

2013

# ALUMNI REUNION DINNER

*The Neighborhood Leadership Program*



*Celebrating 20 Years of Leadership!*

Monday, January 14, 2013

5:30 p.m.

La Lune Palace Restaurant

2801 E. Spring Street Long Beach, CA 90806

Please represent your class

Class of:

1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005  
2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013?

### Applications

The deadline to submit applications to join the Neighborhood Leadership Program is **Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.** If you are interested in applying for the program, please submit your application before the deadline.

**Neighborhood Leadership Program** brochures and applications in **English and Spanish** (as well as class photos and more information) are all available from our website:

[http://www.longbeach.gov/cd/neighborhood\\_services/nlp/default.asp](http://www.longbeach.gov/cd/neighborhood_services/nlp/default.asp)

We will be offering a Candidate Information Session where you can meet and hear from graduates and learn more about the program.

**Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2013**

**Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Neighborhood Resource Center**

**425 Atlantic Avenue**

**Long Beach, CA 90802**

**(562) 570-1010**

**Free parking in the rear of the building**

### Program Goal

The goal of the program is to provide Long Beach Residents the skills, knowledge and resources they need to improve the quality of life in their community.

### Program Components

- Effective Leadership
- Human Relations and Team Building
- Community Project Planning
- Solving Neighborhood Problems
- Public Speaking
- Grant Writing/Fundraising

### Benefits

- Mini Grants for Projects
- Spanish and Khmer Translation
- All Class Materials Provided Free
- Join an Established Network of Neighborhood Leaders.
- Make New Friends

## Class of 1996

**Autrilla Scott** was featured in a story in the Orange County Register because she was the featured speaker to share her life's experiences with members of the National Council of Negro Women's Orange County chapter at the



group's National Women's History Month program in 2007. She was also featured in the Wednesday, September 9, 2009 issue of *The District Weekly's* I Love Long Beach Column. The article included a short biography and also recognized her as a longtime activist in Long Beach. She helped to organize the annual Halloween event for the East Hill Street/Salt Lake Street. Neighborhood Watch Club. The club gave out 100 pumpkins and gifts for best costume. The club also gave out forty (40) \$25.00 gift cards to residents for being good neighbors and working together regardless of race. She has won one of the first Peacemaker Awards from the City of Long Beach and has served on the Redevelopment Agency's North Project Area Committee. Moreover, Ms. Scott has been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Deputy Chief Robert Luna and West Division Commander Joe Levy thanking her for the many years of service as a Neighborhood Watch Captain. She has written her second book, a memoir entitled, "I Remember When: A Town Named Hope, Arkansas." Ms. Scott says she wrote the book so her family and others could share the world she grew up

in. It recounts the experience of growing up in Hope, AK and how it has laid the foundation for the person she is today and all the valuable lessons she has learned in life. Autrilla was a baby sitter for President Bill Clinton during his childhood and she has been featured at the Juneteenth Celebration at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

## Class of 1997

**Sharon McLucas** and her husband's Forgotten Images Traveling Museum was featured as the Juneteenth weekend exhibit at the John Parr Health Enhancement Building on the campus of St. Mary Medical Center for an event called Embracing Our Heritage.

## Class of 1998

**Rocio Torres** is active on one of the newest Long Beach neighborhood associations called the Anaheim Orange Cherry 7<sup>th</sup> Street (AOC7) Association, which has its monthly meetings at MacArthur Park Homeland Cultural Center.

## Class of 2000

**Stella Davis** has been her block's Neighborhood Watch Block Captain since the 1970's. Additionally, she was the recipient of the 2009 Beverly O'Neil Lifetime of Leadership Award at the Neighborhood Leadership Conference. She made front-page news in the Press Telegram for the five-year anniversary of the



"Feed the Hungry" program that she started with Alice Robinson (Class of 2010) to serve hot meals

once per month at King Park. Stella was recognized for the program at the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Older Americans Recognition day. She is also the recipient of the Woman of the Year Award from the Long Beach Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Again in 2012, she hosted her 27th Annual National Night Out Dinner for her neighbors for National Night Out, which is an annual crime prevention and safety event that's celebrated in more than 10,000 communities nationwide.

