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MPNA THEME FOR 2014:

"Looking Back, Reaching Out, Moving Forward"

MPNA PROJECT FOR 2013 AND 2014

Incorporate MPNA as a 501C3 Non-Profit

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**CASA DE SANTIAGO AND MORRISON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS
CO-SPONSOR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT IN ELDRIDGE PARK!**

Once again on Saturday, April 12 these two north Santa Ana neighborhoods joined forces to sponsor our annual Easter Egg Hunt. For those of you who might not be familiar with the Casa De Santiago Neighborhood, it is the one located just south of Memory Lane and west of Bristol Street. It is a neighborhood much like ours but there are not the beautiful parks that we have. Consequently, these folks have joined us many times to co-sponsor various events and we are most happy to have them. Joanna Peterson, their president, and her husband Terry McCall are two of the hardest working folks you could ever know and they and their other neighbors bring much talent and expertise to help us have a successful event.

At 8:00 AM sharp a considerable number of your neighbors descended on Eldridge Park to begin setting up all the equipment and hide a total of 2500 plastic Easter eggs filled with candy. The "hunt" area had to be cordoned off and the eggs hidden, the public address system set up, 100 chairs and 25 tables set up and distributed throughout the park. The Easter Bunny area had to be set up and decorated and all the food and beverages from various homes in our two neighborhoods brought in and set up. Many donated items for the Opportunity Drawing had to be assembled as well.

By 10:00 AM all was in order and the event began. By about noon upwards of 200 people had arrived for a day of Family Fun. While everything is completely free of charge, we do accept donations at the food and beverage tables and you generous neighbors donated a total of \$326.40 there. The Opportunity Drawing broke all records of support as a total of \$648.00 was collected there.

Both neighborhoods are extremely fortunate to have so many generous folks both on their boards and other residents that we are able to keep costs to an absolute minimum.

After expenses, we cleared \$475.88 which is being retained by each of our neighborhood associations to go into future events for our neighborhoods.

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**MORRISON PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY,
May 15th
PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH OF GOD I.M.**

1025 West Memory Lane

7:00 P.M.

**"THIS IS YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION;
PLAN TO ATTEND"**

Dates to Remember & Ongoing Local Events

May

- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 11 Mother's Day
- 13 MPNA Board Meeting
- 15 MPNA General Meeting
- 26 Memorial Day

June

- 10 MPNA Board Meeting
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 21 First day of Summer
- 28 Ramadan Begins

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 8 MPNA Board Meeting
- 27 Parent's Day

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See new event photos on the
MPNA website at
www.morrisonpark.org

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MORRISON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2nd QUARTERLY MEETING FOR 2014

THURSDAY, MAY 15 7:00 PM

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD I.M.

1025 West Memory Lane

Special Guest Speakers & Topics:

“Linking our Neighborhood to Nearby Businesses – A Win for All”

The Floral Park Promenade property manager from Red Mountain Retail Group and the local business owners have been invited to speak.

“Open Garden Day in West Floral Park and Jack Fisher Park” – Saturday, May 17, 2014

Donna Layne of West Floral Park will describe the eight gardens that will be open to visitors on the tour. Some are tranquil escapes whereas some are entertaining spaces. In addition to the garden tour, visitors are invited to join the activities on the West Floral Park Promenade that include vendors selling their artisan wares, a Kids’ Gardening Center, informational booths, garden expert presentations, food trucks , and a vintage car collection. Tickets are \$15 (children 12 and under are free).

A Brief MPNA Business Meeting Will Follow!

ALL MORRISON PARK RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME

AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Don and Deanie Bass – Long-time Residents of Morrison Park

By Larry Klein, Historian

Don and Deanie Bass are longtime residents of Morrison Park. In fact, theirs was the first house built in this development by Don Christiansen in 1955. They moved into their house in June 1970. Why did they settle in Morrison Park?

Don was raised in Santa Ana growing up four blocks from Santa Ana High School. Back in the day, Santa Ana was a small city of perhaps 25,000 to 30,000 population and was an extraordinary place to live. Since Santiago School was considered to be the best school in the Santa Ana School District back then, Morrison Park seemed to be an ideal place to settle and raise a family. Not to mention that you could see the Disneyland fireworks from their house!

