



Long Beach Day Nursery News

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It's Almost Here - Save the Year - 2012

When the 100th Anniversary Steering Committee began planning for a year of celebration, it seemed so far away – it was! The first meeting was held in March 2009.

But as we come to the close of 2011, it is here! And that wonderful steering committee and all of the different event committee chairs have a true Year of Celebration on tap that we hope all of Long Beach will participate in some time during the year.

Join Long Beach Day Nursery as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary!

January 23 - December 30, 2012

Historical Exhibit

100 years of LBDN history on display.
Historical Society of Long Beach
Open to the public. Call for days and times.
Kathy Wade, Chair

March 19, 2012

Golf Tournament

Palos Verdes Country Club
Tickets go on sale February 1, 2012
Steve Hockett, Chair

May 12, 2012

100th Anniversary Tea

Rancho Los Alamitos
Tickets go on sale March 1, 2012
Gloria Deukmejan, Chair

June 13, 2012

Annual Meeting

Historical Society of Long Beach
Open to the public, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Call for reservations
Theresa M. Landers, Chair

August 11, 2012

Family & Friends Picnic

Heartwell Park
Open to the public, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Call for reservations
Jonathan D. Gotz, Chair

November 10, 2012

100th Anniversary Gala

Long Beach Marriott (Airport)
Tickets go on sale September 1, 2012
Eline Fudge, Chair



For tickets or more information call Eileen Factor, Director of Development & Communications, 562-591-0509.

Members of the 100th Anniversary Steering Committee: (from l to r): Anne Johnson, Carl Ann Wylie, Joan Alderson, Eline Fudge, Deloris Mayuga, Linda Silver, Julia Taboada, Kathy Wade, Carmen O. Perez, Barbara Newton, (back) Jonathan D. Gotz, (seated) Melanie Werts (many more not shown)

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Message from the Executive Director



Patrice Wong

Dear Friends:
Earlier this fall, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet with many of our long-time supporters at our annual Stepping Stones to Success reception (see story on page 3). The purpose of the reception was to honor Mayor Bob and

Nancy Foster for co-chairing our annual scholarship fund-raising campaign as well as to celebrate all those who had contributed so generously to this fund, the goal of which is to provide financial assistance to help working families with their LBDN tuition and fees when they don't qualify for public subsidies, but still make less than the median income. With so many struggling during these tough economic times, it was gratifying to see the outpouring of support that allows hard-working parents to go to work each day, secure in the knowledge that their children are well cared for in a high-quality, nurturing and developmentally

appropriate environment. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support of Stepping Stones to Success.

It's hard to believe that the holiday season will soon be upon us – but it is just around the corner! Over the past several years, we have been fortunate to have worked with many outstanding groups and organizations to help make the holidays just a bit brighter for families in need. These groups have included the Rotary Club of Long Beach, LBS Financial Credit Union, and Better Balance for Long Beach, among many others. We look forward to working with everyone again this year, and welcome Bayshore Community Congregational Church as one of our new holiday partners. As with Stepping Stones, we are grateful for the generous support of our community.

Our centennial year begins in just weeks! It is an exciting time at LBDN. We hope you will join us as we work together to set the stage for our second century of service to the children and families of Greater Long Beach. A special thank you to Mary Alice and Bob Braly, Ruth Peck, Melanie and Dave Werts, Gloria and The

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Message from the Chair

Dear Friends:

We are heading into an exciting time for Long Beach Day Nursery. I am guessing that 100 years ago, Florence Bixby and her friends, a small group of women with remarkable vision and determination who founded the Nursery, did not even think about what the Nursery would be in 100 years. They were busy working day-to-day, growing the organization a few children at a time. And yet here we are, almost 100 years later, with a mission that has remained essentially unchanged – to provide quality early care and education to the young children of working parents.

My theme for this year is “Celebrating the past, and securing the future.”

The celebration part will be the easy part. We will be celebrating all year long, beginning with the January opening of our historical exhibit which will be housed for the entire year at the Historical Society of Long Beach.

The 100th Anniversary Steering Committee has been meeting regularly for more than two years to ensure that each event throughout the year is extra special. From the Golf Tournament, the 100th Anniversary Tea at Rancho Los Alamitos, a very special annual meeting at

the Historical Society, our summer Friends and Family Picnic, to a Gala in November, we will be celebrating!

But this is also the year that we will position LBDN for the next century. Just as we look back on our founders and are impressed with their foresight, we want supporters 100 years from now, long after we are gone, to appreciate our careful stewardship of this wonderful organization.

For Dave and me, the Nursery fits our philosophy of giving. We believe in helping those who help themselves. The parents of Long Beach Day Nursery children work so hard to provide for their families – to put a roof over their children's heads, to put food on the table, and to provide an education for their children in a safe and nurturing environment. We respect that. And I'm sure each of you

agrees. That's why I am asking you to join us in supporting these families by supporting the Nursery generously this year.



