

North Westdale Neighborhood Association

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NWNA MEETING - Wednesday, March 26, 2014 - 7PM

SPEAKERS' TOPICS:

- *Our current drought and options for North Westdale residents*
- *The 2014 Green Garden Showcase*

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall

11555 National Blvd. Los Angeles, 90064 (Federal and National)

Congresswoman Karen Bass meets with the NWNA



Fellowship Hall was packed with engaged neighbors, and plenty of refreshments donated by Whole Foods were on hand to nosh on. These were the ingredients for a very successful and pleasant visit with our warm and friendly Representative in the United States Congress, Karen Bass.

Karen spoke briefly, maybe five minutes, before asking to hear from us. A good portion of the conversation revolved around our concerns about Santa Monica Airport. We shared our appreciation for her letter to the FAA expressing our concerns and we discussed options for moving forward including legislation, and a request for a Presidential Executive Order. Karen spoke about her work on the Judiciary Committee, including immigration reform.

Karen enjoyed discussing the issues that concern us for over an hour, and she mentioned that she hoped to be invited to return another time.

I want to thank all who attended and warmly greeted Karen with enthusiasm, asked great questions, and made excellent comments. For those who were unable to schedule this meeting, and I heard from a number of you, maybe you can the next time.

I want to again thank Whole Foods for donating delicious refreshments that we all enjoyed.

And of course I want to thank Karen Bass for visiting with us. So many of you commented to me how impressed you were with her, and how you thought she was such a warm person. I agree. We are indeed fortunate to have Karen as our representative in Congress!

Martin Rubin, NWNA President

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Block Captains (and Alternates) needed! Call: 310.479.2529
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2400 Bundy - 2500 Bundy (west side) - 2400 & 2500 Stoner

CALENDAR

March 18 - Airport Committee

March 26 - NWNA General Meeting

May 28 - NWNA General Meeting

June 25 - NWNA General Meeting




**NWNA SM Airport
Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, March 18 - 6 PM
Information : (310) 479-2529

NWNA Book Club - For details email:
bellagardendesign@att.net

Have a story idea, news, or an event of interest to the neighborhood?
310.479.2529 - martinrubin@earthlink.net - **Deadline for the April Newsletter is March 23**

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church celebrated the addition of new  solar panels.



Bishop R. Guy Erwin who joined Pastor Caleb high upon a lift near the rooftop gave the panels a blessing. .

We welcomed the sun into our community now and for future generations with a special blessing of the panels from Bishop R. Guy Erwin who joined Pastor Caleb high upon a lift near the rooftop. Bishop Guy gave the blessing saying, "We live by the sun, we move by the stars. Bless these panels as they provide energy for the church and inspiration for the community."

St. Andrew's has been making small environmentally conscious decisions for many years including using reusable plates during fellowship, switching out incandescent light bulbs for energy efficient bulbs, and creating a Xeriscape garden of beautiful native California plants which requires very little water.

St. Andrew's was established in 1950 as a mission church on the west side of Los Angeles and we've been committed to enhancing the future of our neighborhood ever since.

Thank you to all who helped make this celebration bright including Bishop R. Guy Erwin, our solar provider: Solar Forward, local merchants who contributed to the celebration, and the wonderful people of St. Andrew's.

-PASTOR CALEB CRAINER

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mail to: NWNA, P.O. Box 642522, Los Angeles, CA 90064

You can also use the PAYPAL button on our website, www.northwestdale.com.

Or you can give your donation to your block captain.

*To those who have already sent in contributions: **Thank you!***



Spring Greetings - by Martin Rubin, NWN President

Spring is about to begin (March 20, 9:57 PM) and what an appropriate time to plan for our gardens. At this month's (March 26) NWN General meeting I am inviting speakers who can shed light on good practices, tips, and opportunities we can use in and around our gardens and homes. Hear about what's in store for the **2014 Green Garden Showcase**.

Thank you to our four new Block Captains. Blocks that still need Captains are listed on top of page two.

Please consider becoming a Block Captain or alternate. *You do not have to live on the block(s) that you sign up to do.*

Thank you to Whole Foods for their generous donation of refreshments at our special February 18 meeting with Congresswoman Bass. Our Yahoo Group is a valuable tool to inform as well as alert our neighbors regarding a variety of issues. Please sign up to participate at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NWN>. I encourage all to participate in deciding our future relationship with Santa Monica Airport. Sign-up to be on the contact list for Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution to stay fully informed at www.jetairpollution.com.

North Westdale is heavily impacted and we deserve a seat at the table to represent our interests.

Your involvement is what is needed to make our neighborhood association viable and strong. Homeowners and renters of all ages are all welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings. Meet your neighbors and learn about a variety of interesting items. Share your views and ideas. It's so nice to see so many new faces at our meetings.

Let's plant the seeds for a successful spring season and future seasons to come.

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Farmers Market Report by Wayne Matsuyama

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Richland Avenue School - 11562 Richland Ave. 90064
www.richlandbooster.com www.richlandavenueschool.org

School Tour - March 27

Richland has a very busy spring! We are hosting a garden day on **March 15. 10am-2pm.** Also, if anyone would like to do a cooking class, or talk to kids about healthy food choices, contact Mr. Granade to see how you can help! 310/473-0467.

April 5, is our rummage sale at St. Andrew's Church. Drop donations off in the main office. If you have large items, please call the school, we will be happy to pick them up for you!

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