

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS * SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS ***FINANCE****Riding for a Cure**

Congratulations to Gary Tran, Tax Compliance Officer II, Finance, for his recent 108-mile bike ride in a fundraiser to fight multiple sclerosis.

The ride took place Oct. 17 and traveled from Irvine to San Diego.

His team raised more than \$18,090. Gary raised \$1,140.01.

Here's an excerpt from an essay he wrote for *Alive!*:

"[At] the end of his welcome, the [hotel desk clerk] told me about his wife. His wife suffers from multiple sclerosis, and he genuinely appreciated the effort all cyclists put forth to raise funds for MS patients. He tearfully shook my hand [and] told me that we all had a special place in his heart. In that instant, the exhaustion, the cold, and the hunger went away. I was reminded of why we were there, what we were doing, and who we were helping."

Nice job, Gary. To donate please visit: www.nationalmssociety.org/donate/index.aspx



Gary Tran, Finance, during his charity bike ride.

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS****CLUB STORE****Club Toy Drive Collects A Bundle!**

The Club's annual Toy Drive collected more than 150 toys for the needy during the 2010 holiday season. That's incredible!

The toy bin in the Club Store was so filled that we didn't even have time to take a picture before its contents were out the door to those in need.

As it is every year, the Club Toy Drive is held in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters, and the Club thanks them for their management of this great project. We'll see you all next year with the next Club Toy Drive.

**Newsbrief****HARBOR SOLAR PROJECT:**

The Port of Los Angeles has completed its World Cruise Center solar rooftop project, a 71,500-square-foot, one-megawatt system capable of generating approximately 1.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) energy grid.

The solar photovoltaic installation, which is expected to result in an annual \$200,000 energy cost savings, is the first phase of a multi-location solar power program that will eventually produce 10 megawatts of solar system generation capacity. The \$10.8 million project includes a total of 1.16 million square feet of rooftop solar panels, larger than the size of a football field. Three additional project phases are slated for completion over the next five years.

"Clean energy is essential if we are to meet the future growth and development needs of Los Angeles," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "This solar project and others being initiated within our city will not only reduce our carbon footprint, but also add meaningful new jobs to our green sector workforce."

"Solar power is one of many technologies being used at the Port of Los Angeles to promote environmentally responsible operations and development," said Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "We are thrilled to now be harnessing the power of the plentiful Southern California sun to reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality and increase economic opportunities for Los Angeles businesses and residents."

Over the solar system's lifetime, it will reduce roughly 22,800 metric tons of carbon dioxide entering the atmosphere, the equivalent of cutting the annual greenhouse gases of 4,367 cars, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The system is comprised of 5,140 210-watt solar modules. It was installed by the Energy Alternatives Division of San Jose-based Cupertino Electric Inc. The roof-mounted system, which collects and converts solar radiation to electrical energy, features high-efficiency crystalline modules and utilizes a self-ballasted racking system that does not penetrate the terminal's existing roof. Electricity generated is then routed back to the LADWP through an existing electric meter at the World Cruise Center facility.

Home of the original "Love Boat" in the 1970s, the World Cruise Center is an inner-harbor facility just south of the Vincent Thomas Bridge. The solar panel project is part of a \$42 million upgrade at the World Cruise Center. Earlier this year, state-of-the-art walkways were installed to travel between the terminal building and cruise ships. Painting, lighting and audio-video upgrades have been completed, as well as a new fendering system and cushion-like bumpers on the wharf to protect the cruise ships and the wharf.

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