

# T H E L E T T E R

LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, INC. NEWSLETTER

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

## L i s e t t e G a l e a s

*Photo & text by Thomas Wasper*

This month the Lafayette Letter interviews **Lisette Galeas**, the head chef at **Sipology**, a new coffee shop/art gallery on the corner of Broadway and Linden.

**Did you go to culinary school?**

I did go to culinary school, right after high school. I already knew what I wanted to do. Food has always been one of my interests and fascinations. I attended the California School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena. They had a very extensive program and I learned how to follow recipes and work with different flavor profiles.

**Would you say you were more a cook or a baker?**

I love to cook savory dishes but my niche has always been baking.

**Where did you work before you came to Sipology?**

I worked for a few months at Bistro 561 as part of the school's culinary program, and then spent over three years managing the bakery department at a Vons grocery store in Glendale and Burbank. When I heard of Sipology, I jumped at the opportunity knowing they offered a creative freedom I felt was lacking in my professional life.



**So, you live in Long Beach?**

I don't. I currently live in Downtown Los Angeles but am considering a move to the East Village area. I never really hung out in Long Beach before and it has really grown on me. It's such a friendly open environment. I've lived my whole life in L.A and loved it but I'm so excited by the idea of making a change.

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FROM THE BOARD

# What's Happening

By Frank Flores, President.

I attended the bimonthly meeting of the **East Village Association** the other night at Sipology!

First of all regarding **Sipology**, I keep hearing mixed reviews. I think everyone is glad they are there and want to support them, but they still seem to be working out the kinks of a new business. I noticed beautiful **cupcakes** with fresh strawberries, raspberries and blue berries adorning the top and noticed a little boy proudly be handed one and almost lost it off his plate. He was in such a hurry to get it to his table and devour it. The downside, I



ordered a **double espresso** and it took 10 minutes to get it. It was probably 6 or 7 minutes but you know when your waiting on something it can seem like forever. So **mixed reviews** for Sipology but let's not give up on it! It is a great space and I know we all want it to succeed!

I learned also that there is a **tree committee** associated with the new street lamp installation in the neighborhood. The City has money and will be filling any planters in the sidewalk missing a tree or replacing dead trees. So maybe we can get the planter filled in front of the **hair salon** at 500 E. Broadway. I also learned that they will be replacing broken and cracked sidewalks. I have a number and will see if we can get the sidewalk in front of our garden gate fixed.


Fellow homeowner and gym committee member **Derrick Lloyd** is doing a great job in identifying gym equipment and getting it priced out! He is in the process of nailing down the details and we will start replacing equipment in the **gym**.

There are some great upcoming events! **Tour des Artistes** will be happening again June 13th! It's a a great event so lets get out and support it! There will be an art panel discussion in the Lafayette's Embassy Room as well as a reception the night before.

With the help of homeowner **Ed Coutchie**, we are circulating a **Storage Unit Survey** to gauge interest in converting Association-owned space to storage areas that would be available to rent to owners and residents. Please fill it out and return it to the office.

There's also a **Verizon FiOS survey** circulating. It's a new fiber optic system that would deliver TV, internet and phone. We have a site study planned for early 2010 to see if it is a viable option for the Lafayette. However, if enough people fill out the survey indicating interest in their service, our site study could be moved to later this year. Wouldn't it be great to have a choice between **Charter** and Verizon FiOS? Please fill them out and return them to the office!

Happy June everybody. I hope everyone has a great summer! ☺



**FIRE SAFETY CLASS WITH  
THE LONG BEACH  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Tuesday; June 9, 2009  
6:30pm — 7:30pm  
in the Solarium

**ALL** residents are encouraged to attend and **MANDATORY** for floor monitors

Learn About:

- Fire extinguishers
- Fire safety tips
- Escape routes

**REFRESHMENTS  
WILL BE SERVED**

**FYI: UNANNOUNCED  
LAFAYETTE FIRE  
DRILL SOMETIME IN  
JUNE AFTER THE  
SAFETY CLASS!**

## A VIEW FROM THE 6TH FLOOR

# A Friend of Mine the Other Day Asked Me a Question That Kind of Took Me By Surprise

by Thomas Wasper

A friend of mine the other day asked me a question that kind of took me by surprise.

“Why do gay people need to have their own parade? Do you know what would happen if we had our own parade?”

“Really?” I replied in tired resignation. I had just walked the entire length of the Gay Pride Parade,



Photo by Diana Lejins

bending, crouching, backtracking and running back to catch up trying to get the very best shots I could. I was exhausted.

“You really want to have this conversation?” I asked her.

All I wanted was to relax and enjoy the beer she had just put in front of me.

Hoping to cut this conversation short I said, “We do have our own parade. It’s called the St. Patrick’s Day Parade.”

