

**FINAL REPORT ON
1ST ANNUAL
VALLEY GLEN FIREFIGHTERS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST
& COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR
Sponsored by the
Greater VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL**

May 14, 2009

On behalf of the GVGC Board, I wish to thank the many people and businesses that assisted in making our first ever Valley Glen Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast and Community Safety Fair such an extraordinary success. ...**And an extraordinary success it was!**

Over 2000 of our Valley Glen Community showed up for the Community Safety Fair with nearly **1000 eating breakfast** at the Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast. These wonderful events, sponsored by the Greater VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL, were aimed at bonding and building our Greater VALLEY GLEN Community. Even more extraordinary was the fact that almost the entire crowd consisting of young families who live here in our community but have not been seen before...this was amazing!

Hats off to Council Member (and soon to be City Controller) **Wendy Greuel** and her staff and **Assemblymember Paul Krekorian** and his staff for the very helpful assistance and participation in making these events major league successes. Thank you Wendy and Paul for co-sponsoring these events.

A huge bundle of THANKS is owed to **IHOP – International House of Pancakes** at 6540 Laurel Canyon Blvd North Hollywood - (818) 766-0449 for not only donating almost all of the food for the Pancake Breakfast (and resupplying 3 times) but also Manager Suzanne Tiniarski for being the chief cook from 8 am till 1:30 pm. **PLEASE REMEMBER IHOP when you go out to eat.**

Great thanks to Los Angeles **Valley College** and their team of helpful leaders who provided splendid cooperation to make these events a great success. Thank you President Susan Carleo, Vice President Tom Jacobsmeyer, Luke Davis, Cynthia Maddren and the College's Sheriff Department and Maintenance staff. Valley College donated the use of Parking Lot G for the Community Safety Fair.

No small debt is owed to our **Senior Lead Officers:** Jennifer Du Vally, Carol Sawamura, Ron Carter and Lucas Hamilton who assisted not only in the Community Safety Fair but offered tremendous assistance in getting the word out to all of Greater Valley Glen and actually helped plan and guide these events. Also, many thanks are owed to all of the participants in the Community Safety Fair. From LAPD helicopters, Canine Units and many other specialized units, the outstanding and larger presence by our L A County Sheriff's Department, the CERT teams participating and the numerous other First Responders who showed up to help everyone better understand how to handle emergencies and first responses.

Our Firefighters at our **Valley Glen Fire Station No. 102** not only loaned us their home and operations center but put their elbow grease to good work in cooking the Pancake Breakfast and cleaning the Station both before and after. I also think that they lifted all 400 kids into the Fire trucks and had their pictures taken with each and every one of them. After all this, they then participated in the Safety Fair. Great job!

The **GVGC Public Safety Committee** which worked tirelessly in planning, executing and finally actually working these events. They put their finest and very professional talents to work and produced events that only can make others envious. What can be said – thank you, thank you and thank you. **Bruce Thomas, Steve Hamm, Jean Sinatra, James McDevitt, Vince Stamboni and Benjamin Goldblatt - a job WELL DONE!**

Finally, I want to thank the **GVGC Board** for a magnificent effort in pulling together with dedication and hard work to make sure these events went off smoothly, professionally and without hassles. A magnificent team and I am proud to be part of it. All of you proved that outstanding teamwork makes for great successes. My personal thank you to each and every one of you.

And last but not least, I want to say thank you to the **Greater VALLY GLEN Community**. You proved the naysayers wrong. Thanks for showing up and participating. Thanks for all of those wonderful young families that came out to be a part of our VALLEY GLEN COMMUNITY. You all made all of our efforts so worthwhile. You showed that VALLEY GLEN is a COMMUNITY to be reckoned with in the future.

Terry Anderson
President
Greater VALLEY GLEN COUNCIL

...and now for the count...

The actual count is here: Adults: 467 Adult Guests 30 497
Youths 142 Youths Guest 20 162
Children (free) 252
Grand Total = 910 Attendees

Monies Collected for the **VALLEY GLEN FIRE STATION NO. 102 FIREFIGHTERS' HOUSE ACCOUNT:**

Adult Tickets: \$2,335
Youth Tickets 426
\$2,761*
Donation \$50

TOTAL \$2,811 for the Valley Glen LAFD Station 102 Firefighters' House Fund

*Ticket and money counts verified by 1. Ticket Roll Count; 2. Actual Ticket Count; and 3. Money Count.