

## **Read About the NHCA's Impressive March 23 Annual Meeting!**

By all accounts, the North Hills Community Association's (NHCA's) annual meeting on March 23 at the (Hiller) Highlands Country Club was one of the best and most successful in recent memory. Organizers Vicki Oliveira, Dan Conolly, Shivani Grover and Carolyn Burgess arranged a impressive spread of food, beverages, snacks and sweets. They managed to keep the business portion of meeting running on schedule like a well-oiled machine, thus ensuring there would be ample time to hear from the evening's guest speakers - Oakland's newly-elected Mayor Sheng Thao and District 4 Councilmember Janani Ramachandran, and Oakland's Fire Chief Reggie Freeman. All three speakers discussed shared their thoughts on current challenges facing the city and plans for moving forward, and they answered questions from attendees.

This was the NHCA's first "in-person" annual meeting since March 2019, and it attracted an audience of approximately 75 members. The NHCA used the meeting to conduct business as required by its bylaws, including reviewing the state of the Association and its accomplishments, and electing members to serve on the NHCA's board of directors for the coming year.

Six current NHCA board members - Carolyn Burgess, Daniel Conolly, Shivani Grover, Donna Karch and Nancy Mueller and Vicki Oliveira – were elected to serve during the 2023-24 board term starting April 17. Three additional NHCA members - Fred Booker, David Kessler and Nina Rezai joined the board roster. Carolyn Burgess was selected to continue in her role as the North Hills' Beat 13-YPublic Safety Chair.

This was also the time for current board members to say farewell and thank outgoing board members Steve Hanson, Chris Johnson and Elizabeth Stage for their many years of leadership and contributions to the NHCA and the greater North Hills community.

The meeting ended with a raffle of fabulous prizes donated by community leaders and Oakland businesses, including wine collections and dinners at fine Oakland restaurants, to an overnight stay at the Claremont Resort and Spa.

If you're interested, you can review the slides used during the business portion of the meeting by visiting the [NHCA's website](#). You can also read [short statements from newly-elected board members](#). Finally, Board Member Donna Karch provided recipes for the delicious cookies she served at the meeting.



Garden Committee Co-Chairs Vicki Oliveira and Dan Conolly helped organize the NHCA's 2023 Annual Meeting and prepared some of the food that was served.



Local resident and realtor Julie Nachtwey, Oakland Fire Chief Reggie Freeman, Councilmember Janani Ramachandran and NHCA Board Member Nancy Mueller pose for a photo.





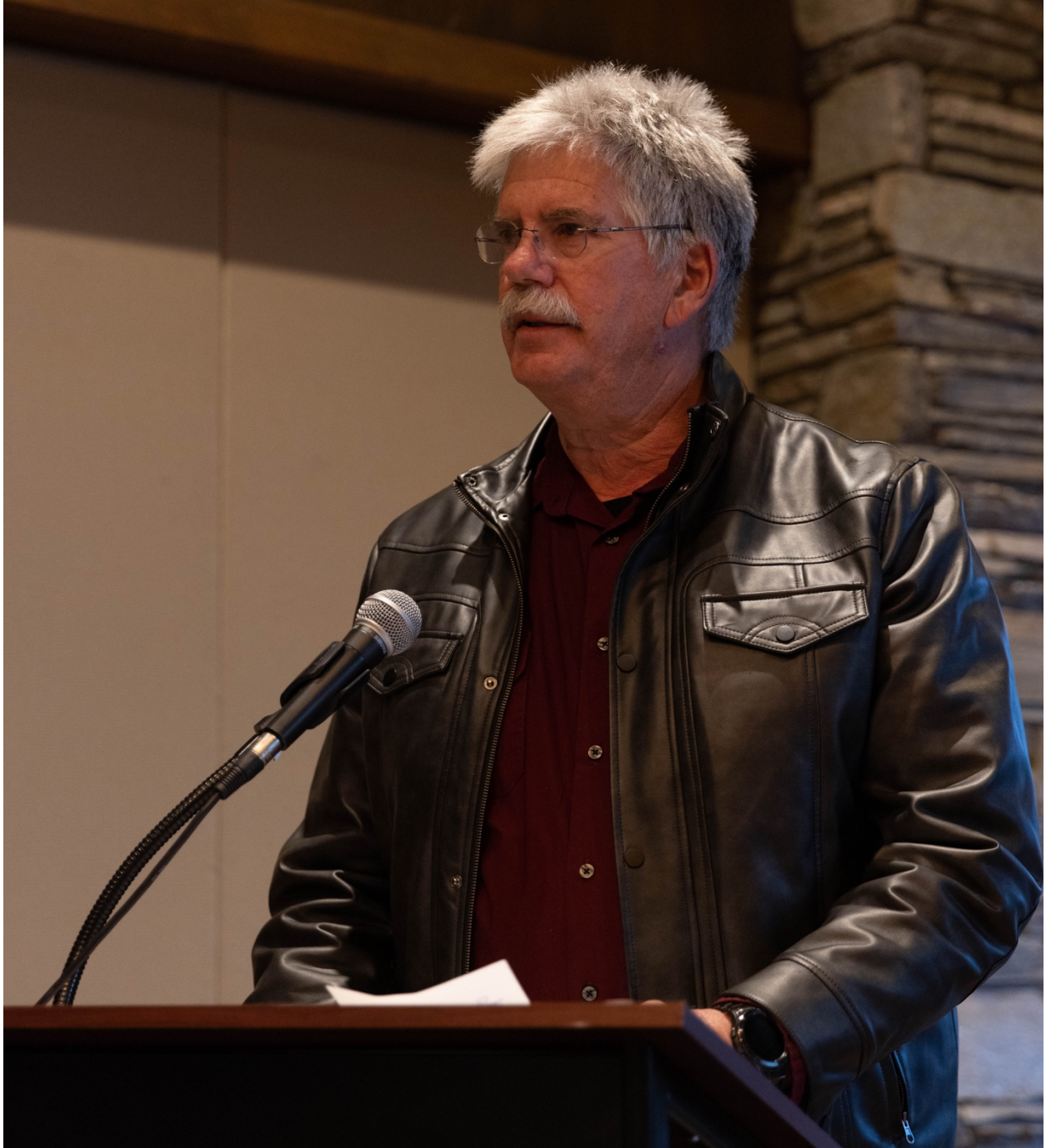
Here are a few of the many meeting attendees waiting patiently for things to get underway.



Board Member Shivani Grover helped organize the NHCA's 2023 Annual Meeting and prepared the slides used during the evening's presentations.



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NHCA Chair Steve Hanson discussed the current state and mission of the NHCA.



NHCA Treasurer Chris Johnson summarized the Association's finances for calendar year 2022.





Garden Committee Co-Chairs Vicki Oliveira and Dan Conolly highlighted some of the remarkable work undertaken in the NHCA's gardens in 2022 and 2023.



Board Member extraordinaire and Public Safety Chair Carolyn Burgess facilitated the Annual Meeting's agenda and introduced the guest speakers.





Oakland District 4 Councilmember Janani Ramachandran provided an overview of her office's activities.



Oakland Fire Chief Reginald (Reggie) Freeman answered questions from the audience.





Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao discussed some of the challenges of balancing numerous priorities in an era of constrained resources and finding the best path forward.

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Board Members Elizabeth Stage, Nancy Mueller and Vicki Oliveira gathered before the meeting to show off the desserts being served.



Some of the amazing food that awaited meeting attendees...



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...along with a range of beverages.

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The NHCA raffled off amazing gifts donated by board members and businesses.