Melanie Werts

Melanie Werts
Chairman of the Board, 2011-201



Stepping Stones Honors Nancy and Mayor Bob Foster

Friends, family and supporters of the Nursery gathered on October 13 at the lovely home of Deloris and Sandy Mayuga to recognize the 2011-2012 Stepping Stones to Success Scholarship campaign co-chairs, Mayor Bob Foster and First Lady of Long Beach Nancy Foster.

“Once again we are very grateful to the Mayugas for hosting the reception on this balmy fall evening,” said Melanie Werts, chairman of the board. “I want to thank the board members who prepared the delicious food and supplied the beverages, as well,” she added. “And last but not least, I want to thank the Fosters for their leadership in making this campaign very successful. We are very sorry Mayor Bob couldn’t be with us this evening so we could express our gratitude to him in person.”

The Stepping Stones to Success Scholarship Program helps to remove the financial barriers that families experience in obtaining quality early care and education for their children. The scholarships are designed to assist families earning between 70% and 100% of the state median income. This targets a gap that public (state) subsidies do not address – the working poor. This very special program was founded by honorary board member Barbara Gebb in the wake of the 1992 Civil Unrest in Los Angeles and Long Beach. And today these scholarships are more important than ever due to the current economic situation and the threat to public funding, given the state’s ongoing budget crisis.

“The goal for this year is \$130,400,” said Patrice Wong, LBDN executive director. “We’ve already raised close to \$60,000, almost half our goal in only three months so we are confident we will meet this goal, thanks in great part to Nancy and Mayor Bob,” she added.

About 50 people attended the intimate event to participate in honoring the Fosters for their invaluable support. The campaign runs until June 30, 2012, so there’s plenty of time to support the Fosters, while helping the Nursery reach its goal.

“We were very happy to do it,” Nancy Foster told the attendees. “Anything that helps children is very important to me. Children are very important to me,” she added.



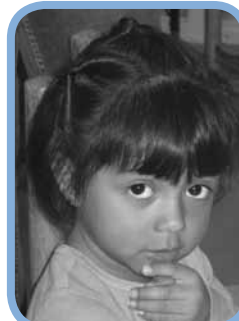
Nancy Foster, Melanie Werts, and Patrice Wong



Daniel Orozco (in car)



Josiah Holifield



Heidi Iraola



Brent Daniels

Long Beach Day Nursery - Gallery of Donors

Thank You to All of Our Wonderful Supporters! *Reflects gifts received July 1, 2011 to November 30, 2011.*

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Wilson Girls of '55

Barbara Lopp

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Barbara Lopp

Nancy Foster

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Jean Kerwin

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Bettye Mitchell

Paula Chase Mason

Barbara Lopp

Gordon Nelson

Robert Fielding

Jimmie Nutter and Pat Ennen

Anna Sines

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Beverly Culbertson

Sidney Martin

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Nelle Loder Richards

Nancy and Preston Smith

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Mary Alice and Robert Braly

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Altha M. Fry Trust

Dwight Stuart Youth

Foundation

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The Hon. George and Gloria

Deukmejian

Evalyn M. Bauer Foundation

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Alamitos Bay Garden Club

Liz and James Breslauer

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Dale and Frank Hurtubise
Theresa and Bud Landers
Margaret Mahannah
Deloris and Sandor Mayuga
Jennifer and Greg Mason
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Jeri Morales
Carmen O. Perez
J. Petti
The Hon. Eunice and Tom Sato
Anita Schwertley
Tamayo Family
Joan and Joseph Van Hooten
Mary Villanueva
Melanie and David Werts
Sara Wong

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Melanie Werts, **Chair**
Deloris Mayuga, **Chair-elect**
Joan Alderson, **1st Vice Chair**
Linda Silver, **2nd Vice Chair**
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Brian Russell, **Treasurer**
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Steve Hockett Kathy Wade
Lisa Hopkins Michele Wilson
Theresa M. Landers Carl Ann Wylie
Carmen O. Perez

Building Blocks: Leaving a Legacy to the Future

Long Beach Day Nursery has received bequests from faithful supporters throughout its long history – 76 and counting! Please join us in welcoming our newest Building Blocks members: Nancy and Preston Smith. **The Long Beach Day Nursery children of tomorrow thank you for your thoughtful generosity.**

Won't you help us reach our goal of 100 planned gifts by our 100th anniversary next year? We are more than 75% there. Please let us know if you have included LBDN in your plans.



