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Mayor: San Bernardino recovering

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San Bernardino Mayor Cary Davis, right, swears in newly elected officers of the San Bernardino Republican Women Federated at the club's Dec. 18 meeting. They are President Karen Contreras, (hand raised), Vice President Betsy Voss and Treasurer Shirley Collins.

San Bernardino Mayor Cary Davis paints a rosy picture for San Bernardino as it recovers from an economic downturn and bankruptcy reorganization.

Speaking to the Dec. 18 meeting of San Bernardino Republican Women Federated, Davis said the listed goals in the bankruptcy agreement were public safety and job creation.

“WE WENT FROM A \$45 million deficit to a \$30 million surplus,” Davis said.

Part of the changes included the hiring of a city manager and then giving her more responsibility, eliminating elected city council members from micromanaging, having the council work to set policy and then having staff carry out that policy.

The city has recovered from layoffs in public safety, hiring more police officers and contracting with the county for fire services. He mentioned the Little Mountain fire and the strong response the county was able to bring to hold it to a minimum.

Davis said Oakland has used a plan to reduce homicides, “and we plan to duplicate that.”

The improved policy structure has enabled the city to reduce staff from 1,200 to 700 in a streamlined city government.

There is still work to do to reduce homelessness with 90 percent of the county's homeless citizens living in San Bernardino, but the number has been reduced from 908 in 2013 to 491 today.

“We still have a lot of challenges,” Davis admitted, “but working with our partners in the sheriff's department, education and others we have a new attitude to make San Bernardino strong.”

Davis also swore in officers for the club: President Karen Contreras, Vice President Betsy Voss and Treasurer Shirley Collins. Contreras announced that the club will meet every other month in the new year. Meetings will be held on the fourth Friday of the month in January, March, and May, taking the summer off until September.

There also will be a concerted effort to add 10 new members for the new year.

Mayor says: Many Fontana groups spread Christmas joy

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Service clubs in Fontana gathered for their annual Christmas party last week. The participants all brought toys which were donated to the “Spark of Love” program. Pictured above are the presidents of the service clubs along with Mayor Acquanetta Warren. (Herald News photo by Sonja Dawkins)

“What people can do when we come together.” This statement describes the City of Fontana’s ability to share with others that were in need of assistance.

Every event showed the generosity and heart-felt ability of what people can do when we come together for the same cause of helping others.

- The Fontana Exchange Club and City of Fontana partnered together for the Fontana Christmas Parade and Festival of Winter at Veterans Park, providing fun and joy for everyone in attendance. This year’s grand marshal, Anthony Alexander, not only honored the parade with his attendance but gave the crowd a sample of why he was selected to perform on “The Voice.” He is planning on thanking Fontana in the future with a concert; more details to come.
- The Fontana service clubs (Fontana Exchange Club, Fontana Kiwanis, Fontana Rotary and Fontana Woman’s Club) all came to together to donate toys to the **San Bernardino County Fire** “Spark of Love” program coordinated by Fireman Craig Lynde for Fontana area.
- The Fontana Police Department gave more than 250 bicycles to children from all over the city. The event provided bike safety training and each child was given a helmet and lock for the bike of their choice. Then the famous award-winning Fontana Police Association barbecued hot dogs and provided refreshments to everyone in attendance.
- The Fontana Police Association barbecued for the Senior Christmas Luncheon at the Senior Center and assisted the Fontana Community Services Department with the activities to provide our great seniors with a fun time to celebrate the holidays.
- Early last Saturday morning before most of us started our day, participants in the Fontana Fire and Police Department “Heroes and Helpers” Program came together at the Target Store on Slover Avenue and shopped with selected children, allowing them to pick whatever gift they wanted. The event included Santa and Mrs. Santa so that each child had an audience on whether they had been good or challenged (not bad).

- Just down the street later that morning, the Fontana Unified School District “Fontana Santas” brought together selected families from every school in the district for the annual toy giveaway at Jurupa Hills High School.
- All of these events were complemented throughout the city by our faith-based organizations, such as the 12th Annual Toy and Giveaway and Resource Fair. Each year for the last 12 years, Terrance Stone of Young Visionaries Youth Leadership Academy partnered with Pastor David Zamora, Pastor Samuel Casey and myself on providing toys and resource information for the community. More than 1,000 attendees had the opportunity to get information on medical, social services and job information. Most popular is the toy giveaway, but so many community organizations, non-profits and volunteers come together to provide this great experience for Fontana families in need.
- Then we have Water of Life CityLink, which not only assists Fontana families but touches families around the region with toys, clothes, food and information needed to improve their quality of life.
- This year the City of Fontana co-sponsored “Winter Wonderland” with Cross Roads Evangelical Free Church and H.U.G. This program provided more than 4,400 toys, gifts and great fun. I must give special thanks to Pastor Kermit Boyd and Debra Anderson, who brought together great volunteers, pastors and their members, wonderful donors and talented entertainment. Each family who participated saw people coming together to ensure that they had the very best Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to further express my personal thanks to everyone who came together this holiday season to assist our efforts in investing in people.

In the coming year, I plan on keeping this theme of “What people can do when we come together” because it is what makes Fontana the great city we have become, a provider of hope for all of our residents. Merry Christmas everyone!

(Acquanetta Warren is the mayor of Fontana.)

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Infant left in car, suspect charged

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On December 20, 2017, at approximately 12:30 pm, deputies from the Twin Peaks Station responded to a child left in a vehicle call. The reporting party called 9-1-1 after she heard the victim crying in a parked vehicle all alone. Deputy Ferronato arrived on scene and discovered the 17-month-old female victim did not have any water and was sitting in a soiled diaper and clothing. The outside temperature was approximately 46 degrees and the child was not properly dressed for the elements.

Deputy Ferronato requested the response of the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department in order to check the victim’s well-being. While the victim was with fire personnel, Deputy Ferronato began checking residences door to door in order to locate the victim’s parents or guardians. Deputy Ferronato contacted a relative of the victim (Carol Harrison, 50) in a residence several doors down from where the vehicle was parked. Harrison was asleep on the couch when Deputy Ferronato contacted her. Harrison advised she came

home at approximately 7:00 am and fell asleep on the couch leaving the victim in the car. Harrison was arrested for Willful Cruelty to a Child. The victim was placed in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Harrison, was transported to the Central Detention Center and booked on her charges. She is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

If you have any information regarding this case, please contact Deputy Nic Ferronato at the Twin Peaks Station, (909) 336-0600 or WeTip 1-800-78-CRIME.

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