

It's Vegas for Norma

■ **Norma Sattiewhite retires from Public Works after 25 years with the City.**

Story by Diana Medina, Public Works – Accounting, Club Representative

PUBLIC WORKS — Longtime Board of Public Works–Office of Accounting employee Norma J. Sattiewhite was honored with a Board of Public Works retirement presentation April 19 for her 25 years of City service. Norma was a loyal and dedicated City employee and spent her last 21 years in the Office of Accounting.

She was honored with a luncheon April 25 at the Buffet Land restaurant in Los Angeles. This celebration with music, dancing and comedy was attended by 80 guests, including son Kenneth Brown, aunt Garnetta Green, sister Geraldine Lewis and niece Shrona Young.

Norma retired April 27 and has left for the bright lights of Las Vegas, where she intends to relocate permanently. She is a “born-again believer” and believes that helping others is a blessing. She has purchased two homes in Vegas, and her dream is to open them to veterans, women and children who are in need of board and care. She hopes to realize her dreams through a government subsidy program. Norma will be involved with her church by being the pianist and secretary, and travel is also included in her future plans.

As you can see, there will be plenty for her to do and less time for her to be tempted by Vegas’ so-called Lady Luck.

Norma, congratulations on your retirement!



From left: Shrona Young, niece; Norma J. Sattiewhite, Retiree; Kenneth Brown, son; Garnetta Green, aunt; and Geraldine Lewis, sister.

Newsbrief



TOASTMASTERS DIV. D CONTEST

PIONEERS TOASTMASTERS – The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club participated in a whirlwind competition against three other clubs April 27 at the Toastmaster International Division D International Speech and Evaluation Contest held at Hubbard College in Los Angeles.

Dominic Buenaventura, Civil Engineering Associate IV, Bureau of Engineering, was slated to represent the club at the Evaluation Contest. However, he was hit by laryngitis and had to forfeit his bid for the Division D trophy. Bureau of Sanitation’s Management Analyst II Yukari Iwai, known as Kari, stepped forward to present “Men in Tights,” an original speech about the American phobia of bringing up our boys as male ballet dancers. It is a little-known fact that many male athletes, including Michael Jordan, have taken ballet to enhance their performance in other sports.

Yet, her competitors in the International Speech Contest – David Cruz of Voces Latinas Toastmasters Club, Police Officer III Michael Skiff of LAPD Code One Club, and David Berkowitz of TransAmerica Toastmasters Club – were unstoppable orators. David Cruz took first place. Michael won second place.

“Going to these contests is like studying abroad at a different country,” Kari said. “From just one visit, I learned so much more than just studying in my home club.”

Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in the main conference room of the sixth floor at the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway in Downtown LA. Visitors are always welcome to come, to observe and to participate. You do not have to be a Public Works Department employee to join. The club will be holding its semi-annual elections on June 7. For further information, contact Ivan Gerson, (213) 485-1169, or Yvonne Liu, (213) 978-1766.



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