Dr. Preston & Nancy Smith

We acknowledge and honor those who have made planned gifts – past, present and future – by including their names in **LBDN Building Blocks for the Future...**

Joan and Tom Alderson
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Herbert Bell
Betty Bixby
Barbara Bixby Blackwell
Opal Boone
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Della and George Marx
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The Hon. Beverly and William O'Neill
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Myrtie Robbins
Charles F. Ross
Mary M. Savery
Edna D. Sellers
Jean Bixby Smith
Nancy & Preston Smith
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Morse Sorowitz
Marian Stocking
Barbara and Randy Stricklin
Mallie E. Swinney
George W. Trammell
Donita Van Horik and John Fielder
Mary Ella Weber
Sandy and John Wells
Melanie and David Werts
Juanita B. Wissler
Patrice Wong
Daris Zinsmeyer

Board Chair Speaks at Rotary Club of Lakewood Meeting



Melanie Werts

On November 17th, Melanie Werts, LBDN chairman of the board, embarked upon the maiden voyage of presentations planned throughout the coming year to the service clubs of Greater Long Beach. The first stop was the Rotary Club of Lakewood. The goal of the presentations is to create greater awareness of Long Beach Day Nursery. In spite of the fact that the Nursery is 99 years old, many people in our community have never heard of us, much less the phenomenal programs we provide in early childhood education. LBDN's overarching goal is to fully prepare children emotionally, physically, socially and intellectually to succeed when they transition to kindergarten. Research has shown that children who do not have a good foundation prior to entering kindergarten, struggle to thrive alongside their peers – oftentimes never catching up.

If you are a member of a local service club and would like to have one of our board members come and tell you about this well-regarded pillar of the community, please call Eileen Factor, director of development & communications at 562-591-0509, ext. 112 or efactor@lbdn.org.

Meet One of Our Newest Board Members



Joen having lunch with the kids at the West Branch

We are pleased to introduce our newest board member, Joen Garnica. If she looks familiar, one reason might be the fact that she was the subject of an LBDN alumni profile in our 2009-10 annual report which came out earlier this year. Another reason might be the fact that she is an accomplished interior design writer and home stylist, creating

spectacular spaces every month for Live Long Beach Magazine. Please join us in welcoming Joen to the Long beach Day Nursery family.



Maria Garnica (mother of Joen and Marisol), Joen Garnica, Marisol Garcia holding Marrik and Nicholas Garcia (front)



Joen Garnica

(Message From the Executive Director, Continued from page 2)

Honorable George Deukmejian, Linda and David Silver, Julia and Henry Taboada, Community Works Consulting and the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Foundation for their generous investment in our next century, while honoring the first. **Won't you join us in this investment as we celebrate throughout the year?**

We will launch our 100th anniversary year with an exhibit at the Historical Society of Long Beach in January 2012. We are very grateful for the Society's support. The exhibit will be up until the end of the year. Please drop by!

Sincerely,



Patrice Wong, Executive Director



Fall Feast at East and West

Every year, each of our branches celebrates the beginning of the holiday season with Fall Feast. This is an opportunity for the children to invite their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins – whoever is important in their lives – to share a turkey lunch with their classmates and their families. LBDN provides the turkeys, donated by board members and other friends of the Nursery. The families are encouraged to bring a traditional dish of their culture. It's a festive occasion with a lot of camaraderie amongst the adults, and socializing between the children. Board members help prepare and serve the meals, which gives them an up-close and personal perspective on the children and families served by Long Beach Day Nursery.

Special thanks to supervisor Don Knabe for his generous support of this year's Fall Feast.



Board members (l to r) Brian Russell, Joan Alderson, Deloris Mayuga and Linda Silver



Elsa Barragan, David Soto, Alicia Barragan



Joyce, Claude and Bree Douglas



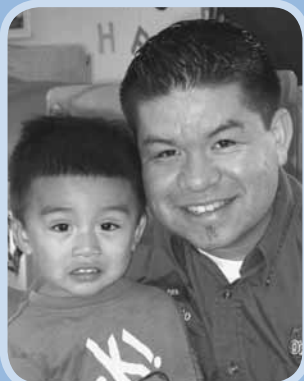
Todd, Jannell and Aidan Jones



Dakota Brown and Da'Maya Guerrero



Carlos Garcia, Taro Gomez, Samantha Torres



Samuel Villalta and Mauricio Villalta



Ahkien and Josiah Holifield



Michelle and Marie Schultz, Enzo, Chloe and Claire Brigagliano

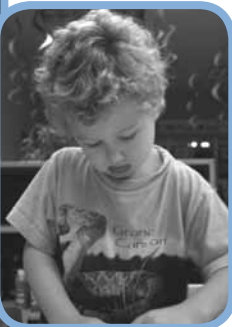


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The mission of the Long Beach Day Nursery is to provide quality early care and education for young children of working parents.

We wanted to give you a heads up!

The American Council on Gift Annuities has announced a decrease, effective January 1, 2012, in gift annuity rates.

What does this mean to you? It means that gift annuities completed on or before December 31, 2011, will provide you with higher payment rates than those completed in 2012. Plus, if you complete gift annuities this year, you will be able to take an income tax deduction for 2011 if you itemize your taxes. See details below:

CGA Rate Changes for a Single Annuitant – Before and After

Age	Current Rate	Rate as of January 1, 2012
50	4.2%	3.7%
55	4.4%	4.0%
60	4.8%	4.4%
65	5.3%	4.7%
70	5.8%	5.1%
75	6.5%	5.8%
80	7.5%	6.8%
85	8.4%	7.8%
90+	9.8%	9.0%

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Check our website for updates all year long!



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