

# Sundial



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Regular monthly meetings of the ITHA are held at 7:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of each month, January, February, March, April, May, June, September and October. No regular meetings are scheduled for July, August, November, or December. Location is the St. Francis Episcopal Church, 399 San Fernando Way, and all Terraces residents are welcome.

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Our new forum is now available for all neighbors: <http://forum.ithasf.org>. Members discuss topics such as local events, meetings, crime, schools, and gardening. The newsletter is available on the website: [www.ithasf.org/sundial/sundial.html](http://www.ithasf.org/sundial/sundial.html)

## President's Letter

By Mark Scardina

Spring is here and none to soon! Hopefully, by the time you read this you have received your vaccinations and life is returning to normal. We will not be announcing our Annual Garage Sale in this newsletter, but in its place we are actively planning an IT Gives Day to coincide with our Annual Sundial Picnic that we expect to have this Fall on Sunday, October 3rd. So save that date and look for more details in our next newsletter.

Unfortunately, this issue also brings some sadness as a number of our long time residents have passed over the last few months and we thank those who have provided memorials. Lothar Eiserloh has lived here for 50 years along with his wife Carole. He was quite active in ITHA from the start as he served in my role as president in the late 70's and early 80's. Joyce Ward, a close neighbor was another half-century resident and noted animal lover. Bette Landis also passed in December. Though she had moved to the Sequoias, she was very rooted to the Terraces. We can thank her for the tress at the Sundial due to her generous donation 15 years ago.

Last newsletter I announced the initiation of an effort to designate the Sundial and its circle a City landmark. It unanimously passed the Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee and was transferred to the Historical Preservation Commission. As I write this there will be a meeting on April 7th to approve its application and an ordinance to submit to the Board of Supervisors for their final approval. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate this new Terraces' feature at our Annual Picnic. Special thanks to those who have submitted supporting pictures, documents and letters.

It seems every newsletter lately has had information on housing initiatives and developments at both the local and state level. I have mentioned the need for senior and young family housing in our district and can report that Supervisor Melgar is aligned with that need. This will allow our plan for a community driven planning process to move forward. Many of you are aware of the planned housing at Balboa Reservoir and the re-vitalization of Park Merced. Both of these projects should begin breaking ground next year. A bit farther off, we have the planned housing at Stonestown. Their recent workshop revealed a plan to integrate up to 2900 units of mixed housing in multiple phases. These plans and renderings while still very early in the process can be viewed at [www.neighborland.com/stonestown](http://www.neighborland.com/stonestown).

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## President's letter

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At our meetings, we have heard about concerns over rising crime, especially burglaries when residents are at home. In a recent meeting with Captain Rainsford of the Taraval Station, he explained that while City numbers were down, this was primarily due to the lack of tourists and conventions. Home burglaries have gone up 140% from January 2020 to 2021. Many of these are considered "hot prowls" as the residents are present. Burglars come through garage doors by drilling a hole in the upper center and hooking the emergency release rope. He recommends that homeowners with garage door openers, detach the rope (keeping it handy) and wire or cable tie the lever to prevent this type of entry. Exterior cameras are also inexpensive now and a great deterrent.

Finally, we are all anxious to resume our in-person neighborhood activities. Our social committee welcomes ideas and can be reached at [events@ithasf.org](mailto:events@ithasf.org). We also welcome you to our monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursdays via Zoom at 7:30 pm. Our agenda with connection information by computer, tablet or phone is sent out to our mailing lists 5-7 days in advance.

Mark Scardina

## Lothar Eiserloh

Dec. 3, 1935 – Dec. 3, 2020

Lothar lived a full and active life. He was born in Strongsville, Ohio. His parents were immigrants from Germany, and because they were not citizens when WWII began, the whole family was interned in Crystal City, Texas along with thousands of other German and Japanese families. In 1945, his family was exchanged for an American family, who had been interned in Germany. It was ironic, since all four Eiserloh children were American citizens by birth. Lothar and his sister returned to California in 1947 to live with his aunt. He grew up in Van Nuys, CA. He joined the National Guard after high school and was trained as a fighter pilot. He attended UCLA, married and soon had 2 sons. In 1967 the family moved to San Francisco, where he completed his university education at SFSU. He began work for the city soon after.

Lothar lived in Ingleside Terraces from 1971. He was always active in community affairs and served as ITHA



## Theadora Vasquez Gray

July 30, 1936 – January 13, 2021

Teddy lived her life with passion, determination and empathy. An SF native, she joined the US Air Force and served under Gen. Curtis LeMay. She supported husband Kenneth Gray's legal career and became active in Democratic politics. Active in St. Emydius, Convent of the Sacred Heart & UC Berkeley, as a parent she supported her daughter, Teddy. She also worked for the City's Child Support Services. The family moved from the Terraces to Millbrae in 1993. She is survived by her husband, daughter, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

### Mark Your Calendars!

#### Upcoming Events in the Terraces

#### Virtual ITHA Meeting:

Thursday, Apr. 15, 7:30 – 9:30 pm, [ithasf.org](http://ithasf.org)

**Garage Sale** is POSTPONED

**Annual Picnic/Day of Giving** is Sunday,  
Oct 3, 12 noon – 3 pm



Board President from 1978 into the early '80's. He had a long career working for the City & County of SF in the Juvenile Probation Department, and served as the President of the Probation Officers Association in the 1990's until retirement in 2000.

