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Partnership Issue

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ASPAs AWARDS & INSTALLATION

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPAs), Los Angeles Metropolitan Chapter, celebrated significant, local contributions to public administration and installed new leadership at its 50th annual awards event, a dinner/dance held on October 29, 1998, at



the University of Southern California. Congratulations to FEB's own Executive Director, **Kathrene Hansen**, who was installed as Incoming Chapter President! Thanks go to Retiring President, **Bonnie D. Hall**, of the General Accounting Office.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of Vice President Gore's HAMMER AWARD by his Senior Policy Advisor, **Morley Winograd**, Director of the National Partnership for Reinventing Government, to the Franchise Business Activity-West (FBA), a unique application of intergovernmental partnerships in the complicated Federal procurement process which is a model program for empowerment, cutting red tape, and improving efficiency. The following people were honored: **Jon Ceretto**, Chair of



FBA's Board of Directors & Executive Officer of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court; **Angela Bolyard**, Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix; **Morris Egge**, U.S. Attorney's Office; **Walter Galloway**, EPA; **Kathrene Hansen**, FEB; **Lynn Kentfield**, INS; **Otis Osborne**, Armed Forces Radio & Television Service; **Raymond Ramirez**, VA; & from FBA, **George Newman** (Director-retired), **Juanita Chambers**, **Iris Greenberg**, **Christopher Johnson**, **Rhea Morfin**, & **Isabel Perez**.

Two of the eight local ASPAs awards went to Federal honorees: **Steven Castle, M.D.**, Director of Clinical Programs, GRECC, West L.A. VA Medical Center, received the Clarence A Dykstra Award for Aa significant contribution to good government, & the Winston Crouch Award for Ameritorious public service achievement, was presented to the **U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California**, under the leadership of **Jon Ceretto**.

Worthy Federal nominees for the local ASPAs awards included the **Los Angeles SBA District Office**; **Herbert Peck**, USPS; & three VA employees: **John Keaveney**, **Thay Q. Lee**, & **Irene Portillo**.

Your Inquiring Reporter on CFC

The Greater Los Angeles CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) began enthusiastically with 5 kickoffs at locations from Edwards Air Force Base to Long Beach VA Medical Center. Your reporter attended the October 1, 1998, Roybal Plaza midday event, hosted by the IRS and featuring brief, persuasive speeches by leaders like Bankruptcy Court=s **Jon Ceretto**, CFC Chairperson. Hundreds of Federal employees & representatives from about 30 charitable organizations were moved by testimonials from INS, Bankruptcy Court, & IRS personnel about how CFC agencies have helped them & their families. Bankruptcy Court & IRS employees demonstrated skills beyond public administration with entertaining musical performances. While enjoying complimentary refreshments, attendees visited exhibits of charities like the Eastside Boys & Girls Club of L.A., Earthshare of California, & the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, to learn how CFC contributions help our community.

Your reporter asked participants, "What is your opinion of the Combined Federal Campaign?"

Postal employee **Queen Walcott** responded, "I think the CFC is a great way to raise funds for people in great need. Also, having payroll deductions makes it very convenient."

CFC Kickoff & Publicity Committee Member **Bob Randall** of Cure Childhood Cancer! shared this, "The compassion & willingness to help the community shown by CFC campaign workers & donors is very inspiring."

"I feel the CFC is a great opportunity for all of us to help those who are less fortunate," volunteered **Chenita Allen** of the IRS.

Woodcraft Rangers= Director **Emily Hirasuna** said, "I enjoyed the opportunity to share information about our organization & to meet Federal employees who have an interest in supporting programs for low income, at risk youth."

Finally, CFC Staffer **Bob Burnett** told us, "The CFC is great because it demonstrates the kindness and generosity of Federal employees."



Farewell I , Richard Welcome, Richard

More than 20 presenters and a video presentation, *This Is Your Life*, made the October 2, 1998, retirement luncheon of **Richard K. Rogers**, Los Angeles INS District Director, memorable. The FEB will miss Dick's active participation & wishes him a healthy & enjoyable retirement.