## Class of 2001

**Martha Cota** has served as a Community Outreach Liaison for the Long Beach Alliance for Children With Asthma and organized an Annual Community Resources and Health Fair at MacArthur Park. Martha is also a member of the Steering Committee for Building



the Healthy Communities (BHC). She has received several awards, including the Gene Lentzner Human Relations Award at the 47th Annual Dinner of the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ), The Community Leader of the Year Award by The California Endowment, an award from from The Center for Community Engagement at California State University (CSULB) as well as from

the University's College of Continuing Professional Education. Martha is the founder of LB Latinos in Action at CSULB and is a strong advocate for clean air and fair housing in Long Beach. She also volunteers at the American Heart Association and is a teacher/trainer at various schools and churches to inform the community how to eat healthy.

**Cynde Soto** was recognized by State Senator Alan Lowenthal and awarded for leadership and com-



munity service during the "Women of Distinction" 2012 Awards. Senator Lowenthal said in a release: "Each of them has made a significant and positive difference in the community."

**Sunshine and Sunny Daye** sponsored The Revealing Experience; A Spiritual Gathering Summer Solstice & Bonn Voyage, which is a spiritual, musical, friend & love-filled going away party for Sunny as she made her way to Beijing, China to sing for 3 months. Sunshine is also co-chairing the 22nd annual Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast with Mayor Bob Foster at the LB convention Center in Feb 2013. The keynote speaker at the breakfast is a man whose son was killed by gang violence and he will share his story about how he used his faith and forgiveness to bring a

message of social justice and love of humanity to school-aged youth.

### Class of 2002

**Raymond Chavarria** was hired as the Associate/Project Director for the United Cambodian Community (UCC) in February 2008. He was also recently elected Chair of the Steering committee for Building



Healthy Communities (BHC), Long Beach. His responsibilities include overseeing the goals of BHC and of the \$10 million being invested through BHC into Central Long Beach and other targeted areas. Raymond is also on the Governance Board of First 5 LA for Healthy Children. First 5 LA has invested \$45 million into Central Long Beach to improve prenatal care & preparing children for kindergarten. He also helped organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Street Health Fair event in which over 35 health agencies and City agencies participated in providing information and resources to the community. A total of 975 people attended the event. He was honored as one of the grand marshals in the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Unity Parade and is a Board Member of New Generation Auspice of Long Beach Seed and Weed as well as the Founder of the Latin American Community Center (LACC) "Building Strong Latino Children and Families."

Congratulations to **Mary Zendejas** for being crowned Ms. Wheelchair of California of 2012.

**Tracy (Patrick) Weaver** passed away in October 2012. She volunteered for several years to help

with NLP candidate interviews and the annual Alumni Reunion Dinners as a proud program graduate. She was an advocate for fair and affordable housing as well as disability rights. The October 16, 2012 City Council Meeting was adjourned in Tracy's name.

### Class of 2003

**Alicia Carrera** has been a tireless voice of the community since 1997, when she



was the most active member on the Mother's Brigade, a program created to aide in the safety of children walking home after school. She was recognized with the Gene Lentzner Human Relations Award at the 48<sup>th</sup> Award Ceremony in 2011 by the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) for 12 years of involvement in the community. She has also volunteered as the Site Coordinator for the Summer Night Lights Program at Drake Park. Alicia has been honored as a Community Partners Parent Representative and has received the Excellence in Parent Leadership Award at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Recognition Award Celebration.

**Ines Echegaray-Dier** Class of 2003, won the 2008 Gene Lentzner Award from the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ). She is the founder and president of the Ridgewood Heights Neighborhood Association. She also is an organizer of a



home schooling cooperative group called the Caminos Cooperative. She and 5-10 other parents share home schooling resources and sponsor non-violent parenting classes to facilitate respectful and parenting techniques.

**Annie Greenfeld-Wisner** Class of 2003, has served as the Chair of the Central Project Area Committee, which was published in the Press Telegram supporting the work of the Redevelopment



Agency as an economic driver and revenue generator for our communities, our schools and for the city of Long Beach itself. She also served on the Community Development Advisory Commission. She is one of the people responsible for the creation of the Peace Garden at King Park and has hosted Saturday Workday/Potlucks at the garden. She was recently featured in LBReport.com as a Wrigley area advocate describing crime impacts at the Council Public Safety Committee. She spoke out against crimes which have impacted businesses in her area.

