

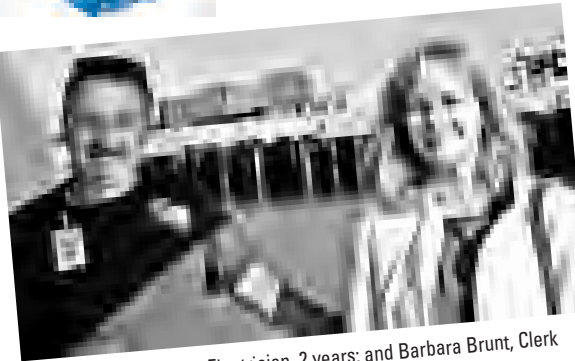
Harbor Orientation

■ Harbor continues its periodic orientation days for new employees.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



HARBOR — The Port of LA held an orientation Nov. 30 for new employees. The employees consisted of those new to the City and those who transferred from other departments through lateral or promotions. The Club once again provided the bagels, muffins and juices served in the morning. The orientation ended with a two-hour boat tour aboard Angelina II. The Club thanks Martin Chavez for his assistance.



From left: Mike Newell, Electrician, 2 years; and Barbara Brunt, Clerk Typist, 3 months.



Royna Williams, Management Aid, 20 years, Club Member.



Shawn Olson, Maintenance & Construction Helper, 4.5 years.



Abe Rashid, Principal Accountant, 12 years.



From left: Mike Newell, Electrician, 2 years; Mike De Lang, Electrician, 7 years; and Jack Dahlstrom, Electrician, 1.5 years, Club Member.



From left: Linda Burns, AV Technician, 1 month; and Diana Henderson, Public Affairs.



From left: Maurice Jacobs, Construction Service Worker, 7 years; Donna Givens, Clerk Typist, 6 months; and Evelyn Kelley, Management Analyst II, 10 years, Club Member.



Mayra Heredia, Security Officer, 4 months, Club Member, is the first female Security Officer.



From left: Aram Chavdarian, Electrical Engineering Associate, 2 months; Melissa Harne, Civil Engineering Associate, 3 months; and Patrice Marti, Civil Engineering Associate II, 6 years, Club Member.

Toastmasters Officers

■ Public Works Toastmasters names new officers for 2006.

Story by Yvonne Liu, VP of Public Relations, Pioneers Toastmasters

PUBLIC WORKS — For 2006, the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters are building on their successes into their third year.

Many thanks go to the following Pioneers for putting on two speech contests and adding three more new members during the second half of 2005:

- Bureau of Engineering's Civil Engineering Associate IV Dominic Buenaventura as President
- Management Analyst II Ivan Gerson as Educational Vice President
- Bureau of Engineering's Architectural Associate II Ben Gaetos as Membership Vice President
- Personnel Department's Personnel Analyst II Yvonne Liu as Public Relations Vice President
- Bureau of Engineering's Civil Engineering Associate II Yasmin Hafeez as Treasurer
- Bureau of Street Lighting's Street Lighting Engineering Associate II Tom Nguyen as Secretary, and
- Bureau of Sanitation's Management Associate II Yukari Iwai as Sergeant-at-Arms.

On Dec. 7, members voted in recent speech contest winner, Civil Engineering Associate III Chelsea Li, as their new club president. She will proudly lead 25 members of new and experienced City employees. New member Civil Engineering Associate II Patricia Konkirati of Bureau of Engineering will use her enthusiasm to draw more members from all the bureaus of the Department of Public Works as the Vice President of Membership. The pending move in 2006 to the Broadway Building should certainly help to increase membership as more Public Works divisions will be working under one roof.

Ivan Gerson, Jasmin Hafeez and Yvonne Liu will energetically continue in their former positions. As the Sergeant-at-Arms, Dominic Buenaventura will help set up each meeting and Bureau of Engineering's Management Analyst II Jennifer Lau will record all minutes as Secretary. She will send the minutes out promptly until her term ends, as the other officers, in July.

Be sure to visit the Public Works Pioneers, catch exciting speakers, pick up tips on oral communication and leadership, and build confidence in your next presentation or job interview. Merry Christmas and visit us in the New Year!

For more information, please contact Ivan Gerson (213) 847-8844 or Yvonne Liu (213) 473-3914.

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