



# Announcements

WANA • Wrigley Area Neighborhood Alliance, Inc.

JANUARY 2013

COMMITTED TO MAKING WRIGLEY A CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITY &  
DEDICATED TO PRESERVING DAISY AVENUE CHRISTMAS TREE LANE TRADITIONS

## Message from the President



"Happy New Year", everyone! I hope all of us have a prosperous New Year and another great year of volunteering for WANA activities. Please remember that our next meeting **January 28** falls on the fourth Monday and the **February 25** meeting also falls on the fourth Monday. These changes are due to the Holidays falling on the third Mondays.

What a Parade! Every year everyone tells me it was the best Christmas Tree Lane Parade ever. I couldn't believe all the children lined up and down the Parade route. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Christmas Tree Lane (CTL) looked beautiful. The new snowman family looked great. I heard from George Hardy he was very pleased on how cute they came out. His family came to CTL twice even though they now live in Idyllwild.

I would like to combine all the activities for Christmas Tree Lane in one great big "Thank You". I will name them all and thank the individuals that helped with everything. **Set Up and Take Down (CTL) Displays, Parade, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Home Decorating Contest, 4 Nights of Entertainment and Santa: DESERT EXPRESS Trucking, Jim Trout, Vernon Rudd with Volunteers, Will Chick, Bill Humphrey, Timothy Risch, Loren Patten, John Deats, Stanley McCullough, Nancy Risch, Edith Pearl, Anna Pearl, Diana Budd, Michael Clements and 7th District Volunteers, Joan Greenwood, Gloria Gonzalez, Champagne Young and her friend Doris, Randy, Gloria Bolanos, Gary Maynard, Judy Way.** I also want to thank all the Judges that come out to Judge the Contest. Thanks again, everyone for helping and, if I have left anyone out, please forgive me. I also want to thank **Councilman James Johnson** for coming out and supporting us on Community Work Day.



The **Holiday Party** on December 17 was a time to celebrate and enjoy all the wonderful food. Everyone had a great time. I gave out some well deserved awards. Thanks to Nancy, Edie and the staff at Vets park for decorating the tables. They were beautiful!

I have some wonderful news to share. I have been selected to be a **Grand Marshall** for the **Martin Luther King Jr. Parade** on January 19. I am being recognized for all the years — around 26 — that I have volunteered for this Parade. I was overwhelmed when I received the call earlier this month.

I have the best news yet to tell you! I received another call from the Sixth District Office last week to let me know that **WANA** has been selected to receive the **2013 MLK Peace Maker Award**. The award ceremony will take place on **January 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers**. Come around 4:30 so we can sit as a group. If you can't join us, watch it from home on your TV or on your computer.

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# January Meeting Public Welcome

**Monday, January 28, 7 p.m.**

**Mixer with Refreshments at 6:45 p. m.**

**Veterans Park Social Hall**

**101 East 28th Street**

**Featured Speaker: Commander Richard Rocchi, Long Beach Police Department West Division with a Special Introduction by Deputy Chief Luna.**

**Free Parking & On-site Child Care Provided!**

Don't forget that due to the President's Day Holiday, the February Meeting will be held on the 25th not the 18th.

## *Stewards of Cressa Park Community Clean-Up Saturday, February 2 from 9 to Noon*

Meet at Cress Park where 19th Street ends west of San Francisco Avenue at the Los Angeles River. **Contact Nancy Risch at (562) 426-5266 for more information.** Volunteers and groups of helpers needed to weed and spread mulch so that we can all enjoy a blanket of California Poppies in May! Learn about native plants and the benefits of habitat. Community service hours for students. Refreshments served. Tools and gloves provided.

## *President's Message – Continued from Page 1*

Last year's recipient was Food-4-Less. The 6<sup>th</sup> District Office sponsors a Peace Week from January 12 through MLK Parade Day. Recipients of the Peace Maker Award are selected for promoting a message of peace and unity in the Sixth District. I was truly honored when they told me.

**WANA** members, you have worked so hard these past five years and should join the Board in being honored at the Council meeting on January 15. The Sixth District Office has prepared a video highlighting many of the activities that we have initiated and continue to do for our neighborhoods, for the **Wrigley community** and for the **City**. I really want to encourage you to come and show your team spirit. This is a wonderful award for WANA, a truly great honor. In closing, I want to thank **Councilman Dee Andrews, his Chief of Staff John Edmond** and the Committee for honoring me as a Grand Marshall and for choosing WANA to receive a 2013 MLK. Jr. Peace Maker Award.

Until next time have a great year and make a resolution to continue to volunteer at WANA activities!

Warmest Regards,

## ***SWEETS FOR SENIORS***

### ***Call for Volunteers***

For the sixth year, WANA is again looking forward to visiting Seniors at Vista Del Mar at noon and Brethren Manor at 6 p.m. on February 14 for Valentine's Day, bringing Valentine treats to all.

WANA Members love sharing their culinary talents and some kitchens around Wrigley have that yummy smell! If you'd like to make a Senior smile, bake up a batch. We need sugar-free and regular cookies.

On Feb 13, drop off your cookies at 2411 San Francisco Avenue or call Maria Norvell at 562-427-5021 to arrange for pickup at your home or to volunteer for an hour or two to help out at one of the parties! Sign-up sheet at January 28 meeting.



## ***2012 Christmas Tree Lane Sponsors***



WANA thanks all the Christmas Tree Lane Sponsors for their generous donations even though the requests went out on such short notice.

**VANCO Properties**  
**Port of Long Beach**  
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**Supervisor Don Knabe**  
**LB Area Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
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**Grand Prix Association**  
**LB Firefighter Union Local 372**  
**LB Police Officers Association**  
**PCH Poultry & Market**  
**Fortune 1 Realty**  
**Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal**

I also want to thank all the **Dedicated WANA members** and **Special Friends of WANA** for their generosity!

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*WANA to Receive Award at Jan 15 City Council Meeting! See President's Memo*



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WANA meetings are open to the public and held at **Veterans Park**, 101 East 28th Street from 7-9 p.m. on the third Monday of every month except January, February, August & September. **Because the third Mondays in January and February are holidays, the meeting is held on the fourth Monday.** In August, there is no meeting. Instead, WANA sponsors a *National Night Out to Fight Crime* Potluck in a nearby neighborhood park. In September, WANA hosts a "Dine-Out" at a Wrigley restaurant. Our Annual Meeting and Board Elections are held in October. For membership information, contact Maria Norvell, President.

**Don't Forget! Our January Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan 28  
not Jan 21 due to the MLK Holiday.**

**Special Guest — Our New West Division Police Commander**

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