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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Letter from the President

First, let me introduce myself. I am Lisa Speer and am the 2004 president of West Floral Park Neighborhood Association. I live on 18th Street with my husband and our daughter, Isabella. Matt and I have been married almost 15 years. We first became aware of West Floral Park as newlyweds. Back then we would drive through the neighborhood and dream of someday being able to live in such a beautiful neighborhood. At the time of our drive-by visits, we had no idea of the neighborhood's true beauty... it's residents! Unfortunately we moved to Texas shortly after discovering West Floral Park and so it took us awhile to make our way back. In 2000 we became parents for the first time. As we prepared to become parents we realized it was important to us to move back home to a neighborhood where we could raise our daughter and be near our families. I am happy to say we have been residents of West Floral Park since the summer of 2001.

Now that we live in the neighborhood, we believe it is important to help contribute to the success of the neighborhood by participating in the Neighborhood Association and as many of the events put together by our great committees as possible. It is through our active participation in these events that we have met more of our neighbors than we did in any other neighborhood we have lived - plus we have tasted some excellent wine at our wine walk, watched our daughter hunt for eggs and learn the chicken dance at Oktoberfest. We even have hosted a dumpster in front of our house for the neighborhood clean up day! It seems like there is always something happening within the neighborhood and we enjoy all the benefits of being active members. For us it all started with a warm hello from Celia and Brett on the welcoming committee taking the time to stop by and introduce themselves. They told us about the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association and encouraged us to attend the quarterly General Meeting to find out more about West Floral Park events. The rest as they say is history!

What about you? Our committees are just getting started on their plans for 2004 and now is a great time to join in the fun and help out one (or more) of our neighborhood committees. Even if you are interested in just one event or issue, let our committee chair know and they will help you get started. I look forward to seeing and meeting more of my neighbors this year at one of the many of the events our committees are planning for 2004.

Sincerely,

Lisa Speer

2004 FLORAL PARK HOME & GARDEN TOUR

Once again the Floral Park Neighborhood, located in historic North Santa Ana, will be hosting its annual Home and Garden Tour, April 24-25, 2004, 10 am. – 4 pm. Orange County's "Best Kept Secret" was discovered by over 2000 people who attended last year's event! Whether experiencing a stroll through the beautiful homes and gardens, searching for treasures at the Antique & Collectables Sale, viewing the Classic Automobile Display, or enjoying a snack at the food and drink concessions, you will surely leave the Floral Park Home & Garden Tour with nostalgic memories of a day well spent.

Location: Ticket Booths will be located at Flower St./Santa Clara Ave. and North Park Blvd./Benton Way in Santa Ana. \$17 pre sale; \$20 at event

Information: www.floral-park.com or recorded info at 714-543-3218.



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Traffic Problems Tackled by Joint Committee

Anyone who has lived in Fisher Park, Floral Park, West Floral Park and Morrison Park for more than a couple of years will have noticed a significant upturn in the volume of traffic on our roads, raising the potential for serious accidents. These concerns have been discussed with City Officers at various neighborhood meetings. Last October a joint committee representing the local associations wrote to the Mayor and the City Council to state their concerns.

Some residents still clearly drive too fast and many other motorists try to cut through the area on their way to and from work. The safety of children going to Spurgeon Nursery School, Santiago Elementary School and Mendez Middle School is a special concern.

The Committee went into considerable details with its proposals. High priority was given to trying to reduce the speed and volume of traffic along Memory Lane from Bristol Street. They propose additional crosswalks across Memory Lane at Westwood Avenue and Lowell Lane. They suggest many extra stop signs and the installation of speed bumps on West Park Lane (between Bristol and Lowell), River Lane, Sharon Road, Lowell Lane (north of Memory Lane) and Ross Street.

They have also made specific proposals for increased signage next to Fisher Park which is used daily by many families, and extra rumble strips, striping and even a traffic island to slow down motorists coming into the several neighborhoods.

It is a relief to know that someone is actively trying to deal with these matters – and they deserve our support and appreciation.

For full details please contact the Traffic Safety Committee Chair, Mark Mulkerin, at mmulkerin@bwslaw.com

Michael Buss

MOST BEAUTIFUL YARD

Judging for the City of Santa Ana’s annual “Most Beautiful Yard” contest was held from March 27 to April 3 2004. Committee Members canvassed West Floral Park looking for properties that represented the highest degree of exterior maintenance and care. This Santa Ana tradition recognizes residents for their hard work and has served to encourage the maintenance of local properties.

