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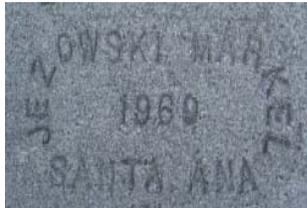
Letter from The WFPNA Secretary

Hi to all. Summer really hit this year with record heat and humidity, but it has not stopped this neighborhood of "walkers" I personally have shifted my times from mid-morning to evenings, but as I sit at my computer which is next to our front window I see adults, children and dogs at all hours of the day. One day I saw a rabbit on a leash that was being more "dragged" than walked - This I had to investigate and lo and behold it was a neighbor from our street!



But to get to the point of this article, a history of our neighborhood is on our sidewalks. The builders/contractors names and dates are stamped in the concrete of the sidewalks right there for us to see. The oldest one I could

find in West Floral Park is located on 19th street between Towner and Olive it says "Allison Honer Co 1948 Builders". Do any of you remember that the Bristol Shopping Center across from the college used to be called Horner Plaza? The most recent one I could find is just stamped "Santa Ana 1987". Others are "Walter J. Markel 1949", "Jezowski Markel 1960" (Walter's Son?), "Nordstrom", and "Bellows & Bellows 1956 Contractors".



I contacted the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and asked for information on these people and they were not really able to help me, but for those of you interested in the history of our area, they have a great web site and I encourage all of you to visit it.

If you know the history of these men, let me or the Historical Society know - they would love it. See you on the sidewalk!



Debbie Lawler, Secretary WFPNA

Most Beautiful Yard 2006



And the winners are Mr. Brian Dawson & Mr. Jeff Burnam of 1120 W. Riviera

Social Calendar 2006

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SO GENEROUSLY VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS IN MAKING THIS YEARS PROGRESSIVE DINNER OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL DINNER YET!

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and tear down of the FALL BLOCK PARTY. Your help is appreciated to make these events a success. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer, no experience is necessary.

SAVE THE DATES!

Golf Tournament - September 16th
Fall Block Party on 20th Street - October 14th
Christmas Party - December 3rd

Social Director - Juanita Galliford 550-0133

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4TH ANNUAL WFPNA GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 16, 2006

Sign up now for our annual golf tournament! It's time to put all that Spring preparation and Summer play to a real testand have a lot of fun in the process. Our friends at Riverview Golf Course will again host our annual tournament.

Who will unseat last year's Team Tournament Champions. Start putting together that 'A Team'. Raffle prizes include the amazing Sky Golf GPS, Mizuno hybrid club, and some crazy club head covers.

Tournament flyers and entry forms were distributed to all WFP residents recently. If you didn't get one call me @ 714-943-3208. The tournament is limited to 44 players and is open to all area neighborhood residents. What are you waiting for?

Steve Tancredi
Tournament Coordinator



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General Meeting Notes

Approximately 40 neighbors attended the August 9th General Meeting at the Cabin enjoying Root Beer Floats provided by Donna and Alan Layne.

Carlos Bustaamante, Santa Ana City Councilmember shared the information that the family involved in the drug problems and renting the home on Baker moved out early this week. The place needs significant work and he is hoping that the owner will remove the illegal room on the garage as he has been sited by code enforcement. Discussion followed. He also announced that all schools in Santa Ana have now changed from the year round to the traditional school year.

Officer Gonzales of the Santa Ana Police Department Informed all that appropriate calls to the SAPD have increased since the Town Hall Meeting regarding the drug house on Baker. He thanked all and asked all to continue to be vigilant in the neighborhood regarding inappropriate strangers or activities. They have continued to make frequent "drive bys" in the neighborhood. It was opened for comments or questions. It was identified that a man is going through people's trash on Sunday nights and early Monday morning apparently

for recycles. Officer Gonzales stated that this is illegal and needs to be reported to the SAPD. It was also identified that there are people living in the creek bed near Bristol and others in the neighborhood are being approached by people begging for money. He asked this be reported.

