

Del Corazón

■ Harbor Dept. fosters area development with Fiesta Corazón del Puerto.

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HARBOR — Fun, games and first-class entertainment were on the program for the first-ever Fiesta Corazón del Puerto July 22-24 in Wilmington.

The three-day event featured carnival rides, games and food booths, live entertainment and information booths for non-profit organizations and Fiesta sponsors.

The big block party fostered community involvement and development of the Wilmington waterfront.

Fiesta Corazón del Puerto was sponsored by the Port of Los Angeles, the Office of Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Wilmington Jaycees Foundation, Wilmington Rotary Club and Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks to Margaret Hernandez, Director of Contracts and Purchasing, Harbor Dept. and Club Member for her assistance.



From left: John Arroyo, Lyons Club Wilmington, with Chris Brown, Civil Engineering Associate IV, 5 years.



At the LAPD Explorers hot dog booth were, from left: Officer Domingo Mairena, LAPD Harbor, 8 years; Officer Christy Higuera, LAPD Harbor 6 years; Anthony Lewis, Explorer; Jaime Ibarra, Explorer; Corena Nunez, Explorer; Alex Torres, Explorer; Teri Casey, Sr. Lead Officer, 17 years; LAPD Harbor; and Morgan Casey, daughter.



Victor Medina, Psychology Coordinator, at the Gang Alternatives Program booth.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, and Ernie Mistrik, Fire Inspector, 30 years.



Jeanie Kennedy, Volunteer, 3 years, staffs the LAPD Harbor Division booth.



From left: Robert Holquin, Security Officer; 4 months, Club Member; and Michael Patterson, Security Officer, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Kevin Jennings, Security Officer, 4 years, Club Member; Juan Benitez, Procurement Analyst, Bureau of Sanitation; and Julie Huerta, Sr. MA, Club Member.



Kent Hobbs, Port Police, 23 years, Club Member, stands in front of the Mobile Operations Center.



From left: Officer Ian Schunke, Port Police, Sea Marshall, 5 years; and Sonia Estevez, Sr. Lead Officer, Port Police, 5 years, Club Member.



From left: "Sisters" Evelyn Kelley, Management Analyst II, 10 years, Club Member; and Wanda Solomon, Program Analyst, 16 years.



From left: Ryan Strauss, Sr. Lead Officer, 2 years, Club Member; and Dong Lee, Port Police, 2 years.



At the booth to have their picture taken with Shaquille O'Neal, who is a Harbor PD Reserve Officer, were, from left: Hilda Zavala, POLA Student Worker, and Velinda Meza, POLA Student Worker.



From left: Officer Fernando Martinez, Port Police, 3 months; and Sgt. Aleman, Port Police, 30 years, Club Member.



From left: Beatriz Ramirez, Student Worker; and Ana Peredia, Clerk, 9 years.



Standing next to the Avalon Triangle Park diagram were, from left: Charlie Rico, President of Lyons Club Wilmington for the past 4 years; Frank Herrera, Past President of Lyons Club.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Director of Contracts & Purchasing, Club Member; David Williams, Postmaster at Wilmington; and Guadalupe Diaz, Management Analyst II.



This merry-go-round was one of the many rides available.

The sponsor banner.

From left: A child looks on as Rica Viola, Sr. Management Analyst I, Club Member, and Rachel Campbell, Public Affairs, point out which fish to catch.

From left: Genesis, 8, standing next to her friend, Jennifer, also 8, as mom Veronica looks on while they fish. They were one of the families from the community who came to the event.

Jacqueline Hernandez, daughter of Club Member and event organizer Margie Hernandez, enjoys a bumper car experience.