

## 2014 Annual Breakfast Meeting

The Adams Avenue Business Association's (AABA) Annual Breakfast Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st from 8-9:30 AM at Fish Public in Kensington (4055 Adams Avenue). Come sample a breakfast cuisine prepared by Executive Chef Jordan Davis while socializing with your Adams Avenue business colleagues. Join our New Year's tradition as we toast to Adams Avenue's ongoing revitalization and elect the 2014 slate of nominees to serve on the AABA's Board of Directors.

All business and property owners are encouraged to attend. The cost of breakfast is only \$10.00 and you must RSVP and pay by Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>. You may RSVP by phone (619) 282-7329, walk in or email to-Kat@adamsavenuebusiness.com. You may either make payment by mailing a check or bringing a check or cash to the AABA office, located in the Normal Heights Community Center, 4649 Hawley Blvd, San Diego, CA 92116. Hope to see you there.



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## Adams Avenue Business Association/Business Improvement District

The AABA was organized in the early '80s, and incorporated in 1985 as a nonprofit, for the purpose of revitalizing and marketing the Adams Avenue business corridor. The AABA oversees a diverse work plan and partners with local businesses operators, property owners, and government agencies to improve the economic and physical conditions of the business district. The AABA is overseen by a 15 member Board of Directors selected annually from member business owners located within the Adams Ave Business Improvement District boundaries.

The Business Improvement District or BID was initiated by the City of San Diego after a majority of businesses voted to establish the district. The City charges an annual BID fee to each registered business license holder within the Adams Avenue BID to help fund area promotions. These same business operators are automatically members of the AABA. The AABA is under contract with the City to administer the BID program and the approximately \$50,000 in yearly BID assessments contributed by the Association's 600 members. The AABA leverages these BID fees into an annual budget that for the past 10 years has averaged \$509,000.

## **Maintenance Assessment District**

Adams Avenue property owners are assessed an annual fee to fund physical improvements and maintenance. These Maintenance Assessment District or MAD fees provides approximately \$40,000 worth of annual funding. The MAD boundaries roughly correspond to the areas BID boundaries and extend from Hamilton Drive on the West side to Vista Drive in Kensington. The AABA is under contract with the City to administer the MAD and is reimbursed by the City for MAD eligible expenses. The MAD funds activities which include day porter services, trash collection, graffiti control, and tree maintenance. The AABA uses a mix of contractors and employees to provide MAD services.



## **Adams Avenue Street Fair**

## 2014 Special Event Dates

Adams Avenue Unplugged Taste of Adams Adams Avenue Street Fair Holiday on Adams

April 26th & 27th June 29th September 27th & 28th December

The Adams Avenue Street Fair is the AABA's longest running promotion and the centerpiece of the Association's special event programming. Featuring 100 bands performing on 7 stages, 300 vendors spread out along 8 blocks, and a full scale carnival, the Street Fair draws over 100,000 weekend visitors to the community. The 32nd annual edition, held September 28th & 29th 2013, generated record amounts of publicity for the district, increased sales volumes for many area merchants and surpluses for the AABA. Street Fair revenue from vendor booth sales, beer concessions, program ads, t-shirt sales, sponsorships and grants totaled \$266,000 from which the AABA netted \$99,000. The Street Fair was originally organized to celebrate the relighting and refurbishment of the Normal Heights neon sign and the initiation of commercial revitalization efforts. The event has grown from a neighborhood block party to a regionally recognized celebration.

# Adams Avenue Unplugged

In 2012 the AABA transitioned the long running Adams Avenue Roots Festival, held during the last weekend of April, into Adams Avenue Unplugged. In 2013, Unplugged presented more than 180 musical performances inside 22 restaurants and bars and on four community stages. The innovative festival format has dispersed the musical entertainment and intimate performance settings throughout the business district, creating a 2-mile long musical walkabout. The event generated critical acclaim and packed the business district with festival attendees. 2013 festival headliners, which featured Grammy award winning and Oscar nominated artists included: Los Alacranes with members of Los Lobos, Jim Kweskin & Geoff Muldaur, John C. Reilly and Friends, Haunted Windchimes and Spirit Family Reunion.

