



LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
Sertoma Club
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HOSE LINE -----

Happy March!

Fire Station 13

Again, our club is very much involved in developing the Grand Opening of new Fire Station 13, scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009. This station is located in Korea Town, 2415 West Pico Blvd., L.A. 90006. Studying the design of Fire Station 13, one can understand how well it blends with the community it serves. This super grand opening boasts displays of fire equipment and apparatus. For the young at heart a petting zoo, pony rides, slides. The community is ecstatic about the new fire station in their area. It truly shows in their support, as they provide the authentic Korean and Hispanic, entertainment and food for the event.

Los Angeles Harbor College and El Camino College

The spring semester is now in session and the volunteer response has been tremendous. The Grand Opening activities provides students with positive opportunity to visit fire stations and observe operational demonstrations. All the grand openings have been very well supported by college level volunteers. Their very enthusiastic attitude, energy and support, makes a positive impact in the fire community as well as the residence of the City. This continued harmonious relationship has produced very successful and festive events.

Happy Birthday LAFD Sertoma Club

March the 14th of this year, the LAFD Sertoma Club will be 29 years young. What started with 250 toys has propelled to 113,087 toys for the year 2008. To date we have distributed 2.5 million toys to disadvantaged children. Yes, the Fire Department can boast about its successful Toy Program. For more information visit www.lafdsertoma.org.

Firefighter of the Year Luncheon

The "2008 Firefighter of the Year" is Battalion Chief John L. Nowell. A luncheon in his honor will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, 12 Noon at the Omni Hotel, 251 S. Olive, Los Angeles.

March of Dimes

Once again, our club is supporting the LAFD March of Dimes Campaign. Join us at Exposition Park for the Walk for Babies event on April 25th. More details coming next month.

Los Angeles Fire Department Museum

The LAFD Museum is housed at old Fire Station 27 and is completely restored facility. It represents what the station was like when it was in operation. Three apparatus bays are filled with equipment, some dating back to the early 1900s and not to be found anywhere else. In addition, artifacts and equipment of all types are on display, dating from the 1880s through present day. Existing and under-development exhibits are upstairs as well. For more information about the museum visit www.lafdhs.com The LAFD Sertoma Club and the LAFD Bureau of Support Services Volunteers are teaming up to assist the LAFD Historical Society in buffing and shining up the LAFD Museum, in preparation for Fire Service Day. Volunteers are needed on May 2, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd., L.A. 90028. Lunch will be provided by Chef Bob. Contact Chief Rey Rojo to sign up. 310.508.6622

20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Our 20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2009 at the Los Verdes Golf Course, 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes. This Tournament sponsored by the LAFD Sertoma and the Sertoma Club of Torrance benefits STAR. The Society To Aid Retarded, Inc. is a California Non-profit Organization. This is a fun event and raises funds to improve the lives of the STAR residents.

An Invitation

Our club meetings are held at the Los Angeles Police Academy Café every other Wednesday. Our meetings this month are Wednesday, March 11 and 25. Check our website www.lafdsertoma.org for our calendar of meetings and ongoing events.

For additional information contact: Chief Rey Rojo, LAFD (ret.) 310.508.6622 cell

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Downey 2nd and 4th Tues.
Baker's Square – 5:45 p.m.
7954 Imperial Highway
Downey, CA 90241

Las Vegas Paradise
Denny's
3801 Maryland Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Leona Valley
1st and 3rd Sat. 8:00 a.m.
Jackie's 90th St. & Elizabeth Rd.
Leona Valley, CA 93551

Los Angeles Sertoma
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George Carter
818.716.8384

North County
1st and 3rd Wed. – 6:30 p.m.
Sizzler – 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92835

Orange Empire
Thursday 12:15 p.m.
Santa Ana Elks Lodge
Santa Ana, CA 92701-5011

Torrance – Tues. 7:00 a.m.
Billy's - 5160 W. 190th St.
Torrance, CA 90503-1005

Westwood Village
Thurs. 12:15 p.m.
Rancho Park Golf Club
10400 Pico Blvd. WLA 90064

Whittier – Fri. 12:15 p.m.
Friendly Hills Country Club
8500 S. Villa Verde Dr.
Whittier, CA 90605

Los Angeles Fire Department
Every other Wed. 8:00 a.m.
Police Academy Café
1880 N. Academy Dr. LA 90012
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