

## Santa Visits the Ranch



Santa poses with a statue of himself



Santa loves Snoopy Award winners



Ready for Santa to visit



Santa and an Elf deliver awards



Smile for the camera!



Hurray for the Snoopy Award!



Happy to see Santa



Posing with Santa & Mrs. Claus



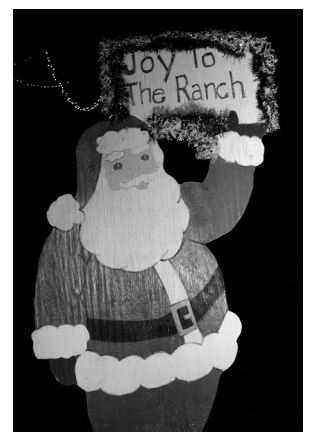
Santa loves the little folks



Santa and the Antouns take pictures with visitors



Kathy presents the Mayor's Award



Parkway Display

### UHRA Annual Meeting 2011 Wrap Up

Several informative and dynamic speakers spoke at the Upper Hastings Ranch Association's Annual Meeting. Held at the Don Benito Fundamental School auditorium on Wednesday, November 2, the meeting began with a presentation from Officer Ron Roldan of the Pasadena Police Department who spoke about ways to keep our homes safe and crime statistics in Pasadena. He urged residents to call the police department's non-emergency number (626-744-4241) to report suspicious activity observed in the neighborhood.

Captain Harry Kurdoghlian of the Pasadena Fire Department spoke about the fire house closures and Lisa Derderian, emergency management coordinator, Pasadena Fire Department, gave information about upcoming Pasadena Emergency Response Team (PERT) trainings, which educate people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and train them in basic disaster-response skills.

The final speaker of the evening was District 4 Councilman Gene Masuda who updated us on improvements to Sierra Madre Villa. The road has been leveled and makes for a much smoother ride, and the median has been beautified. Persson's Nursery, a staple in the East Pasadena area, has closed after two of the owner's family members passed away, leaving the family unable to operate the nursery. Mr. Masuda has also begun conversations with the owner of the Albertson's plaza about upgrading and repairing the property.

UHRA presented awards to Albertson's thanking them for their reliable generosity in donating to our annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser and to Alex Hovasapian, a business owner in the Ranch who attends monthly board meetings, brings new ideas, volunteers to assist with events, and has been extremely supportive to the UHRA Board and neighborhood.

The evening closed with a raffle of Rose Parade tickets, a raffle for a chance to purchase Rose Bowl Game tickets and a 50/50 drawing. We thank Don Benito School for providing the space for the meeting, and we thank those of you who took the time to attend the meeting. If you have a particular topic that you would like to see on next year's annual meeting agenda, please contact a board member. Your ideas and suggestions are appreciated.

### Paying Your Dues and Getting Involved

The UHRA would like to thank all the residents who paid their 2011 dues. We collected 45 percent of the dues through the hard work of block captains and residents sending their payment to the P.O. Box or paying at the Pancake Breakfast or Annual Meeting. Our goal for 2012 is to break our record and get to 80 percent as we have in the past few years.

Dues keep our Association strong and running, but we also need people to continue having our traditional neighborhood events so we would like to add more members to our board. Do you have suggestions about what UHRA should do to improve our community? Join the board and volunteer with a great group of giving people! We want to do more, and your great ideas would help. We would love to see new faces and hear your thoughts.

The strong winds in November left many people without electricity from a few hours to several days, reminding us that the disaster could have been worse. By getting involved with our Association, attending events, and making certain every street has a block captain for better communication, we can get through the next disaster together. The fire department can train UHRA through the Pasadena Emergency Response Team (PERT) program that addresses disaster preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, and light search and rescue.

We can do this as an entire neighborhood or with individual blocks, but we need everybody's help to know who our seniors are, who lives alone, who has young children, and who needs assistance due to disabilities. Let's make 2012 the year to reach out and help one another. When your block captain collects dues, please pay the \$20 and ask if he or she needs any help.

Wishing the best of health and happiness to all our UHR neighbors for 2012.

### We Want to Hear Your Story

If you have stories about early Upper Hastings Ranch, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Kathy Gregg by phone (626-351-8281) or email (kgregg91107@yahoo.com). She will interview you for a future Lariat article.

### What's Happening in the City?

**It's the law:** Protect your pooch (and others) by keeping him on a leash on city streets, parks and nature trails. Pasadena has one off-leash dog area at Viña Vieja Park at the south side of Orange Grove Boulevard between Sierra Madre Boulevard and Sierra Madre Villa Street.

Recycle old computers, monitors, TVs, cell phones and more at a free e-waste collection Saturday, Jan. 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Philip the Apostle School, 1363 Cordova St. 795-9691.

If your New Year's resolution was to get more exercise, register now for the inaugural Pasadena Rock 'n' Roll Half-Marathon Sunday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 a.m. Live music will be played along the route: [www.runrocknroll.competitor.com/pasadena](http://www.runrocknroll.competitor.com/pasadena) or call (800) 311-1255.

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### STUDENTS' CORNER

**Available to babysit:** Shauna, age 17. I live in Upper Hastings Ranch. CPR class & childcare volunteer for 5+ years. 351-0348