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### Class of 2004

**Gavin McKiernan** Class of 2004, has served as Chairman of the Neighborhood Advisory Group

(NAG). He is the founder of the Long Beach Neighborhood Foundation and serves as the President on the Foundation's Board of Directors. The foundation holds an annual Wrigley River Run & Tadpole Trot.



first races in Southern California with a separate start time for jogging strollers! The Wrigley River Run also features bands, cheerleaders, and one of the best post-race food spreads around. Proceeds from the Wrigley River Run have benefited Jackie Robinson Academy's AVID program (the acronym stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination). Money from the event have also supported AVID scholars at Cabrillo High School. Gavin is part of the Wrigley Association as well as the association's newsletter editor.

**Francisco Rodriguez** won the prestigious 2012 Gene Lentzner lifetime achievement award from the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ).

**Henry Salzer** serves as a board member (for the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year) with the Board of Examiners, Appeals and Condemnation (BEAC). He received the Stewards of the Second District Award from Suja Lowenthal and is the vice president of the North Alamitos Beach Association. This past year, he sponsored two neighborhood clean ups.

**Tommy Saing** — Class of 2004. This year we are honoring Tommy and his family for their commitment

to our community. As a local business, they provide local employment opportunities and support our city's economy as well as NLP. Thank you **La Lune Palace** for hosting the 2013 Neighborhood Leadership Program Alumni Reunion Dinner!



**Ricardo Linarez** helped to put together the Lafayette Harvest Festival with a goal to raise money to help achieve academic success for all their students. The event included booths for organizations to provide information about the Port of Long Beach, Wrigley Association, and Neighborhood Services. The resources provided were very appreciated by the community.

### Class of 2005

**Colleen McDonald** has fought crime in Yucca Valley by using Internet resources. She has been Secretary and currently serves as the President of the Wrigley Association. Colleen has been active at the Annual Pizza Pigout fundraiser event held in Wrigley and with several Wrigley area projects and events. She spoke at the Council Public Safety Committee's June 12 meeting, where in a calm tone she said: "I'm here to advocate on behalf of more police especially assigned to our business district of Pacific



Ave." She hosted a clean up in Wrigley along with neighborhood businesses and Colleen's efforts

encouraged the businesses to have quarterly clean ups of their own.

**Lillian Villa-Quintero** helped to put together the McTeacher's Night Fundraiser for Burbank Elementary School. This event was sponsored by McDonald's and featured teachers from Burbank Elementary serving as McDonald's staff. The restaurant donated a portion of its sales to Burbank Elementary.

### Class of 2006

**Will Cullen** has been featured in a local weekly newspaper as a neighborhoods column writer. His stories included a feature on the Community Code Enforcement program as well as several themes of local interest. Will has graciously served as the Official Photographer for the Neighborhood Leadership Program for the past few years. His photographs can be found on the Neighborhood Leadership Program webpage as well as on several marketing and program materials. Will received The Mayor Beverly O'Neill Lifetime



of Leadership Award in 2011 for making a difference in Long Beach. In 2012,

Will's photos of the Long Beach Pride Parade and of the boat that sank off Bluff Park were featured in LBRreport.com

**P.G. Herman** helped organize the City of Long Beach's first annual Peace March in 2008. She has led several neighborhood clean ups and neighborhood outreach celebrations. P.G. has been instrumental in organizing events in Wrigley Neighborhood's most troubled blocks and included "Take Back Pine Avenue" and "Take

back Earl Avenue." The events each brought dozens of volunteers and supporters from many local businesses and City departments.

