

SERT News

OHCC Safety & Emergency Response Team

President's Message



Time flies by these days. We held the SERT Club elections and your current board members were all re-elected for 2023. Just to remind you who your board members are:



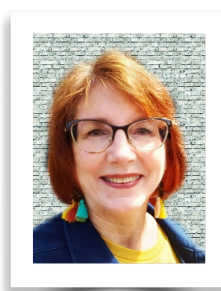
Tom Porter
President



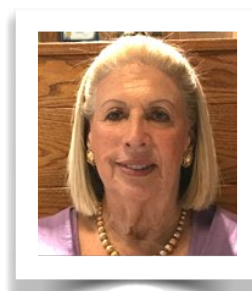
John Slayton
Vice President



Gary Baur
Treasurer



Jill Lemons
Secretary



Ellen Baur
Director: Neighbor-Helping - Neighbor & Family Caregiver programs

We just had the time change, so it is getting dark earlier, ugh! So let me remind everyone to wear reflective gear when you walk, carry a flashlight, and when a vehicle is approaching turn the flashlight ON so they can see you. They now have reflective vests that include LED lighting, talk about convenient!

We are discussing having an after the New Year social event (February?) for members and friends. More about this event as we firm up the date and time.

About "Do Dues Day": For the 18 Lifetime Members who paid \$200, you do not have to do anything to continue your membership. For the other members, we ask that you renew your membership no later than January 31, 2023. You can renew TODAY by dropping off your check at the Front Desk (ask for it to be placed in the SERT folder). New members can join now, and your membership will continue through 2023. Remember, as a SERT member you can request a [Safety Home Survey](#), and one of our Emergency Response Team (ERT) members will make an appointment with you to point out safety features around your home!

Emergency Response



John Slayton
Club VP & ERT INCIDENT
COMMANDER

We had a successful Earthquake Preparedness Drill, and our Emergency Response Team Tactical and First Aid members

demonstrated their skills in quickly setting up the emergency Staging Area in the Overflow Parking Lot.

We are always looking for members to join this team. Are you ready, willing, and able? Do you have prior medical skills, first aid training, law enforcement or firefighter experience? If you don't have these skills, we will train you. Please contact us today!

Treasury Report

Our balance as of September 30 was \$10,354.97.

We are anticipating several safety related purchases other the next several months.

The board as noted that printing costs have risen as have many related purchases. We will continue to carefully monitor our expenses.



Gary Baur
Treasurer

Neighbor—Helping—Neighbor

FAMILY CAREGIVER GROUP

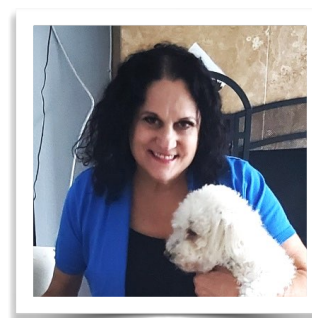
The Family Caregiver Group is part of the SERT Neighbor-Helping-Neighbor (NHN) program which brings neighbors together to support each other. Many of our residents find themselves living with and caring for a parent, spouse, partner or other loved one.

Family caregivers face an extra challenge as taking care of a loved one involves managing special needs. In the case of a disaster, such as an earthquake or emergency event like a power outage, caregivers may need extra support. For example, their loved one may use medical equipment that needs power.

The Group meets monthly on the third Thursday of every month in the Clubhouse at 7-8 pm.

You may not be a caregiver today, but you could be tomorrow. Come and learn more.

Find more information about SERT, NHN, and the Family Caregiver Group on the SERT website. To be a member of the Family Caregiver Group, you need only be a SERT member!



Marla Reiter
Chairperson

Safety Coordinators

SAFETY COORDINATORS PROGRAM

Safety Coordinators (SCs) assist their neighbors in preparing for an emergency. They share safety tips and help neighbors get to know one another. One thing we have found is that streets with a Safety Coordinator had a much higher level of preparedness during our recent Earthquake Safety Drill. These streets had 80%+ of the houses with OK/Help signs displayed. Many SCs went door-to-door reminding their neighbors of the Earthquake Drill and encouraging them to

review their emergency supplies.

As a member of SERT, we know you are concerned about safety. Does your street have a Safety Coordinator? If not, we are asking you to step up and become a Safety Coordinator! Please contact Annie today for more information.



Annie Gandhi
Safety Coordinator
Chairperson

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars!

- **November 10**- NHN Safety Coordinators meeting @ Clubhouse
- **November 12** - Arts & Crafts Fair – SERT has a table so stop by and say “hello”
- **November 17** - Family Care Givers (Mykonos Room 7-8 pm)
- **November 30** – Master HOA Town Hall Meeting (Abravental Hall 2-4 pm) regarding the Emergency Monitoring System*
- **December 15** - Family Care Givers (Mykonos Room 7-8 pm)
- **January 14** - Do Dues Day

*EMS

If you have already subscribed to another Emergency Monitoring System, please share your thoughts, experience and advice with us. We would love to hear how you like your system and why. Please share the name of the system, approximate cost, was it easy to install yourself or did you have it installed, what features does it have. Please email your material to tporter.sert@gmail.com.

We will share your information anonymously in the next newsletter.