

**LBPD
Chief
Batts
Updates
WANA**

By Joan Greenwood



At the March 6th General Meeting, Chief Batts updated attendees on the challenges that his administration is facing, and how his staff is addressing those challenges. He regrets that for the first time during his administration, he had to report that crime increased last year. He was optimistic that the upward trend was now reversing. During the last two months of the reporting period, crime decreased in all categories by 7.9%.

One of the new programs that he described is a more stringent re-qualification process for marksmanship. It is the result of the lessons learned from the Officers Wade and Yap shootings last year. The officers were hindered in protecting themselves while seated in a patrol car. Studies have shown that as officers become better marksmen, use of force decreases. Instead of focusing on stationary targets, the officers will start receiving instruction more like combat training with moving targets. In addition, re-qualification will be required five times a year instead of four, and the passing grade will be increased from 70% to 80%.

Another new program he discussed is called "Crime View". It is an internet site that allows users to point to a street and get a report detailing when crimes have occurred in the immediate area. This information should be helpful in reaching out to locations that would benefit most from a Neighborhood or Apartment Watch Program.

If you think your block or apartment complex would benefit from having a Watch group, please contact Maria Norvell at 427-5021. She will help you set one up.

**WANA WELCOMED
GUEST SPEAKERS**

By Joan Greenwood

OUR LONG BEACH SCHOOLS

At the March meeting, our Second District School Representative and President of the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) gave a most informative report. We learned about the major accomplishments that have contributed to the reputation for excellence that LBUSD so richly deserves.

LBUSD was listed in Newsweek as having the best high schools in the country. Student test results surpass those for both the county and the state. Despite the State cutbacks, LBUSD was able to balance its budget without resorting to layoffs and class-size increases. Hats off to Superintendent Chris Steinhauser and the LBUSD Board!

SAFE HAVEN FOR ALL

Janine Limas of Interval House came to the March meeting to thank us for collecting used cell phones to raise money for her organization. Interval House was founded in 1970 primarily to aid victims of domestic violence. It has grown to include seven facilities. The staff speaks over 50 languages. Although women and children make up the majority of clients at Interval House, they also assist male victims. Outreach programs to counsel families before the situation gets out of hand is one of its hallmark services offered to the LB community. If you or anyone you know needs help, Call them at 562-594-9492.



WANA NEWS



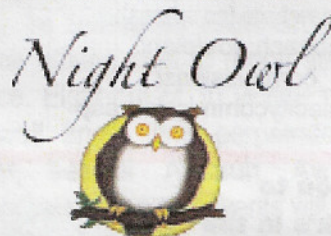
Children were greeted by the **WANA** Easter

Bunny on Saturday, March 22 at **WANA's** 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Other fun activities were a 500 egg hunt with prizes, money and candy inside; face painting; egg decorating; and a coloring contest for children ages 2-12.

The Bad News - You will have to wait until the May issue of **WANA News & Views** comes out to see all the great pictures from the event because we will be in the midst of printing this April newsletter.

The Good News - You can view the winning pictures of the coloring contest at **Buono's Pizzeria**, 400 W. Willow for two weeks from **Saturday, April 5 through Saturday, April 19**. Stay tuned until next month for the winner's names, pictures and the full story.

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**Easter
Photos**

If you want a copy of any photo in the newsletter, **WANA** can make a copy for you for \$1.00.

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562-427-2372

& VIEWS

"How Sweet It is!"

See's CANDIES

Sweet success is bound to come—in raising funds for **Christmas Tree Lane**

and other fun Wrigley activities with WANA's first **See's Candy Fund Raiser**. WANA will be offering 9 delicious varieties of 1 lb boxes of candy selling for \$15.00/lb just in time for **Mother's Day**.

Mother's Day is May 11th so you have time to make your choices and place your order.... you can even contact relatives, friends, and neighbors and order for them. Give the gift of **See's Candy!** Mothers, wives, daughters, sisters will know they are loved. See's Candy will say it all for you!

Ordering is easy— mark your choices on the blank order form inserted in this newsletter and return it with a check to Friends of WANA and send it to our P.O. Box listed on the back page. **Mail orders must be received by May 5**. Or you can fill out an order form at the Membership Meetings on **April 3** and **May 1**. There'll be a See's Table set up for you to place your orders and get more information on the variety of See's Candy available.

Orders can be picked up all day at **2306 DAISY AVENUE** on **May 9th & 10th** in time for your loving Mother's Day gift giving!

For further information or questions, call
Joan Pizzato at 562-427-2372.

