



Left to right: Alison Mary Shelton, Lost Pets Alerts Coordinator; Mary Cranston, "Alerts" Coordinator; Pauline Watson, Village Coordinator.

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Performance Appreciation — Neighborhood Watch *Volunteers*

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We can all appreciate a great performance, however, it is the performance of Neighborhood Watch *volunteers* that is truly appreciated. They thoughtfully perform their duties resulting in a safer and more informed community.

Mailbox Captains report their resident's emergency contact information by February 15 annually, to their Village Coordinators. Directors maintain their assigned Villages and promote several safety and security events throughout the year. Once a year, Directors host a very special Volunteer Appreciation Dessert Party, planned this year for April 1,

6:00 to 8:00 PM, Multipurpose Room (KS). This is a very sweet evening of desserts and special appreciation awards for Neighborhood Watch volunteers.

Volunteer work is remarkable, outstanding, and appears to be accomplished without effort. Such words come from the definitions of *sweet*, but each describes how very special Neighborhood Watch volunteers really are. They understand the need for neighbors helping neighbors, and the information they gather today may help others tomorrow. Knowing a neighbor who can be contacted, having a family

member's contact information, providing a medication form "vial of life," or noting pet information, can be beneficial in an emergency. Become a member of the safety and security team of volunteers—be the performance!

Upcoming events: Safety Symposium, March 17, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Ballroom (OC); *It's the Lifestyle Expo*, March 29, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Ballroom (OC). For more information about upcoming events and Neighborhood Watch, please visit our website sclhwatch.org or email the Executive Director, Linda Minor, at executivedirector@sclhwatch.org.