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San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association October 2015

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers:

Concerned about phone, email or Internet scams? Come to the Annual Meeting and learn from our main speaker Detective Jennifer Weber of the APD White Collar Crime Unit how to protect yourself. This is also the time when all San Gabriel residents and business owners or managers have an opportunity to come forward, meet the neighbors, find out how your dues are spent, make your voice heard and have some fun. Details are as follows:

- ✧ **Date & time - Monday October 19 at 7:00 pm**
- ✧ **Location - Please note, we are meeting in the Social Hall at Berean Baptist Church, 3800 Eubank Blvd. The Hall is the wing just north of the church building.**
- ✧ Easiest approach - from the south as this will permit you to avoid making a u-turn on Eubank to get into the church parking lot.
- ✧ An opportunity to pay your 2015-2016 annual dues
- ✧ Reports from your President, Treasurer and Secretary.
- ✧ Opportunities to support Mitchell Elementary School.
 - ✧ Your Board Members will collect and deliver any school supplies you bring. See list on reverse.
- ✧ Refreshments will be provided.
- ✧ Door prizes - new and different this year.
- ✧ Trivia Quiz - winner must be present to claim a prize.
- ✧ Election of officers - see reverse for details.

Do consider "running for office" or becoming part of the Board in some way. You don't have to be a long time resident of the neighborhood to participate on the Board. New ideas are always welcome, as is participation from business owners and managers.

Board meetings are about 1.5 hours long and are held 6 to 8 times a year at the home of one of the Board Members. Please contact any of the current members if you would like to know more. Their contact information is on page 2.

Meet The Neighbors:

This time our neighbor is Marcos Cartigiano, Manager of Samon's Electric and Plumbing Supply. Through the efforts of your committed SGANA Board Members we are able to highlight this customer friendly business located so conveniently within the boundaries of our neighborhood.

Our newest Board Member, Margaret Johnson, recently spent some time with Marcos at the Samon's located in the plaza at the southeast corner of Eubank and Montgomery. He stated that Samon's has been in operation for more than 40 years and that this northeast heights location opened its doors about 15 years ago. Marcos could not elaborate on how the location was chosen but this editor is aware that, at the time, the nearest big box store was 4 miles south of here. He did offer a number of reasons why Samon's is a great choice for both current customers and those who haven't already discovered them:

- ✧ Easy access to a prime location at a major, heavily trafficked intersection; and plenty of parking .
- ✧ A loyal and appreciative customer base comprised largely of home owners residing in the 87109, 87111 and 87120 postal zones.
- ✧ The Samon's name which is well known and trusted.
- ✧ A committed and friendly staff of full time employees consistently provides knowledgeable service with a smile.
- ✧ High quality, familiar product lines competitively priced.
- ✧ Staff and management committed to helping customers find rare or unique items.
- ✧ Professional installation and service.

Marcos states "I would like to express my gratitude to the local community for allowing us to be a support these many years. I have a great friendly staff with good knowledge of how a product works. What good is it if they don't?" He acknowledges the value of support; the local community support of Samon's enables the business to continue to support the community - a mutual win-win. He goes on to state "I would relish the opportunity to serve those who have not yet experienced Samon's quality service and products."

In closing our interviewer learned that, in addition to managing this business gem in the San Gabriel neighborhood, he and his wife live here. One of the benefits is that he gets to walk to his workplace where he then gets to serve his neighbors - another win-win.

Editor's Note: You can learn more about Samon's at samonselectricandplumbing-albuquerque-nm.brandsdirect.com/

