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## FROM THE *President...*

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POLICE BOOSTERS



Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Central City Police Boosters, "Code Twenty".

Before we look forward to 2008, let us first reflect on 2007. Our success was tremendous.

The support for the Central City Police Boosters (the 'first' Central City booster's organization) is once again on the rise. With the exceptional support from the community, which has brought us new talent and new members to the Board of Directors, the Central City Boosters are once again focused on building future leaders from within our community. As it has been for many years, Marie's (Officer Kardiban) 'navigation' of our Booster program continues to allow us the ability to serve all areas of the Central City Community.

Our annual support for the community youth was surpassed this past December. With tremendous corporate sponsorship, led by our premier sponsor Vons Companies, Pacific Resource Credit Union, The Majestic Realty Foundation and our long time sponsor Dennis Needleman coupled with support from over another 175 local businesses and individuals, the Central City Police Boosters were able to present the local youth with a tremendous opportunity to attend the Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival at the Shrine auditorium. This special event was a change to our traditional holiday program and only bolstered the critical support the Central City Boosters provides for the community youth. The youth programs comprise of the at-risk youth in the Juvenile Impact (JIP) program, the Deputy Auxiliary Police (DAPS) program, Police Explorers and LAPD officers who are assigned to Central Station. We can never thank each of you enough for this unending support and for your on-going involvement with our community.

Our work in the Community is always welcomed by our two Captains, Jodi Wakefield and Michelle Veenstra, and all members of their command staff, who communicate and work with the community on a daily basis to direct services that best serve the entire Central City area. Both Jodi and Michelle provide strong leadership at Central Station and they are

always willing to listen.

One of my goals for 2007 was to revive educational scholarship opportunities and tutoring programs for the local youth who have shown the ability to overcome their adversity and who are striving to elevate themselves. At a Board of Directors meeting in January, we agreed to direct our focus on the 'original' purpose that the Central City Police Boosters was created some 36 years ago: support for the youth within our community and the 'special' needs for the officers of the Central Community Police Station.

A primary goal for 2008 will be to develop a sustainable scholarship program that will enhance the ability of our community youth to expand their educational goals with the support of each one of YOU, and the Central City Community. We are continuing our focus on providing much needed meaningful scholarships to capable youth candidates and we trust that the Community will once again become a partner in that level of support.

## **SAVE THE DATE!** *Upcoming Booster Events*

**October 10th, 2008, Friday**

**11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**  
Montebello Country Club

**December 12, 2008 Friday**

**35th Annual Children's Holiday Program**  
Shrine Auditorium - Expo Hall

**February 26, 2009, Thursday**

**Police Recognition Day Luncheon**  
Wilshire Grand, Los Angeles

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Lastly, we have decided to limit our events this year in order to provide more focus on select events, so please consider supporting one of our community programs: the Youth Scholarship drive (February through June), the Central City Officer Recognition Luncheon (March), the Charity Golf Tournament (October), and the downtown School Children's Holiday Festival (December). All of these events are truly exceptional ways that we as business professionals and community members can ensure our involvement and success in our community.

I, along with the all the members of the Board of Director's, look forward to another successful year of support to our community, from those within our community. I personally look forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming programs during this coming year, along with other community events. Please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors for suggestions, sponsorship opportunities or to inquire about Central City Police Boosters programs.

Our Thanks!

Randall K. Ely, MBA President *Preferred Response Security Service & Standard Parking Corporation*

Tom Hyde, 1st Vice President *Universal Protection Service*

Randall Tampa, 2nd Vice President *LA Fashion District*

David Garrison, Treasurer *Pacific Resource Credit Union*

Marie Kardiban, Secretary (Interim) *Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area*

## Deputy Auxiliary Police "DAP's"

The Central Area Deputy Auxiliary Police Youth Program currently has (45) active members and have been visiting local schools in the area to provide information and as a means of recruiting new kids into the DAP program.

The DAPs participated in the 34th annual Central City Police Boosters Children's Holiday Program, held on December 5, 2007. This event was a unique educational adventure, courtesy of the Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival. They encountered real inventors, scientists and explored in the exhibit hall. This was a great learning experience that they will always remember.

Several activities and field trips they will be participating in 2008 will include the annual summer trip and an outing to the Aquarium of the Pacific, where they can get in touch with nature and marine life. They are really excited about these future events.

The DAPs also held a Valentine Day fundraiser that was a huge success. The DAPs would like to thank the Boosters for their support and are looking forward to future events and up coming birthday celebrations.

# Welcome!

The Central City Police Boosters would like to welcome Commander David Doan to Operation Central Bureau and the new Patrol Captain in Central Area, Rick Wall. The Boosters as well as the business and residents are looking forward to working together to make downtown a safer place to live and work.

Commander David Doan took over for Commander Andrew Smith who was reassigned to South Bureau and Captain Rick Wall is replacing Captain Michelle Veenstra who was transferred to Training Division.

We look forward to working with both of the new LAPD personnel and wish Andy and Michelle the best of luck on the their future endeavors.



