



La Cañada Flintridge Tournament of Roses Association NEWSLETTER

President's Message

ARE WE GETTING CLOSER?

As the months have gone on during this most extraordinary time, I think it is fair to say that nearly everyone wants to know when things may start getting back to normal. Over the past few weeks, we have seen many types of businesses able to reopen. This is a positive step towards getting back to some sense of normalcy.

LCFTRA has been developing contingency plans to address different scenarios which may occur due to the pandemic. The positive news is that we have entered the site to start working again on this year's float. We can only have a limited crew at this time, but this work is important. Once we have full clearance to get back working at a more normal setting, we will do so in a safe and prudent manner.

The worldwide pandemic has spurred robust conversations about the situation which we all find ourselves in. As I have noticed, there are varying opinions ranging a full spectrum of ideas, analysis, and evaluation. As LCFTRA is trying to move forward, there have been many conversations about how to accomplish this goal. With so many folks involved with this huge undertaking, I hope you can imagine that there is sometimes spirited debate among us about how best to approach the challenges ahead.

Sometimes we have to agree to disagree. However, the good news is that even though differences can divide us, we all share a common goal: to fund, design, build, and decorate a float for New Year's Day. This core value is what allows us to work cooperatively together, to not sweat the small stuff, and be flexible as things are changing. I am so appreciative for all the levels of support everyone has given us over the years and especially this year. Wishing the best to everyone, and more updates will follow soon.

Michael Davitt,

President

president@lcftra.org



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*** **MAY 2020** ***

Rose Circle

Len and Brenda Pieroni

Benefactor

Martin and Donna Melone

Jean McVicker Spomer

Woody and Terry Walker

Parader

Mike and Alison Davitt

Patron

James and Chrissy Herrington

Charles and Kathryn Hofgaarden

Sookie Matthews

Sustainer

Lorie MacKenzie

Richard Perlman

Dana Runge

Floater

Greg Casarella

Karen Fox

Bill and Susan Imbriale

Ray and Alma Stockus

Jr. Floater

Jimmy Herrington

Dining Out

MONDAY, JULY 13:

TAYLOR'S STEAKHOUSE

901 Foothill Blvd., LCF

Reservations a must: 818-790-7668

Lunch Served: 11:30 – 3:00

Dinner served: 4:00 - 9:30

Finally - an actual Dining "Out" event vs. Take-out - and at our favorite steakhouse! Taylor's menu not only offers prime rib and steak specialties, it includes delicious salads (the Molly and Caesar are perfect for splitting), seafood, chicken, and a couple of nightly specials. And with a warm and welcoming atmosphere, a full bar, patio dining available, and self-parking, it is truly a fine dining experience. We also have the option, for the first time, of dining at Taylor's for either lunch or dinner.

Come and support *Who Says We Can't?* - a great float title for this unique year! Enjoy a wonderful night out, and tell your family/friends to reserve and let their server know they're with the LCF Tournament of Roses group, and a generous percentage of their food and beverage tab also will be donated to LCFTRA.

It will be great to see our floater friends again!

Peggy Hotaling

Dining Out Chair

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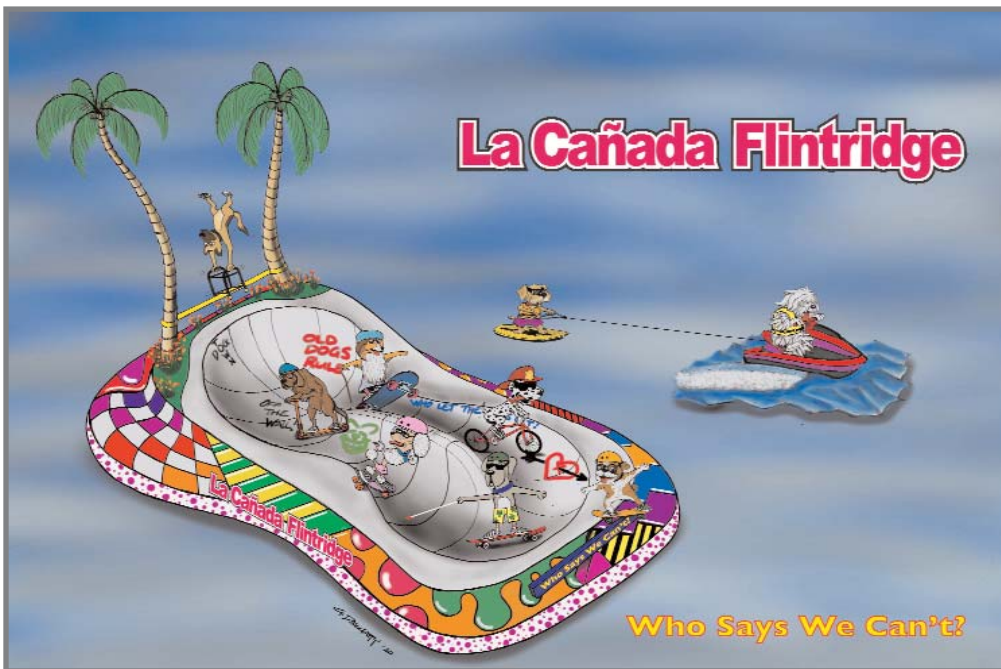
Construction

