

NATIONAL LATINO PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



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We have had a very productive year and the Board Members of your association are looking forward to the challenges of 2008-2009 and another successful year.

This past fiscal year, we saw our membership grow from about 220 members to 260. We continued to join our resources with other charitable organizations to better serve our communities. We have continued to develop meaningful working relationships with the administrations of the San Diego Police Department and the District Attorney's Office. In particular, we have assisted with recruitment of bilingual speaking officers. Our varied hosted events, such as the hosting of the National NLPOA Spring conference here in San Diego, the SDPD Investigators Preparation Workshop, the Bone Marrow Drive and the various other events were very successful.

In December, and then again in August, our association assisted with the distribution of toys, school supplies, blankets and knitted hats to over 800 children at schools in Tijuana, Mexico. We were at the poorest schools of Tijuana, having dirt floors and no electricity. The event organization, Regula Una Sonrisa (Gift with a Smile) administered by our own Jose Cuervo and his wife Sylvia Cuervo have for years been involved with helping school children of Tijuana. This coming year, they hope to double their assistance.

In December, the election for the associations 2008-2009 Executive Board was held. The following were the results:

- President: Alan Alvarez
- First Vice-President: Jerry Hara
- Second Vice-President: Marcy McLaughlin
- Secretary: Joe Howie
- Treasurer: Norma Valverde
- Parliamentarian: Trisha Amador
- Historian: Roberto Ruiz
- Associate Manager: David Bucsit

Also in December, our association co-sponsored a fundraising event with Great Community. Great Community is a charitable organization that assists military families in need of assistance in respect to medical matters. One of our own, Omar Carranza is the founder and executive director of Great Community. The event was held at Oggi's Pizza and Brewing Company at Liberty Station. More than \$3,000.00 was raised to assist an SDPD police officer's family and a military family, both of which had suffered a catastrophic family event.

In March, our association put together an Investigators Preparation Workshop for San Diego Police officers seeking promotion to detective. The two-days of training was held at the Pfizer Corporation's training facility. It was open to all officers at a cost to non-NLPOA members of just \$25.00 and free to members. There were 98 attendees and of those that applied to become SDPD detectives, about a half made the promotion list.

Also in March, we co-sponsored a Bone Marrow Donor Drive at the Westfield Plaza Bonita Shopping Center in National City. The National List of potential bone marrow donors with minority ethnicities is very small. The event was held in National City to draw from the predominate minority community. Our purpose for sponsoring the event, other than to expand the bone marrow donor list, was to educate minority populations on the great need for bone marrow donors with minority ethnicities. This was the second year for this event and donors were up more than three hundred percent.

In April, we held "Poker Tournament" at the San Diego Police Officer's Association. About 25 people attended.

In May, the association hosted the National Spring Conference that was held at the Town and Country Resort. The conference was held for business purposes, training and networking. During the conference, our association presented five \$1,000.00 scholarships. The association's annual appreciation social gathering was also held on one of the evenings.

In August, our association hosted the second "Comedy Night" at the San Diego Police Officer's Association. About 100 people attended. Professional comedians performed.

Due to our membership growth and successful fund raising events, in addition to the before mentioned activities, we were able to donate monetarily to the following organizations/charities:

Shop with a Cop / San Diego Police Foundation / Women's Wellness Society / Special Olympics / SDPD Central Division Holiday Charity Drive / Martin Luther King Charity Breakfast / San Diego Officer of the Year banquet hosted by the SDPOA / Cesar Chavez Charity Breakfast / Christmas Train Organization / Regula Una Sonrisa / Battle of the Badges Charity Event / Padres for Military/ PanPac Luau / LAPA golfing for military/ Hidden Department Training / Neighborhood Market Association Charity Banquet / San Diego Crime Commission Blue Night event / BPOA Prayer Breakfast

As members, you are always invited to attend membership meetings that will be held regularly on the third Tuesday of each odd numbered month. The Executive Board would appreciate your input and fresh ideas. Additionally, if there is a particular charity or event that you would like the NLPOA to either donate to or be involved with, bring your suggestions to a meeting. We look forward to your involvement.

For more information on your association, visit our website at www.nlpoasandiegometro.com. There you can view in detail the upcoming events and meeting minutes. The following are some upcoming events. Some dates are tentative:

- January 11th – Christmas Train
- March – Bone Marrow Drive
- April – Poker Tournament at SDPOA building
- June – Stateline, Nevada overnight Run
- July – NLPOA Member Appreciation Picnic
- August – Comedy Night
- August – Battle of the Badges (S.D. County Chapter)

And then there are the State and National meetings.

Prepared by Secretary Joe Howie

