

Donors Line Up for Officer

■ Port Police holds bone marrow drive to assist officer and Club Member in need.

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"Officer Needs Help!"

That was the callout Nov. 9 in San Pedro as the Los Angeles Port Police, in conjunction with the Red Cross, set up a bone marrow matching event to try to find a donor match for Port Officer Michael W. Scotland, who suffers from leukemia. Michael is a Club Member.

Other departments involved included the LAPD and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, as well as the general public.

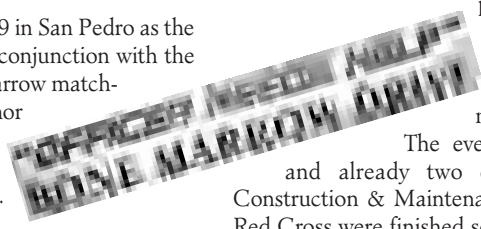
The event also helped register potential bone marrow donors for more than 3,000 patients nationwide who still need potential donor matches.

The Club helped out by providing snacks for the donors and donated 4 Knott's tickets for the raffle.

According to publicist Rachel Campbell, the goal was 100 participants. One-hundred-seventy people participated, ranging from Port employees, family, friends and the community.

The event started at 7 a.m., and already two employees from the Construction & Maintenance yard came before Red Cross were finished setting up.

We congratulate the Port Police and all involved for putting on this very worthwhile event.



From left: Daniel Cobos, Port Police, 2 years, Club Member; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Regina Grant, Port Police, Event Organizer, Club Member. Officer Cobos joined the Club at the Bone Marrow Drive.



From left: Dan Burnett, Construction & Maintenance, 14 years, Club Member; and Harvey Birch, Construction & Maintenance, 16 years, Club Member, proudly holding their Fight for Life Bone Marrow Shirt. Shirts were sold for \$10 to help offset the cost of the bone marrow testing. Both were first to the scene way before Red Cross were set up. Not only did they participate to the drive but they also purchased their very own shirts!



From left: Officer Myers, Port Police, 15 years; Detective Patty Rodriguez, LASD, 26 years; and Lt. Brian Johnson, LAPD Training, 16 years. Officer Myers thought to program an electric sign to inform the community of the Bone Marrow. His quick thinking was a great success: Soon after the programming the sign, three participants found their way to the event.



From left: Lt. Brian Johnson, LAPD Training, with Kei Chan, Systems Programmer, 16 years. Kei happily writes a generous check for her shirt and mug.



From left: Damon Lankford, Port Security, 4 years, Club Member, and Denise Martinez, Port Police Cadet, 3 years, Club Member, complete their questionnaire.



From left: Rose Kinoshita, Sr. Clerk Typist, 20 years, Club Member, and Patti Duchesne, Wharfinger, 29 years, stand next to the event poster.



From left: Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member; Bill Hill, Purchasing POLA Construction & Maintenance, 15 years; and Shari Hill, C&M, 33 years, completing their questionnaire form before having their blood drawn.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member, next to the event poster.



From left: Detective Patty Rodriguez, LASD, 26 years, and Lt. Brian Johnson, LAPD Training, 16 years, proudly show off the shirt and frosted mug available for purchase to help offset the cost of the bone marrow test. Lt. Johnson pointed out that bone marrow testing is not covered by insurance, which is why the shirt and frosted mug along with other mugs were being sold.



From left: Michelle of the Red Cross, with Eileen Tankersley, Homeland Security Secretary, 20 years, Club Member.



Club Member. Officer Estevez joined the Club at the Bone Marrow Drive.



Rudy Meza, Port Police, 23 years.



Christy Krvizenga, Jaime Scotland's friend, presents her finder for the test.



Bill Klingemann, C&M Plumber, 1.5 years, Club Member.



Scott Gray, Interim Executive Director of Joint Efforts. He's another community participant.



Al Guerrero, Senior Lead Officer Port Police, Club Member, posed while having his blood drawn by Olivia of the Red Cross.



Martin Renteria, Captain Port Police, 27 years.



Chris Brown, CE Associate, 4 years.



James Uchimiya, Gardener POLA, 5 years.



Josh Chelini, community participant. Josh saw the electrical sign on his way home from School of Oceaning.



Jim Geiser, community participant.



Claudia Scotland, spouse of Officer Scotland, came out to show her support.



Richard Suarez, community participant.



Pablo Ninofranco, Electrical Associate, 31 years, Club Member.



Manny Ramirez, Risk Manager, 16 years.



Jessica Bautista, Sr. Clerk Typist, 9 years, Club Member.



Glen Twardy, Port Police, 7 months.



From left: Shanulah Cleveland, Wharfinger, 25 years, Club Member; and Sr. Lead Officer Guerrero. Shanulah proudly wears 50 raffle tickets worth \$50 for a chance to win one of the 2 Knott's Berry Farm ticket package donated by the Club.



Port Police Mobile Operations Center.



Alex Castillo, Port Police Intern, Club Member.