We still have no official word one way or the other about there being a Parade, so at this moment we continue to work as if there will be a Parade. However, the timeline is getting very tight, so if there is a Parade, there will be an all-call for all the help we can get (!)

Float: Work has physically started again. We have completed chassis maintenance (Thanks Jimmy !) and are ready to schedule our MI (Mechanical Inspection) . Additionally we have mounted the skate bowl ridge perimeter; and are working on the final design options for the track. Once we select the design approach for the track, we will be needing to make over 100 little shuttle carts (essentially a very large 'chain') of many small shuttle carts, so we will need help in the mass production phase in the next week or two.

Site: Site is cleaned and active, with fresh tarps. Volunteers are welcome to start participating again, though we have some protocols in place. For volunteer or site access, please reach out to any of the Contruciton team: (Ernest, Dwight and John), or Charles Thuss.

Projects and updates: As mentioned we are starting the actual build and effecting some final design choices to get back into full-swing.



The LCFTRA 2021
Rose Parade entry:
Who Says We Can't?

Thanks to the Design/Construction/Engineering/Deco and Site team: Grant Delgatty, Tomas Bubilek, Dwight Crumb, John Wolhaupter, Ernest, Jen Lazo, Sara Wickersham, and Chuck Hughes

Ernest Koeppen, John Wolhaupter, Dwight Crumb

Construction Co-Chairs

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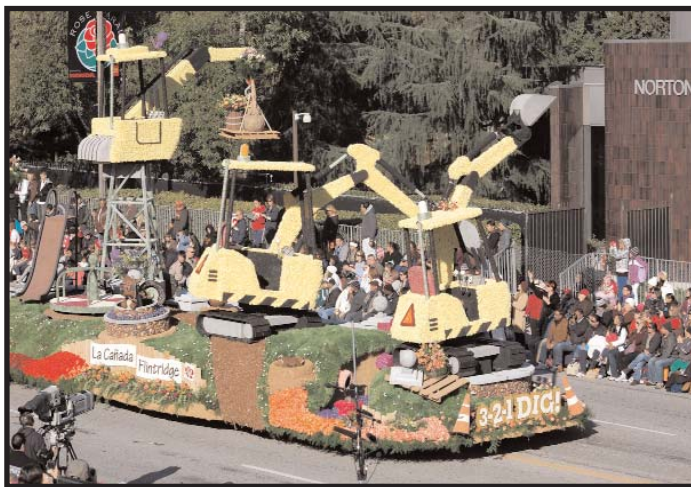


Remember When - A Past President Looks Back

"3-2-1- Dig"

"We learn from experience that goals and dreams are not always measured in outcomes but often in attitudes."

- Lloyd Newell



LCFTRA has won banners every year since the 2012 parade. The challenges of the 2011 float, "3-2-1 DIG!" created a perfect storm of "whatever could go wrong will go wrong" from weather to a challenging animation idea that heroically pleased the crowds, but failed to move the judges.

If we measured our success with "3 - 2 - 1 DIG!" in terms of outcomes, many of us would still be crying since the coveted banner was not in front of the float on New Year's Day. Nine successive

banner winners have proven that we can rise above disappointment and concentrate on our attitudes toward outcomes.

Occasionally the tears still come, not so much for the missing banner, as for the meaning of that banner to the almost 1,000 volunteers and supporters that poured their hearts and souls into getting the float onto the street on January 1, 2011.

