



Out & About Long Beach

Our Neighborhood, Our City, Our Future

President's Message

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It has been my privilege to serve as President of Out and About Long Beach for the past two years. During this period we have:



- Increased contributions by over 300%
- Stabilized and grown our membership base
- Expanded our list of events
- Converted to electronic communications
- Developed relationships with local publications
- Outreached to and formed strategic alliances with other non-profits
- Created an Advisory Board which currently includes nine members
- In addition to the Charitable Committee, established an Activities Committee, Communications Committee and Development Committee

Our success is a direct reflection of the support and participation we have received from you, our members. And the generosity of time and talents given by our Board of Directors and Advisory Board.

Change is good, and it is now time for the next generation to bring their own brand of leadership and ideas to this remarkable organization. Rest assured, my commitment and participation will continue.

Please know how very much you are appreciated by me personally, and by Out and About Long Beach.

I look forward to an exciting future.

Upcoming Events: Save the Date

March 17th.
St. Patrick's Day Mixer

April 18th.
Spring Kick-Off BBQ

May 9th.
Forbidden Broadway

July 12th.
Mr SoCal Gay Biker

Sept. 19th.
Pink Martini

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OaALB Charitable Beneficiary Spotlight –

Comprehensive Child Development, Inc. (CCD)

Out & About Long Beach generously donated \$1,750 to Comprehensive Child Development, Inc. (CCD) for the purchase of books for children in preschool and after school programs. Santa distributed the books at holiday parties for the families at our Hill Street Site and our Santa Fe Avenue child development sites. Reading is a wonderful way for parents to be a part of their children's development, as well as engaging the entire family in a learning experience.

Comprehensive Child Development, Inc. (CCD) was established in 1984 to provide care and education for children whose income eligible parents work or are in job training. CCD is relatively unknown in the community but is working now to increase public awareness of the services and need for many types of support.

One in three families in Long Beach lives in poverty. Services provided by CCD for income eligible families include Child care and education for over 350 infants, toddlers and preschool children

(ages six months to five years) in six licensed centers. One CCD site is located at Villages at Cabrillo, a community of housing and services specifically established to assist homeless families to achieve permanent housing, job training and other essential supports. Through the State-funded Child Care Food Program, CCD offers not only nutritious meals to children in



our centers, it also provides recruitment, training, monitoring and reimbursement of over 600 licensed family child care providers to insure that nutritious meals are fed to the children in their care.

Please know that there are real people – children and parents, who benefit from the generosity of the members of Out & About Long Beach. You are always welcome to schedule a visit to one of our sites and see our programs in action. Our main office is 2545 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach – 562-427-8834 – contact Louise Cunningham if you would like to know how to be involved.

Louise Cunningham
Development Director

Special Events Recap and Upcoming 2009 Events

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everyone is starting 2009 in a great and positive way. Out and About have some great events planned and some we are still planning just for you this year.

Progressive Holiday Event

On December 13th, Out and About had their seventh annual Holiday Progressive Event. This event was attended by 160 of our members and friends. From socializing, seeing the Bixby Mansion to fun entertainment, this was one of our best progressive events to date. The event raised over \$6,000 which will go to the following beneficiaries: C.A.R.E Program, Hughes Middle School Art Department and Poly High School Choral Department.

We had wonderful performances by Poly High School Choral Group and The South Coast Chorale. Many thanks to the wonderful Empress Jackie as our mistress of ceremony and to our wonderful hosts: Xavier and Rob, Duane Rose, Rick and Bruce for allowing us into their homes. I would also like to thank Rossmoor Pastries for their donations and Nino's for a great price on their pasta entrée.

Upcoming Events:

St. Patrick's Day Mixer: Join Out and About LB on Tuesday, March 17th from 5-7pm for our first 'Mixer Event'! All are invited to stop over and mingle, network and catch up with Out and About Long Beach. Wear your green and come on over and have a good time.

The event will take place at Nino's Italian Restaurant Banquet Room. This event is free and no RSVP needed. We will have appetizers and cash bar with drink specials. After the mixer, if you are feeling hungry, stay and enjoy dinner at Nino's.

Nino's: 3853 Atlantic Ave, LB 90807 (Cross Streets Atlantic and Roosevelt)

Spring Kick-Off BBQ: Please join us on Saturday, April 18th from 3 to 6pm for an afternoon of fun and socializing at our annual Spring kick-off event and meeting. This event will raise funds for the organization's administrative costs. Money raised at our other events can be given to our selected beneficiaries.

Upcoming 2009 Events—Cont.

Our host for the event will be at the home of Earl Jordan. The Board provides the main course (hot dogs and hamburgers) and wine/soft drinks, while our guests provide the additional side dishes, snacks, desserts etc.

This is also the time where our members can suggest social and charitable activities for 2009. RSVP link is available now.

Forbidden Broadway: Join Out and About Long Beach as we go see Forbidden Broadway at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 9. Forbidden Broadway is a satire of many of your favorite Broadway Shows. We will also have a pre event gathering with our hosts Jay Villarreal and Joe Holliday.

Price: \$58.00 Tickets can be purchased on line or by sending checks to the Out and About PO Box. Tickets are limited so please RSVP by May 1, 2009 to reserve your seat.

