

WANA has found

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Takin' it to the Streets

By Jill Hill



Well, the rain stopped long enough for the sun to come out with some clouds and blue sky and what a beautiful morning it turned out to be! On Valentine's morning, 32 volunteers cleaned up Pacific Avenue, Pine, Earl, Locust, Palmer, and 20th and 21st Streets in addition to the alleys. Trash and dumped items yielded a collection of 2.4 tons.



Environmental Services Bureau refuse workers always do a superb job! **Councilmember Dee Andrews, Central Long Beach Association, Zeta Phi Beta** sorority members, a number of high schoolers, local residents, and **WANA members** worked in teams picking up the trash. A resident in a motorized scooter even joined in. She used a hand-held "grabber" to pick up trash along Pacific Avenue!



WANA member **Congresswoman Laura Richardson** stopped by to say hello and thank her constituents for their efforts and pose with Councilman Andrews.



Thank you everyone for all your help at another successful clean-up event! Our next one will be May 9th from 9-Noon and it's never to early to Save the Date.



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Jill Hill and Maria Norwell chatted with our former 7th District Councilmember Ray Grabinski at the Mayor's State of the City Address. He sends his best to all his Wrigley friends.

February Public Meeting

At the February meeting, WANA presented former Seventh District staffer and Wrigley resi-



dent **Tim Patton** with a certificate of Appreciation for his 16 years of service to the City and a coffee table book signed by many of our members who attended the meeting. Tim is now working for 54th District Assemblymember **Bonnie Lowenthal** in her Long Beach field office.

WANA also gave a Certificate of Appreciation to WANA member Betty Karnette to show our thanks for her many years of service as our representative in the State Assembly and the State Senate.



Also Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, who is almost recovered from an ankle injury suffered around Christmastime, presented an update on 7th District issues and answered questions from the floor.

WANA Sends

"Sweetness" to Seniors on Valentine's Day

By Jill Hill

Once again, residents at **Magnolia and Brethren**



Manor Senior Centers thoroughly enjoyed WANA's visit to bring them homemade cookies and punch on Friday, the day before Valentine's Day. They were all very happy and so thankful

and the sugar-free cookies were a hit! Around **70 dozen** cookies were donated this year compared to around 50 dozen last year.

I thank the following WANA members and friends for their generous donations: **Pat Arndt, Dora Garcia, Lupe Garcia, Nancy King, Bill Smith, Kay Bowman, Nancy Trout, Danita Gould, Vanessa Acosta, Edie**



Pearl, Connie Chick, Robert Joyce, Lisette Rice, Nancy Risch, Brenda Vital, Joan Greenwood, and Emalyn Brown. Aside from myself, **Joan Greenwood, Maria Norvell, Jim Trout, and Nancy Risch,** I want to thank **Maria Puentes** and her granddaughter and **Gloria Ballesteros** and her two children for giving us a hand to set up and serve our senior guests.



The seniors were all very appreciative and wanna thank WANA for thinking about them!!!

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 WANA Public Meeting See below or call Jill at 599-1822.	6	7
8 Don't forget to change your clock! 	9	10	11	12	13 Deadline for News- letter Submissions Call Joan at 599- 0812.	14
15	16	17 Lucky St. Paddy's Day 	18 NHW Crime Pre- vention Meeting See page 3 or call Maria, 427-5021	19	20 First Day of Spring 	21 Birds of Spring Lecture at Rancho Los Cerritos Call 570-1755 for reservations. Fee for admission.
22	23 7th District Wrigley Parks & Open Space Meeting Call 570-6139.	24	25	26	27 Happy Birthday Nancy! 	28
29	30	31	Mark your calendars for WANA's April 2nd public meeting. 			

WANA Public Meeting Thursday, March 5 at 7 PM

Jackie Robinson Academy, 2750 Pine Avenue
Across From Veterans Park on 28th Street

There is **ample** PARKING in the school lot. There will be a 15 minute Social before the Meeting starts — enjoy refreshments and visiting with friends and neighbors. CHILD CARE will be available at no charge so parents can participate, too! Our scheduled speaker has had a change of plans and will be re-scheduled at a later date. If an alternate speaker cannot be found, the meeting will focus on talking about WANA issues that matter to you.

Your Thoughts and Opinions Can Make a Difference!

By Joan Greenwood

"Community engagement is extremely important to the success of our 2030 Plan, and we are taking the planning process to the public."

Mayor Bob Foster

In late January, about 30 people got together at Veterans Park to talk about the City's 2030 Strategic Plan. After several general workshops, it was finally time to focus on opportunity areas identified in earlier meetings. This workshop was only about our immediate Wrigley area. We had a great opportunity to make sure our voices were heard!



To join WANA's 2030 Visioning Task Force, contact me at (562) 599-0812 or by email at wrigleyalliance@msn.com. We'll give you a call when meetings and discussions come up.

COINS FOR CHANGE

Do you have a little change or **some spare coins** (nickels, dimes or quarters) laying around that you would consider donating? WANA is seeking change to put into 200 plastic eggs that will get covered with straw at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. If you can contribute, please call Jill at 599-1822 or bring them to the March or April public meetings.



WANA Easter Bunny on the Green Again...



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

HELP NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11:

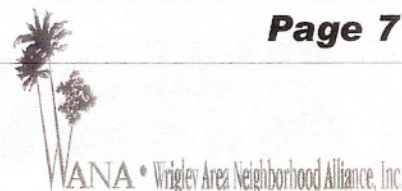
EASTER EGG HUNT 1-5 PM

WANA needs 10 people to help stuff plastic eggs with candy or coins beforehand and help the day of the Easter egg hunt including setting up, taking down, and everything in between. Even if you only have an hour or two, please help us out.

BAKE SALE WANA FUNDRAISER 2-4 PM

WANA is looking for bakers to donate a baked goodie for our fundraiser. We're not picky; we'll take cookies, pies, cakes, or anything that **you** like to bake. We also need a couple of volunteers on Saturday, April 11th to work the table selling the items.

Call Jill at 599-1822 or e-mail us at: wrigleyalliance@msn.com and let us know how you can help. **Thanks a bunch!**



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