The IRS, Los Angeles District, recently welcomed a new Assistant District Director, **Richard Morgante**, who last served as National Budget Director in Washington, D.C. In speaking of his priorities, Morgante stated, I am eager to play a part in setting new standards to provide service to the public, standards that are clear & consistent across the nation.

Able Americans with Disabilities

Did you know that only 29% of adults, aged 18-64 with disabilities, are employed full or part time? This recent Harris Poll result compares to 79% of such adults without disabilities in the work force. Of the unemployed with disabilities surveyed, 72% prefer to work, yet Community Rehabilitation Programs cannot find jobs for them. The Harris Poll showed that 34% of those with disabilities live in households with total income of \$15,000 or less *versus* 13% of those without disabilities at this income level.

On the eighth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, President Clinton issued an Executive Memorandum aimed at increasing employment & health care options for the 30 million working-age adults with disabilities.

Locally, our own *Louise Oliver* (Chair, Retired Federal Leadership Council, former Deputy Director of GSA & 1996 FEB Chair) presented an Outstanding Industrial Services Contractor, award to Commissary Officer *Al Cherry* of the Los Angeles Air Force Base at the Goodwill Industries of Southern California 1998 HOPE, JOBS, & FUTURES AWARDS September 15 at Paramount Studios. Congratulations to the LAAFB for transforming lives, creating hope, creating jobs, & creating futures by providing education, training & job opportunities to people with disabilities & other barriers to employment. Kudos also to the VA Medical Center, named as a Goodwill Employer.

Don't most of us have abilities & disabilities on our jobs, things we can do & skills we lack? The FEB encourages all Federal agencies to create more opportunities for able people who, like most people, happen to have a few things they cannot do on the job.

Ability is of little account without opportunity.
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Volunteers Needed!

Have you and your employees made New Year's Resolutions to contribute more to your community in 1999? Is your agency looking for an important program to support? Is your agency effective at raising funds through bake sales, pot-luck lunches, walk-a-thons, light-hearted contests like A Match the Baby Photo with the Employee, @ or A Guess the Number of Jelly Beans in the Jar, @ team sports competitions, rummage sales, cookbook sales, car washes, & auctions?

Did you know that for about \$50,000 a year, the only 24-hour non-profit suicide counseling center between Santa Barbara and the Mexican border could maintain a listed toll-free number & save many more lives? The Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center, which opened the first hot-line for the despondent in the nation, recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. One of the founders is Psychologist *Edwin Shneidman*, whose interest in suicide prevention began when he worked as a Fed for what is now the West L.A. V.A. Healthcare Center. The Center receives about 16,000 calls annually. About 12 times monthly, someone is rescued in mid-suicide. (If you dial the toll-free numbers in the phone book, you reach religious or private psychiatric hospital representatives.) The Suicide Prevention Center is just one example of a worthy cause awaiting your fund raising.



A beautiful example of a Federal/Local Partnership is The Maxine Waters Saturday Academy for Student Advancement, which helps 120 inner-city high-school freshmen annually in math, science, & communication skills needed for college. Funds & scientific & technical expertise are provided by NASA & its Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. NASA Administrator *Dan Goldin* is lauded for leading the effort to bring this pilot program to fruition.



The Children Affected by AIDS Foundation (CAAF), a Combined Federal Campaign charity, was the beneficiary of an inter-agency volunteer effort on Saturday, October 24, 1998, at the Santa Monica Airport. Feds from FAA, U.S. Customs, & FEB joined corporate volunteers at the A5th Annual Dream Halloween, in raising over \$1 million!

