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Blessings and Thanksgiving

by Harrison Zierer



With Thanksgiving right around the corner and the new year in sight, I decided to dedicate this newsletter to all the amazing people that make our neighborhood the special place that it is.

I became the West Floral Park president right before the pandemic and in those three years I have been amazed by the dedication and hard work of so many people that make this the best neighborhood in Santa Ana.

Let's start with our amazing WFPNA Board which includes **Karen Mittendorf** as our Vice President. Karen not only maintains the memberships, but also helps plan our annual Open Garden Day. And we can't mention Open Garden Day without thanking the queen and chair of the tour, **Donna Layne**.

Our Treasurer this year was **Tom Heimann**, who has spent most of 2022 getting our books up to date, handling our tax filings, and making sure reimbursement checks go out to those who have planned all our wonderful events.

Speaking of events, a huge thank you to **Gabe and Terra Castillo-Laughton** who were our Social Chairs this year. Although they were brand new to the neighborhood and had never attended a social event, they bravely volunteered together to take on the challenge. Of course Gabe and Terra didn't do it alone. **Michele and Joe Chatelle** were always there to help set up and tear down events along with **Steve Tancredi**. If you've ever wondered who puts up our event signs, it's Steve and we are so grateful for him.

We also had two new board members this year that created so many wonderful events for the kids and families of West Floral Park, our Outreach Chairs, **Vanessa Collins** and **Claudia Pinedo**. From *Shamrocks and Donuts* to the recent Halloween event, these ladies have worked so hard to create fun memories for everyone.

Our Secretary, **Judith Goldstein**, does more than take our minutes. Judith is always there to help set up, tear down, and provide general support at all of our events and meetings. She has lived in the neighborhood for over fifty years and is always there to lend a hand when you need it.



Upcoming West Floral Park Events

November 20: WFPNA General Meeting

December 3: Holiday Party

December 16: Meet the Kringles

We have not one, but two couples on our board this year. **James and Michele Cameron** were our Neighborhood Watch and Communications Chair. Like Judith, Michele and James are always willing to go the extra mile and host a general meeting, provide a raffle basket, and even sponsor our casino dealers for *Progressive Dinner!*

The last two board members I have to thank are **Rick Amborski** and **Claudia Jordan**. Their passion for the neighborhood as the Beautification Chair and Member at Large is so appreciated. Rick awards the Garden of the Season and Claudia attends the city Com-Link meetings. These two roles help improve our homes and keep West Floral Park such a desirable place to live.

I also have to thank our numerous advertisers who help fund this newsletter that you are reading today. Not only do they support the newsletter, but many of them have funded special events and needs we encountered throughout the year. **Kevin Shuler** supplied ice cream during our *Fourth of July Parade*, **Mel Steiner** provided the fire truck rides after the parade, and **Cathie Fryer** has donated raffle baskets for multiple social events.

And those aren't the only baskets. For years, **Patti Heimann** has created welcome baskets for our new neighbors and, along with the Vice President, delivered them in person, making that personal connection with new residents of West Floral Park. Not only are baskets delivered through the neighborhood, but a team of neighbors deliver event flyers and newsletters. An enormous thank you to everyone on the **Delivery Team** who distributes flyers (often times in the heat) throughout the year.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has hosted a social event, general meeting, or outreach event this year. This includes the **Hartmans, Thompsons, Laynes, Schuleins, Koyamas, Camerons, Pinedos, Chatelles, Doughtys, Gartners, McKlesky-Barker, and McLeans**.

We are so blessed to live in such an active, inviting, and beautiful community. As we enter this holiday season, I hope you take the time to remember all the blessings we have in this neighborhood, city, and country. Share your blessings with those less fortunate. Reach out to friends and neighbors. Keep this wonderful place we call home special as we move into 2023.



Do you want to meet more of your neighbors? Do you have a talent that can benefit our community? If so, there are many opportunities available to help make our neighborhood more beautiful and an even better place to live. Elections for 2023 Board Members are coming in November and any neighbor is invited to throw their hat in the ring. If you don't feel you are ready for a board position, there are committees that can use your help on an "as needed" basis. Here is a list of Board positions, along with some on-going committees that can use your help:

President: Leads monthly meetings of the board; Plan and conduct the quarterly General Meetings

Vice-President: Fills in if President is unable to lead a meeting; in charge of yearly membership drive and keeping the neighborhood membership roster up-to-date; welcomes new neighbors; plans the twice yearly New Neighbor Social.

Secretary: Takes the minutes of the board meetings; keeps records of board decisions

Treasurer: Handles all membership donation funds; writes reimbursement checks for neighborhood expenses; reports monthly financials to board members

Beautification: (has committee members) Committee meets and brainstorms on ways to beautify our community, working together to accomplish a project. Committee also selects quarterly most beautiful yard award.

Social: (has committee members) Committee meets and works together to plan neighborhood activities. In the past this included a Wine Night, Progressive Dinner, Oktoberfest, and a Holiday Party. These activities are usually paid attendance.

Neighborhood Watch: Monitors neighborhood activities. Often uses the Nextdoor app, neighbor security cameras, and the local police on safety issues.

Outreach: Plans ways to bring neighbors together in informal settings. In the past this has been Coffee Mornings, Garden Tea, 4th of July Parade, Santa Claus and Easter Bunny photo opportunities. These are usually sponsored by the Association.

Member at Large: Attends the Santa Ana Com-Link meetings and assists the board in other capacities.

Communications Chair: Responsible for managing the quarterly production and distribution of the newsletter.