## **Taste of Adams Avenue**

Last year's Taste of Adams Avenue was the most successful Taste event to date, selling out at 1,000 tickets with over 30 participating restaurants. Foodies were delighted in the range of offerings and flavors which resulted in many positive reviews of eateries on the Avenue. A free trolley was available for those too stuffed to trek the 2-mile Avenue. Taste of Adams Avenue takes place the last Sunday in June every year.

## **Holiday on Adams Avenue**

The Holiday on Adams Avenue took place on December 14th this year with activities in both Adams and Kensington Park. This kid-centric event featured snow play, pictures with Santa, caroling, a craft fair, movie in the park, toy drive, and a tree lighting ceremony. New to this year's event was Santa's Grab Bag drawing, which was designed to drive shopping for a chance to win over 60 prized generously donated by Avenue merchants.





## Social Media and Website

The AABA increased its social media presence through daily postings on Facebook and target notifications and "like" campaigns. AABA's Facebook traffic grew dramatically from just under 1,000 friends at the beginning of last year to more than 6,000 by year's end. The AABA also utilizes a Twitter and Instagram account to drive its messaging as well as member eblasts.



New banners line the Avenue

Also new to the AABA media arsenal is a free mobile App, which debuted during the Street Fair. It can be used to navigate AABA events and check in

on the happenings in between. Type "Adams Avenue Business" into your App Store to download.

The AABA's website was redesigned in 2013 and traffic was increased to the site with special promotions. For instance, during September's Street Fair the website logged 30,000 unique visitors. The AABA lists each BID business in its online directory which is organized by business category and includes links to member sites. Check out all the AABA sites at: www.adamsavenuebusiness.com, Facebook.com/AdamsAvenueBusiness, Twitter @AdamsAvenueBusiness, and Instagram @AdamsAveSD,

## **Other Activities**

**Banners**– 165 new street banners were hung on the Avenue during the month of December distinguishing each of the three communities along Adams.

**Quarterly Mixers**– Quarterly mixers were held alternating between morning and early evening gatherings at Blind Lady Ale House, Heights Tavern, Broke Girls Coffee Bar, and Jayne's Gastropub.

**Board & Committee Meetings** – The AABA holds monthly Board of Director meetings as well as four committee meetings . The meetings are open to the general public. See back page or website for details.

**Power washing**– The sidewalks along Adams Avenue received a face lift after they were power washed and gum was removed from 18 block faces.

**Tree replacements** – New tree locations and replacement of dead or non-thriving trees were scheduled in 2013. 16 trees have already been replaced with another 16 scheduled for completion in January.

**Crosswalks**– New crosswalks were installed at three busy intersections on the Avenue thanks to AABA advocacy and responsive city government. A special thank you to the city's traffic engineers and city council offices.

**PROW–** Adams Avenue merchants are allowed limited use of their sidewalks through the PROW permit program administered by the AABA and other BIDs in the City of San Diego. Contact the AABA office for more info.



New trees were planted on the Avenue this year

**Normal Heights Community Center**- The AABA handles the Normal Heights Community Center's hall reservations, which are available to the general public and utilized by approximately 1,000 people a month.

**Charter School Facility Management**– Ongoing management of this lease hold improvement, developed by the AABA 14 years ago, continued through 2013.

**Bike Rack Installations**– Working with the City of San Diego, the Association facilitated the installation of bike racks last spring. Another 47 bikes racks are currently in the process of being installed.

**Avenue Marketing, Branding, & Advertising**– AABA purchased \$34,000 worth of print advertising in 2013 and generated another \$90,000 of in-kind media besides investing \$17,000 into printing, promotion, and social media.