She helped organize the Wrigley Association's second Martin Luther King Candlelight Peace March in 2009. Ms. Herman also helped with the Candlelight Vigil for the Women's Shelter of Long Beach. The vigil honored the memories of those who lost their lives as a result of intimate partner violence and to support those survivors taking the steps to escape violence. P.G. served on the Redevelopment Agency's Central Project Area Committee for five years. She also helped organize and host the WE LOVE LONG BEACH Breakfast in Wrigley, the Garden Party at the Wrigley Village Community Garden and the South 40 Community Garden in North Long Beach. P.G. also helped put together the



Mary Molina Community Garden Build Day with Long Beach Organic and Jordan High School and a team for the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life," P.G. is also a volunteer of Long Beach Rescue Mission and Food Finders, Inc. She is active with the Friends of Alice Robinson monthly feeding at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.

**Scottie Hinkey** was featured in City News Community News sharing her view on the physical makeover of Rose Park. She said: "This wasn't just a restoration, it was a rescue," Hinkey also stated "It required a risk, especially from the people who decided to make Rose Park

their home when it wasn't very homey. Rose Park was saved one committed resident at a time."

**Jack Smith** Class of 2006, has always had Christmas spirit and has long been an advocate for the less fortunate in Long Beach. Smith, who had been part of toy giveaways at the park with Better Balance, said he wanted to create something "different from a lineup and toy giveaway." Jack is credited as being a founding member of Better Balance for Long Beach's The Christmas Store – Shopping with Dignity. For the fifth year in a row, the Christmas store was filled with gifts purchased with donations, and Better Balance invited needy families to "Shop" with dignity, selecting items of their choice. Jack was named an



'Everyday Hero' by The Press Telegram and was instrumental in Better Balance for Long Beach winning the Neighborhoods, USA Neighborhood of The Year Grand Prize in 2011. He has also served on the City of Long Beach's Housing Development Company.

### Class of 2007

**David Clement** has served on the Hellman Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Community Code Enforcement Program. He helped found the North Alamitos Beach Association. In 2010, David was involved with the beautification of the parking lot located on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Cherry Avenue. David been part of the installation of neighborhood boundary monuments for the North Alamitos

Beach Neighborhood through Neighborhood Partners Program grants. He currently serves as the president of the North Alamitos Beach Association, and has



helped to host neighborhood clean-ups, Halloween Carnivals at Miracle on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Park, tree plantings and several community mixers.

**Esther Del Valle** Class of 2007, helped the parents group at Stephenson Elementary School (Community Leadership Institute



Alumni) to win a Neighborhoods, USA Neighborhood of the Year Award in 2007. She was featured on the front page of the Press Telegram for her work to help save the Long Beach Main Library. She and other parents from Stephenson Elementary School led a petition drive to collect signatures from residents in support of keeping their downtown library open. Esther is very involved in her work with the Stevenson/YMCA Community Leadership Institute Alumni Group, where Esther still serves as Group and Meeting Facilitator

### Class of 2008

**Dan Pressburg** was part of the team behind the “Back to the Future” North Long Beach History Project that won Grand Prize for best neighborhood project in the

country from Neighborhoods, USA. He also served on the Re-development Agency’s North Project Area Committee. In 2009, he held a political brunch for the candidates of the April 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Council District Special Election. The event was attended as well as several elected officials and neighborhood officials. In 2011, he helped create the North 40 Community Garden with the Grant Neighborhood Association. He is president of North Long Beach Community Action Group (NLBCAG), This group won the Neighborhoods USA National Grand Prize in 2008, making the first LB neighborhood group to win Neighborhood of the Year of the Year Grand Prize honors (2008) as well as first place in Social Ac-

tivism. Dan was also involved in helping Better Balance for Long Beach win a Neighborhood of the Year award in 2011 for The Christmas Store—Shopping with Dignity.

**Caprice Spencer-Rothe** is the founder of About Face, a theatrical mask movement class offered to adults and teens. She was also part of the event called “Halloween Costume Swap & Zombie Maker Workshop,” where people could get an equal exchange: 1 for 1 of all Costumes. They also offered workshops such as paper, stickers, paint, glue, animal, zombie, skull, and domino masks of all kinds.

**Charles Wade Jr.** opened his own business with the help of two programs from the City of Long Beach

the Commercial Improvement Re-bate Program (CIRP) and the Business Startup Program (BSG).

His business is called PitBull Energy Store at 746 Pine Ave. Mr. Wade also participated in the City of Long Beach Peace Week, which was created to instill a peaceful environment utilizing the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to raise the consciousness of the community.

