

LACECA

Women's Mixer

LACECA board attends Affirmative Action Association for Women mixer.

Story by Leonor V. Garcia, First Vice President, LACECA; Photos courtesy LACECA

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) Executive Board attended the Affirmative Action Association for Women (AAAW) board installation and holiday mixer, held Jan. 21 at Elysian Park's Grace Simmons Lodge.

Established in 1974 and approved by the Los Angeles City Council as the official representative for female City employees, the Affirmative Action Association for Women (AAAW) has been representing women and minorities for almost 30 years.

Presently, the AAWW has 350 members from various City departments. Their membership consists of people from all levels of government with different backgrounds, willing and eager to engage in an exchange of a variety of knowledge and experiences. Members serve on department

and Citywide committees that influence policies and practices that affect women and minorities in the City of Los Angeles.

In addition, members benefit from the association's exam preparation workshops, mock oral interviews, network opportunities, personal and professional development seminars, scholarship program, and assistance with human-resource issues. Its work supports our continuing commitment to affirmative action programs and equal employment opportunities as a basic principle of the City's merit system.

Regular events or workshops held by AAWW throughout the year include the annual holiday mixer; the board officer installation every two years; the Stairway to Success Conference every two years; and training or workshops twice a year. All events are scheduled as resources and volunteers make it possible.

During the mixer, outgoing board members were recognized and presented a Council resolution provided by Councilwoman and Club



From left: Susana Reyes, DWP HR Director; May Ong, Asian American Association Member, Retired; Raul Lemus, Personnel Dept., Chief Personnel Analyst; Ann Marie De La Riva, AAWW President; Dora Sanchez, AAWW First Vice President; Lilly Calvache, AAWW Treasurer; Charles Aguilar Rogers, LACECA President; Lupe Durazo, LACECA Recording Secretary; Michelle Nagin, DWP Assistant General Manager and former AAWW President; Cecilia Weldon, DWP CAO Assistant General Manager and AAWW Past President; and Leonor V. Garcia, LACECA First Vice President and AAWW Member.

Member Jan Perry's office, thanking them for volunteering their time and dedication to the organization.

Araceli Campos, Human Services/Commission on the Status of Women, installed and performed the oath of office to the 2010-11 incoming board.

Many door prizes were given to the membership.

Want to Join AAWW?

AAAW is seeking women who are interested in joining the organization. They need your ideas and support. If you're interested, visit their Website at www.laaaaw.org for more details and to download a membership application. AAWW committees include training advisory; grievance advisory; scholarships; at-large representatives; bylaws; fundraising; elections; membership; finance; conferences; newsletter; and publicity.



From left: Ann Marie De La Riva, Club Member, AAWW President, and Irene Sae Koo.



From left: Maryann Torres, Club Member, and Dora Brisenno, Club Member, DWP.



From left: Ann Marie De La Riva, accepts a Council resolution from Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry.



From left: Ann Marie De La Riva, Club Member, AAWW President, and Angie Roman.

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