

HARBOR

Honoring Perfect Attendance

Harbor Dept. recognizes employees who have stellar attendance records.

Story courtesy Martin Chavez, Harbor, Club Board Member; Photos by Stephen John, Harbor Dept., Club Member

On May 23, the Harbor Department recognized 194 employees who achieved perfect attendance during the 2011 calendar year. This year's annual event for the "perfect employees" was a train ride provided by the Pacific Harbor Line, which coupled three historic California Zephyr luxury passenger rail cars to a "green"-powered locomotive for a trip along the San Pedro and Wilmington waterfronts and through the Alameda Corridor. The excursion concluded at the Wilmington Community Center, where the employees were met by the Port's Attendance Program Coordinator Martín Chavez. Martín commented how their dedication to the Department and their coworkers is exemplified by their attendance records. Their attendance every day is further evidence of enjoying what they do and the people they work alongside. He further shared how remarkable Harbor Department employees are for their commitment to serving our community, customers, and one another. He added this event is a small appreciation for how especially remarkable they all are and wished them to continue their outstanding attendance records.

The Port also recognized five employees for the amazing accomplishment of achieving ten consecutive years of perfect attendance: Regina Grant, LaJuan Kennedy, John Kostrenich, Frank Rendon, and Mark Weisenberger. Then the highlight of the day was conducted by James Morgan, Port Director of Construction and Maintenance, who pulled eight names for prizes. To qualify for the drawing an employee could not have been absent during the 2011 calendar year. The winners were: Phyllis Yogi, Petty Santos, LaJuan Kennedy, Kelvin Wei, Jaime Santa Cruz, Robert Meyer, Jack Clay, and Thomas Nguyen.

Employees in attendance had an opportunity to win prizes donated by Western Medical Group and the City Employees Club. Two sets of Dodgers game tickets donated by Western Medical Group were won by Dennis Frierson and Frank Scognamillo. The City Employees Club gifts were two sets of Diamond Club Angels game tickets garnered by Larry Freeman and Bradley Jenkins; the Griffith Park Observatory VIP event tickets went to Mark Vidican and Kurt Arend; Hurricane Harbor tickets to Tracy Vu; Frank Rendon won the Knott's Soak City tickets; and the AMC Movie packs went to Danny Ponce, Rickey Dutallas, Albert Robles, and Mark Weisenberger.



Harbor Department employees climb aboard historic rail cars for a ride along the Alameda Corridor.



Charles Smith, Club Member, and Manuel Ramirez, Club Member, found seats in the historic California Zephyr Dome Car.



Sean Masero, Human Resource Dept. with the Port, Club Member, demonstrates his first class grilling skills with assistance from Don Ikeda.



Port Police staff Al Rosario, Club Member, and Stacy Xenios.



The train inside the Alameda Corridor as it rides below street level.



The Club's Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services, and Arlene Herrero, Product Manager, find themselves on the other end of the camera as they enjoy the train ride.



The "perfect" employees line up to enjoy their snacks prepared by the Harbor's Human Resources staff.



Martín Chavez, Harbor Attendance Coordinator, Club Board Member, recognizes the Harbor Department's employees with ten consecutive years of perfect attendance. Pictured are (from left) Mark Weisenberger, LaJuan Kennedy, and Frank Rendon, Club Member.

The snacks and refreshments were organized by the Human Resources staff led by Phyllis Ninofranco, Club Member, with assistance from Lori Skroce, John Onorato, and Vanesha Foisa with grilling by Sean Masero assisted by Don Ikeda from Information Systems. Record verification was conducted by Rhonda Harris with assistance from Sandra Franco. Facility and equipment set up was led by Construction and Maintenance's Al Galloway and Sean Olson.

With employees pulling together to recognize their accomplishments, the Harbor Department is a great place to work along the waterfront, enjoying the company of fellow dedicated employees. Another great experience for being every day!

The Club thanks Martín Chavez for providing us with the event information.



David Walsh, Club Member, and Leilani Walsh enjoy a view of the Port from the Dome Car.



Harbor employees relax in a Zephyr dining car.



Harbor's "perfect" employees ready themselves for the awards and prizes.



Harbor employees enjoy their rail trip in a historic first class dining car.



Adria Williams, Club Member, demonstrates how to really enjoy a snack!



The Harbor's Human Resources brain trust: Leticia Lorenzana, Club Member and Martín Chavez, Harbor Attendance Coordinator, Club Board Member.



Human Resources staff who organized the Harbor Department's Perfect Attendance Recognition Event, bottom, from left: Rhonda Harris, Club Member; Vanesha Foisa, Club Member; Lori Skroce, Club Member; Sean Masero, Club Member; John Onorato; Tish Lorenzana, Club Member; and Martín Chavez, Club Board Member. Back: Phyllis Ninofranco, Club Member; and Sandra Franco.



Western Medical Group donated two sets of field-level seats. Pictured with WMG reps Adriana Gomez and Bob Truel are Frank Scognamillo and Dennis Frierson.



Port Police employees Mike Graychik; Capt. Alberto Rosario, Club Member; Stacy Xenios; and Petty Santos, Sr. MA II, Club Member, ready themselves for their first rail trip.



Martín Chavez, Harbor Attendance Coordinator, Club Board Member, welcomes the honorees from their trip along the Alameda Corridor.



From left: Teresa Henkhaus, Club Member; Mort Rowhani; Stuart Fricke, Club Member; and Antonio Gioiello enjoy their seats in the Zephyr's Dome Car.