

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## WANA HAS HEART!!!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### ... from the Heart!



Well, 2008 is moving at the same velocity that 2007 did!! WANA board members are hard at work planning events and activities that reflect our mission statement: to foster a sense of well-being in Wrigley. Important subjects of discussion are planned for the February 7<sup>th</sup> general meeting. A clean-up is planned for February 9<sup>th</sup>. Seniors residing at Brethren Manor and Magnolia Senior Living Center will be treated to cookies and punch for Valentine's Day donated by WANA. We will begin collecting cell phones for Interval House. The 2030 Visioning Task Force Committee has exciting things happening. Our WANA newsletter is getting wings—larger distribution is being planned (more of that next month).

Make sure you read this issue from cover to cover to get the full story. There are so many ways one can be involved in our community, whether a little or a lot. A community becomes and stays great by the strength of the residents. Join us in some way to help elevate Wrigley to another level—participate at the clean-up, join a committee, help pass out newsletters, donate your cell phone—

Just do something.

In closing, I share this saying with you from one of my favorite movies,

*"The Three Musketeers"*

**One for All and  
All for One!!**

Yours in Service,

Jill

All you really need is heart  
When the odds are sayin' you'll never  
win.....

That's when the grin should start  
You've gotta have hope  
Mustn't sit around and mope  
Nothin's half as bad as it may appear  
Wait'll next year and hope  
When your luck is  
battin' zero....  
Get your chin up off the floor  
Mister you can be a hero

You can open any door, there's  
nothin' to it but to do it  
You've gotta have heart  
Miles 'n miles n' miles of heart  
Oh, it's fine to be a genius of course  
But keep that old horse  
Before the cart  
First you've gotta have heart!

**"YOU GOTTA HAVE HEART"**

*From the Musical...  
"Damn Yankees!"*

**SOUNDS LIKE WANA!**



MARIA NORVELL

# WANA

## Christmas Tree Lane Report

CTL CHAIRPERSON  
19 Years  
562-427-5021

Maria Norvell,  
Wrigley Representative  
562 427-5021



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

This month has gone by so fast. I want to thank our SPONSORS that continue to support Christmas Tree Lane (CTL): **VANCO Properties, Long Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Pacific Hospital of Long Beach, Joan Greenwood & John Gailey, Supervisor Don Knabe, Wards Furniture, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Senator Alan Lowenthal, LB Police Officers Association, LB Firefighters Union Local 372, Long Beach Grand Prix Association, Keesal, Young & Logan, THUMS LB Company, Crows Nest, Buono's Authentic Pizzeria, Federal Credit Union, PCH Poultry & Market, Fortune Diversified Investment Corp., Wrigley's Pet Spaw.**

In-kind donations were received from: **Firefighters Union Local 372 for setting up Daisy; Atlas Marine & Desert Express for taking down Daisy; Power Nex for the use of their Fork Lift on set up and take down of Daisy; Gondola Getaway, gift certificate worth \$75.00; and Pacific Hospital.** We will apply for grants for CTL when they become available. I am asking all of you to please think about funding raising for CTL. We need to raise a lot of money to get as many Christmas Trees lit this year as possible. **Please call me.**

I can't thank **WANA MEMBERS** enough for so many donations of **\$100.00**. All the many **member's** that have donated to **Christmas Tree Lane, Thank you, Jim Trout,** for your generous in-kind donation of **\$397.70**. It makes me so proud that we all really care. Thank you again all the **VOLUNTEERS** that helped restore the displays. I have never received so many compliments. People would just come by to let me know how everything turned out so beautiful. We will be restoring the Gingerbread People, I forget how many there are— I know there a lot of them. We have to replace the train and fix up some of the displays that got pretty shaken up during set up and take down. If you would like to join our Committee, please call me. **UNTIL NEXT TIME!!!**

I want to thank all the members for their donations to the **Police Toy Patrol**. We made a lot of children very happy this past Christmas. We continue to help the Toy Patrol and we have received a Certificate of Appreciation from Chief Anthony Batts.

Community Crime Prevention meetings are held on the **third Wednesday** of the month. The next one will be February 20, 2008 at 7:00 p. m. at the Long Beach Water Department located at 1800 E. Wardlow Rd.

I apologize for writing that the Chief was going to be at the January meeting. I wasn't notified until after the WANA NEWS & VIEWS went out. He was unable to make the meeting and it was re-scheduled for January 29. Those of you that I called, I passed on this information.

Please join us in February. These meetings are very informative and they are always open to the public. I hope you will make the next WANA meeting. Our guest speaker is a Federal Postal Inspector Officer.

**See you there!**

**WANA will honor CTL VOLUNTEERS with presentation of CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION at the February General Membership Meeting.**

# WORKS

## 6TH DISTRICT HONORS MARIA NORVELL



**MARIA RECEIVES RECOGNITION** at dinner with President of FM Bank, Ken Walker and his wife, Julie and supporter, Atrilla Scott

## WANA WELCOMES Our favorite Mother! Dolores Almendarez



A Charming Little Lady who instilled the value of good deeds in her daughter—so has actually supplied WANA with our Lady of the Daisy Lane, **Maria Norvell** for the past 19 years. She too, by her example gives back to the Wrigley Community with her Volunteer efforts.

