



September 8, 2008

Mr. Rick Vila
Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization
2792 North Avenida Caballeros
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Mr. Vila,

I would like to express the foundation's appreciation for the valuable educational contribution being made by the www.racquetclubestates.com website created and maintained by Racquet Club Estates Neighborhood Organization (RCENO) board member Mr. Nat Gozzano.

The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation's mission is to educate and inform a host of audiences about the economic and cultural importance of preserving the city's historic and architectural resources. The content of the RCENO website, which includes vintage advertising brochures about the neighborhood, an interview with architect William Krisel (the designer of many of the houses in RCENO), and an architectural map of the neighborhood, does much to instill a sense of neighborhood identity and pride. It also goes hand-in-hand with a burgeoning appreciation for the importance of post-war modernist ranch houses. Ultimately, we hope that efforts such as RCENO's will serve as the impetus for the creation of historic districts in Palm Springs, an aim which our foundation strongly supports.

In recognition of your efforts, and to help fund future RCENO activities, we would like to present you with a check in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). We hope this recognition encourages other Palm Springs neighborhood organizations to make similar efforts to educate their members about the historic and architectural significance of our city's neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Kopelk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William Kopelk
President
Palm Springs Preservation Foundation