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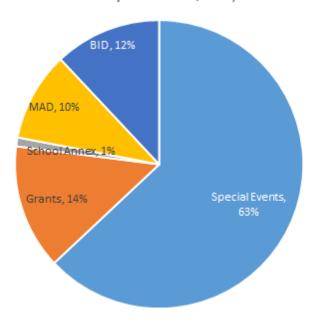
#### **2013 Year End Balance Sheet**

#### ASSETS

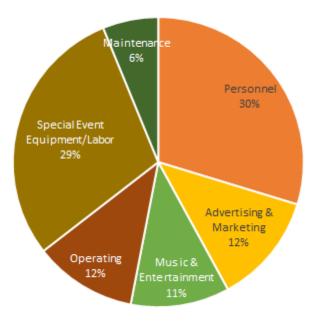
**Current Assets** 

Checking/Savings	
10010 AABA Operating Accounts	45,391.77
10020 · Restricted Annex Checking	212,787.42
Total Checking/Savings	258,179.19
Other Current Assets	
12345 · City EDTS	29,000.00
12320 · SBEP City Fees & Services	10,366.50
10140 · Prepaid Expense	4,111.00
12340 · MAD Receivable	10,824.71
Total Other Current Assets	58,524.96
Total Current Assets	316,944.15
Fixed Assets	
14210 · School Annex Building	1,275,326.00
14220 · School Annex Less Accum. Depr.	-1,234,190.00
Total Fixed Assets	41,136.00
OTAL ASSETS	358,080.15

# Ordinary Income: \$453,555



Ordinary Expense: \$432,339



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#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

**Current Liabilities** 

**Other Current Liabilities** 

Other Current Liabilities	
22065 · Deferred Unplugged Income	5,000.00
22020 · Accrued Expenses	595.00
22050 · SBEP Advance	12,517.46
Total Other Current Liabilities	15,856.30
Total Current Liabilities	18,112.46
Long Term Liabilities	
21110 · Annex - AABA Holding Account	173,250.58
22220 · Annex - Church Holding Account	39,639.62
Total Long Term Liabilities	212,890.20
Total Liabilities	231,314.42
Equity	
30020 · Net Assets	187,831.96
Net Income	-61,066.23
Total Equity	126,765.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	358,080.15

