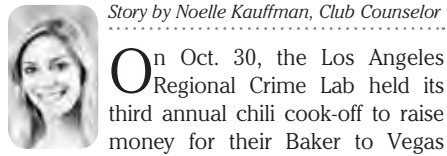


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They Know Beans About Chili

LAPD, Sheriff's Dept. combine to host chili cook-off fundraiser for crime lab's Baker to Vegas team.



Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On Oct. 30, the Los Angeles Regional Crime Lab held its third annual chili cook-off to raise money for their Baker to Vegas team. Participating employees brought slow-cookers full of their best chili recipes in hopes to win over the judges, while fellow crime lab employees sampled to support the cause.

The Club's very own Chef Larios participated as one of the five judges. The judging went as follows:

Traditional Chili Category

- First place: Leslie Thompson
- Second place: Katie Scriven

Open Chili Category

- First place: Joanna Law
- Second place: Nicole Venegas

People's Choice Award

- Tiffany Ornelas

"I tasted some awesome chili at the cook-off," the Club's Chef Larios said. "Congratulations to everyone!"

"But more importantly, it's great that they raised funds to support the crime lab's team in the Baker to Vegas rally. Thanks for the invitation."

What a successful fundraiser this was! *Thanks to Meiling Cabral, Club Member, and Flynn Lamas for inviting us to cover this fun and successful event.*



The judges' table, from left: The Club's Chef Larios; Learden Matthies, Criminalist, 12 years of County service; Susan Brockbank, Assistant Lab Director, 12 years of City service, Club Member; John Shaw, Chief Photographer, 23 years of County service; and Greg Matheson, Retired Lab Director, 34 years of City service.



Raymond Escobedo, Forensic Identification Specialist, 13 years of County service, sells shirts and hats to help raise additional funds for the Baker to Vegas team.



From left: Lewis Bolf, Criminalist Supervisor, 28 years of County service; Greg Page, Photographer I, 1 year of County service; and Alex Strouzer, Forensic Specialist, 23 years of County service.



From left: Cynthia Fortier, Forensic Identification Specialist, 23 years of County service; and Stephanie Tan, Criminalist, 2 years of City service.



William Moore, Criminalist III, 29 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Samantha Tosch, Criminalist, 4 years of City service; and Bradley Tom, Criminalist, 3 years of City service.



From Left: Flynn Lamas, Sr. Criminalist, 14 years of County service; Joanna Law, Sr. Criminalist, 3 years of City service; and Stacy Vanderschaft, Criminalist, 5 years of City service.



From left: Meiling Cabral, Criminalist II, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Leslie Thompson, Senior Criminalist, 4 years of County service.



Tiffany Ornelas, Sr. Criminalist, 5 years of County service.



From Left: Meiling Cabral, Criminalist II, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Katie Scriven, Criminalist, 7 years of City service.



Nicole Venegas, Criminalist Lab Tech, 5 years of County service.

CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK

Here's **Galen Osborne**, Maintenance Laborer, Public Works, 17 years of City service, Club Member, performing a slurry seal on Shirley Street. *Spotted by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor*



It's aerification time at Harbor Golf. At the Harbor Park Golf Course, Maintenance Dept. employees **Juan Gutierrez, Gardener Caretaker**, applies top dressing to an aerified golf green, and **Andre Branch, Gardener Caretaker**, drags sand to fill holes from the aerification. Thanks to **Dwain Henry, Lead Sr. Gardener, Rec and Parks/Harbor Park Golf Course**, for submitting the photos of these City employees hard at work!



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