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LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, INC. NEWSLETTER

FROM THE MANAGER

Condo Comments



By Sharon Hays, Manager

Out of This World Food:

Greetings to the new eatery opening up at 510 E. Broadway - - **Alien Sandwiches**, located next to the Broadway lobby. The interior of the sandwich shop has been totally renovated and is scheduled to open this month.

Artistic News: Neighbor and **photographer Kay Erickson** will have some of her architectural photos displayed at a show entitled "STRUCTURE: Perspectives on Architecture." The opening **reception** for Kay and the three other participating photographers will be on Sat., Apr. 5 from 6p-10pm at **WE Labs** located at 235 E. Broadway, 8th floor in Downtown Long Beach.

Pet Safety: Recently a new tenant's cat was found on a 4th floor window ledge. The tenant was not home but luckily neighbors were able to get the cat safely back into the unit and shut the windows. As a reminder, please do not leave your windows wide open unless **screens** are installed for your pet's safety.

Thank you and I hope all you race fans will enjoy the 40th Toyota **Grand Prix** of Long Beach this month! 🏁

NOTABLE NEIGHBOR

The Lafayette & "Philomena"

British author and radio/television presenter Martin Sixsmith, who wrote the book about Philomena Lee, came to the Lafayette in March to interview Lafayette resident **Greg Bayer** for a new documentary on the **Irish adoption scandal** that has rocked Ireland.

The recent film, "**Philomena**," starring Dame Judi Dench is based on Sixsmith's book. The movie was nominated for four **Academy Awards** including Best Picture and Best Actress. It is the story of a young Irish girl who became pregnant out of wedlock in the 1950's Ireland. Shunned by her family, she was put in a **convent** "mother/baby home" at Sean Ross Abbey in County Cork, Ireland. After the birth, her son was taken from her against her will and sold into adoption to an American family. It has now been revealed that more than **2,000 Irish babies** suffered the same fate.

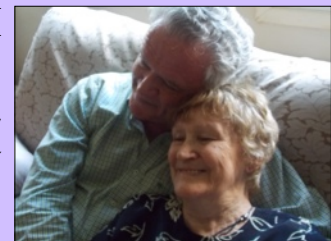


Greg Bayer was one of those babies. But, unlike the true story of Philomena, Greg has found his birth mother and they were reunited in 2010. He was born **George Brouder** at "Bessboro," the notorious mother/baby home run by the Sacred Heart Order of the Catholic Church in Cork. He was taken from his mother, Frances Brouder, at 18 months and adopted by a family that lived in **Alaska**. Frances searched for Greg for decades before finding him here in California. Their story has drawn the attention of the **BBC** because of its good ending.



After the interview with Martin Sixsmith, the BBC expressed an offer to Greg to fly him to **London** (where his mother Frances now lives) and film a reunion with her for the documentary. After three days of filming in London, Greg has returned to Long Beach, happy but tired. Mother's Day in the UK & Ireland is celebrated on March 30th and this was the first **Mother's Day** Greg had ever spent with his birth mother. The documentary will be shown worldwide on the BBC program "This World" and air in the U.S. on **PBS** in May 2014 with an expected audience of 70 million viewers. 📺

*Greg has owned his condo at the Lafayette, which he calls "home," since 2000. He has been a **realtor** with Coldwell Banker Beachside Realtors, here in Long Beach, for the past 20 years and is a graduate of **CSULB** with a B.S. in Business Administration.*



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Fri., Apr. 18, 2014

GOOD FRIDAY

Office Closed

Reminder: Meeting minutes may be viewed at the office or are available for download on our website thelafayettelb.org.

WELCOME TO THE LAFAYETTE

New Residents

Unit 305 - Cruz Zvala

Unit 341 - Dominic Avila & Valerie Quient

Unit 858 - Frank Flores & Joe Harding

Unit 1055 - Carlos Janer

ALL RESIDENTS: Remember no *bicycles* in the Main Lobby. Please use the Campbell Freight Elevator and Garden Gate or the Broadway Elevator. *Window coverings* must be white or off-white! In the *trash* closets, place trash in the black bag and recycling in the clear bag. And please do not leave oversized furniture or other items in the dumpster area. Please make sure to read the *rules* in the move-in packet or download them on our website. Thank you. ✍️

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