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Hula-hoop contest winner Latina Smith, Accounting Clerk II, 10 years.

Nice Job!

Convention Center hosted a luncheon to recognize outstanding employees.



Story by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

On Aug. 24, the Convention Center hosted an employee recognition luncheon. The event was held in the West Hall.

This annual event recognizes outstanding employee service in each department. Each manager shared a brief highlight of accomplishment for the employee and awarded a Certificate of Recognition.

The theme was disco. Decorations included a mirror ball, 1970s album covers on each table, *Saturday Night Fever* playing on the big screen, and employees dressed accordingly – flowers, peace signs, platform shoes, and headbands. A luncheon buffet and fabulous desserts were served. Activities included a relay race, a hula-hoop contest and a word scramble, followed by dancing.

Special thanks go to Club Member extraordinaire Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Facility Division, for his information and invitation.



Pouria Abbassi, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer.



Phillip Hill, Asst. General Manager and Chief Operating Officer.



Mary Jane Aquino, Acting Asst. General Manager and Chief Financial Officer.



Hippie Relay Race Winners: Justin Villorante, Clerk Typist, 1 year of City service; Tom Drew, Communications Electrician, 30 years; and Vincent Orme, Communications Electrician, 10 years.



From left: Alex Garcia, M&C Helper; Maria Campbell, Parking Attendant; Pam Hirneisen, Vice President, Sales and Marketing; Latina Smith, Accounting Clerk II; Rose Watson, Sales Representative; Vince Orme, Communications Electrician; Annett Anderson, Payroll Supervisor; Tom Turner, Plumber; Britanni Sheehan, Marketing Liaison for the Business Center; Felipe Hernandez, Customer Service Rep; Lara Tashjian, Clerk Typist; Bill Lopez, Sr. Painter; Kevin Rodriguez, Sr. Plumber; and Rosetta McKenzie, Management Information Systems.



From left: Mario Sanchez, Sr. Carpenter, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Art Rios, Lead Light Equipment Operator, 24 years, Club Member; Donnell Sanders, Maintenance & Construction, 5 years; and Alick Poon Carpenter, 19 years.



Rachel Griffin, Executive Administrative Assistant III; and Ed Smith, Sr. Parking Attendant, 30 years of City service.



From left: Alex Briceno, Maintenance and Construction, 1 year of City service; Adriana Valles, Sr. Clerk Typist, 19 years, Club Member; Savndra Fassam, Principal Clerk, 25 years; and Brad Atwell, Architectural Associate I, 15 years.

Outstanding Employee –AWARDEES–



Presenter: Mary Jane Aquino, Acting Asst. General Manager and Chief Financial Officer. Awardee: Dawit Gabemeskel, Accountant II.



Awardee: Emily Clarida, Clerk Typist. Presenter: Rosetta McKenzie, Management Information Systems, Club Member.



Awardee: Alexis McSweyn, Administrative Assistant. Presenter: Reza Samadi, General Manager, Food Services Division.



Presenter: Pam Hirneisen, Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Awardee: Rose Watson, Sr. Sales Representative I.



Awardee: Eleazar Martinez. Presenter: Adrian Juarez, Operations Manager.



Awardee: Officer Ramadine Joseph. Presenter: Chief Wallace Holcolm, Security Services Division.



Presenter: Steve Potik, Building Superintendent I, Facility Maintenance, Club Member. Awardee: Alick Poon, Carpenter.



Presenter: Rachel Griffin, Executive Administrative Assistant III. Awardee: Mariela Vivar, Club Member.



Presenter: Greg Rosicky, Director of Events. Awardee: Emilio Soto, Senior Event Attendant, Club Member (not present).



Presenter: Tom Fields, Building Superintendent I, Show Operations Electrical. Awardee: Nick Chondropoulos, Senior Electrician (not present).

Convention Center

Happy 40th Anniversary!

Story courtesy Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Convention Center, Club Member; Photos by Roya Eftekari

On July 1, the Convention Center celebrated its 40th anniversary. On Aug. 3, the Convention Center family hosted an open-house exhibit and reception for current and former employees, partners and stakeholders, and clients.

Pouria Abbassi, Convention Center General Manager and CEO, thanked everyone in attendance for their contribution to the many successes the Convention Center has had in four decades in its capacity as a regional economic engine, through the support of thousands of jobs and generating billions of dollars in economic activity throughout the years.

Councilmembers Jan Perry, Club Member, and Tony Cardenas congratulated the Convention Center family of employees for their achievements and contributions. They also highlighted the anticipated Event Center and Convention Center Modernization Development Project as an important milestone for the City. Additionally, Andy Fuzesi of the Auto Show and Judy Gray of the Ski Dazzle Show shared some of their experiences at the Convention Center with the audience.

Los Angeles Convention and Exhibition Center Authority Vice-President Kanchan Mattoo welcomed the attendees. Authority Commissioners Robert A. Mallicoate and Sylvia Robledo were also present.

The event was coordinated by Adria Ybarra.

The Club congratulates the Convention Center and thanks Luis Aguilar, Club Member, for his contributions to this article.

Convention Center celebrates 40 years.



The Convention Center celebration with employees included (behind cake) Jan Perry, Councilwoman, Club Member, and Pouria Abbassi, General Manager, Convention Center, Club Member.



Chef Bretty Lewis with the anniversary cake.



Tom Drew on a three-wheeled bike.



Councilman Tony Cardenas.



Welcome to the celebration.



From left: Ripsime Nikogosyan, Clerk Typist, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Drena Hills, Executive Administrative Asst. II, 30 years, Club Member; Christine Villorante, Executive Administrative Asst. II 21 years, Club Member; and Henry De La Rosa, Information Technology, 13 years.



Mary Jane Aquino, Acting Asst. General Manager and Chief Financial Officer.



From left: Stephanie Leyva, Clerk Typist, 1 year of City service; Lara Tashjian, Clerk Typist, 2 years; and Amber Leslie, Secretary, 10 years.



Alex Briceno, Maintenance & Construction, 1 year of City service; and Linda Timbol, Accountant, 4 years.



Club Member Denise Bell, Event Service Coordinator II, 30 years; and Thomas Turner, Plumber, 11 years.



Front, from left: Bill Lopez, Sr. Painter, 21 years of City service; Tim Stratton, Building Repair Supervisor, 25 years; and Ken Nalgas, Carpenter, 5 years.



From left: Robbie Bridges, Information Technology, 14 years of City service; and Tom Fields, Building Superintendent I, Facility Maintenance, 27 years.



Front, from left: Alejandro Garcia, 16 years of City service, Mechanical Helper, Club Member; Andy Norton, 8 years, Painter; and Raul Villanueva, 12 years, Maintenance and Construction. Back: Dario Salazar, 20 years, Maintenance and Construction; and Frank Ramos, 8 years, Custodial, Club Member.