Now that she is the 90th Member to join WANA at 84 years, she brings the wisdom and know-how that will enrich our projects. and add to our efforts.

That kindly sweet smile is always there when you greet her...and she seems to me, to be the image of a loving Mother and Grandmother. Be sure to stop and say hello when you see her at every meeting and function.

**Welcome Mother  
Dolores!**

## Welcome New Members

Rita Reels  
Former Mayor Beverly O'Neill  
Dolores Almendarez  
Florence McKendry  
Elizabeth Sage  
Sal Johnston  
Dr. Daniel Guerriere

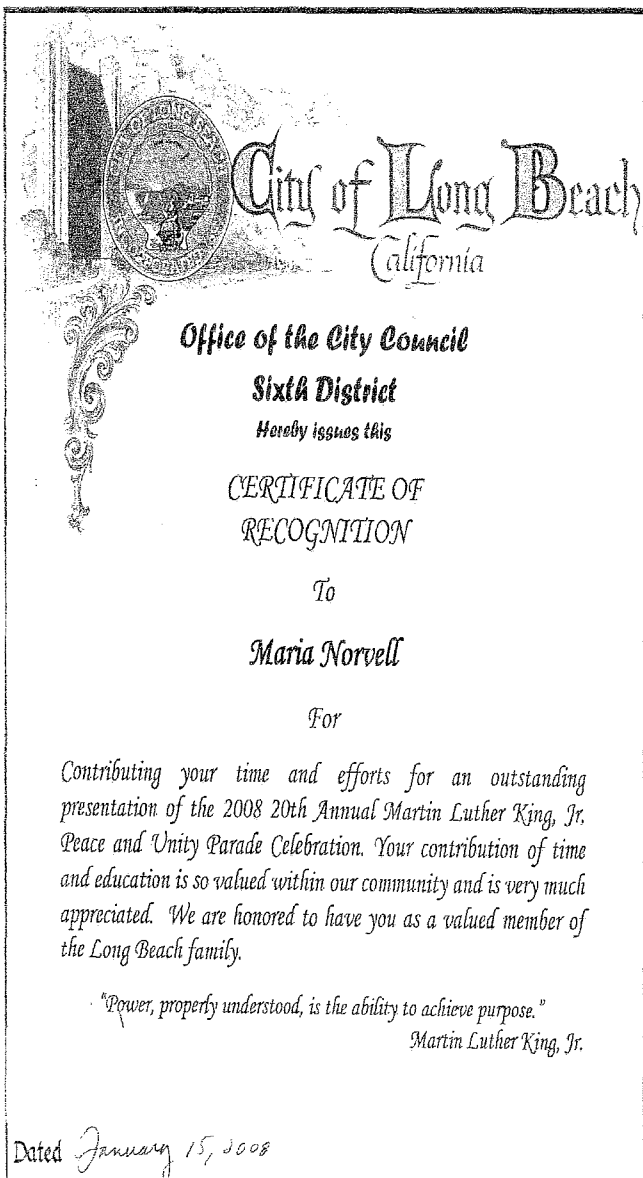
## Volunteer of the Month

**Jim Sollenbarger**



## HEART OF GOLD . .

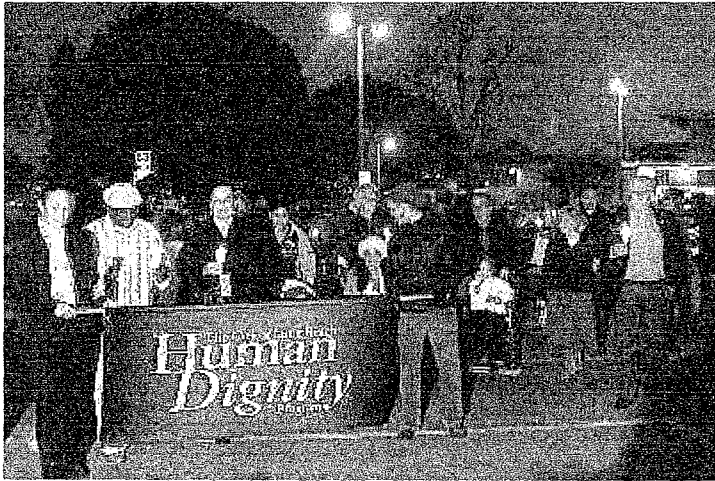
Jim stayed the course all through the restoration of the Daisy Lane Village..and then surprised us with the artistic gold leafing on the Little Church. He's been there for WANA, no matter what was needed to be done . . .to be ready for The Daisy Lane Parade 2007!