OPERATION KIDS UNDERWAY in WRIGLEY



WANA hearts have joined in the caring project that Debbie & Tom Hennessy started for the needy children in Iraq. Their son, John mentioned the heart rendering conditions of these children as they were deployed in the midst of this war torn country. The soldiers could give out what ever was sent...so started **OPERATION KIDS**.

The **OPERATION KIDS'** box was pretty empty at the General Membership Meeting...but then not many were aware of our "drive" and didn't bring anything...but, lo and behold, the next day a call came from our **WANA** Member, **John Deats**, whose heart is always generous...donating almost 200 Mattel **HOT WHEELS**. All Series, some collectors' items... **You can be a part of this, too!** Come to the April 3 Membership Meeting and bring **small, individually-wrapped candy, sugar-based hard candy, pocket-sized stuffed animals, brightly-colored school supplies, fun T-shirts (they really liked ones with U.S. city names imprinted on them), and small toys like Hot Wheel cars, yo-yos and super balls.** The **OPERATION KIDS BOX** will be right in front of the door at the Jackie Robinson Auditorium...as you enter. There's plenty of parking and lots of delicious Starbuck's coffee and juices...homemade cakes and yummys...

BABY SITTING!!!

—An old fashioned, hometown effort that we Americans can share with these children whose lives are so sad and so very miserable!!!



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April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Connie & Will Chick's 19th Wedding Anniversary! APRIL FOOL'S DAY		2	3 WANA GENERAL MEMBER- SHIP MEETING	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 2030 VISIONING TASK FORCE MTG.
13	14	15	16 CRIME PREVENTION MEETING, WATER DEPT. 1800 Wardlow Rd 7 PM	17	18 LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX DAY ONE	19 ****See below LONG BEACH GRAND PRIX DAY TWO
20 Long Beach Grand Prix RACE DAY	21 <i>Happy 85th Birthday. Dolores Almendarez</i>	22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25 ARBOR DAY	26 EARTH DAY clean-up Go to: www.litterfreelb.org
27	28	29	30	**** ALSO ON THE 19TH: *PASSOVER *PATRIOTS DAY *LAWNMOWER EXCHANGE		

WRIGLEY 2030 VISIONING TASK FORCE MEETINGS

WHEN: Saturday, April 12, 2008 (changed from April 19 due to Grand Prix)

WHERE: Starbuck's in the WRIGLEY MARKETPLACE

WHAT: 11:30 AM - Noon Discussion on Wrigley Heights Park
(Oil Operator's Site)
Noon to 1:30 PM Break out in groups: Willow Street Business
Outreach (Team 1), OR Wrigley Heights Resident Outreach (Team 2)



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MOWER EXCHANGE

This is an opportunity for residents to individually contribute to breathing clean air! You can trade in your gas lawn mower for an electric one at a reasonable price. It costs only \$100 dollars, along with trading in your old gas mower to purchase an electric lawn mower worth \$400. This one day only event will be on:

April 19 at VETERAN'S STADIUM

5000 Lew Davis St

Long Beach, CA 90808

(South of Long Beach City College)

Intersection of Clark Avenue and East Conant Street

(Enter parking lot from East Conant Street)

You will need to register before you go. Registration for the 2008 Lawn Mower Exchange Program will begin on March 18, 2008 at 9 a.m. and there is a very limited supply -- act quickly!

Did You Forget?

....to drop off your old cell phones in the collection box at one of the following businesses:

Buono's Pizzeria

401 W. Willow Street

Pacific Nutrition

2049 Pacific Avenue



All proceeds benefit the Interval House, a center for victims of domestic violence.



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WANA General Membership

Meeting

**Thursday, April 3
at
7 PM**

**Jackie Robinson
Academy
2750 Pine Avenue**

Guest speakers:

- City Manager, Pat West
- Economic Development Bureau Manager, Robert Swayze

Come and hear about Long Beach's economic status and our City Manager's vision and goals for our city. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from these two dynamic leaders!

Enjoy a cup of STARBUCK's Coffee and enjoy Member donated fruits, delicious cakes and oven goodies! Hospitality Hostess, Nancy Risch invites you to sign up to bring your favorite to share-FREE babysitting and parking too!

Say Hello to your friends and meet your Neighbors! Become a new Member! Everyone is **WELCOME!**

Brethren Manor Senior Living Thanks WANA

Gayle Taggart, Assistant Administrator, sent WANA a very nice note thanking us for the "lovely get together Valentine's Party". She also said, "residents so enjoyed the great cookies, punch and friendship."

SPECIAL THANKS

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