrance). Be sure and arrive for social at 7:00 PM for those favorite **Torrance Bakery cookies** and a special treat of **pizza bites** from Cheryl and Gary at **Just Luigi's!** The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. January is also when we have election for the officers for the coming year so be ready to VOTE.

Our program for the evening, **SOUTH BAY VILLAGE**, will be presented by local Senior Specialist, Ges Davis and her team. Part of a National Village Program, the goal is to **help seniors remain in their own homes** while providing a network for living active lives. The Village concept is to link seniors with a variety of resources including activities and service providers thereby keeping their independence. There will be ample time for Q & A, as well.

Neighborhood Clean-up, under the direction of the new Project Manager, Elaine Thompson, will be **Saturday, January 24th**. **Tailgate**, with **coffee & muffins**, in the Volunteer Center (1234 Cravens Ave.) parking lot at 8:30 AM, and then it's off to clean-up. Bring your gloves and dress to work! Call Elaine 310.940.4642 if you can help.

The last clean-up crew focused their attention on the area beneath and around the Bridge in preparation for the **December 2nd Night Lighting Ceremony**. With citizens in awe and a light rain falling, the architectural beauty of this landmark was lit up — **it was de-light-ful!**

The meeting is sponsored by **Fox Drug**, and Owner/Pharmacist, Samia Zaki, will introduce us to their new prescription management system called Fox EZ pak. This is very innovative and a safe way to take daily medications.

Join us for an interesting and enlightening evening with neighbors and friends. If you have any suggestions or questions please call me 310.328.7549

Be sure to **check out our web site**: OldTorranceNeighbors.org.

Sincerely,
Janet Payne
OTNA President