Don met Deanie (the last of 10 children her parents had) through his cousin who was Deanie’s best friend. Don’s cousin had been extolling Don about Deanie’s virtues for some time before they finally met. That occurred on a road trip Don was taking with his parents to New York City in 1952 after Don finished his first year of teaching at Washington School.

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I would be remiss if I did not mention the tremendous assistance we had from Santa Ana's Youth in Government organization who assisted us before, during and following the event. This fine group of young people.....14 strong..... were absolutely invaluable in helping us make this event possible.

We do all of this to help bring our residents and their families of the two neighborhoods together for a good time and most importantly of all to provide an opportunity for the many children of the neighborhoods to interact together in a positive, educational, and fun-filled setting.

We will soon be planning our Annual Summer Event and welcome all your ideas as to how we might improve that event. Please contact any board member if you are available to help plan and execute that event. **The date of the event is Saturday, August 16!**

My best to you all and.....Happy Summer! Let the Good Times Roll!

Eric Scandrett

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- ◆ General errands ◆ Gift shopping ◆ Personal shopping ◆ Groceries/Costco/Target/Wal-Mart ◆
- ◆ Typing services ◆ Telephone calls ◆
- ◆ Internet research/hard to find items/memorabilia acquisition ◆
- ◆ Booking appointments ◆ Package prep/shipping ◆
- ◆ Client appreciation gifts ◆ Thank you cards/invitations ◆

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Easter Egg Hunt 2014

Many thanks to everyone who generously donated prizes for our Opportunity Drawing, including Gay Neighbors Family and Friends of Santa Ana for donating the Grand Prize barbeque grill and Eric Scandrett for donating the radio-controlled cars.



Casa De Santiago & Morrison Park Neighborhood Associations gratefully thank the following businesses who provided donations to our Easter egg hunt:

In Floral Promenade Shopping Center:
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Other Businesses:
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PLEASE PATRONIZE THESE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT OUR EVENTS!

Farewell to Pastor Greg Robbins

Once again, Pastor Greg Robbins thrilled the Morrison Park neighborhood as the Easter Bunny at the annual MPNA Easter Event. Pastor Greg has been entertaining the neighborhood children (and adults) as the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus for over 12 years. He has accepted a Youth Pastor position with the Yorba Linda UMC, effective May 1, 2014. He has been affiliated with Spurgeon UMC and Santa Ana UMC for 15 years. He will be sorely missed by the neighborhood and the SAUMC youth. We will miss his FROGS youth group too.



New Neighbors in Morrison Park

Submitted by Alice Hood

2926 Fernwood: Ivan and Mayra Ramirez were just recently married and they chose Morrison Park for their residence to start married life together. Ivan is a Special Education teacher in Tustin. Mayra serves as a secretary to a law firm. Both of them enjoy baseball. Congratulations to our newlyweds!

947 Fairbrook: Roland and Carla Ocampo were thrilled to be able to purchase this house after it went through major renovations. Previously it was empty and unattended for a long period of time. The Ocampos are the proud parents of eleven-year-old twins and a six-year-old. Rolando works as an automotive technician while Carla attends nursing school.

Family bonding is an important recreational activity during their time together.

2817 N. Olive Lane: Larry Quach moved in on April 15th from Fullerton. Larry is a young engineer for the city of Santa Ana. He enjoys hiking and playing basketball.

2014 Primary Election Day

June 3, 2014 is Primary Election Day. It is the primary for the November General Elections. There will be several important issues on the ballot as well as election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and numerous other offices. (You should have received your Voter Information Guide by now.) Your polling place for ALL THREE neighborhood precincts will be at the Pentecostal Church of God IM, in the Fireside Room, Read the polling place location on the back of your Sample Ballot when you receive it.

For new residents, make sure that you have changed your address with the Register of Voters (ROV). For additional information, contact the ROV at 714-567-7600, or www.ocvote.com. Reminder, VOTE as you please, but PLEASE vote. Your vote DOES count!