Sponsored by the Keep America Beautiful Program, the City of Santa Ana honors homes across the City each year in an effort to instill pride and friendly competition while increasing awareness about neighborhood beautification.

This year’s winners will be honored during a picnic at Prentice Park in the Santa Ana Zoo on Friday July 9, 2004.

GOT TALENT?

Do you sing, play an instrument, dance, or even perform a comedy skit? If you have a special talent that you might want to share for one of our neighborhood events, please contact me as soon as possible. This is open to West Floral Park neighbors of all ages.

For more information, I can be reached at 547-3605 or by e-mail at chenderson@discoverycube.org

Cheryl Henderson
Social Committee Chairperson



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Upcoming Events

READY FOR SOME GOOD, CLEAN FUN?

BubbleFest Returns
this Spring Break!

April 3-18, 2004 at
Discovery Science Center

CAMPDISCOVERY
July & August 2004
Discovery Science Center

Reservations open March 29
ENROLL EARLY!
Call 714-913-5012

Give your kids a summer to remember! Enroll them in Camp Discovery -- for the **ULTIMATE** experience in science and technology fun!

- Unearth prehistoric fossils!
- Build & race wind cars!
- Design their Web sites!
- Program their own videogames!
- Build Robots

Camps are worlds of FUN, but there's serious learning going on here!

ENROLL EARLY! Due to the popularity of Camp Discovery, enroll early to avoid missing out! Last year, camps **SOLD OUT** with more than 750 young scientists enrolled!

Local Talent

West Floral Park's own Michael Buss plays (and sings) Wilfred Shadbolt in **THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD** now playing at the Chance Theater
March 5 - April 18, 2004
Fridays/Saturdays 8pm
Sundays 2pm
\$20 general, \$17 seniors/students

Call for 714.777.3033 for reservations and mention that you "know" Michael!

Don't miss this rare revival of one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most tragic and operatic pieces in their 25 year collaboration! Set in Renaissance England at the Tower of London, this tale is about love, betrayal and neat pain producing machines! The musical score is considered one of Sullivan's masterpieces, and the combination of Gilbert's naturalistic dialogue make this grand opera one of the most moving and enjoyable works of their partnership.

General Meeting

Our upcoming General Meeting promises to be very informative. Delilah Snell, Program Director for The Grain Project will talk about a proposed USDA approved Farmer's Market for Santa Ana and Capt. Valentine, of the Santa Ana Police Department will talk about Community Policing. Maggie Miller, a neighbor and teacher at Santiago Elementary School will share information regarding the Santiago Elementary TLC Reading Program and some volunteer opportunities available at our local school. We are also working on having the "owner" of the property at 712 W. 17th Street speak regarding a proposed laundromat. Come on out to our next General Meeting, it should be an information filled meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our next General Meeting is Tuesday, May 4, at 7 pm at Santiago Elementary School.

Repair Your Windows... ...don't replace them!

Wood Windows
Rattles?
Don't stay up?
Hard to open?

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Won't close tight?
Hard to lock?

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Beat Death At His Own Game – Pay Up Front!

Mrs. Murray was smart. In 1975 she bought two plots at a local cemetery for only \$600. Today she might have to pay at least 12 times as much. But she didn't think to buy two funerals beforehand, and when her husband died last year she suddenly had to find \$5,000 and make a hundred and one decisions on the darkest day of her life.

Now she has pre-arranged her own cremation with a *Dignity Memorial Plan* and organized all her essential information in her unique *Personal Planning Guide*. When she finally goes, there is no way her children will have the heartache she had when she lost her husband.

This pre-arrangement is her gift of love to her family. And she has peace of mind.

Michael Buss is your local community service counselor, here to help you deal with the unavoidable. Until you call him, you'll have little idea of the incredible options that are available for those who pre-arrange. Don't delay; call today.

For a **FREE recorded message** please call 1-866-243-9035. If you choose to leave your details, Michael will call you back. Or visit the web at www.brownebuss.com/peace

This is a paid advertisement

THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Many of us regularly drive along Santa Clara, but how often do we slow down at Towner or Lowell and notice the center islands in those streets?