“No, that’s not what I mean,” she said.

“The St. Patrick’s Day Parade is about as straight as it gets,” I said.

The guy sitting next to me chimed in: “How about the Veterans Day Parade?”

“Good one,” I said. “No gay people in that parade. Not openly anyways.”

“How about the Long Beach Grand Prix?” he continued, going only slightly off track.

“The Doo-Dah Parade in Los Angeles!” I said, getting into it now.

“No!” she said. “You’re taking what I’m saying the wrong way!”

“I’m taking it in the exact way you’re delivering it,” I said.

All I wanted was to relax and enjoy the beer she had just put in front of me.

Who cares if gay people have their own parade? Actually, the broke-ass city of Long Beach should care. Long Beach Gay Pride brings in a lot of money to the city. Second only to the Grand Prix.

A lot of people, my friend at the bar included, might find the homosexuals distasteful in their dress and behavior on that particular weekend. Maybe. But let’s look at the Long Beach Grand Prix as a comparison.

Copious amounts of beer and jumbo wieners are consumed each year at the Long Beach Grand Prix. Same thing at Long Beach Gay Pride. Trashy behavior? Tube tops? F\*\*k me pumps? Check, check and check.

All in all I don’t see a lot of difference between the two events. Except at theirs, the gays make the tube tops and f\*\*k me pumps work!

SNAP!☞



SOCIAL STUFF

# The Birthday Queen

By Geronimo Quitariano

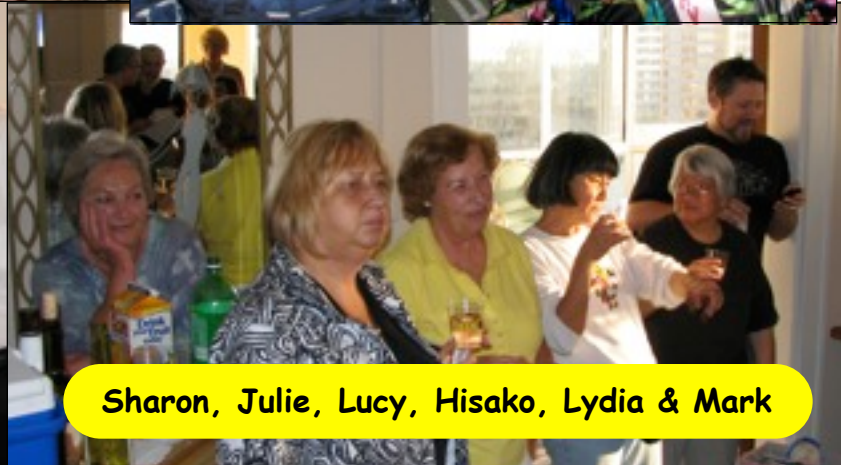
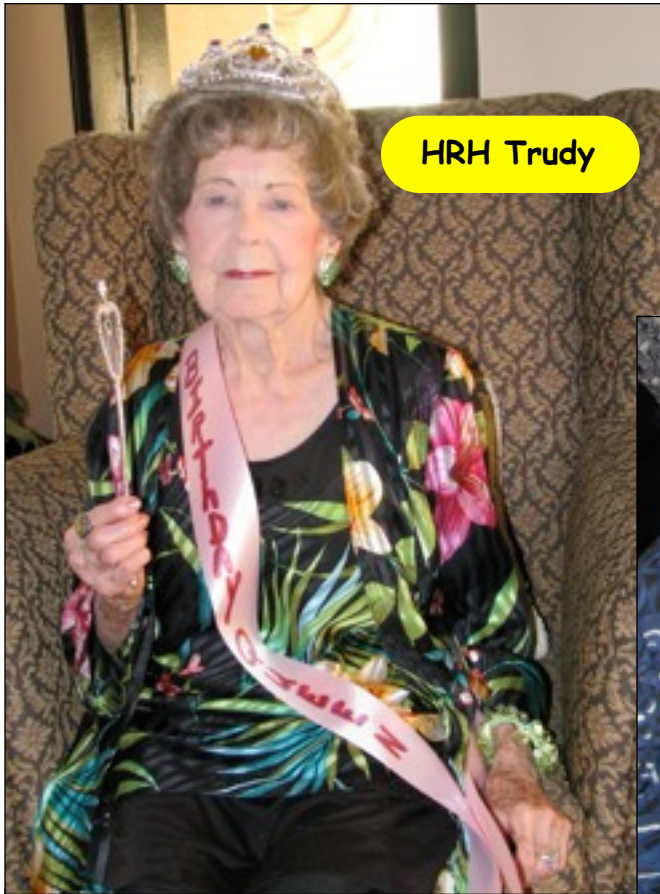
Hello residents of the Lafayette! We celebrated **Trudy Wolfe's 97th birthday** in the Solarium on Thursday, May 21 (FYI, her actual b-day is May 23).

