

The Association presented a gift to Alice Sturdy, Events Coordinator for LAPD Wives Association, for her continued support



Lynn Caprarelli welcomes everyone



From left: Marissa Brookes, Shannan Case and Daveda Beatv.

LAPD Wives at One Year

■ Strong support group celebrates its first anniversary.

Story by Lynn Caprarelli; photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD Wives Association celebrated its one year anniversary with an open house at Mission Division Aug. 19.

The Association was formed in August 2005 to help wives support each other with the day-to-day stress of being a police wife through friendship, education and experience. Their motto is, "We are the hidden partners."

The following comments were provided by the Association's Lynn Caprarelli, Stacy Jensen and Adel Martin, who invited the Club to join them in their anniversary celebration:

"During the past year, we have participated in various functions including golf tournaments and Departmental races, recruiting events, toy drives and fundraisers. Our monthly meetings have offered relationship workshops through BSS as well as a guest speaking appearance by Chief William Bratton and his wife, Rikki Klieman. Indepth education has been provided on issues including personal safety, substance and alcohol abuse, officer suicide, and Department benefits relating to insurance, injury and death situations. Other monthly meetings included a spring boutique, eBay lessons and round-table discussions to get to know each other better and to provide mentoring.

"Our 'Adopt a Rookie' program for the holidays will begin early December. Upcoming workshops include situation training at the

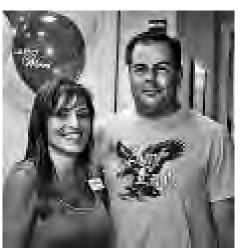
From left: Alice Sturdy, the first member of the LAPD Wives



From left: Jennifer Davis, Christine Hallenbeck and Melissa Sanders

Academy, a class teaching debriefing models, and a special event we call C.O.P.S., Children of Police Symposium. This event is designed especially for mothers to hear young adults discuss how they handled the fears and pressures associated with growing up having a father who was an LAPD officer. Wives and kids pizza nights are often scheduled in the local valleys and we have an active online forum for members to use on a

daily basis. "Our membership is currently 140 wives and fiancés strong. All wives, widows and fiancés of active or retired LAPD officers are encouraged to visit our Website to obtain further information about the LAPD Wives Association and our activities. There is no cost to join. If you live out of state or cannot attend meetings and functions, you can join us online through our forum.



From left: Daveda Beaty with her husband, Officer Robert Beaty, Mission Hills Station. Officer Beaty read the first



From left: Mary Sales, Ruth Dudas and Catalina Lara

"Please see our Website, www.lapdwives.org, for more details or to contact us."

The Club congratulates the Wives Association on its anniversary, and thanks Lynn, Stacy and Adel for their assistance.



Standing, from left: Elaine Wicks and Ann Brunzell, LAPD Reserved. Seated: Heidi Carrier.

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