Code Enforcement Representative, Yvette Aquilar reminded attendees of the following:

Trash cans must be placed in the back of the property (not in view) by Monday evening.

Graffiti should be called in to the Graffiti Hot Line.

It is illegal to park on lawns or overhanging the sidewalks except for the morning of street sweeping.

Canopies may not be used as a garage in the front of the house.

Sidewalk problems should be directed to Mr. Leon Tabako in Street Maintenance at 647-3367.

Treasurer Report: Steve Tancredi distributed, explained and answered questions regarding the Balance and Profit and Loss sheets year to date for the organization (attached). Email him at STancredi@MASTERCRAFTHOMESllc.com

Vice President: Nichole Doughty Nichole reported that membership is increased from last year and distributed a list of numbers of participants per street in the WFP neighborhood (attached). She congratulated Riviera for the greatest number of households participating. Nicole's Email is nicholesar@aol.com.

Beautification Committee: Mel Steiner announced that the committee will be planning new decorations for Santa Clara this holiday season. The old ones have been permanently "retired". The Committee members will continue to keep up the entrance on Bristol and encourage the city to trim the median entrances on Santa Clara. Email Mel at msteiner01@adelphia.net.

Welcoming Committee: Joan Theis told everyone that there had been no new neighbors for a few months, but she now has five homes which will receive welcoming baskets. These homes are on Ross, Olive, 19th street, Santa Clara and Riviera.

Social Committee: Juanita Galliford announced the next social events are: August 19th for the Morrison Park picnic event, the Fall Block Party which will be held this year on 10th street, the Golf Tournament and the Holiday party. Email Juanita at juanagalliford@adelphia.net.

Communications: Cheryl Henderson thanked all for distributing the recent flyers for the upcoming Morrison Park event and the golf tournament in September. The next neighborhood newsletter will be distributed in September and all wishing to contribute articles, ads, etc please send to Steven Mendoza or give to Cheryl. Appropriate contacts are on the WFPNA Web Site. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help distribute newsletters or flyers would be welcome and just contact Cheryl at Chenderson7@sbcglobal.net.

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Walking The Neighborhood with Alan and Donna Layne

Our neighborhood has tales to tell. After writing about Jeannie Walker who has lived in West Floral Park for 49 years, I heard from five more neighbors claiming stakes on living here the longest.



Ruth and Ralph Perez, on the corner of **Towner** and Santa Clara moved into their house, which

they had built, on Mother's Day weekend in May 1955, putting them in their house for over 51 years. According to daughter Carole, who would soon be a senior at Santa Ana High School at the time, there were orange groves for as far away as you could see—including behind them, next door and across the street. The view of the mountains was spectacular. Ruth and Ralph do not get out often as Ralph, who is 90, has had 3 strokes within the last two years. Unfortunately, I was not able to personally interview them as Ruth, an avid gardener, over extended herself in this pursuit and was bedridden. Hopefully, I can get more stories after Ruth recuperates.

Hazel Welty and her husband who passed away 21 years ago also had their house on **Towner** built in 1955 and moved into their new home two weeks before Christmas. This also puts her living in the same house for 51 years. Their house which was custom built by Roy Russell cost \$28,000. At the time, Hazel's youngest daughter was just 16 months old. She and her husband had previously lived in a house on Louise which soon became too small with their 4th child on the way, so they had the house on **Towner** built. Orange and walnut groves were abundant in the area. They left a hole in their back fence so the kids could go play in the walnut groves which extended from the back of their house to Baker Street. Hazel reports that her house is always full and her grand daughter Judith who is a massage therapist currently lives with her. I spent an hour visiting with both Hazel and Judith. Hazel is proud that there are five generations of the Welty family. She has four children, 9 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and one great, great, grandchild. Four generations of the Welty family have attended Willard Junior High

School. Hazel attended Jefferson Elementary School, Willard Junior High School and Santa Ana High School. She just attended her 70th class reunion from Santa Ana High School. She is proud to report that some of her classmates included Don Kennedy, Bob Wilde, and Loren Griset in addition to Judy Plementhol who lives on Westwood Avenue. Hazel's best friend from 7th grade still calls her every morning to check in with her!