If it wasn't for the work of the *Neighborhood Beautification Committee* those islands would be an overgrown mess! Last October, with approval from the City, the committee and several other volunteers put in a long grueling day of sweat and tears to rip out the old plants and replace them with iceberg roses and other drought tolerant shrubbery. Can you believe that somebody then came along and stole some of those plants?

Although the City provides the water for the islands they are still watered manually, so a future project will be to provide automatic sprinkling. When you are out walking in the area of these two islands, make sure you stop to smell the roses and the lavender.

On another "brite note", the committee members gathered one chilly December evening and rode in the back of a pick up truck, through all of West Floral Park to select the homes with the best display of lights. What a task, getting all nine people to agree on only three homes.

And the results were: Best Lights (Two awards given. We just couldn't agree which was best) located at 1030 19th Street and 2218 Towner. And we couldn't resist, we had to have an award for Most Lights "The Griswald Award" at 1802 Westwood (boy was there electric meter ever spinning)

The Beautification Committee has a lot of fun while they bring that extra quality feel to the neighborhood. If you have the interest, and time to share, please join them by contacting Mel Steiner at msteiner01@adelphia.net, or come to the next Neighborhood Association meeting and sign up.

Saturday Workshop Suggestions

Do you have a Do-It-Yourself project, craft, or home decorating idea that you would love to share with your neighbors? If so, I am interested in promoting a few Saturday morning workshops throughout 2004. If you have a great idea and are interested in hosting a workshop, feel free to contact me at 714-547-3605 or e-mail me at chenderson@discoverycube.org.

Cheryl Henderson
Social Committee Chairperson



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There's Still Time to Contribute

It's not too late to become a member and take full advantage of all the great activities. Your voluntary membership contribution helps to pay for such things as publication of this newsletter, welcome baskets, the Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade, Oktoberfest, holiday carolling, beautification committee projects such as the median replanting, and park maintenance, just to name a few. Without your contributions, this would be just a place to live, not a community.

If contributing slipped your mind, please take a moment and fill out the membership form on the next page. All contributions are welcome!

West Floral Park Neighborhood Association 2004 Membership Drive

Street	Number of Households	Current Total Donations	Avg. Donation Per Household	Number of Participating Households	Percentage of Households Participating
Lowell Lane	16	\$100	\$6.25	3	18.75%
Marion Way	6	\$30	\$5.00	1	16.67%
Baker Street	65	\$255	\$3.92	8	12.31%
Freeman Street	24	\$235	\$9.79	9	37.50%
Greenbrier	18	\$80	\$4.44	3	16.67%
Louise Street	36	\$65	\$1.81	3	8.33%
Olive Street	68	\$245	\$3.60	10	14.71%
Rosewood	35	\$420	\$12.00	8	22.86%
Towner Street	59	\$315	\$5.34	14	23.73%
Westwood Avenue	68	\$725	\$10.66	12	17.65%
Ruth Circle	5	\$50	\$10.00	1	20.00%
18th Street	42	\$190	\$4.52	3	7.14%
19th Street	31	\$825	\$26.61	5	16.13%
20th Street	23	\$340	\$14.78	4	17.39%
21st Street	20	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
22nd Street	5	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
Buffalo Avenue	12	\$25	\$2.08	1	8.33%
Riviera Drive	38	\$550	\$14.47	9	23.68%
Santa Clara Avenue	29	\$150	\$5.17	1	3.45%
Total	600	\$4,600	\$7.67	95	15.83%

Clean Up Weekend!

Dumpsters will be available on **Saturday, April 17th** for you to throw out all those items that no one wants. Dumpsters will be available in front of designated homes from 8:00 am to noon. It's first come, first serve, so get there early. There are a few rules:

- No hazardous waste - no paint, oil or tires
- No televisions or computer monitors
- Heavy items on the bottom, dirt, concrete, rock, brick, tile (bottom foot of dumpster only)
- Dumpsters can't removed if overfilled - must be level.



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West Floral Park Membership Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Voluntary Membership Donations (per household):

\$250 **Corporate Sponsor** (includes ½ page add in 2 newsletters. Newsletter reaches 650 local homes)

\$150 **Benefactor** (includes admission for two to the Progressive Dinner and Oktoberfest)

\$100 **Gold Member** (includes admission for two to the Progressive Dinner)

\$50 **Patron**

\$25 **Friendly Neighbor**

\$15 **Seniors**

Membership from 1/1/2004 to 12/31/2004

Please make checks payable to West Floral Park Neighborhood Association (WFPNA)

Mail To: West Floral Park Neighborhood Assn.