**Sath Om** was featured in the Press Telegram. The 92-year-old survivor of the Cambodian genocide said: "It's like a stick in your eyes when it's remembered." She told harrowing stories of life during the brutal reign of the Khmer Rouge between 1975 and 1979 when upward of 2 million Cambodians died from malnutrition, disease and murder in the country's notorious Killing Fields.

**Diane West** was interviewed by Ron Kilgore from KFWB radio about Students at Sea, which is a collaborative partnership between the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla the Los Angeles Maritime Institute, the Long Beach Unified School District, and various yacht clubs in the South Bay. “Students at Sea” uses sailing and the ocean to teach at risk youth about life.

### Class of 2009

**Alma Campos** and her husband

Aroldo Campos were named Peacebuilders of the Month by Peacebuilders, Inc. Alma has served as Co-Chair of the Neighborhood Restoration Committee of the City's Weed and Seed Program. Alma continues to or-

ganize an annual event called "The Gift," which is a carnival of free fun, where families play games, watch performances and even receive a mini makeovers with free haircuts and manicures, as well as the chance to enjoy dozens of activity booths. Alma is the founder of New Generations, NG and was welcomed to the Central Facilities Center adjacent to Martin Luther King Jr. Park. New Generations, NG is a service-oriented nonprofit that offers leadership, mentoring and sports program for youth.

**Lacey C. Clark** fashioned a program in Philadelphia, PA with an all-star community cast designed to intercept the corrosive and corrupting influences that reality TV is having on young women and teen girls with the inaugural empowerment event, "Phenomenally U": Three Candid Conversations About Sex, Self Respect and Success in the Reality TV Era."

**Shirley Willis** passed away in 2011. She is remembered for giving out holiday dinners to needy families every year. Her daughter Danita Strauss has continued her tradition by providing for needy families during the holidays in honor of her mother.

**Jim Danno** received the Go Long

Beach Award, as well as the Ambassador Award from Vice Mayor



Robert Garcia for being a community leader in the 1st District. He is also receiving an award from Long Beach Heritage for the restoration and installation of the Jergins Historic Pillars at the Willmore Heritage Garden. Jim created Winter in Willmore in 2011. This past year, the 2nd Annual Winter in Willmore was a huge success. It raised over 1,500 lbs. of food for Food-Finders, a local food bank. During the event, the local community enjoyed the festivities that included art classes, food, fun and a opportunity drawing where six bicycles and several gifts were won.

### Class of 2010

**Elliot Gonzales** of Green Long Beach was on hand at the Long Beach Fitness Fair promoting growing plants as food for good health. "We believe in healing ourselves by healing the planet," he said. "So if we grew our own food, organically we could prevent a lot of health problems."

**Jimmy Brashear** was featured in the Annenberg Digital News article title "Urban Farmers Fight to Keep Their Livestock." He owns a community garden located at First Street and Elm Avenue in the East Village. Jimmy honed his agricultural skills while growing up on a farm in Iowa; and uses natural techniques instead of chemicals to

keep unwanted pests off the garden's fruits and vegetables.

**Tom Flores** organized a clean up at Daryle Black Park. After cleaning up and sprucing up the park, Tom treated everyone to breakfast at Spires. He also received the Papal Honor, "Benemerenti" from Pope Benedict XVII for his commitment to the church and the community.

**Cindy Goss** manages SoCal Harvest, which is a not-for-profit, all volunteer organization, based in Long Beach, California and is established to allow home gardeners to share excess produce with local families in need. SoCal Harvest has picked and donated over 12,000 pounds of backyard fruit to help feed those in need in Long Beach. If you have a tree and you'd like to donate the fruit, contact Cindy at (323) 678-6036.

**Alice Robinson** Class of 2010, is the co-creator of the monthly "Feed the Hungry Program" at King Park along with Stella Davis (Class of 2000). The program celebrated its ninth anniversary in 2012. Alice received an award for the program at the Los Angeles



County Commission on Aging's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Older Americans Recognition Day and also received a Woman of the Year Award from the Long Beach Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She was featured in the Press-Telegram as "Alice Robinson gives her all." A plaque was installed

near a bench at Burnett Library dedicated to her in 2011 as part of a Neighborhood Leadership Program Class of 2010 project. She is well known for having a big heart. Alice's life is published in a book entitled "Tuscaloosa to Long Beach, CA" a compilation of tales, memories and other tidbits as told by family, friends and acquaintances.

