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HOME OF DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE

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Message from the President



We had such a great time at WANA's 2nd Annual State of the Neighborhood Mixer at **Tacos Don Chente** last month and I thank all of you who came out to wine and dine together! I also thank the following organizations and representatives from: **The Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce's Joel Perler; Senator Roderick Wright's office, Bill Orton;**

The Port of Long Beach, Mario Ernesto Gonzalez; and Congresswoman Laura Richardson's office, LaWanda Reynolds for attending the mixer.

For those of you who could not make it, the following was my report in brief:

I have had the great distinction, pleasure, and honor of serving as your President for the second year. The second year was somewhat easier than the first since we had already done the ground work for most of our events and activities, making the year very busy as you will read later. And while there is much to tell, the one biggest accomplishment we achieved was to reach our goal of building our organization to **300 members!!** WANA is the largest neighborhood organization in Long Beach. This would not have been possible without you and by believing and trusting in WANA and the Board's ability to lead this dynamic organization.

Your WANA board members are very unique by their selflessness to serve our Wrigley community and make it an active, healthy place to live. While they all have had their personal responsibilities and challenges this past year, they are to be commended for their constant commitment and drive to make WANA the best organization in the whole city. I want to thank all of them for their time and couldn't have asked for a better board. I also want to thank the Friends of WANA Board Members – **Richard Lujan, John Deats and Felton Williams** for their term.

October 2008

- ♦ Elected two more board member's, bringing us to our 9-member Executive Board
- ♦ Halloween Costume Contest Event with over 100 contestants and 200 attendees

November 2008

- ♦ Restored and added more plants to the Jackie Robinson Native Landscape garden

December 2008

- ♦ 2nd Annual POA-Fire Department Holiday Toy Drive collecting two large box overflowing with toys and books
- ♦ Holiday Party in lieu of meeting
- ♦ Holiday Home Decorating Contest
- ♦ Christmas Tree Lane Displays Set up
- ♦ Marched in Christmas Tree Lane Parade
- ♦ Organized and hosted four Entertainment Nights

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**WANA WILL NOT MEET ON
Thursday, October 1. Instead...**

Our Annual Meeting and Board Elections
will be on

Monday, October 19, 2009
7-9 pm at Veterans Park
101 East 28th Street

See Page 7 for Details and
how to Vote by Mail.

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January 2009

- ♦ Volunteered and participated in the MLK parade

February 2009

- ♦ Valentine's Day for Seniors - baked and served 70 dozen cookies and punch

April 2009

- ♦ 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt with a live Easter Bunny for over 200 kids and parents, added homemade ring toss and bean bag games and mini-pumpkin decorating, and 20 dozen eggs to color
- ♦ Bake Sale netted almost \$350 to cover event expenses
- ♦ Dominguez Gap restoration walking tour raised \$120 in donations going towards the habitat restoration program for Cressa Park formerly known as the Wrigley Landscape Project

May 2009

- ♦ **Cinco de Mayo** Potluck party
- ♦ Partnered with Friends of the Los Angeles River for their Great River Clean-up, **La Gran Limpieza**
- ♦ 2nd Family Bike Safety Rodeo for 170 kids and parents

July 2009

- ♦ Held 2 family movies outdoors on Daisy Ave sponsored by Signal Hill Petroleum and Councilmember Dee Andrews attracting a combined attendance of approx. 170 people
- ♦ Partnered with FoLAR once again. This time for a Willow Street Estuary bird sighting and walk along the riverbed to the Wrigley Landscape project for a tour by WANA member Ken Gore along with Nancy Risch, Edie Pearl and Jean Hlrashima

August 2009

- ♦ 2nd Annual National Night Out Potluck Party with 45 residents

September 2009

- ♦ Sponsored the 2nd Annual State of the Neighborhood Address Mixer at Tacos Don Chente
- ♦ First silent auction raised \$371
- ♦ Provided Ring Toss and Bean Bags and supervised use at the 2100 Maine Avenue Annual Block Party on Labor Day

I'd like to thank all our business partners this past year for their ads which pay for printing copies of our newsletter for distribution to non-member households every other month:

- ♦ **Hassan Vacuum Cleaners**
- ♦ **Cesar Castellanos – Broker/Realtor**
- ♦ **Wrigley's Pet Spaw**
- ♦ **Buono's Pizzeria**
- ♦ **Sharon VerDoorn – Dat's Real Estate**
- ♦ **Kid Rooter Plumbing**
- ♦ **Connie Chick- Main Street Realtor**