Don and Deanie Bass

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Deanie, originally from SE Missouri, was working at the time in Paragould, Arkansas as a secretary for the local gas company. On the road trip, Don's car went off the road between Oklahoma City and Tulsa and was totaled. Don wasn't injured, but his parents were hospitalized for five days. When they were released from the hospital, Don's cousin sent a hearse to pick up Don and his parents and bring them to Paragould, some 300 miles away. They arrived at their destination between three and four in the morning. Why the hearse? When Don and his parents arrived at his cousin's, they learned that Don's uncle (his father's brother-in-law and cousin's father) had passed away the day before. Deanie, being his cousin's best friend, was at the house sitting on a couch in the room with the uncle's coffin. And so they met under quite unusual circumstances! The hearse, being available and not immediately needed, was recruited to transport Don and his parents.

Don stayed at his cousin's for about a month to allow his parents to fully recuperate. Don, knowing a good thing when he saw one, proposed to Deanie within two weeks. She accepted. In recounting the story, Deanie added that she is not so hasty in making decisions anymore!

Don and his parents took a train back to California. He married Deanie on August 26, 1952. (You do the math!) They honeymooned in Memphis (pre Elvis), purchased a car, and drove back to California. Don resumed his career teaching sixth grade. Deanie worked at the gas company for six months before starting their family. Don and Deanie have three children, Paula, 60, of Placentia; Kerrie, 57, of Ventura; and Scott, 51, also of Ventura. Currently they have six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

After teaching for ten years, Don became an assistant principal for four years and then a principal at John Muir School, Diamond School, Washington School, Franklin Fundamental School where he was the first principal, and Santiago School. In all, he worked for the Santa Ana School District for 38 years.

Don is proud that he had the opportunity to affect teacher's and student's lives by leading through example. He placed students first, teachers second, and parents third in consideration of their needs. Don assisted the school board in understanding the needs of teachers while he was President of the Administrators Association (the organization that preceded teacher's and administrator's unions). He also served on the Parks and Recreation Board, which, by the way, preceded the Parks and Recreation television show by a good number of years. Don was president of the Morrison Park Neighborhood Association for one year about ten years ago. He and Deanie are charter members of the Orangewood Church of Christ in Garden Grove, where Don served as an Elder for 20 years.

During Don's and Deanie's early years in Morrison Park, Don spoke to Wrong-Way Corrigan several times. Corrigan was opposed to multiple housing units being built on his property and eventually sold his land to developers for single-family dwellings.

Don recounted why the area we live in is named for Judge Morrison. The judge was reluctant to send juveniles who appeared before him to juvenile hall or to other forms of incarceration. Instead he encouraged them to become useful members of society or used other techniques to occupy them in their spare time so that they would not go astray. One such method was to make available tickets to the high school football games in Santa Ana Stadium that occurred on Friday afternoons. The judge regularly reserved the south end of the stadium for students. Don recalls that as an elementary school student at McKinley School, he attended several of these games compliments of Judge Morrison. Don did not mention whether his attendance at the games was court sanctioned or simply the result of the judge's gift to the fifth and sixth grade students of the elementary school! The judge was a member of Spurgeon United Methodist Church. Accordingly the naming of the park for him was the result of his work with juveniles and perhaps its proximity to the church. According to Deanie, the greatest change in the neighborhood and city has been its growth and accompanying movement from small city living to big city dwelling along with the challenges that occur with such growth. Being the youngest of ten children, Deanie was always around older people and so became interested in assisting elderly neighbors. She pursues this interest to this day. By the way, Don has still never made it to New York City!



First Tuesday of every month: **Discovery Science Center**-Up to four Free tickets to Santa Ana Residents; 542-2823; www.discoverycube.org

Bower's Museum: First Sunday free to all. Each Tuesday of every month: Free to Santa Ana Residents; 567-3600; www.bowers.org

Art Walk: First Saturday of every month: Artist's Village Open House; 7-10 pm; Second Street at Broadway, www.santaanaartwalk.com

Third Sunday of every month: **Santa Ana Zoo**-Free to Santa Ana Residents; 714-836-4000; www.santaanazoo.org

Fourth Thursday of every month: **Comm Link**; 6:30 pm; Police Dept. Community Room; www.santa-

First and Third Tuesday of every month: **City Council Meeting**; 5:45 pm; City Council Chambers, 22 Civic Center Pla-

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