ATTN: Steve Tancredi, Treasurer

P.O. Box 6243

Santa Ana, CA 92706

Please indicate if you would like to be a member of any of the committees, too.

___ Social Committee ___ Beautification ___ Communication ___ Welcome



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The Social Committee Needs You!

Have you ever wondered how you can become more involved in neighborhood events without having to commit too much of your time? You might be a high school or college student in need of community service hours, **or** you might have a spare hour or two during an event weekend to help out with a "one time" special project.

Find your interest and give me a call!

Some opportunities include:

Wine Walk Saturday April 24, Volunteers 21 and older

- Check-in table
- Raffle ticket sales
- Wine pourers (learn about the wines that are served)
- Table set-up and breakdown (before and after event)
- Wrapping raffle prizes.

Progressive Dinner Saturday June 12,

- Table set-up and breakdown (before and after event)
- Check-in table
- Raffle ticket sales
- Decorating
- Wrapping raffle prizes

Contact Cheryl Henderson at 547-3605 or send by e-mail at chenderson@discoverycube.org. I will provide you with more details at that time.

Thank you for supporting our neighborhood.

Cheryl Henderson
Social Committee Chairperson

Contractor's Corner

Need a good plumber? "My plumber recommended Andy Larner 714.894.1941 and he delivers great results," says Joan Squillacoti. She also has a great upholsterer. He is Richard of Barnes Upholstery. He worked with Joan's antiques and cushions for patio chairs. "He brings loads of samples to your home and the work is done in a timely fashion" says Joan. He can be reached at 714.639.0834



TLC "The Library Corner"

SANTIAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2122 North Baker Street

News from Santiago Elementary School

We would like to invite you, our grandparents, alumni, senior members and founders of our great community to participate in our new adventure!

Your skills and experiences are an enormous and valuable resource, and as part of our community, we would like for you to come and READ to our students at the neighborhood Santiago Elementary School. You can also enrich their lives by sharing interests, historical backgrounds, travels, and experiences. You may bring your won reading books, photo albums, scrap-books, or just read a book from our wonderful library/media center!

STARTS MAY 3

If interested in helping, sign up now. Please contact:

Maggie Miller, Teacher at Santiago Elementary 564.8400

Miriam Somoano, Librarian at Santiago Elementary 564.8408

Diane Dunn, PTA President, Santiago Elementary 479.0330

Nancy Gartner, PTA Vice Pres Santiago Elementary 973.9010



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Upcoming Events

April

- Dumpster Day April 17 Mel Steiner, Chair
- Wine Walk April 24 Nichole Doughty, Chair
- Board Meeting April 27 7:00 pm Speer residence

May

- General Meeting May 4 7:00 pm Santiago Elementary School
- Golf Tournament May 8 Steve Tancredi, Chair 231.8667
- Board Meeting May 25 7:00 pm

June

- Progressive Dinner June 12 Italia theme
- Board Meeting June 22

Board Members & Committees

Lisa Speer	President	542.2209
Gary Castro	Vice President	542.5828
Steve Tancredi	Treasurer	231.8667
Davana Greenameyer	Secretary	567.9294
Cheryl Henderson	Social Com	547.3605
Joan Squillicioti	Welcome Com	543.2486
Mel Steiner	Beautification Com	269-4138
Judi Fine	Communication Com	542.5232

Easter Egg Hunt

WFPNA Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success! What a great way to kick off our event calendar! Thank you to our neighbors Heather and Richard Green, Mike and Megan Davis, and Juan Hernandez and Ed Florha for opening their yards to our little egg hunters. It was a great time to chat with old friends, meet new neighbors, participate in crafts, and meet the Easter Bunny! Everyone had a wonderful time. I would like to thank our committee chairs, Juan Hernandez, Ed Florha, and Scott Lohse for all of their efforts and our to volunteers, Starlene and Gracie Arel, Cindy Shotwell, Henry Henderson, and Lisa Speer for stuffing Easter Eggs.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Membership Drive. Your generous donations allow us to provide exciting events for our neighborhood.

REGARDS,
 CHERYL HENDERSON
 SOCIAL COMMITTEE
 CHAIR, 2004