SAGA Spring Campout June 19 – 21, 2009

SAGA Ski Club invites *Out and About LB* members to join our Spring Campout, June 19 – 21, 2009 at the Shady Cove Group Campground. The campsite is located at 7800 feet near Keller Peak, in the San Bernardino National Forest, not far from Running Springs. There are many hikes in the area, or you can visit the unique mountain towns of Big Bear & Lake Arrowhead. SAGA is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that was one of the first gay-centered sports organizations in the United States. Out and About members are invited to sign up and participate at this event. You will leave Long Beach Friday afternoon and depart early Sunday afternoon. Contact Ken Slater or Tom Rosenberg for more details at 562-426-7870

Mr. SoCal Gay Biker 2009- Sunday, July 12, 2009

Pink Martini Hollywood Bowl- Saturday, September 19, 2009



OaALB Holiday Progressive Party



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AIDS WALK LB -



Walk for a Worthy Cause ! Out and About LB has signed up for AIDS Walk LB ! I will be your team captain to this event. This year we need as many members to participate or donate to this worthy cause. This link will take you to the Out and About LB AIDS Walk page. Register as a walker/runner or give a donation.

Ignacio Nacho Pimentel

I'm inviting you to help me raise money for this important cause. By becoming a fundraiser, you can make a difference! Use the secure link in this email to create your own fundraiser (pledge) page online.



<http://www.active.com/donate/aidswalklb09/IPiment>

Once you set up your own pledge page, you can use the Email Center to create your address book and invite your friends and family to make a contribution. All donations are made in your name and will be paid directly to the organization. The website is secure, fast and easy to use. Collecting contributions online is an easy way for people to support you.

Out and About - Logo Merchandise

LANDS' END

BUSINESS OUTFITTERS

Out and About has arranged with Lands' End clothing company to apply our logo on items available in their Business Outfitter catalog. Now you can show your Out and About LB "colors" at our next event or just around town.



To order items from the catalog, Google "Lands' End Business Outfitter", or type the URL below into your web browser:

http://ocs.landsend.com/cd/frontdoor?store_name=corpsales&store_type=1&intcmp=xsite_LE

Once you reach the site select *register* to enter your personal information, then *submit*. Next you can identify the OaALB logo information. The key information you will need is:

Logo Nickname = outabout

Logo Number = 0820359

Customer Number = 4438650

After you have completed these steps you are ready to shop for items and order them with the OaALB Logo. Feedback from our test purchases indicates that sizes are "generous".

Note: Lands' End has regular sales and logo application discounts, so include your email address and watch for these bargains.

Out and About is on 

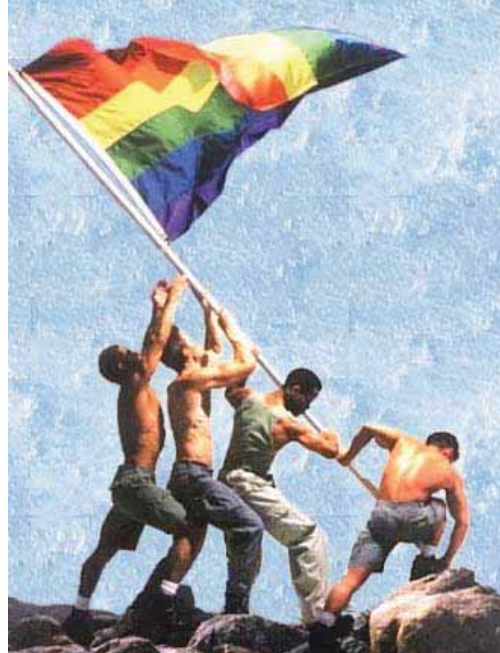
Out and About LB now has a Facebook Page!

Members currently on Facebook can become “Fans” of the OaALB page by typing *Out and About Long Beach* in the search bar of their Facebook page. For those of you who have not taken the Facebook plunge it’s easy...just go to *facebook.com* and follow the directions to sign up. Once you have your own Facebook page you can add friends and additional pages supporting your specific areas of interest. Right now the OaALB Facebook page has 45 fans. Add your name to the list and soon we’ll be communicating with many OaALB members and friends. This functionality is not intended to replace the OaALB website which will continue to be our primary internet tool for identifying OaALB on the web, providing a secure directory of members’ contact information and supporting RSVP’s and payment for special events.



Instead, Facebook will augment our website as a social networking tool for interactive communication with our membership and friends, discussion of interesting OaALB topics, and sharing of photos. As a fan of the OaALB Facebook Page you can get updates on special activities, post your own status on the *wall* and generally contribute to the growth and vitality of our organization.

Volunteer Your Talents



Out & About Long Beach is Looking for a Few Good Men & Women

Enjoy our events?

Want to do more than just show up and look fabulous?

Want to be part of the action?

We are looking for a ***Volunteer Cadre*** for the summer events; people that may be able to help set-up, clean-up, prepare, serve and greet at our upcoming events.

If you have any interest, let us know and we will place you on our '***Special Notification List***'. We will send out requests before each event and look to this list for specific help as we plan the events.

If you would like to be a part of the Volunteer Cadre, please email:

Nacho (Ignacio@outandaboutlb.org) or Howard (howard@outandaboutlb.org)



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