



From left: Bob Weiss; Peter Dawson; Norm Crosby, comedian; and Rick Agan.

Police Foundation Tees It Up



■ **Police Foundation golf tourney supports training and equipment funds.**

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

POLICE DEPT. — The Police Foundation held its 16th annual William F. Parker Golf Challenge Nov. 6 at the Bremer Country Club in Tarzana.

The tournament was a fundraiser for the foundation, which is dedicated to the professional

advancement of the Los Angeles Police Department by providing opportunities for training, education and equipment to the proud men and women of the LAPD.

Legendary comedian Norm Crosby was the event host. Crosby participates in many of the department's social events, including its annual celebrity golf tournament held earlier in the year.

The Club thanks Iris Caplan and Regina Menez, Secretary, LAPD Police Foundation and Club Member, for their assistance in producing this article.

Congratulations on a successful event!



From left: Terry Moll, Terry Arnold, Dick McBroom and Al Larson.



From left: Steve Estrada, 26 years; Ruff Cliff, 41 years; and Luther Loutz, 37 years.



From left: Rob Muellner, Marco Robles, Michael Dixon and Mike Contois.



From left: Phil London, Jason, Joe Cervantes and Ed Lanchantan.



From left: Jerry Chaleff, Police Administrator; Mary Grady; Zak Fridlender; and Chief William Bratton.



From left: Rob Crawford, Thomas Johnson, Fred Davis and Larry Ahlquist.



From left: Kenny Shrysong, Peter Garnica, Ghazi Kittmo and Omar Sanadika.



From left: Steve Endawa, CEO of Police Credit Union; Jerry Vichlmeier, Retired, LAPD; Hanny Swart; and Mike Moore, Deputy Chief, 25 years.



From left: Therman Calloway, Park Maintenance Supervisor, 23 years; Frank Morales, Electrical Craft Helper, 6 years; Tim Wilkenson, Long Beach Fire Department; and Timothy Hererra, Electrician, 12 years.



From left: Peter Felesina; Tom Ghyczy, Culver City Police; Clifford Yamaki; and Patrick Loo.

Newsbriefs

PIONEER TOASTMASTERS TAKE TROPHY

Two members of Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters, Dominic Buenaventura and Ivan Gerson, participated in the Toastmaster International District 52 Table Topics Contest

and Humorous Speech Contest Nov. 11. Giving up their usual job duties momentarily as Civil Engineering Associate IV and Management Analyst II at the Bureau of Engineering, Dominic and Ivan commanded the full attention of an audience of 100 people and filled the Glendale Library Auditorium with boisterous laughter.

District 52 is made up of more than 100 clubs in Southern California, including dozens of clubs in Downtown Los Angeles and all the way to Woodland Hills and Calabasas.

Ivan won the First Place Trophy for 2006.

Although Dominic's "I Love Driving in LA" did not win a trophy, it brought louder laughs than almost every other prepared speech that morning that qualified within the 5-7 minute limit.

The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets each Wednesday from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. at the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway, in the sixth floor conference room 6004. Guests are always welcome. Information: Yvonne Liu at (213) 978-1766 or Ivan Gerson (213) 485-1169.



Ivan Gerson won first place at the District 52 Table Topics Contest, and Dominic Buenaventura competed against six others in the District 52 Humorous Speech Contest Nov. 11.

Sharing Rides, Winning Awards

■ **Airports receives two national awards for its excellent rideshare programs, which eliminate almost 7.9 billion pounds of air pollution annually.**

Story by Devon Deming, Rideshare Program Manager; Photo by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

AIRPORTS — On Aug. 29, the Airports Rideshare Program collected two national awards from two separate organizations, the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Airports' multifaceted Rideshare Program includes 63 vanpools, 35 carpools, free monthly transit passes and marketing and advocacy activities to recruit and retain program participants. About 2 percent of the Department's employees participate in the Rideshare Program, saving more than 500 vehicle trips to Airports facilities every day.

The Department is one of only 11 companies in the country to receive a Gold Medal in the EPA's "Best Workplaces for Commuters" (BWC) Program "2006 Race to Excellence." Airports was an inaugural member of the BWC Program in 2001. The "Best Workplaces for Commuters" Program is a growing public-private partnership in which the EPA and the United States Department of Transportation assist participating employers by offering public recognition and promotion, technical assistance, training, Web-based tools, and forums for information exchange. The annual "BWC Race to Excellence" acknowledges companies that have gone above and beyond in utilizing the BWC program tools to increase visibility and rideshare program participation. Airports Rideshare proudly displays its BWC designation on its intranet and internet Websites, in its busy office, on the front door of the Administration West building and even with magnetic signs on its 63 commuter vanpools.

Airports Rideshare staff has also helped other area employers recognize and utilize the EPA's free BWC tools.

The second award was received from ACT for "Outstanding Service in the Public Sector" for

Airports' Transit Program "A Free Ride to the Airport." Since the Department began distributing free transit passes to its employees in March 2005, transit program participation has increased more than 200 percent, and ridership continues to climb approximately 9 percent each month.

Per year, the Department's Rideshare Program saves more than 6.5 million vehicle miles, more

than 450,000 gallons of gasoline, nearly 7.9 billion pounds of air pollutants, thousands of dollars in insurance and vehicle depreciation costs, and countless hours spent on Southern California's overburdened streets and freeways.



The staff of the Airports Rideshare Program shows off its awards.