



**Katre Kruus, Stephanie and Evan Miles - Santa Ana Triangle Neighborhood Association**

Katre has emerged as a true leader in Santa Ana Triangle. She has worked to address the physical condition in the neighborhood and address homeless concerns. Stephanie and Evan Miles have provided positive outlets for young individuals through the creation of the "La Familia" mural.



**Lorena Vidaurri - Republic Homes Neighborhood Association**

Lorena is a people connector! She champions causes favored to the city and is an advocate for concerns in the South Coast Metro such as drugs and homelessness.



**Vivian Martinez - Delhi Neighborhood Association**

Vivian is an advocate and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Santa Ana, not just in Delhi. She works tirelessly to bring much needed resources to the area, and to ensure that all residents are receiving the care that they need and deserve.



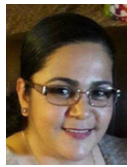
**Mario Morales - Artesia Pilar Neighborhood Association**

Mario has provided essential leadership and volunteer role in supporting the Artesia Pilar Neighborhood Association community events and festival activities. He has been improving the quality of life in the neighborhood with his service and volunteering since 2006.



**Nicholas Davis - Heninger Park Neighborhood Association**

Nicholas has improved his neighborhood by spearheading new neighborhood events. He coordinated the Heninger haunt event, movie night and organized the neighborhood Christmas caroling for the neighbors.



**Yezenia Marrujo - Madison Park Neighborhood Association**

Yezenia Marrujo has made profound contributions to her community's health and well-being. Since 2017, she has been an integral part of GREEN-MPNA, serving as a promotora, or community health worker. Yezenia has tirelessly canvassed door to door, distributing essential information on COVID-19, vaccine clinics, and environmental justice events.



**William Edward Branch III  
Humanitarian Spirit Award**

**Glen Stroud**

Glen was born at the Santa Ana Community Hospital on French Street. He graduated from Santa Ana High School in 1961. He then worked for the City of Santa Ana Parks & Recreation Department and went to work for the City of Costa Mesa, Parks & Rec as a supervisor and then retired. He served at least eight years as a Parks & Rec Commissioner for the City of Santa Ana. He then served on the Planning Commission. He also served several terms as an officer and board member of Communication Linkage Forum. Along the way, he was a devoted father, husband, and coach of his daughter's little league team. He passed away in his sleep on March 4th, 2024.

**SANTA ANA COMMUNICATION LINKAGE FORUM  
(COM-LINK)**

Established in 1989, Com-Link provides opportunities for information exchange and presentations on policy issues that are of general interest or concern to the city's neighborhoods. Com-Link meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month and we welcome and encourage all to attend Com-Link meetings. For more information, please visit the Com-Link webpage at <https://www.santa-ana.org/com-link/>



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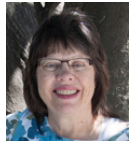
**Neighborhood Heroes and  
William Edward Branch III  
Humanitarian Spirit Award**

**Thursday, June 27, 2024  
6:00 PM - Bowers Museum  
2002 N. Main Street**



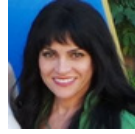
## 2024 Neighborhood Hero Awards

The "Neighborhood Hero Award," proudly established by the Santa Ana Communication Linkage Forum Board, honors those individuals who have shown commitment and enthusiasm in strengthening the quality of life in their neighborhoods. This year, we have selected twenty-five Neighborhood Hero Winners and one William Edward Branch III Humanitarian Spirit honorees because each has demonstrated their leadership, commitment, generosity, and the selflessness needed to enhance their neighborhood and the greater Santa Ana community. Please join us in honoring and congratulating these outstanding community leaders!



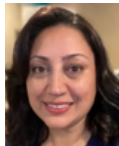
**Susan van der Roest - Washington Square Neighborhood Association**

Susan van der Roest was a co-founder of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association in 1985. When new residents move in she makes an effort to meet them and welcome them to the Square. She's the Neighborhood Association's Quality of Life representative and Parking Permit "go to" person.



**Denise Silva and Susan Muzila Katz - Floral Park Neighborhood Association**

Susan Katz has been the driving force behind the neighborhood's Freedom Fest, igniting patriotism and unity within the community. Her leadership has been instrumental in fostering a sense of belonging and celebration. Denise Silva is the Social Director and co-chair of the neighborhood's Home Tour, Denise has played a pivotal role in showcasing the beauty and uniqueness of the neighborhood.



**Salomeh Kingston - Fisher Park Neighborhood Association**

Since 2015, Salomeh has supported the Fisher Park community by hosting social events. She plans events, pulls together supplies and welcomes everyone warmly. The events make Fisher Park a more special place to live and Salomeh truly contributes heroically to making them happen.



**Amy McCown - Morrison Park Neighborhood Association**

Amy has been very instrumental in reviving events for the children in the neighborhood. She happily helps plan and coordinate the Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween Parade and most recently the Arch Walk. Amy came up with the idea for a Morrison Park Neighborhood Spirit Award to recognize those that make a significant difference in the neighborhood.

**Susana Sandoval and Lorrie Canett-Bailes - Wilshire Square Neighborhood Association**



Susana and Lori have been long time residents of Wilshire Square and Santa Ana and avid supporters of both. Together, they have taken it upon themselves to be community liaisons with Lathrop Intermediate School to find ways to collaborate and improve the community, the school, and the families of Santa Ana.



**Victor Bustos, Ilda Lopez, and Dolores Olivas - Pacific Park Neighborhood Association**

The new Pacific Park Board has taken on their role as neighborhood leaders very seriously by being proactive in projects such as the street toppers, gathering speakers that tend to resident's concerns, and ensuring there is space for open communication.



**Teresa Knoll - Thornton Park Neighborhood Association**

Teresa is a local real estate agent who has been handing out hundreds of flyers to promote local and neighborhood meetings. She has become a familiar and friendly face and all of her work has increased meeting attendance.

**Alice Ramirez - Metro Classic Neighborhood Association**



Alice has dedicated many hours to coaching softball, volleyball, basketball, and soccer at Santa Ana parks. She has mentored many children and has made efforts to always improve the quality of life to so many.



**Elsie Robles - Riverview Neighborhood Association**

Elsie has been an amazing role model and leader for the neighborhood. She invests time to develop the annual activities and immediately addresses any concerns raised by neighbors. Her leadership and engagement has encouraged more involvement and resolution in the neighborhood.



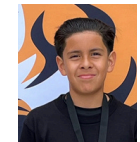
**Diane Williams - Casa de Santiago Neighborhood Association**

Diane is the welcome committee member and she contacts new neighbors about city events and extends an invitation to neighborhood association meetings. Her kindness was evident recently when she organized a small party to say goodbye to a neighbor moving away. Diane is helpful, generous with her time and always has a can-do attitude.



**Irene Cabañas - Willard Neighborhood Association**

Irene has been instrumental in the positive changes regarding safe streets in the neighborhood. Irene has partnered up with local organizations like Santa Ana Active Streets to create a safe and accessible space for people of all abilities. Through community events like the Willard Safe Streets, Irene helped bring the community together to envision a healthy and safe environment.



**Lisa Tran, Alejandra Rodriguez, and Jesse Rodriguez - Santa Ana Memorial Park Neighborhood Association**

Jesse is the youth ambassador that initiated dumpster day that engaged the community and increased community participation. Alejandra has been very instrumental in providing organizational leadership and has been influential with parents at the local schools in the community. Lisa actively participates in meetings and workshops providing valuable input and calling attention to areas that need improvement.