Hazel has lived in Santa Ana since 1921. Her grandfather was a Santa Ana police officer in the 1920's. Hazel tells the story that once her father wanted to buy the duplex that is on the corner of Greenleaf and 19th but her mother didn't want to live "in the country." Over the years, Hazel has lived in several houses in the Floral Park and West Floral Park area. Her father was a builder and built a lot of "Broadway Park." After building a house, his family would live in it for a while and then he would sell it to begin the process over again. Hazel lived at 1812 Ross Street during the 1933 earthquake.

Hazel is still very active. In addition to always having a house full of people, she does her crossword puzzles and newspaper games every day. She crochets Afghans for all the new babies in the family and used to cross stitch angels.



Ruth Hurley on Riviera has lived in her home for 50 years. She and her husband moved into their home in January 1956 after having architect Will Jordan (who went on to become mayor of Costa Mesa) design a house where she could always see her kids without going outside. Ruth already had three babies in diapers in 1956 and had three more in the years to come. With their 6th child, they needed some more room so they doubled the size of their house in 1968. While they made sure that the kids had a huge backyard, her husband made sure that they had an "adult patio" on the other side of the new addition.

Ruth's husband passed away almost two years ago. Ruth has 6 children, 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Her youngest son presently lives with her. She and her husband moved to California from Fort Worth, Texas in 1954. Ruth remembers the flood of 1969 when helicopters placed old cars on the sides of the creek to stop the creek from taking more land. She also remembers the tremendous amount of help she got from her neighbors in the form of food, sand bags, child watching, and temporary lodging.

She loves our neighborhood as her neighbors are just "too nice." She especially likes our neighborhood parties and our progressive dinner with the belly dancer was one of her favorites. She also enjoys the parties because she runs into people who she hasn't seen in a long time.

Carolyn and Don Honer on Freeman check in with 49 years in their house. In 1957 when they moved in, there were only 7 houses on Freeman at the time. There was no door to door mail service at the time; all the mailboxes were located on 21st Street. Carolyn and Don have three children and five grandchildren. Both Carolyn and Don graduated from Santa Ana High School as did their three children. Carolyn and Don did not know each other while growing up in Santa Ana. They finally met when they went to school at U.C. Berkeley. Both are graduates of U.C. Berkeley. As children, Carolyn lived on Fairmont (northeast Santa Ana) since 1936 and Don lived on West Santa Clara (which is the present mayor's home) since he was 4 years old. His mother and father lived in that house for about 50 years until his father passed away and his mother sold the house in 1984. Carolyn just recently attended her 60th Santa Ana High School class reunion.

Don's father developed Honor Plaza which might have been the first shopping center in Orange County. Honor Plaza now houses Ralphs, Target, and Kohl's. (I remember driving from Huntington Beach as a kid to the Montgomery Wards in Honor Plaza.)

Another 49 year resident on **Freeman is Evelyn Riedel**. Soon after the Honer's moved in, other parcels of land became available. The Honers and the Riedels were good friends at the time (and are still good friends). Carolyn and Don convinced



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Evelyn and her husband to buy and build on the street. Evelyn is a long time resident of Santa Ana having lived on Memory Lane as a child. Evelyn has two children and her daughter now lives in Evelyn's parents' old home on Memory Lane. Evelyn attended Orange High School. At the time, she and her brother had a choice in which high school to attend. Orange High School offered busing which helped make the decision easier. Years later, Evelyn taught 3rd & 4th grades in the Orange Unified School District.

Evelyn remembers her early days on Freeman Street as very casual, open, and quiet. The kids were free to come and go as they pleased. Evelyn reports that in the early days of her residence on Freeman Street there were upwards of 50 kids living on the block between 21st and Buffalo. Those kids enjoyed playing with one another in the street and on holidays, all the neighbors joined together in one big celebration.