During the past year, the following activities took place:

- ♦ Cressa Park now officially the name for what was the Wrigley Landscape Project
- ♦ Supported Operation Kids, sending 25 boxes to Iraq
- ♦ Collected 28 Cell Phones and donated to Interval House
- ♦ Promoted Neighborhood Watch
- ♦ Conducted 3 Neighborhood clean-ups, utilized 142 Volunteers, collected 4.9 Tons of trash and partnered on one of them with our friends from the West Side Association

- ♦ Went to council to speak on behalf of Pacific Baptist Church's construction of their new building
- ♦ Wrote and was awarded a \$5,000 NPP grant for a Kaboom playground project
- ♦ Attended many meetings relating to the expansion of the Inter-modal Container Transfer Facility and the port middle harbor project
- ♦ Joan Greenwood and Timothy Risch earned money for WANA by volunteering at the Gay Pride Parade
- ♦ Distributed approx. 16,000 newsletters door-to-door
- ♦ Received positive press from the Press-Telegram, Signal Tribune, Grunion Gazette
- ♦ Made it possible for members to pay their membership fee on our wanalb.org website
- ♦ Shared homegrown fruits and vegetables

Thanks to our Guest Speakers who put so much thought and enthusiasm into their presentations.

- ♦ October - **Phil Hester**, Director of Parks, Recreation & Marine; **Mike Donelon** and **John Case**
- ♦ November - **Frank Hayes**, Battalion Fire Chief
- ♦ February - **Sandra Holden**, LBTB 8
- ♦ March - **Tom Reeves**, City Prosecutor & **Randy Allen**, LB Police Department
- ♦ April - **Bob Maguglin**, LB Convention & Visitor's Bureau
- ♦ June - **John Keisler**, Director of Animal Care Services
- ♦ July - **Randy Lamm**, Transportation Planning Manager, Metro South Bay Area Team
- ♦ August - **Larry Rich** and **Alfre Vaille**, LB Sustainability Coordinators

And lastly, my great appreciation for the many volunteers who made all of the special things we did this past year possible:

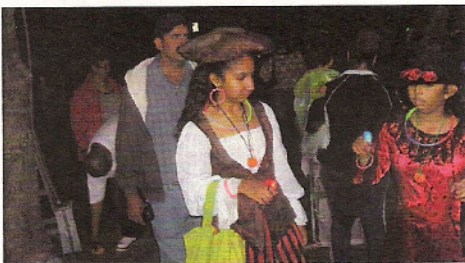
Pat Arndt, Natalie Rodriguez, Nancy King, Don Raines, John Deats, Rose Kozlowski, Alicia de la Cruz, Christie Perez, Signe Gatlin, Kay Bowman, Jeannine Lawlor, Victoria Reynafarje, Connie and Will Chick, Jean Hirashima, Champagne Young, Annie Allen, Edie Pearl, Felton Williams, Tonette Kadrmas, Dora Garcia, Lupe Garcia, Nancy King, Bill Smith, Kay Bowman, Nancy Trout, Danita Gould, Vanessa Acosta, Edie Pearl, Connie Chick, Robert Joyce, Lisette Rice, Brenda Vital, Emalyn Brown, Maria Puentes, Gloria Ballesteros, Richard & Shirley Slaughter, Vernon Rudd, Jim Sollenbarger, George Pineda and all the Pacific Baptist Church members who helped with Christmas Tree Lane, Barry Walsh, Victor Maylon, Connie Horto, Judy Way, Ken Gore, Jeremy and Anthony Robles, Loren Patten, Ador Raquel, and Cesar Castellanos.

My apologies to anyone that I may have left out. WANA couldn't have held all the great events and delivered our newsletters if it weren't for all of your help!!

Here's to another fantastic year!