# Peace March

*Courtesy of Bill Pearl, lbreport.com)*

January 13, 2008) -- A candlelight peace march on the first day of City Hall-sponsored Peace Week events leading up to the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade drew community members and LB officials on Saturday night, Jan. 12. Among those present at King Park (between Orange/Lemon, 19th/20th Streets) were Mayor Bob Foster, his mother (traveling in a wheelchair propelled by the Mayor), First Lady Nancy Foster, Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Council Members from the Sixth District and Val Lerch and the City's Human Dignity Coordinator Melissa Morgan.



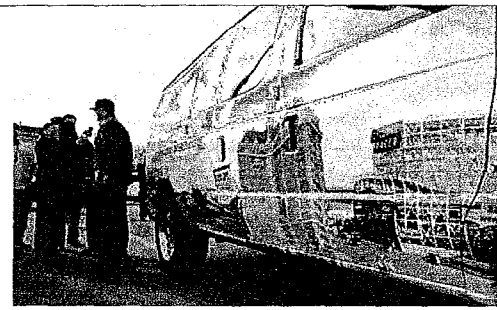
The Sixth District Council Office welcomed participants, and said the event is meant to focus on the principles for which Dr. King stood. Mayor Foster said the gathering is a tribute to Dr. King's teachings

and added that the crowd is "emblematic of what we'd like our city to be." Longtime Wrigley-area activist Candace Mead, attending with husband Brophy Dale, wore an "out of Iraq" button. She said she saw Dr. King speak in her hometown of Detroit in 1968 at an appearance

where he was heckled by those on the political right for his opposition to the Vietnam war. Also present from the Wrigley area was Joan Greenwood (Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance), in photo chatting with LBPD Commander Robert Luman.



Also present (not in photo), LBPD Lt. Joe Levy.



*Jesse James fields questions next to the Plan Van—Photo courtesy of Russell Conroy*

## Mayor Foster & Jesse James Unveil LB 2030 PLAN VAN

Mayor Bob Foster and famous motorcycle manufacturer – and Long Beach native – Jesse James yesterday unveiled the Long Beach 2030 Plan Van, a mobile classroom customized by James and his West Coast Choppers shop meant to travel around the city and encourage residents to share their views for the future of Long Beach.

The van, a Ford van sitting on 22" rims and sporting graphics of downtown landmarks on its side, will attend community events such as schools, farmer's markets, senior centers, parks and parades in order to reach out to the community. The main purpose is to engage and educate residents while asking for feedback about the things that can be done to benefit their lives.

## WANA Help?

Do you have just one hour a month to spare? We need volunteers to help deliver newsletters or flyers sometime during the last week of the month and you don't even have to go far from home. If you can cover 100 homes on the street you live on, that would be a tremendous help plus it's good exercise! Call Jill at 562-599-1822 to sign up for your block.



## Community Code Enforcement (CCE)

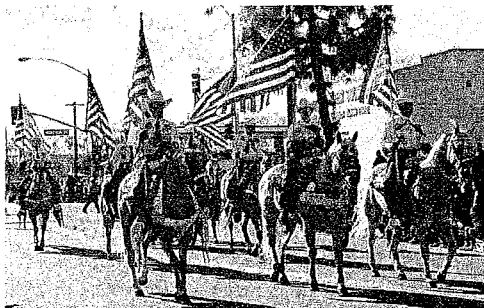
**SPEAKER:** Karl Wiegelman,  
Supervisor for the City of L.B.  
February WANA Meeting

If anytime you have driven around the neighborhood and have seen homes that with chipped paint, roofs that are in need of replacement, or a fence that is falling down, you are witnessing city code violations (just a few of many). These conditions make a neighborhood look run down thereby decreasing property values. The CCE program came to Wrigley about 9 years ago but we are in jeopardy of losing it because of lack of attendance and participation. To help stir up interest again, **Karl Wiegelman**, Code Enforcement Inspector/Supervisor for the City of Long Beach will be on hand to explain the CCE program details and will be looking to recruit CCE Block Captains in Wrigley.

Captains get assigned blocks (not the block in which they live) to monitor and report property deficiencies (such as: deteriorated fences, roofs, chipping paint, and trash/debris) at monthly meetings with Code Enforcement Inspectors where they submit their ANONYMOUS referrals. Upcoming Block Captains will be briefed and trained on their roles and responsibilities before they begin.

If we want to maintain the best living conditions for our neighborhood and make sure our property values continue to rise, then we MUST NOT lose this vital program. Wrigley residents, please attend the meeting and listen to what is involved. Then consider becoming a Block Captain because CCE does not work without the support of community.

## MLK PARADE ON PARADE!



Senator Alan Lowenthal &  
Assemblywoman Betty Karnette

**WANA**  
Parade  
Pro, Maria  
Norvell  
With clip-  
board  
directs  
MLK  
Parade  
On route!



Supervisor Don Knabe &  
Wife, Julie



Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster and  
wife, Nancy

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