Back, from left: Sr. Lead Officer Guerrero, Port Police; Detective Rodriguez, LASD; and Officer Onweiler, LAPD. Front: Analey, 6 years old, proudly holding her "ILWU" shirt. Analey drew a picture for Officer Scotland and donated \$1 for the cause. The officers will deliver the card to Officer Scotland and add Analey's contribution to the fund.



Barry O'Connor, C&M, 11 years, proudly holds his frosted mug to help show his support.



The crowd completing the questionnaire.



Alan Mayse, C&M Equipment Repair Supervisor, 24 years.



Scott Gaines, Port Police, 2 years.



From left: Officer Guerrero, Sr. Lead Officer Port Police, Club Member; Lt. Johnson, LAPD Training; Officer Onweiler, LAPD; Jaime Scotland, daughter of Officer Mike Scotland; Detective Rodriguez, LASD; and Officer Myers, Port Police. Jaime Scotland brought a cake as a thank-you from her family. Everyone enjoyed the cake.



From left: Jeff George, family friend of the Scotlands; Ryne George, 17 months; Jennifer George, family friend of the Scotlands; Sean George, 2 months; Detective Rodriguez, LASD; Officer Onweiler, LAPD, carrying Ashleigh George, 3.5 years old; Michele Dawson, family friend of the Scotlands; and Cameron Petro, 4 years old.



From left: Lt. Kettelkamp, Port Police; Shawn Scotland, son of Officer Scotland; Claudia Scotland, wife of Officer Scotland; Detective Rodriguez, LASD; Officer Onweiler, LAPD; Officer Cobos, Port Police, Club Member; and Officer Ferrara, Port Police.



Lt. Kettelkamp, Port Police, 21 years.



Laura Kovary, Consultant. She is a friend of Officer Scotland as she was once a Port Intern.



Darleen Davis, Systems Analyst 2, 29 years.



Leonard Mace, Delivery Driver, 31 years.



Merilee Hatfield, Consultant Port of LA.



Captain Tracy, Port Police, 21 years.



Mimi Gutierrez, Civil Engineering Associate, 1.5 years, Club Member.



Dave Porter, C&M, 1 year.



Rosario Ferrara, Port Police, 2 years.

Newsbriefs

FINAL TUNNELING:

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes announced Nov. 15 that the final tunneling stage of the \$160 million Northeast Interceptor Sewer Project has begun and the entire project will be completed in summer 2005. "Our children were dangerously playing in untreated sewage that spilled onto City streets during the El Niño rains in the late 1990s," said Reyes, who helped secure the funding for the NEIS Project. "The NEIS Project is necessary to handle the wastewater flow, and to protect the safety and health of our communities."

Reyes' announcement followed a gathering today at the shaft site at Humboldt Street and San Fernando Road where Bureau of Engineering staff showed off the "Ground Hog," the tunnel-boring machine that drilled 135 feet underground for the final construction phase of the NEIS Project. The NEIS Project is an 8- to 11-foot in diameter tunnel that extends six miles from the intersection of Mission Road and Jesse Street near 7th Street in eastern downtown, northward to the intersection of San Fernando Road and Eagle Rock Boulevard.

The NEIS Project, along with the Eagle Rock Interceptor Sewer (ERIS), will relieve the decaying North Outfall Sewer (NOS), which was built between 1924 and 1930. The NOS has been strained by structural defects resulting from corrosion and population growth. The El Niño storms of 1997-98 caused a number of sewer overflows and required the construction of new sewers to provide additional capacity.

On Sept. 14, 1998, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board ordered the City to take action to prevent future overflows. The City's Bureau of Engineering and its consultants developed NEIS and ERIS to provide the additional capacity needed to comply with the order and allow for the rehabilitation of the existing sewer. Construction of NEIS began in July 2002.

PARKS' PEACE TREE:

For the second consecutive year, Councilmember Bernard C. Parks is looking forward to the arrival of the "Peace and Unity Tree" to his district. At 104 feet, this year's tree will stand taller than last year's 100-foot version, possibly making it the biggest Christmas Tree in Los Angeles and once again, the largest Christmas attraction in L.A.'s minority communities.

Parks and his wife, Bobbie (a.k.a. Mrs. Claus), were to present as the more than 22,000-pound Christmas tree rolls into to South L.A. early Nov. 19th. Parks' wife, Bobbie, plans to adorn the tree with 8,000 lights and 6,000 bows and ornaments. She is also heading up the Marlton Square Christmas Tree Committee, which is responsible for bringing the tree to South L.A.

"Last year's Christmas tree was such an exciting and positive element in our community" says Councilmember Parks. "I made Bobbie promise that she and her committee brought it here again. And, she delivered!"

Last year's ceremony kicked off with a celebration co-sponsored by Greater Bethany EDC who will again serve as a lead sponsor for the event. The festivities included caroling, food and fun for the whole family. Organizers gave away over 4,000 toys and gifts, far exceeding the 2,000 toys expected to be given away to residents and children. Other surprises included hundreds of jeans for adults and children donated by The Gap clothing store. The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Toy Giveaway is scheduled for December 4th. This year's event will prove to be even more exciting than the last as the Marlton Square Christmas Tree Committee promises a sleigh full of events that will surround the tree leading up to the Christmas Holiday.