### Class of 2011

**Jesus Estrada** Community Advocate from The Children's Clinic, has served as an organizer for the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation, Mobile Kitchen Education Cooking Program. The Foundation is a non-profit organization created to support chef and activist Jamie Oliver's mission: to drive a social movement for cultural change, advocated for better food choices and integrity through the food chain, and develop educational programs to promote healthy scratch cooking, in particular in schools and home kitchens



throughout vulnerable communities. He has also assisted in coordinating Nutrition Revolution, a collaboration between First 5 LA, the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation and the California Endowment. Mr. Estrada was honored as the Community Leader of the Year, for his dedication, hard work, and commitment to improving community health through Building Healthy Communities in Long Beach.

**Dr. Donna Marykwias** is a former microbiology professor at California State University, Long Beach and Executive Director of Long

Beach Grows. She was featured in the Annenberg Digital News article "Urban Farmers Fight to Keep Their Livestock." She said, "Anybody that wants to get close to their food source and eat organically should consider urban farming."

**Ida Marie Briggs** completed the Joseph Business School, which educates Christians on how to become successful entrepreneurs and business leaders using biblical principles. She had the honor of graduating as Salutatorian.

**Emily Tanaka** a member of the Willmore City Heritage Association participated in hosting the Association's 4th Annual Summer Celebration, Fundraiser and Auction.

**Sidney Cramer** serves as the President of On Broadway Merchants Association. He organized a Holiday Party at Paradise Piano Bar. The purpose of the association is to support Broadway businesses in creating a successful retail, service, and dining corridor and to represent their needs to local government. He also organized the "Mid Summer Stroll & Gourmet Food Truck Event" at Heights Village – Broadway and Redondo Shopping District. Sidney also owns Spa Sidney Beauty Lounge and he is working with business owners and area resident associations to develop a plan and vision for the street.

**Rosesurvilla Hall-Austin** sponsored a student, who went to Washington, D.C., with World-Strides. This student whose name is Tyler Binkley said that the history lessons would come to life as he walked in the footsteps of influential past and present leaders and learn about the events that shape our nation.

**Karen Reside** is a founder of the Cultural Alliance of Long Beach. The Alliance held events at the Bungalow Art Center, one of them was the Cultural Alliance of Long Beach meeting, with a goal to create programming for visual and performing arts. Another event was The Second Annual Artist Boot Camp, which offered eighteen sessions such as copyright protection for your art, artists as Leaders in their communities, how to start an arts nonprofit, how to monetize your art and many other topics. The mission of the Cultural Alliance of Long Beach is to support working artists in all artistic disciplines and connect them with the public in Long Beach, California through innovative collaborations, dialogues, promotions, and education in a cutting-edge art environment.

**Jorge Rivera** opened a Farmers Market on the West Side of Long Beach at Admiral Kidd Park in April 2012 in collaboration with Catalyst Long Beach and Center Space. In July 2012, he opened a second Farmers Market on the North Side of Long Beach. Most recently, as part of Long Beach Voices, Jorge has been commissioned to film a documentary/promotional video for Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association.

### Class of 2012

**Anthony Formoso** has served as the President of the Long Beach Chapter of Zeta Phi Rho Inc. Fraternity. He received the Lloyd T. Unui Award for his contribution



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Asian and Latino American Community with the coordination of the Cesar Chavez Vera Cruz March. The Cultural Greek Council also awarded the Club the Best Organization of the Year award under his leadership. In 2011, he became a Board Member of Rebuilding Together Long Beach and serving as the



Volunteer Coordinator and the Fundraising/Grant writing Chair. Anthony has been involved in several projects, including "Make a Difference Day" in 2012 and as Logistics Director of FilAm Arts, which was established to advance the understanding of the arts and rich cultural heritage of Filipino in the United States through presentation, education, and arts services.

