



# APRIL 2004



## P & G SAY, "ONLY YOU---"

It's that time of year again. George and I would like to welcome you back. You will need to attend one of the reconnection dates listed below. If those dates do not meet your schedule, please give us a call and we can work something out for you. This year we will be opening Vetter Mtn. Lookout May 29th, Memorial Day Weekend. Slide is open for scheduling now. Keep in mind the weather conditions before going up. We have a lot going on this year. We are looking forward to sharing it with you at reconnection.

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## RECONNECT

at the S.O.

Thurs, 4/20.

6:30 - 8:30pm

OR

Sat, 4/24.

10am - 12 noon

**YOUR SCHEDULERS WILL BE AT RECONNECT AND ARE READY FOR YOUR CALLS & EMAILS.**

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## TRAINING CLASSES ANNOUNCED

We are seeking additional volunteers to assist in staffing the towers at Slide and Vetter, and an open-air summit atop South Mt. Hawkins.

Training will consist of 2 hours of program "orientation", 3 hours of "interpretation & natural history", 8 hours of "lookout operations" and a 4-hour "tower checkout" session at the location of each tower the volunteer wishes to operate. Training dates, tentatively planned for early June, will be announced later. All training, other than "in-tower" will take place at "Camp 2" of the L A County Fire Department Regional Training Center at 4810 N. Oak Grove in Pasadena.

## FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Regular newsletters will come out monthly during lookout season. Look for them (starting with the May, 2004 newsletter) prior to the first day of the subject month. Typical newsletters will be 4 pages in length, with separate pages oriented to each of our lookouts. Much fundraising news will be in the South Mt. Hawkins section. As always, the submission of articles and pictures (to [opalka@earthlink.net](mailto:opalka@earthlink.net)) is actively encouraged.

**Be current:**  
[www.anffla.org](http://www.anffla.org)

## SMH Building Fund Update *Bob Moore*

**Our fund raising campaign** is underway. You noticed I did not say well underway as we do have openings for some 25 more campaigners.

**But what a fantastic job** is being done by a good group of people. We have now raised \$19,630 as of 4/1/04 – no April fools joke!

**Dick and Mary Wagoner** have taken off fund raising and it may be difficult to stop them. Their bowling venture netted the campaign \$1,030. At that point we said fantastic and felt they had done their part. But then they procured 2,500 candy bars and have been pedaling these. To date they have broken even, which means they are half way through. We'll need to help them by buying and selling. Contact them if you can sell them at your work. Thank you Dick and Mary!

**Ric has a booth starting up April 14th at San Dimas and Pam and George a booth also starting in April in Monrovia.** They will be raising funds, selling hats and t-shirts and maybe even candy? These are two great ideas and again will need all our support to staff the booths. Contact Ric, Pam or George to see how you may help. Thank you Ric, Pam and George!

**Our PIO person Charlie White** is doing a fantastic job getting our name and cause into the limelight. Our SMH link in our Web site tells most of it. But I'll say as campaign director that my only concern is slowing him down when the day comes, just like Dick and Mary. A ton of great ideas, contacts, energy and enthusiasm. Thank you Charlie!

**Ric is making contact** now with foundations as we now have a great proposal in place, again thanks to Charlie White. We know good things will come of these contacts. Thank you Ric!

**Chuck McFate is plunging ahead** with super market funds and we're anxiously awaiting our first checks. Chuck can use more people to give him their Ralph's, Von's and Albertson's numbers. This will be a big help. Thank you Chuck!

**There was a little exchange** between Ric and Charlie over Ric's father's scooter. Ric donated it to SMH. Charlie's father needed

one and bought it for \$600.00. The proceeds went to SMH. You guys are far more creative than I am and we all appreciate your generosity.

**We thank Kermit** for building six donation boxes and two display panels for Monrovia and San Dimas. These are a work of art and much needed. We have a fine group of talented people. Thank you Kermit!

**It is a fact** that many people are working hard at trying to raise money for SMH. It is also a fact that sometimes these efforts do not pan out. It is to these people that we also say thank you. Do not give up the ship! Let us know how we can help too!

**I thank everyone** for their time, energy, ideas and determination. I do not intend to forget to mention someone working on the campaign and apologize if I have.



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[www.angeleslookouts.org](http://www.angeleslookouts.org)

### FUTURE SUPERSESSIONS

#### June 17 . Silent Auction

Get that thingamajig you have always wanted. Sell the watchamacallit you don't know what to do with. Raise a few bucks for ANFFLA. Above all, have a good time. See you there!

#### July 15. Chris Nyerges

Learn to enjoy the feast in your own backyard. Bring some of your least favorite pesky weeds and Christopher Nyerges, renowned wild plant expert, will show you what they are and how to enjoy them.

#### August 19. Living History

Take a journey through time with people who have been there. Learn first-hand about life as a fulltime lookout, the big rains of 1938, pack animals in the San Gabriels and other great stories.

#### September 16. Jueves Gigante Talent Show

Ladies and Gentlemen. Children of all ages. Display your skills. See what Deb and Kermit do for an encore. Be the first on your block to be all that you can be.

#### October 21. To Be Announced

First we surprise ourselves. Then we surprise you.