In talking with these neighbors, their love of this community and their neighbors was evident. These early residents of West Floral Park certainly helped build the sense of community that we all feel and enjoy now. I can be reached at a.layne@sbcglobal.net. Donna Layne, Director at Large.

West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Profit & Loss Statement

INCOME			
Membership / Donations	\$ 8,075		
Misc. Contributions	\$ 300		
Membership Revenue		\$ 8,375	
Wine Walk	\$ 5,425		
Progressive Dinner	\$ 4,546		
Fall Block Party	\$ 500		
Event Revenue		\$ 10,471	
Total Income			\$18,846
EXPENSES			
Organizational Expenses	\$ 200		
Bank Charges	\$ 41		
Misc. Business	\$ 559		
General Meetings	\$ 853		
Newsletter	\$ 1,133		
Website	\$ 90		
Welcome Baskets	\$ 125		
Beautification	\$ 27		
Committee Expense		\$ 1,375	
Wine Walk	\$ 3,961		
Progressive Dinner	\$ 5,916		
Golf Tournament	\$ -		
Fall Block Party	\$ 125		
Holiday Celebration	\$ -		
Fourth of July Parade	\$ 121		
Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 318		
Event Expense		\$ 10,441	
Total Expenses			\$13,469
Net Income			\$5,377

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Special Thanks to Eric Arel for all his work decorating and hosting the 4th of July Children's Parade.

Every year this event grows in attendance and this year was no exception with over 200 participants. This is a great event for the youngest residents of our great neighborhood. The kids showed imagination and patriotic flare this year decorating wagons, bikes & strollers. The Santa Ana Fire Department led the parade and the bonus at the end of the route – Ice Cream for all the participants. Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

West Floral Park took a ride on the Orient Express during the 2006 Progressive Dinner with stops in London (appetizers), Paris (Main Dish) and Constantinople (Dessert).

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London hosts' Greg and Gail West take a little time out to say hello before the passengers arrive.



The host' of the Paris stop of the Orient Express was Mark and Deana Mulkerin of River Lane.



WFP Social Chairman Juanita Galliford and WFP President Gary Castro enjoy the event.



Conductor Chris Leyva checks the passport of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Riviera Drive as they arrive in London for the 2006 Progressive Dinner.



The Progressive Dinner brings out the hunger in all of us, including Mr. Alan Layne of Westwood Lane.



Two generations of the the Politiski family enjoy West Floral Park's 2006 Progressive Dinner at the Riviera Drive home of Greg and Gail West.



Nothing like a red white and blue ice cream to cool the kids on a hot Forth of July.



Check out the Pictures of the 2006 Forth of July Event.



West Floral Park neighbors enjoy dinner in the City of Lights during the 2006 West Floral Park Neighborhood Association's annual Progressive Dinner.



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New Neighbor Corner

Joan Theis and her Welcoming Committee are busy making new friends in West Floral Park by making personal visits offering a gift bag of treats along with valuable neighborhood information. Please welcome the following new residents:

Elva Munos
Greenbrier Avenue

Jennifer, Joe & Sabrina Lantini
Riviera Drive

**Fergus Mayer,
Debbie Murphy, Brook and Erika**
Lousie Street

Helen Palermo and Tom Cannon
Riviera Street

Howard Goldstein and Coco
Olive Street

Wine Walk Sangria

- 1 Liter Red Wine
- 1 ½ cups Brandy
- ½ cup Triple Sec
- ¼ cup Simple Syrup

- 2 Apples – Sliced
- 2 Pears – Sliced

- 1 Orange – Sliced into thin rounds
- Club Soda to taste

Combine ingredients. Refrigerate at least 2-4 hours, or up to 24. Serve over ice. This recipe serves 6-8 thirsty neighbors.

Richard J. Politiski

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