

GENERAL SERVICES

# A Constructive Day!

General Services Construction Forces Division has a day to appreciate its staff.

Story and photos courtesy Maurice Hyett, General Services Construction Forces Division

On April 29, General Services' Construction Forces Division hosted a staff appreciation day. The luncheon event was held at the division's Piper Technical Center facility.

Each spring, as the weather begins to warm and the workload kicks into overdrive, thoughts at General Services Construction Forces Division turn to its dedicated employees who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the construction projects moving.

Great demands are placed upon the division to ensure that each project is built on time and on budget, and a good portion of those demands is bestowed upon those who work backstage, often at breakneck pace, bustling assignments in the main offices at headquarters. These are a professional and talented lot responsible for a large complement of key ancillary services:

- Customer service
- Administrative services
- Designing and drawing-up plans, specifications, and construction documents
- Estimating costs and scheduling new projects
- Developing and letting contracts
- Keeping payroll
- Purchasing

- Budget and finance
- Tool and equipment issue and management
- Shop production
- Records management and archiving
- Regulatory compliance and legal matters
- IT development and management, and
- Chief cook and bottle washer, of course!

And what better way to celebrate these genuine team players than to reverse roles and wait upon them for a change, hand and foot for one special day each year – commemorating those who serve so many backstage and without fanfare, day in and day out. For one day each April, the division gives back a small token of appreciation in the form of a luncheon, a certificate of appreciation, flowers, and a good dose of fun and games.

Construction supervisors and superintendents plan, pay for and host the annual spring-time event. They set up the event and prepare and serve the luncheon. Make no mistake – construction supervisors do wear aprons!

Special thanks go to Division Manager Nick Pendorf, who spearheaded efforts to create Staff Appreciation Day, and to General Services Assistant General Manager David Paschal, who enthusiastically supports the event. Both are always quick to roll up their sleeves, serve up the grub, and pitch in at clean-up time.

Hats off to the unsung heroes of General



Services Construction Forces Division. Synchronized with the talented craftspeople working hands-on and steadfast at the construction worksite, a building rises, and the entire team salutes it.

### About the Construction Forces Division

The division works hard at building, restoring and remodeling City buildings and facilities throughout the City, the county, and beyond – from the surf at San Pedro lighthouses, to the valleys at municipal, police, or fire facilities ... to LAX, the Convention Center and City Hall, and to high above the clouds in the San Bernardino National Forest and its recreational camps.

Learn more about the division and what it can do for you and your needs, including those pet projects that never seem to get done. Call Nick Pendorf at the construction management offices, (213) 978-2600. Visit the division online at: [www.lacity.org/gsd/construction/construction.htm](http://www.lacity.org/gsd/construction/construction.htm).