### 2013 Year End Profit & Loss

2013 Year End Profit & L	dss	50020 · Personnel	
Ordinary Income/Expense		50028 · Maintenance Staffing	9,592.50
Income		50038 · Workers Compensation	1,684.60
40050 · Program Income		50037 · Health Insurance	7,365.00
40120 · Annex Support Revenue	10,516.00	50035 · State Payroll Taxes	1,886.66
40115 · Administration Fee	5,500.00	50034 · Federal Payroll Taxes	8,613.56
40090 · Associate Membership Dues	90.00	50027 · Office Staffing Total 50020 · Personnel	<u>100,616.11</u> 129,758.43
40050 · Associate Membership Dues	340.00		120)/ 00110
		52010 · Maintenance 52035 · Supplies	2,364.94
40110 · Annual Meeting	480.00	52030 · Equipment	642.63
Total 40050 · Program Income	6,410.00	52025 · Utilities(Water/Electicity)	4,016.09
43210 · Interest/Dividend Income	1.90	52020 · Contract Labor	19,944.77
41000 · SBEP Management Grant	21,331.00	Total 52010 · Maintenance	26,968.43
42000 · MAD	42,631.03	50040 Operating	
40020 · BID	54,722.99	50110 · Insurance	10,075.83
40130 · Grants	13,470.00		
40040 · Special Events.		50045 · Bank & Credit Card Charges	7,650.12
166 · Holiday on Adams	700.00	50060 · Dues and Subscriptions	1,019.20
165 · Stage Host	3,312.50	50120 · Office Supplies	3,612.97
164 · Beer Garden Taste	4,330.42	50125 · Accounting	17,568.30
162 · The VIP Lounge	6,414.00	50080 · Rent	2,400.00
150 · SBEP - City Fees & Services	15,315.91	50090 · Telephone	2,648.00
160 · Ticket	29,361.50	50070 · Postage and Delivery	153.01
159 · Carnival	15,040.00	50095 · Meetings+Conventions	4,486.46
158 · Program Ads	1,115.00	50085 · Repairs(Computer/Building)	440.00
156 · Sponsorship	11,000.00	Total 50040 Operating	50,053.89
155 · Beer Garden	26,672.00	51510 · Non-Special Event Marketing	
153 · T.Shirt Sales	4,991.00	51560 · Holiday on Adams	4,098.27
152 · Booth Rentals	165,036.19	51555 · Graphic Design	50.00
151 · City, County & State Grants	29,000.00	51535 · Advertising	8,008.05
157 · Cleaning Fee	2,700.00	51530 · Website/Social Media	6,276.83
Total 40040 · Special Events.	314,988.52	51515 · Printing and Reproduction	236.70
Total Income	453,555.44	51550 · Promotion	4,236.00
Expense		Total 51510 · Non-Special Event Marketing Total Expense	22,905.85 432,339.67
53100 · Special Events		Net Ordinary Income	21,215.77
53170 · Supplies	1,138.50		=1,=10,
53165 · Printing & Production	7,242.28	Other Income/Expense	
53160 · Graphic Design	2,360.00	Other Income	
53145 · Advertising	25,968.68	80010 · Annex - AABA	8,176.52
53125 · Contract Labor	48,270.51	80020 · Annex - Church	28,549.24
		Total Other Income Other Expense	36,725.76
53105 · Equipment Rental	53,495.23	•	02 202 00
53110 · Licenses and Permits	4,292.00	81005 · Annex Depreciation	82,282.00
53115 · Promotional	1,120.12	81110 · Annex AABA	8,176.52
53120 · Food + Beverage	6,815.75	82220 · Annex Church	28,549.24
53135 · Cleaning Fee	3,900.00	Total Other Expense	119,007.76
53140 · Music & Entertainment	48,050.00	Net Other Income	-82,282.00
Total 53100 · Special Events	202,653.07	Net Income	-61,066.23

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### 2013 Board Members:

Ed Badrak, Badrak Services , *President* Dave McPheeters, Zac's Attic, *Vice President* Doug Generoli, Pi Financial, *Treasurer* Lois Bach, Classic Bows, *Secretary* Ryan Altman, Adams Ave Integrative Health Jocelyn Brierton, Gledhill's Vintage Furniture Tony Carrillo, Carrillo Auto Body & Collision Mikey Knab, Ponce's Mexican Phil Linssen, Kensington Veterinary Michael Rammelsberg, Rosie O'Grady's Pam Sisneros, Kensington Video Russ Vuich, Local Property Owner Alison Flynn, Villainous Lair Comics & Gaming Lisa Greshko, eloS Shoes Shayna Roberts, House of Imago



### Committees:

**Board Meeting** - 1st Tuesday of each month at 8:00am **Promotions** - 2nd Thursday after the Board Meeting each month at 8:00am. Tasks include special events, member mixers, and general marketing.

**Business Planning & Development** - 3rd Tuesday each month at 8:00am. Tasks include support of public improvements, promote new development, expand and diversify economic base, banner projects, maintenance, storefront improvement projects, and public right- of- way issues.

**Finance** - 3rd Friday of each month at 8:00am. Tasks include fiscal oversight of the AABA, ensure compliance of financial reporting requirements with regular and periodic review of financial documents.

**Executive** - Wednesday before Board Meeting at 8:00 am. Tasks include preparing for the Board Meeting, direct monetary and human resources (staff) to events and tasks.

Committee Meetings are held at the AABA office, 4649 Hawley Blvd, and are open to the public.

#### Staff Contact

Scott Kessler- Executive Director, Kat Carney- Office Manager, and Mysti Schubert- Maintenance Worker

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