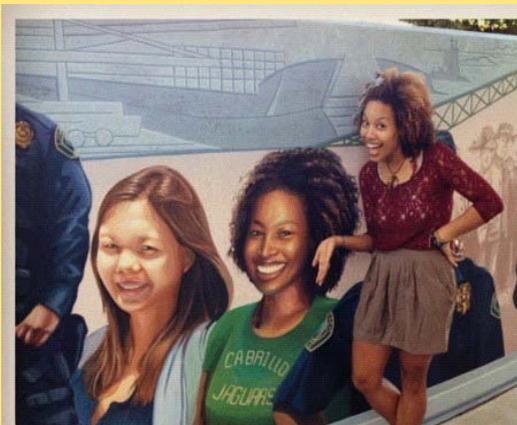
**Martha Herrera** of the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma gave a presentation about the effects of air pollution on families at the September monthly meeting of the MacArthur Park/Whittier School Neighborhood Group.

**Lewis Brownson** participated at a snow day on Saturday, December 22, 2012 and dressed up as Frosty the Snowman. A lot of kids came to see him and were happy to have him there.

**Mary Simmons** received a "Steward of the Second District" 2012 Award. She actively heads up monthly community meetings for AOC7 a neighborhood association she co-founded. Mary also participated in feeding over 500 families this Thanksgiving with her

church Renewable Hope Feeding Project.

**Angel Cutno** joined the Neighborhood Leadership Program after only four months of living in Long Beach. Graduating from NLP was the first accomplishment Angel had this year, but this set her up for more unexpected acknowledgements before finishing out the year. As a result of her participation in the Neighborhood Leadership Program and addressing City Council, Angel was asked to pose for a mural displayed at the West Division Police Station,



she was also recognized as one of California's District 54 "30 Under 30" hosted by Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal. As a final sign off to 2012, Angel made a cameo, alongside the non-profit organization she worked for, in "Escape from North Korea- Asia's Underground Railroad" by Melanie

Kirkpatrick. Escape From North Korea is a nationally publicized book about the plight of North Korean refugees.

## MORE ALUMNI IN ACTION

**Rocio Torres** (Class of 1998), **Henry Salzer** (Class of 2004)

**Andre Beasley** (Class of 2012), and **Mary and Tommy Simmons** (Class of 2012) were recognized by Councilmember Suja Lowenthal at the Stewards of the Second District 2012 event because of their leadership and commitment in going beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the lives of others.

**Jim Danno** (Class of 2009) and **Emily Tanaka** (Class of 2011) of Willmore City Heritage Association collaborated in putting together a free event called: "Winter in Willmore" at Drake Park to celebrate the holiday season in Long Beach. They had free food, music, children's activities, and photos with Santa Claus.

For the fifth year in a row, **Jack Smith** (Class of 2006), **Annie Greenfeld-Wisner** (Class of 2003), and **Dan Pressburg** (Class of 2008) put together the "One Day Christmas Store – Shopping With Dignity" – giving families of limited means an opportunity to "shop" for family members, choosing from among items purchased with generous donations from multiple individuals and businesses.

**Jim Danno** (Class of 2009), **Jimmy C. Brashear** (Class of 2010) and **Donna Marykwias** (Class of 2011) were featured on LBReport.com in the article titled "Should Long Beach City Hall Loosen Rules On Keeping Chick-

ens, Goats & Bees?" The proposal looked to amend Long Beach's Municipal Code to encourage backyard urban farming that includes goats, egg-laying



poultry and bees.

**Jack Smith** (Class of 2006), **Colleen McDonald** (Class of 2005), and **Annie Greenfeld-Wisner** (Class of 2003) were featured in the LBReport.com article titled "Following Hard-Fought Hearing, Council Votes 9-0 To Deny (Conditional Use Permit) CUP To Title Loan Operation At South Wrigley Gateway (PCH/Pacific)."

**Elliot Gonzalez** (Class of 2010) and **Ina Parker-Hicks** (Class of 2009) helped to put together the Green Long Beach Festival. The festival is a grassroots event and part of the Catalyst Community. The theme to this year's 4<sup>th</sup> annual event was "Change is in the Air" and refers to social changes occurring in society as well as physical changes occurring within the air quality and environment. The event featured workshops, music, art, a fashion show, guest speakers, and all kinds of activities all of which were hosted by local businesses and nonprofit organizations.