Yours in Service,
Jill

Highlights of WANA's Special Events on Daisy Avenue Throughout the Year



Halloween on the Green Costume
Contest and Games



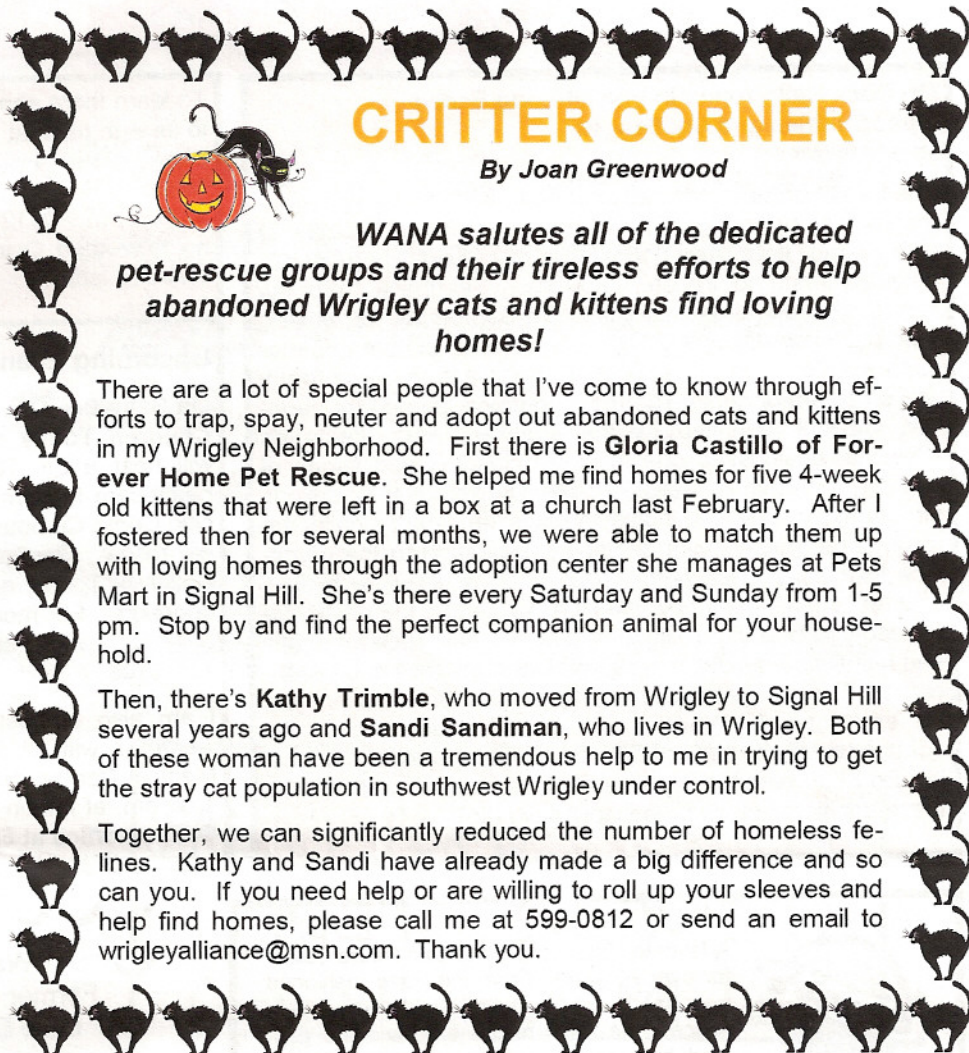
Setup Day on Christmas Tree Lane



Santa Visits the Lane on
Entertainment Nights



Easter Egg Hunt Registration



CRITTER CORNER

By Joan Greenwood

WANA salutes all of the dedicated pet-rescue groups and their tireless efforts to help abandoned Wrigley cats and kittens find loving homes!

There are a lot of special people that I've come to know through efforts to trap, spay, neuter and adopt out abandoned cats and kittens in my Wrigley Neighborhood. First there is **Gloria Castillo of Forever Home Pet Rescue**. She helped me find homes for five 4-week old kittens that were left in a box at a church last February. After I fostered then for several months, we were able to match them up with loving homes through the adoption center she manages at Pets Mart in Signal Hill. She's there every Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 pm. Stop by and find the perfect companion animal for your household.

Then, there's **Kathy Trimble**, who moved from Wrigley to Signal Hill several years ago and **Sandi Sandiman**, who lives in Wrigley. Both of these woman have been a tremendous help to me in trying to get the stray cat population in southwest Wrigley under control.

Together, we can significantly reduced the number of homeless felines. Kathy and Sandi have already made a big difference and so can you. If you need help or are willing to roll up your sleeves and help find homes, please call me at 599-0812 or send an email to wrigleyalliance@msn.com. Thank you.

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