

# Heaven's Ranch

(In Spanish is Rancho Cielo)

Rancho Cielo Homeowner's Association Newsletter Supplement

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The Rancho Cielo Annual Meeting is scheduled in February every year with the purpose of electing members to the Board of Directors. Four of the 5 Board members are running again, but the fifth one is not so we need a replacement. Please contact Jack Williams if you would like to "sit on the Board."

For those of you who don't know, a quorum (51% of homeowners) is required to hold the election. If you don't go to the HOA meetings, you can send in your Proxy which is like saying, "I'm here but I give up my vote." Or it means, "I'm here, but I'm giving so-and-so my vote." Once 51% of the residents send in their proxy, a quorum is established and the vote takes place. Of course, you can attend the HOA meeting and vote in person. Send in your proxy either way and if you do vote in person, your proxy is pulled so that you only get one vote. (This would be a great place for a Florida joke, but the whole voting thing was so long ago I don't think it would be funny. Anybody got a good HOA joke?)

## Pool Update

You've noticed that work on the pool area has begun and you are going to LOVE the results! You might not love the fact that the pool will not reopen until June 1, but it will be worth the wait. New pool tile, new decking, upgraded restrooms and shower...it's going to look like a Palm Springs resort when they are done. Let's all buy new bathing suits to celebrate! Heck let's all buy new *birthday suits* to celebrate!

## From Someone Who Knows

By Alan Neilson

**Mortgage Update:** Mortgage rates drifted higher this month in response to rising bond yields. The bond market has been ruffled lately by inflation fears and solid economic data. It is predicted that the rates will continue to rise through the end of the year. If you've been thinking about a loan and you want to take advantage of current rates, I can give you a quote over the phone. Contact Alan at 949-888-6484 or [aneilson@requesthomeloans.com](mailto:aneilson@requesthomeloans.com)

## Have You Heard of Batten Disease?

I know a family here in Rancho Cielo whose 5 year-old son has Batten Disease. Until recently, I had never heard of it and you may not have either. I'm bringing this to your attention because, if you are ever in a position to contribute to finding a cure for this terrible disease, you will know what it is and that one of your neighbors has been affected by it. The following is copied from a website:

"Batten disease is an inherited disorder of the nervous system that usually manifests itself in childhood. Batten disease is named after the British pediatrician who first described it in 1903. It is one of a group of disorders called neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses (or NCLs). Although Batten disease is the *juvenile* form of NCL, most doctors use the same term to describe all forms of NCL. Early symptoms of Batten disease (or NCL) usually appear in childhood when

parents or doctors may notice a child begin to develop vision problems or seizures. In some cases the early signs are subtle, taking the form of personality and behavior changes, slow learning, clumsiness or stumbling.

“Over time, affected children suffer mental impairment, worsening seizures, and progressive loss of sight and motor skills. Children become totally disabled and eventually die. Batten disease is not contagious nor, at this time, preventable. To date it has always been fatal.”

If you would like more information about this disease or how you can help, please contact me at Sandra.Spencer@cox.net and I will be happy to contact the family on your behalf.

### **Group Hike**

Our first Group Hike was well attended and everyone enjoyed making new acquaintances and seeing the canyon in a safe group. One of the hikers, Cecil Beames (*Delicia*), has hiked the canyon many times and has taken lots of gorgeous photos which you can see at <http://members.cox.net/cecil-reames/BellCanyon/>. Please join us at the top of Rancho Cielo Drive at 8:00 a.m. on **dry** Saturdays for a one-hour canyon adventure. Dogs are welcome!

### **Just For Fun**

Words Women Use: (This joke does not reflect the opinion of the editor or the editor's husband or the Board of Directors. It's just a JOKE.)

“Fine” - This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.

“Five Minutes” - If she is getting dressed, this is half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given 5 more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

“Nothing” - This is the calm before the storm. This means "something" and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with "nothing" usually end in "fine".

“Go Ahead” - This is a dare, not permission, **DON'T DO IT!**

“Loud Sigh” - Although not actually a word, the loud sigh is often misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing".

“That's Okay” - This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can make to a man. "That's Okay" means that she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

“Thanks” - This is the least used of all words in the female vocabulary. If a woman is thanking you do not question it, just say “you're welcome” and back out of the room slowly.

### **Free Classified Ads**

\*Babysitter – Brittney Beauchamp  
709-7184

\*Cabo condo for rent – For more information contact Kim at 709-7184 or by e-mail at [rfbeauchamp@cox.net](mailto:rfbeauchamp@cox.net).

\*Outdoor Little Tikes play equipment.  
Contact Sandra Spencer at 713-9088.