**Colleen McDonald** (Class of 2005) and **Annie Greenfeld-**

**Wisner** (Class of 2003) were featured in LBReport.com on the article titled "Wrigley Area Advocates McDonald & Greenfeld-Wisner Describe Crime Impacts At Council's

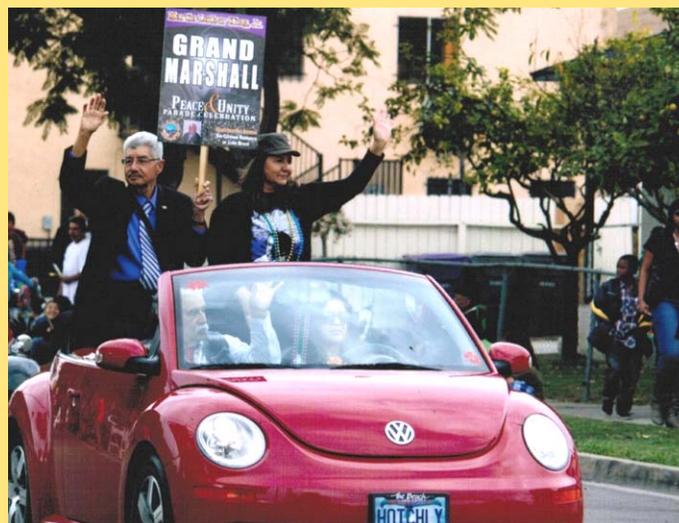
Public Safety Committee, Urge Replenishment Police Academy." They both advocated on behalf of more police especially assigned to the Pacific Avenue business district.

**Colleen McDonald** (Class of 2005) and **Mharljoy Mendoza** (Class of 2011) helped to organize the Wrigley Associations' "Senior Serenade," which was a musical salute in song and dance for our Senior Veterans who did so much for all of us. This event was a Veterans Day Tribute for them.

**Sharon McLucas** (Class of 1997) and **Autrilla Scott** (Class of 1996) were featured in the Press-Telegram in the article titled "Couple's collection of Black Americana Art on display for Juneteenth observance."

Juneteenth commemorated the news received in Texas of the abolition of slavery more than two years after Abraham Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. This event offered hamburgers, hot dogs, music, dancing and activities including softball, a dominoes tournament and Zumba dancing.

**Martha Cota** (Class of 2001), **Raymond Chavarria** (Class of 2002), **Colleen McDonald** (Class of 2005) and **Tom Flores** (Class of 2010) were honored as grand marshals in the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Jr. Peace and Unity Parade. They were recognized as community leaders that have given whole-heartedly to the Long Beach community. They were recognized by Councilman Dee Andrews who stated, "We are very fortunate to have individuals in our community that reach beyond the everyday challenges to include serving others in a way that uplifts the entire community...."



**Teresa Gonzalez** (Class of 1992), **Jerry Caligiuri** (Class of 1997), **Martha Cota** (Class of 2001), **Deborah J. Jackson** (Class of 2002), **Annie Greenfeld-Wisner** (Class of 2003), **Griselda Perez** (Class of 2003), **Ricardo Linarez** (Class of 2004), **Colleen McDonald** (Class of 2005), **Lillian Villa-Quintero** (Class of 2005), **Will Cullen** (Class of 2006), **P.G. Herman** (Class of 2006), **Scottie Hinkey** (Class of 2006), **Reyna Ochoa** (Class of 2006), **Dan Pressburg** (Class of 2008), **Deborah Kearns** (Class of 2009), **Terrie D. Nelson** (Class of 2010), **Paula Trzicky** (Class of 2010), **Darryl W. Wilson** (Class of 2010), **Christina Galvan** (Class of 2011), **Erika Moreno** (Class of 2011), **Karen Reside** (Class of 2011), and **Jack Smith** (Class of 2006) helped us to make possible the Class of 2012 through their volunteer work. Thank you!!!

