

‘Moving Strong as One’

■ East, West Valley Sanitation Collection Division come together for second annual picnic.

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PUBLIC WORKS — The East and West Valley Sanitation Yards came together July 16 to celebrate their collective triumphs over many challenges during the past year, and to remember that they are stronger by working together.

The picnic, the second consecutive year that the two yards came together for a picnic, was held at Stonehurst Park in Sun Valley. The Club donated prizes.

Games including musical chairs and a sack race were enjoyed by everyone. The picnic also featured good food and family.

The picnic was a time for reflection on this past year’s challenges, a time for families to gather, a time to celebrate and commemorate the

Division’s outstanding employees on their achievements and triumphs. The theme was “East and West Valley Moving Strong, As One.”

The City’s heavy rainfall over the past year contributed to the Valley Division’s many challenges, including street closures, landslides, dump delays, and, at times, the closure of the landfill altogether.

The Bureau also developed and implemented its first-ever Driver Career Development Training Program. The program was implemented in February and is designed to train drivers who wish to be promoted to the supervisory level. The Bureau also hosted a bureau-wide open house. East Valley opened its doors to the public May 14, and West Valley opened its doors May 21. The receptions helped to educate and empower the Bureau’s customers.

Both Collection Yards have preserved with the strengths from one another, which provided their customers the top-quality service they deserve.

Congratulations to the Valley Collection Bureau for celebrating its successes at the picnic. And the Club thanks Sal Miranda, Joel Zuniga and Adriana Nunez for their assistance.



A co-ed version of musical chairs.



Hey guys ... hop to it!



Picnic-goers play a children’s version of usical chairs.



A tumble to the finish line.



From left: Wilfredo Ortega, RCTO 2.5 years, Club Member, with his wife, Veronica; Maria Mello with her husband, David Mello, RCTO, 16 years, Club Member; and Veronica Cardenas, guest.



Guests Frank and Sherry Castillo with their son, Ben.



From left: Marché Dixon, Asia Dixon and Joshua Webb.



From left: Rolando Benitez, RCTO, 1 year, with his family Amy, Joshua and Brenda Benitez.



From left: Julie and Albert Gerardo, RCTO, 8 months, Club Member, with their kids Kayla and Devin.



It’s still anybody’s game.



This game of musical chairs was mastered by the girls.



From left: David Cajulis, grandson; Betty Cole; Darla Cole; Bob Cole, STO, 15 years; and Joshua Cajulis, grandson.



Back, from left: Gricelda Jino; Julia Juarez; and Patty Juarez, wife. Seated: Marco A. Silva; Hector D. Juarez, RCTO, 11 years, Club Member; and Ivan D. Juarez, son.



From left: Victoria Vasquez, guest; Bart Trevino, Sheet Metal Worker; Manny Mota, pick-up; and Nancy Palacios, guest.



Back, from left: Alco, Reva and Joe Cole. Front: Nick Cole, Adrianna Cole; Ron Cole, Sr. RCTO, 17 years; Janice Cole; and Elsie Cole.



From left: Lydia Jacobs, spouse; MaKenzie, daughter; Royal, son; Doug Jacobs; RCTO, 4 years, Club Member; Cassidy, daughter; Bailey, daughter; and Waseefa, friend.



From left: Inez Trevino; Felicia Granados; Rocky Granados; Linda Dominguez, Receptionist; and Pricilla Dominguez, Receptionist.



From left: Margaret Gutierrez and Brenda and Jesse Cruz, all family of Jesse Cruz.



Jorge Barajas, RCTO, 8 months, with his family Susana, Samantha and Junior.



Standing, from left: Max Madrid; Anita Madrid; Alex Serna Jr., son of Alex Serna Sr.; Veronica Vasquez; Alex Serna Sr., RCTO, 28 years, Club Member; Deborah Serna, wife; and Robert B. Aparicio Jr. Seated: Paula Hofsommer, Clerk Typist, 15 years; and Richard Alvarez, Retiree.



From left: Jose Luis Chang, representing Council Tony Cardenas, Club Member; Joel Zuniga, East Valley Superintendent, Club Member; Adriana Nunez, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Sal Miranda, Solid Resource Manager I, Club Member.

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