*DAP's Halloween Outing*

## Scholarship Donation

Special Thanks to the Korean Apparel Manufacturers Association for their generous donation to the Booster Scholarship program. Mr. Won-Sik Myung is the current president and presented the check to Captain Jodi Wakefield at their Year-Gala. The association has been a long time supporter of the Boosters and has been making their annual donation to this program for over 10 years.

*(left to right) Sgt. Sam Gong, President Won-Sik Myung, Captain Jodi Wakefield, Officer Marie Kardiban*



# Explorer Update

The explorer program is off to a great start this year. We just returned from the annual Chandler Arizona competition and we were able to take 17 kids (the most ever) to participate at this event. The explorers did an excellent job and brought home two trophies. The Explorers were taken to the Grand Canyon prior to arriving in Chandler Arizona to do some sight seeing. None of the kids who were attending the competition had ever seen the Grand Canyon. This was an exciting trip for them and something that they would have not been able to visit unless they were involved in the program.

The Explorer Academy Class 90 started on February 2nd. We have 16 explorer recruits that are currently attending and half of the youth are graduates from the Juvenile Impact Program "JIP". The goal of the Explorer program is to keep those at-risk youth on the right path after graduating and we have been very successful. We now have a total of 40 kids in our program. The explorers are looking forward to the next competition in Colorado Springs, Colorado in July.



## — Juvenile Impact Program "JIP" —

In January 2008 our class started with approximately 75 students and only 36 made it all the way to graduation. We are currently taking applications and registration for the upcoming class. This 16-week program is an alternative to court sentencing and assists juveniles in developing self-worth and discipline. The students will experience the actual "Boot Camp" training on Saturdays and are taken on several field trips to develop cultural awareness. Volunteers as well as the Police Officers assigned to the program assist with tutoring and counseling. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Officer Alex Nava or Officer Elizabeth Ortega at (213) 972-1877.

The Boosters would like to thank all the long time Juvenile Impact volunteers, Kevin Johnson, John Lee, Lee Silva, and Sergio Pinon who have given numerous hours and weekends in helping these at-risk youth. They have truly made a difference in the lives of these youth and to the continued success of this program.



# Central City Police Boosters Salute The Los Angeles Police Department's Central Area Officers and Personnel

The Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area joined the Central City Police Boosters to honor Central Area officers and personnel, at a luncheon awards ceremony on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 the Pacific Ballroom of the Wilshire Grand, Los Angeles.

This year's keynote speaker was Daryl F. Gates, Retired Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department. He was joined by our master of ceremonies, Phillip Palmer, News Anchor for ABC 7. He assisted the community in recognizing the fine men and women of the LAPD's Central Division and honored them for their commitment and dedication for 2007.

The luncheon provided the business and residents of the community a forum to recognize and support the Los Angeles Police Department in Downtown, Los Angeles. The community would like to thank the personnel at the Central Community Police Station for their extraordinary efforts to make Downtown safe.

Chief William Bratton, Deputy Chief Sergio Diaz, Operations-Central Bureau, Commander Andrew J. Smith, Operations-Central Bureau, and the Commanding Officers from Central Area, Captains' Jodi Wakefield and Michelle Veenstra as well as Rocky Delgadillo, Councilwoman Jan Perry, and Councilman Jose Huizar were on hand to support and present awards to the following personnel:

***Supervisor of the Year:* Sergeant - Andy Mathes**

***Officer of the Year:* Police Officer III - Angel Guerra**

***Detective of the Year:* Detective I - John Arredondo**

***Civilian of the Year:* Senior Clerk Typist – Andy Lam**

***Volunteer of the Year:* Robert Taylor**

***Specialized Unit Officer of the Year:* Police Officer II - Raul Barron**

***Detective Supervisor of the Year:* Detective II - Elmer "E.T." Gibson**

***Community Service Award:* Police Officer II – Marie Kardiban**

The Boosters would like to thank the community for their attendance and support of this event.

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# Police Recognition Luncheon

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## *10th Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament*



**Mark your calendars for this year's event  
11th Annual Charity Golf Tournament  
MONTEBELLO GOLF COURSE  
Friday, October 10, 2008**

# 34th Annual Children's Holiday Program

On December 5, 2008 the Central City Police Boosters teamed up with the Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival for the annual holiday program for the kids. We would like to thank all the Booster members who sponsored a bus and donated their time and resources in making the event a huge success. We especially would like to thank Von Companies for their support in taking donating holiday bag of candies and for providing lunches for the children. It was a very special treat for the kids when the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile drove up and assisted the Vons personnel in handing out the lunches. Most of the kids had never seen the Weinermobile in person and were thrilled when they received a special gift of a weenie whistle of their very own.



# Additional Holiday Celebration

Due to the age limit restriction for the children who were invited to the Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival, the Boosters provided a special program for the younger children. The kindergarten and first grade students from the 9th Street and Castelar Elementary had their own special party receiving candy, toys, and a special magic show from the great "Stoil Stoliiv" of the Magic Castle. The DAPS also received a special party with all the trimmings receiving the toys that were generously donated by the caring employees of the City Employees Club and the 550 South Hill Building located in the Jewelry District.

