



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

Happy Spring!

Fire Station 13

Hurray! It was a real crowd pleaser. We had 4200+ residents in attendance. The Pico Union Area is considered Korea Town, but there are many international groups living in this area. The visitors to the grand opening had an opportunity to taste a variety of ethnic foods and to see a number of ethnic ceremonies, such as Korean Fan Dancers, Greek and Hispanic Folk Dancers to name a few. The real topper was the petting zoo. This was a great community event.

College Volunteers Appreciated

It was apparent that the volunteers from Los Angeles Harbor College and El Camino College made a big impact on controlling and helping the attendees at the Grand Opening of Fire Station 13. We extend our appreciation to these colleges for assisting in these events. In essence they made it really happen. During the event, students had the opportunity to interact not only with the community but with the firefighters assigned to the station and with Los Angeles City Fire Chief Douglas Barry. Fire Chief Barry is a graduate of L. A. Harbor College and a member of the LAFD Sertoma Club.

Firefighter of the Year Luncheon

The "2008 Firefighter of the Year" luncheon honoring Battalion Chief John L. Nowell was well attended by our club members, general staff of the Los Angeles Fire Department, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, Antonio Villaraigosa, and L.A. City Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Richard Alarcon. LAFD Sertoma is a proud sponsor of the "Firefighter of the Year" luncheon.

March of Dimes

The LAFD Sertoma Club loves babies. We feel our sponsorship is critical as the March of Dimes strives to help give every baby a healthy start. If you would like to make a donation, walk, or volunteer at the Walkathon, please contact June Andrade our Club's March of Dimes coordinator at (323)828-3987 or june.andrade@lafdsertoma.org Join us at Exposition Park for the Walk for Babies event on April 25th. Learn more at www.marchforbabies.org

Los Angeles Fire Department Hollywood Museum

The station once considered the largest fire station West of the Mississippi will open its doors to a volunteer work group that will be assisting in sprucing up the Museum. Some of the tools, artifacts and equipment date from the 1880s to present and tell a story of firefighting then and now. 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 Lee. To sign up, contact Chief Rey Rojo 310.508.6622 or Kim & Don Tovar at [lafdvolspt@yahoo.com](mailto:lafdvolsp@yahoo.com). For more information about the museum visit www.lafdhs.com

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 for the STAR residents, our Charity Toy Program and other LAFD community events.

An Invitation

The Los Angeles Police Academy Café continues to be a big hit as our volunteers are pleased with the menu selection. We meet every other Wednesday. Our meetings this month are Wednesday, April 8 and 22. 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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