What are some of the rewards for volunteering? When IRS volunteers helped revitalize the Belvedere Middle School in East L.A., they were touched to see a sign specifically thanking the IRS. One volunteer shared this, A The IRS poster was nestled among others. All of the others were in bold, bright colors, but ours was quaint, peaceful, & had an air of innocence to it. It was colorful but not gaudy, with flowers, hearts, & smiling faces. There was absolutely no bias represented in this wonderful piece of artistry. Later...we were told that small children (day care age) made the (poster). We were allowed to take the banner as yet another gift for our community service. As always, the day was very fulfilling, rewarding, & fun! But this day also warmed the heart.



First Veterans=Day Parade!

On November 11, 1998, the West L.A. VA Healthcare Center produced a fascinating array of parade participants. Led by Grand Marshals **Jule Moravee**, Ph.D. & CEO of the West L.A. Healthcare Center, & The Honorable **Louis Caldera**, Secretary of the Army, the diverse marchers ranged from entertainment figures, like Star Trekkers **Robert Belltran**, **Robert Duncan McNeil**, **Garrett Wong**, & **Tim Ross**, to Sepulveda VA Nursing Home residents, like 100-year old World War I veteran **William Zelnicker**.

Military participants included **Brigadier General John L. Scott**, Commander of the Army Reserve 63rd Regional Support Command; **Major General Edmund Zysk**, 40th Army Infantry Division, California National Guard; **General B.O. Davis** of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; **Colonel Kenneth Cinal**, Commander, Vandenberg AFB=30th Operations Group; **Colonel Dieter Barnes**, Commander of the 61st Air Base Group, L.A. AFB; **Colonel Mark Wisniewski**, Commander 61st Medical Squadron, L.A. AFB; **Captain William H. Allen**, Commanding Officer of the L.A. Navy ROTC; **Lt. Colonel David Terrell**, Commander, UCLA USAF ROTC; **Lt.**



Colonel Mark Drzemieniecki, Commander, Army Recruiting Battalion; **Herman Nathaniels**, President of the heroic L.A. Montford Point Marines Assn., Inc., composed of African-American World War II veterans; **Ostis Flake**, Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart; & **Buffalo Soldiers** (1st Black Calvary Unit in the Army) from Arizona=s Fort Huachuca.

Various VA organizations, such as the Information Management Division, Community Care, the Nursing Service, the Jazz Band, the Domiciliary, & Facilities Management, created floats while the Nutrition & Food Department marched in the form of the Food Pyramid.

The National Disabled Veterans= Winter Sports Clinic Team, led by **Randi Woodrow**, Adaptive Ski Team Head Coach, publicized the largest rehabilitation event of its kind in the world. The National Golden Age Games participants, veterans aged 55 or older including non-ambulatory & visually-impaired, highlighted their competition in multi-event sports. World War II Army veteran **Nate Holden** of the L.A. City Council marched along with **Clans of the Highland**, women veterans **Ann Reeder** & **Romanita Briggs**, movie stars **Betsy Hale** & **Sam Longoria**, former Dodger & Baseball Hall-of-Famer **Maury Wills**, & Santa Claus (a VA volunteer).



To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace. @ Washington, 1790

Inter-Agency Success!

Recently, the FBI, the Federal Trade Commission, the US Attorney-s Office, & the IRS collaborated with state & local law enforcement personnel to bring charges against 24 L.A. & Orange County unlicensed telemarketers. The California Telephonic Sellers Act, to protect the public, requires registration & maintenance of a \$100,000 bond by each business. Dishonest telemarketers perpetrate about \$40 billion in fraud in the US annually. Only 5 to 10% of California telemarketers checked are registered & bonded.

HAPPY 90TH, ARMY RESERVE!