We had a special chair for her and crowned her the "Birthday Queen."

"I certainly enjoyed it and didn't realize how many people loved me," Trudy said after the event.

Her daughter Claudia added, "I'm so grateful my mother is surrounded by neighbors who treat her so well and honored her with such a beautiful party, which touched my heart deeply."

Special thanks to: **Malou Mariano** for her decorating skills, the centerpiece, noodle dishes and the Costco run; **Frank Flores** for being master of ceremonies, coming up with the party idea and theme and helping move Trudy's heavy "throne;" **Sharon Hays** for the lovely flowers, assembling the gift, making the sash and bow and preparing the taquitos; **Jim Bennett** for his photography skills; **Jim Wilson** for his monetary contribution and





Malou, Regina, Jim, Sam & Frank



warm wishes; **Jolie Hindman** for the cakes; **Matt Fortlage** for the wine donation; **Onno** for playing the piano; **Paula Matusa** for helping with clean-up; **The Board** for approving a budget for the event and last but not least, **Lou Schor**, for his monetary contribution and buying Trudy her new walker! 🐾

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**Where would you like to work ideally? Is there someplace you dream of working?**

My goal is to one day have my own place. I want to open a bakery of my own, more specifically my own "cupcakery" where I can go crazy with the ideas and flavors running through my head.

**Off topic: What do you think of the dirty, rotten breakwater that keeps our beach stagnant and smelly?**

...Pause...

**Um, okay, maybe that wasn't an appropriate question for an interview focusing on food. Uh...any final thoughts?**

Just that I've gotten really good feedback and exposure by the people in the area and have really been inspired and motivated to reach for my goal of opening a bakery of my own. 🐾

*Editors note: Sipology is located at 448 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90802. Their phone number is (562) 432-7747.*

**MORE SOCIAL STUFF**



**June Events**

*By Geronimo Quitoriano*

If you missed out on all the fun, we have two upcoming June events. First off, there will be appetizers and drinks served at the **Fire Safety Class** with the Fire Department on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30pm in the solarium. It's educational but fun and interesting too! Do you know the Lafayette has a safe refuge area? Come to the class and find out! And secondly, we will dedicate the new fountain on the newly decorated **7th floor Lafayette patio** on Saturday, June 13 at 11:30am to 1pm. Look out for flyers! 🐾

**WELCOME**

**New Residents**

Welcome to the Lafayette!

**Unit 615/617 Christopher Sheller**

**TO ALL RESIDENTS:** Remember no bicycles in the main lobby. Window coverings must be white or off-white! And the two green dumpsters in the garden are for recycling only! No trash please. And please do not fill up the trash closets with oversize trash items. It is your responsibility, not the maintenance crew, to place oversize trash items in the garden dumpsters! 🐾

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

# Who's Who at the Lafayette

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Frank Flores  
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In **writing**: Email them. Also, each board member has a mailbox in the office. All written comments will be addressed in a timely manner.

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**Reminder**: Meeting minutes may be viewed at the office.

## C a l e n d a r

**Tuesday, June 2, 2009**

Board Meeting  
 7pm @ 11th floor Solarium

**Tuesday, June 9, 2009**


Fire Safety Class with LBFD  
 6:30pm @ 11th floor Solarium  
 Drinks and Appetizers served!

**Saturday, June 13, 2009**

Fountain Dedication Party  
 Mingle with your neighbors as we dedicate the new patio fountain! Drinks and appetizers will be served!  
 11:30am to 1pm  
 7th floor Patio, Lafayette Building

**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2009 @ 7pm in the Solarium**

- Call to Order
- Open Forum (3 min each homeowner)
- Minutes from May 7th 2009 approval
- President's Report: Frank Flores
- Treasurer's Report: Rick Blackshere
- Committee Reports (Commercial Properties, Social, Fire Safety, Historical & Nonprofit, Bicycle Room, Gym)
  - Old Business (540 Broadway roof; proposal for install of pull stations and strobe horns in Embassy room; Storage Space Survey; Garden Gate Door and third floor back stairwell door replaced)
  - New Business (Lafayette/Broadway building painting; Questions regarding entrance by staff or other authorized agents to personal units; Request by Evan Kelly for use of the Embassy Room for Tour des Artists event; Resolution to seal back doors to main lobby from 132 Linden Unit and require this owner to install private restrooms for security purposes; Removal of Palm Tree located in Garden and use funds from sale of same to refinish surface of garden and slope drain properly; Verizon FiOS Survey)
- Adjournment 

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