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# Press Release

## Stanton Lions Celebrate Park Dedication Park Dedicated to Stanton Lion, Harry Dotson



Stanton, CA November 8, 2008 Stanton Lions celebrated the dedication of Harry M. Dotson Park. The park is located on Fern Street near Cerritos Avenue in the city of Stanton. Park amenities include a basketball court, climbing area, water feature which allows kids to get wet, and a pirate ship. There were over four hundred fifty visitors to the park on opening day.

Harry Dotson was a long time Stanton resident and community activist. Dotson graduated from Springfield College in Massachusetts. Harry served his country by enlisting in the US Navy, and worked for the U.S. Civil Service Commission. After serving his country Harry dedicated his life to serving his community. He served as Mayor of Stanton, councilperson for sixteen straight years, planning commission member, cable TV oversight board member, Orange County Library Board, Senior Advisory Board, Federal Energy Conservation Officer, Board-member of the Integrated Waste Management Commission, member of the American Legion Post 783, served as president of the Stanton Neighborhood Center, and was on the Stanton Boys and Girls Club Board of directors for over thirty years.

It's fitting that the park was dedicated to Dotson because his main focus was improving the lives of children living in or around Stanton. He served the PTA of Wakeham and Alamitos Schools, the booster club of Pacifica High School, and coached youth sports teams. Harry was also involved in with local Boy Scouts and won the prestigious *Award of Merit* from the Boy Scouts of America.

Harry is best known to many through his involvement with the Stanton Lions Club. Past Stanton Lion President David Parikh recalled his involvement with the club, "Harry was a great asset to the

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club. He would arrange for guest speakers and find ways for us to help out in the community. It seemed like everyone knew him and everyone genuinely appreciated his intellect. He had an ability to get things moving. When the Lions would have a disagreement, Harry was the one to offer a compromise we could all agree on. He really cared about the kids in the community. He would always remind us that we are in business *for the kids.*”

The Stanton Lions were out in full force at the dedication of the park. They served ice cream and many lion spoke at the dedication.



Barbara Dotson—Daughter of Harry Dotson and current Stanton Lions President



Jim Box, Stanton Park and Recreations Director and Stanton Lion



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Gates open at Harry M. Dotson Park