If you are interested in running for any board position or joining one of the committees, please **volunteer at the November General Meeting** or contact **westfloralpark@gmail.com**



Don't Miss Our Final Social Event of 2022

Join us for this year's
Hawaiian Holiday Party
on Saturday, December 3rd at 5:30pm.
Food and drinks will be provided as
well as wonderful live entertainment.
Don't miss this fun and festive event!

Welcome New Neighbors

**We would like to welcome the following people to
West Floral Park. If you happen to see them,
be sure to say hello and welcome them
to our neighborhood!**

Anthony Lie & Donna Amadril *of 18th Street*

Jay Barkman & Jacqueline Guzman *of Ruth Circle*

Scott & Lisa Michaels *of Freeman St*

Sharon Colt *of Freeman Street*



Progressive Dinner and Casino Night!



Luck was a lady on Saturday, August 27th as neighbors from West Floral Park and Jack Fisher Park gathered for our Progressive Dinner and Casino Night.

Appetizers were hosted at the home of Machiko and Masami Koyama. Neighbors had the chance to enjoy a photo booth and purchase tickets for our wonderful raffle baskets. Raffle baskets were donated by neighbors from Freeman Street, Santa Clara Avenue, Westwood Avenue, Towner Street, and Riviera Drive. Cathie Fryer of CTA Travel also donated two fabulous baskets!



After appetizers, we moved to the home of Steve and Nichole Doughty for a catered taco dinner and our casino games. Everyone had the opportunity to play blackjack, Texas Hold'Em, and roulette with professional dealers thanks to a sponsorship by James Cameron. Be sure to check out more pictures from all the fun at: www.westfloralpark.com/gallery



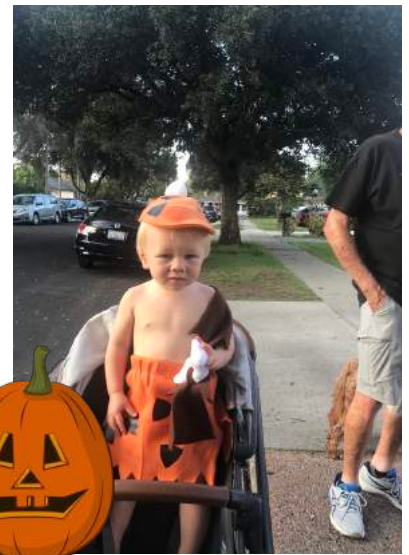


A little rain and thunder didn't stop neighbors from enjoying our Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 15th. After a three year pause due to the pandemic, one of our favorite events was back this year and hosted at the home of Jim and Nancy Gartner.



Beer, bratwurst, sauerkraut, and potato salad were provided in addition to our annual chili cookoff. This year Jason Isley took home first place with his delicious chili. Congrats Jason! We also had our fabulous raffle baskets donated by Cathie Fryer, James and Michele Cameron, and Harrison Zierer.





Family SPOOKY Fest

Families took to Freeman Street on Sunday, October 16th for early trick-or-treating at our *Family Spooky Fest*. Neighbors generously agreed to pass out candy to our neighborhood kids in addition to having pizza, crafts, and face painting by Ana Ayala of Riviera Drive.

Thanks to our outreach Chairs Vanessa Collins and Claudia Pinedo, and all their helpers, for creating such a fun event and wonderful memories for the kids (and adults) of West Floral Park!



Congratulations to our Garden of the Season!



**Home of Darrell and Mika Denny
at 209 N Olive Street**

The WFPNA Beautification Committee is proud to announce our "Garden of the Season" award for the fall season. Our committee looks at all of the homes in our wonderful neighborhood. Neighbors who demonstrate "above-and-beyond" efforts to maintain and improve their front yards help to make our neighborhood a more beautiful place to live and contribute to the value of our homes.



Meet the Kringles

Santa and Mrs. Claus will once again visit West Floral Park on **Friday, December 16th** from 6:00-8:00pm at 2323 Westwood Avenue. Neighbors are invited to come visit the Kringles and take a picture. *The Funky Brewster* will be with us again providing delicious hot cocoa and coffee drinks. We will also have cookies and other holiday sweets, so be sure to stop on by!





Neighborhood Connections!

West Floral Park Neighborhood Association relies on many different communication tools to communicate neighborhood news, safety, and events as well as important city information. Sign up for one or all to get connected!

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Facebook: Our Facebook page is a more informal, day-to-day, interactive page on happenings in and around our neighborhood and the City of Santa Ana. Anyone who is a member can post there. Check it out and request to join this closed and private Facebook group. Send an email to Mika at mikadenny@me.com if you have trouble joining.



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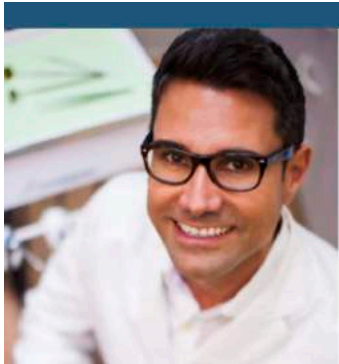
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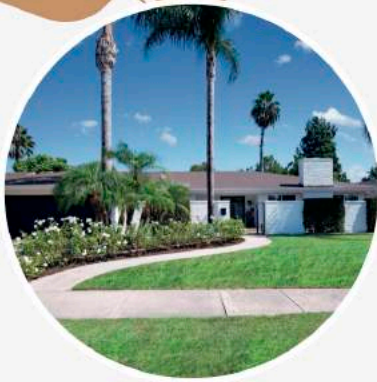


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