Having worked construction all year, I can honestly tell you that this was a float that did not want to be born. Starting after the first week in December, it seemed to fight us all the way. I would not be surprised if the float itself prayed for the rain and cold that dogged us for the seven days before Deco Week.

As we began to test the complex animation sequence, the hydraulic pump that was powered by the generator failed. This meant firing up the animation engine to test the sequences. Consequently, this was probably a record year for propane consumption.

The failure of this pump made things extremely difficult for chief animator, Randy Bartos. Instead of having the time to program the parade sequence, initialization and stow routines, it meant that only the parade program was loaded into the computer. This led to some lengthy manual processes that we had not had to resort to in the past.

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The stubbornness of the float manifested itself at our final tests leading to a complicated dance during Deco week to test the manual and parade sequences after the decorators left for the night. It also led us to realize that we needed to have the float on the street earlier than usual if we were to avoid our usual "New Orleans Funeral Procession" of arrangements before final judging.

Construction, Site and Deco all stepped up to the challenge. The float, an engineering and animation marvel, was ready for judging and performed flawlessly when the judges arrived. After all the floats that we have entered into the parade, we understand that the judges do not always appreciate the complex engineering that is demonstrated by our floats. We all understand that it is the show that we provide on New Year's Day that counts. The show for the cameras, the live parade viewers and the Post Parade audience was, like the weather on January 1, flawless.

Pam Wiedenbeck, January 2011

-Pam Wiedenbeck
Past President

Deco

As we patiently wait to see if there is a parade, we are trying to keep ourselves busy in the Deco World! We cleaned out the deco trailer, and can finally see the back again!! Our next step would be doing a full reorganization of all the dry materials. Denise and Sue have graciously offered to help pop the tops off of the remaining vials, in preparation for Pat Foltyn to begin cleaning them! As soon as we get the go ahead that we are having a parade, we will begin calling-out the different pieces of the float. We will be doing this slightly differently this year, so if you are interested in being involved in the process, or want to be involved with a certain character, let us know! We hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy and we can't wait to be with everyone again at site!

Jennifer Lazo & Sara Wickersham
Co-Deco Chairs
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Floatique

Hip Hip Hooray!! We've gone to the dogs!!

As you saw in the April Newsletter the new 2021 La Canada Flintridge float design selected is ***Who Says We Can't?***

In typical LCFTRA fashion, the float will be a fun design with lots of dog charm and animation. The Floatique team is looking forward to finding some fun items you will be able to purchase, give as gifts, show your LCFTRA pride while providing your financial support.

Stay tuned for some new and fun items, along with the very popular goodies you look forward to collecting each year.

Don't forget about signing up new members and sharing the LCFTRA Float Fun with friends, family and neighbors. Being a member is the ultimate in supporting two great causes ~ 1) Being a LCF-TRA Supporter and 2) Following social distancing while still being involved! Signing up is as easy as visiting our website <http://lcftra.com/Floatique.php>

Once the quarantine has been fully lifted, we look forward to you visiting and helping out at the float site. Keep an eye on the website to find out when these opportunities will be available. Take care, be safe and we will see you very soon!

Floatique Staff:

Michele Bottrell 818-248-5440
Chuck Hughes 818-790-9597

Membership Form

COMPLETE ONLINE CREDIT CARD MEMBERSHIP AT
<http://www.lcftra.org/cardmembership.php> ... or:

Please Mail this Form - with your check (payable to LCFTRA) to:

Membership Chair, P.O. Box 253, La Cañada, CA 91012

Membership in the name(s) of _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ EMAIL _____

Member levels: **Rose Circle:** \$800.00**, **Benefactor:** \$425.00*, **Parader:** \$300.00*,
Patron: \$150.00*, **Sustainer:** \$75.00, **Floater:** \$35.00, **JuniorFloater** (ages up to 18): \$10.00
Contribution \$ _____ Total \$ _____

**includes 10% Floatique Discount Card **includes 2 Parade tickets at Fair Market Value*

REFERRED BY: _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Sarah Marshall- 818-790-2732



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

DINING OUT

TAYLOR'S STEAKHOUSE

Monday July 13

Lunch served: 11:30 - 3:00

Dinner served: 4:00 - 9:30

Reservations a Must:

818-790-7668

Excellent menu and bar

Steak and Prime Rib a specialty

Patio dining available



SAVE THE DATES

CONSTRUCTION

Every Saturday

(after quarantine is lifted)

At Float Site

9AM to 2PM

Building, Inventing, Comraderie

