

It was an honor to serve as President for the Town Council in 2010. This year we concentrated on the acronym "ACT" which stood for Accountability, Communication and Teamwork and we continually challenged ourselves to not do things a certain way just because that was the way it had always been done.

Unfortunately, we lost several friends this year, including local historian and pioneer Charles Bausback, former Council members Solveig Traeger and Rob Herman, and tragically, students Tyler Sikora and Kayla Woods. Together, we faced the challenges including rain and debris flows, unlicensed magazine racks, and objectionable billboards.

In January, our community proudly opened and dedicated the new La Crescenta library after many years of hard work and patience thanks to Supervisor Antonovich, the County of LA, Town Council, Library Committee, and the residents of La Crescenta and Montrose. It is beautiful and is the center of our community. It is also the new "home" for the Town Council. We made a new friend and Marta Wiggins quickly discovered how much our community loves our library and will respond to a call for volunteers. The Council's honorary grandparents, Don & Esther Norbut, chronicled the construction of the new library by visiting the site daily and taking hundreds of pictures that can be seen on a digital slideshow proudly displayed on the counter of the Library. And along with the new library came bike lanes and a newly paved Foothill Blvd.

Heavy rains during January and February saw many evacuations and debris flows for residents in La Crescenta and La Canada. As a result, the Foothill Incident Command made several changes and adaptations to the evacuation and re-entry protocols. A special thank you to our First Responders – Public Works, the Sheriff's Department, LA County Fire, and the CHP for remaining vigilant and keeping us safe 24/7.

The Council's annual Arbor Day, co-chaired by Council members Kim Mattersteig and Todd Thornbury, celebrated the Volunteer Spirit of the Crescenta Valley. Not surprising, when a strong wind toppled this year's Arbor Day tree, an anonymous volunteer paid for and replaced the tree in late October.

Corresponding Secretary Robbyn Battles organized the first Discover Foothill event in celebration of the new bike lanes as businesses reached out to the cyclists as they rode by or stopped to visit. Councilmember Silvana Casalegno chaired the Scholarship Committee and together with Council members Charles Beatty and Kevin Kroeker, 11 students were awarded scholarships from the Town Council. The community also met regarding a proposed dog park at CV Park and Councilmember Robert Thomas completed the Community Flag project and residents and businesses throughout La Crescenta and Montrose now proudly fly their flags as a statement of pride in our community.

Vice President Steve Goldsworthy organized two meetings with Public Works and residents from the Waltonia and Park Place neighborhood to discuss traffic and safety issues, as well as go over suggestions, recommendations and possible solutions.

In September, the Fire Safe Council had a community cleanup day in Briggs Terrace and commemorated the one year anniversary of the Station Fire and the loss of two Los Angeles County firefighters. On a happier note, we also celebrated the one-year anniversary of our local newspaper, the CV Weekly.

With the help of community member Paul Rabinov, Councilmember Kevin Kroeker and LA County Parks and Recreation, there was a meeting regarding a proposed community trail for La Crescenta. Councilmember Frank Beyt, Treasurer Dennis van Bremen and Council's "Best Friend" Steve Pierce organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual and most successful pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit CV High and the Town Council.

This year's Council was a great TEAM, with each member stepping up to help work on and complete many different projects. Next year's Council will find a new slew of things to work on, but we look forward to more bike racks along Foothill Blvd., a Welcome to La Crescenta sign at Encinal/Pennsylvania, a dog park, beautification projects, enhanced Youth and Senior programs, and so much more.

This year's CVTC election was chaired by Recording Secretary Danette Erickson and we had a total of TEN candidates to choose from. We have four new Council members joining Council tonight and now we find ourselves saying goodbye to four council members who are also our dear friends.