OUR LOCAL ARMY RESERVE, THE 63RD REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND, WHOSE TERRITORY RESEMBLES THAT OF THE FEB (CA, AZ & NV), CELEBRATED ITS BIRTHDAY WITH A STARLIT DINNER ON OCTOBER 3 IN ORANGE. BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN L. SCOTT, COMMANDER OF THE 63RD, PROVIDED AN INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE ARMY RESERVE THROUGH THE TWO WORLD WARS, THE KOREAN & VIETNAM CONFLICTS, & DESERT SHIELD & STORM. IN RECENT YEARS, RESERVISTS HAVE KEPT THE PEACE IN HAITI, THE SINAI, & BOSNIA, WHERE THE 63RD IS STILL A PRESENCE. IMPRESSIVE IS THE RESERVE-S COST EFFECTIVENESS: 5% OF THE ARMY BUDGET & 41% OF THE ARMY-S PERSONNEL, A ADEFENSE BARGAIN.®



COLONEL MICHAEL TEILMANN, AN AWARD-WINNING HOLLYWOOD TV PRODUCER, WAS MASTER OF CEREMONIES. THE FEATURED SPEAKER WAS WORLD WAR II VET, WALTER D. EHLERS, WHO HOLDS THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR & 9 OTHER MEDALS FOR HEROISM IN THE D-DAY OPERATION & PRIOR CAMPAIGNS.

OJ-Local Partnership



In September, the US Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services Office, granted three local jurisdictions almost \$140 million to hire additional police officers: the City of L.A., L.A. County, & Huntington Beach. Vice President Gore delivered the good news in person. L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan noted that the Apartnership with the Department of Justice would enable the LA Police Department Ato make every corner of L.A. safer.

medweek `98 SBA - L.A. PARTNERSHIP

On October 15, minority business owners were honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Los Angeles District Office (L.A., Ventura, & Santa Barbara Counties) & the City of Los Angeles Minority Business Opportunity Committee & Minority Business Development Agency at the 12th Annual Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Breakfast.

Among the award winners were the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District, named A Outstanding Government Procuring Agency. *Daniel Hanas*, Small Business Deputy, was praised for increasing the Corps' percent of small business participation. The L.A. District continues to exceed Federal mandates on the percent of contracts awarded to small businesses.

In Fiscal Year 1998, the L.A. SBA Office led the U.S. in lending over \$322 million to minority entrepreneurs; assisted 30,000 people through training, counseling & business development programs; & approved 2,655 loans totaling \$689 million, with over 17,225 jobs created or retained. Visit SBA at www.sbaonline.sba.gov. Congratulations, District Director *Alberto G. Alvarado*, for leading the top SBA lending office (3rd consecutive year)!

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For better customer service, the attorney work-room at the Roybal Federal Building, 255 E. Temple St., Room 173, L.A. contains two Pentium computers with Windows 95 & WordPerfect 7 & a laser jet printer. Docket information & Westlaw may be accessed. The new Santa Ana Ronald Reagan Courthouse & the L.A. Spring St. office also have attorney work-rooms, reports Executive Sherri Carter at 213-894-4445.



Senior Myths



“Successful Aging: The MacArthur Study,” a large-scale “over-65” research study found the following notions to be INACCURATE!

1. *Older People Can't Learn New Skills.* With proper training methods, seniors can master new skills. Let them work at their own pace & practice & review new skills, e.g., use correspondence courses & computer tutorials, to compensate for weaker short-term memories, slower information processing speed, & less ability to filter out irrelevant stimuli, (e.g., radios playing in the work area).

2. *Seniors Tend to be Sick.* Age 75-85 seniors studied found 89% had no disabilities. Cumulative effects of life-style choices (smoking, poor diet, & inadequate exercise), rather than age, explained most declines in physical performance. Seniors can prevent or reverse such declines.

3. *Mental Functions Decline with Age.* Sharp mental ability was correlated with better education (best predictor), physically active lifestyle, good lung function, & confidence about handling various situations. Enhance problem solving ability by encouraging workers to make decisions, show initiative, & exercise independent judgment & by supervising with verbal encouragement rather than direct assistance, based on a study of seniors. Since “use it or lose it” applies, workers with repetitive tasks & close supervision lose intellectual flexibility.

National Y2K Action Week, 10/19-23/98

SBA, Dept. of Commerce, Dept. of Agriculture, & Social Security Adm. partnered to help smaller businesses!

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