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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: IT'S A SPECIAL YEAR IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

**By David Martens**

Happy New Year! 2010 is a special year as it is LEHHNA's 25th Silver Jubilee Celebration. We started this organization formally back in 1985. This was the year that Madonna launched her first road show, "The Virgin Tour," with the number one hit, "Crazy for You." Amadeus won the Academy Awards for best picture. And U.S. postage was 20 cents a stamp. It was also a year of turnaround for our neighborhood, all for the better.

One by one new residents took the risk of buying downtown, moving into an unstable neighborhood full of boarding houses. They further invested time, money and "sweat equity," as their homes emerged as enviable examples for living found nowhere else in Central Florida. Soon the sidewalks, trees, brick streets and easy proximity to Lake Eola started looking pretty good. Property values began to climb faster than comparable homes elsewhere.

LEHHNA grew as well. In the beginning, we met in the basement community room of Broadway United Methodist Church. I was President, Randy Mageria was Vice President, JoAnn McCaffery, Secretary and Diane Martens, Treasurer. Some of our biggest concerns at that time were zoning, code enforcement, commercial intrusion and historic preservation. Seems like some of these issues we still fight today.

Over the years we have added the Garden Tour, the Annual Block Party, Christmas at the Pantry and other regular events and efforts that distinguish our neighborhood as one of Orlando's finest. We have a proud heritage and look to the future with even greater aspiration. Now it is time to launch a new agenda looking forward.

The City of Orlando has offered us space and time for a retreat along with a staff facilitator to run the planning process. At our upcoming meeting on February 11 we will plan a convenient time and date for us to gather and set a blueprint

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### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

7 p.m. Thursday February 11  
at Trinity Lutheran Church  
123 East Livingston Street

*Bring a Neighbor!*

### **2010 GARDEN TOUR MOVED TO 2011**

**By Janet Walker**

After a survey of frostbitten gardens and a meeting of the Garden Tour Committee, it has been concluded that we will move the Garden Tour to 2011. At this time, it would be impossible to expect our gardens to be able to revive in only 10 weeks to their former glory.

The Garden Tour Committee discussed the possibilities of either rescheduling the tour for perhaps the fall of 2010 as well as moving the tour to the spring of 2011. After weighing the pros and cons, it was decided to target the new spring date of April 17, 2011, which is Palm Sunday. This date would not interfere with either the spring Fiesta In The Park nor with Easter celebrations.

Incidentally, this new date falls in line with the 100th birthday celebration of the historic 1911 home of David and Diane Martens which we will be celebrating during the tour.

Although this major fund-raiser is delayed, LEHHNA will be looking forward to other interesting, new ideas that could offer opportunities to participate in a variety of fund-raising experiences. This situation will actually serve as an impetus for us to broaden our "fund-raising horizons" and fresh ideas always reinvigorate our enthusiasm!

For any of you who have wanted to serve on the Garden Tour Committee in the past, we are still here. Let's revive our gardens and make them better and more beautiful than ever. We have a whole year ahead of us and it will go quickly.