

HOUSING

Housing Picnic

Housing Department celebrated the summer and the 2008 Olympics at annual picnic.

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Housing celebrated the summer at its annual picnic Aug. 17 at Bishop's Canyon in Elysian Park. More than 200 Housing employees and guests participated in several fun activities throughout the day. Everyone looked fabulous wearing their Housing T-shirt that featured the



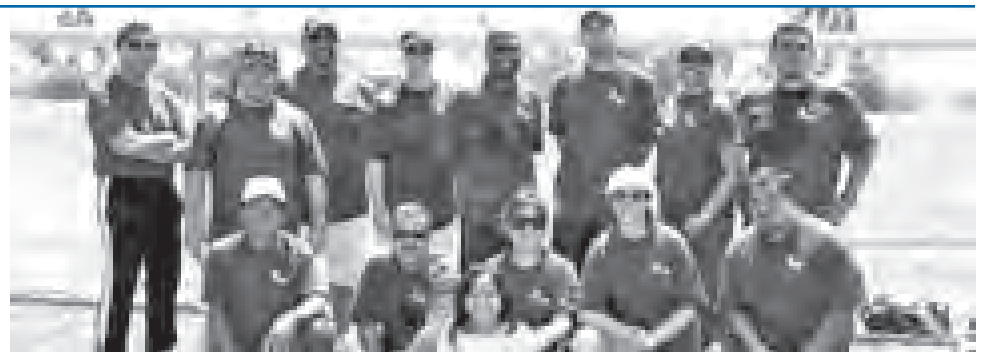
Some of the picnic committee members, from left: Edna Meraz, Anabell Luna and Irene Scaduto.

contest-winning design by Robert Lee of the Compliance Division.

All the kids had fun going for the gold in the Housing Kid Olympics. Special guest Charlene Waters, Airports, conducted the games, complete with opening and closing ceremonies. She gave out prizes and candies to the lucky kids. Their games were capped by awarding gold, silver and bronze medals to all the Olympians by Housing General Manager Mercedes Marquez.



LAHD employees enjoy the picnic.



The Housing Development Team.

The delicious desserts entered into the dessert contest were judged by Marlene Garza, Assistant General Manager; Sean Spear, Director of Housing; and Roxanne, wife of Stephen Cross of the Personnel Unit. The silver medal was awarded to Suzette Flynn, and Anna Ortega won the gold. Yummm!

Stephen Cross coordinated the softball tournament that consisted of four division teams. The Housing athletes endured the 90-degree heat, and are all winners for stepping out onto the field. The Housing Development team was awarded the bronze medal; the silver medal went to the Compliance Division team, and the Code Enforcement Division team took home the gold medal as champions of the 2008 softball tournament. Although not a medal winner, the Rent Division played an awesome first-round game. Assistant General Manager Roberto Aldape served as the umpire.

Expressions of glee were on the faces Georgina Tamayo, Silvia Viramontes, Robert Valdez, Mirna Urbina, Carmen Chavez, Beverly Mims and Gus Vindell. They were thrilled to be among the many door prize winners of City seal watches, See's Candy, and movie tickets donated by the City Employees Club.

Housing staff members on the picnic committee worked diligently to ensure the success of the picnic and enjoyed the thanks and appreciation of Housing staff. They are Lorena Gonzalez, Anabell Luna, Irene Scaduto, Crystal Armstrong, Dalila Luna, Elizabeth Garcia, Leo Padilla and committee chair Edna Meraz. It was a beautiful, hot-summer day enjoyed by all.



LAHD employees with their families.



Lorena Gonzalez of Rent Stabilization with her daughter, Ariana.



LAHD employees pose for a group photo.



Housing kids line up for prizes.

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