He had a myriad of interests including SCUBA diving, gardening and traveling the world - foremost though was his family. His sons, Eric, who is an educator and Kris who is an architect were sources of great pride to him. He adored his four grandchildren who grew up in Hawaii, and in later years, he traveled the world with his wife Carole. Sadly, he died without seeing his last two baby granddaughters, who were born and live in Beijing. We will all miss him.



**Joyce Ann Word**

Joyce Ann Word was born on March 11, 1938 in Houston, Texas to the union of Noah Herbert and Freda Marie Herbert (Goodie). After the family relocated to San Francisco in the early 1940s, Joyce attended Presentation High School, graduating in 1956. In 1959, she married Robert L. Word. Two children were born from this union: Shauna Marie Word, born in 1960 and Richard Lawrence Word, born in 1962.

Soon after graduating high school, Joyce began working for the State of California as a telephone operator. After six years, she transferred to the City and County of San Francisco, where she performed the same work, eventually promoting to Chief Telephone Operator. Joyce worked for the City and County of San Francisco for 31 years. Following her retirement, she worked part-time as a telephone operator for St. Mary's Hospital and retired permanently in 2020 at the age of 81.

For 50 years, Joyce lived in Ingleside Terraces in San Francisco. She was known by family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors as loving, gentle, comforting and generous. One friend said, "She helped me through one of the toughest times of my life." Joyce loved and admired her parents and assisted in the care and support of her youngest sister, Valerie, who lived for years with multiple sclerosis. When her nephews, Keith and Kenneth, passed, Joyce stepped in to assist in managing their affairs. When her eldest sister, Evelyn, passed in 2019, Joyce was there and led the way. She also raised, supported and cared for her autistic daughter for all of Shauna's 60 years. A lover of dogs, she remained an active supporter of the Humane Society.

She leaves her daughter, Shauna Word; son, Richard Word; daughter in-law, Stacey Word, grandchildren, Noah Word and Taylor Butler; one great-grandson, Malachi Butler, and many other family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

## Bette Wallace Landis

June 27, 1926 – December 7, 2020

Bette Wallace Landis passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Sequoias Residence Home in San Francisco on Monday, December 7, 2020.

Bette was born in San Angelo, Texas, on June 27, 1926 to Hal and Florence Wallace. After completing college at North Texas State in Texas, Bette went first to New York and then to San Francisco. She fell in love with her adopted home and, soon after, met and married Andrew John Negro, loving father of her six children: Carol, Angela, Anthony, David, Jeannette, and Robert. After Andrew's untimely death, she married Robert Landis, who became a devoted husband to Bette and a beloved stepfather to her children. Along with her role as loving mother and wife, Bette worked for a series of Democratic politicians, including Dianne Feinstein and Louise Renne, and volunteered for countless civic and political activities, campaigns, and causes. She assisted and supported many young politicians getting their start in public office, many of whom are now governors, senators, and representatives. This retinue even includes the current Vice President. She was on the Open-Space Division of the SF Planning Commission and participated in a wide range of organizations including: Martin Luther King Celebration Day, the San Francisco Boys Chorus, the San Francisco Board of Education, the Ingleside Community Center, and the Glide Foundation.

A lifelong opera fan, Bette herself was a talented singer and contributed her lovely voice at the Temple United Methodist Church in San Francisco's Ingleside District.

Bette is survived by her daughter Carol Negro and Carol's partner Francesca Bator; her daughter Angela and son-in-law James Beem; her son Anthony Negro; her son Robert Negro and daughter-in-law Donna Sharee; her grandchildren: Peter Johnson, Charles Johnson, Melinda Wallace, Lance Palmer, Justin Palmer, Ryan Negro, Nick Negro, Andrew Beem, and Joanna Beem; and six great-grandchildren.

Due to Covid-19 no memorial service is currently planned. However, donations in her memory may be made to the San Francisco Food Bank by mail at 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94107, or online at [info@sfmfoodbank.org](mailto:info@sfmfoodbank.org).

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The neighborhood holiday lighting contest was a success! A few dozen homes decorated for the holidays and while all the homes looked great, two homes outshone the others. The grand prize winner of a \$100 gift certificate to Spiazzo is 265 Moncada. Runner up with a \$50 gift certificate to Original Little Joe's is 340 Urbano.

And we want to acknowledge our neighbors who installed the tree at the Cerritos, Mercedes and Lunado Circle. It's always a treat to see!



Thanks to everyone who brought a little holiday cheer with their decorations and light displays this year. If you enjoyed this event or have other events you would like to suggest please email [events@ithasf.org](mailto:events@ithasf.org).

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## Save the Date!

Sunday, October 3 will be our Annual Oktoberfest Picnic and Giving Day. Non-profits will be accepting various household donations. We will let you know more as the time approaches.