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THIS MONTH AT THE

World Oceans Day

Saturday, June 8 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Celebrate the ocean and share how important it is in our lives. Family-oriented activities include arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, animal stories, a guided beach walk, a closeup look at baby animals and more. This year the aquarium will announce the winners of its Youth on Board video contest. Youth on *Board* is a joint project with CMA partners at Nausicaa Aquarium in Boulogne-sur-Mer, France, and Waikiki Aquarium in Honolulu.



With Robby the Recycling Robot, from left: Malyah, Alex Megan and Cole

At the Lighting Loader Truck, from left: Resse, with Bill Musselman, RCTO.

PUBLIC WORKS **Open House Roundup: East Valley**



At the Free Mulch Station, Khail Gharios, Sanitation Manager, talks to a neighbor.



Rush enjoys the Antanik Saiyan, Environmental open house Engineer Asssociate



vice, Club Member; Rolando Lozano, 12 years; and Alvaro Favela, 5 years.



Sanitation hosts its annual yard open houses, focusing on recycling.

Story by Jeff Browne, Solid Resources Supervisor, Public Works/Engineering; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

C anitation's Easy Valley Yard held its open **J**house April 29.

The Sanitation Open House program was started in 2005 to reach out to the community. As Sanitation services have modernized and become more automated, there has been less personal contact between residents and employees. The Open House is one way to bridge the gap.

The Open House is also a great way to educate residents about what the Bureau does and its future direction. Employees volunteer their time to make the events a success. There are tours of our facilities with different stations that offer information on related Departments including Mulching Facilities, Container Services, Recycling Division, etc.

Trucks are staged so that the public can observe the equipment in a safe environment. Refuse Collection Truck Operators volunteer their time and operate the trucks for the duration of the event. Kids love to come and see the equipment. They get a chance to meet the operators, sit in the trucks, operate some of the mechanical attachments and honk the horns. Mascots in costume and a robot made out of a Recycling container roam the facility and educate residents and their children about recycling. There are also games for the kids, raffles, giveaways and free food.

The Open Houses attract more than 6,000 people per year, and the number is growing. Special thanks go to Ray Cruz, Solid

Resources Superintendent and Jeff Browne, Solid Resources Supervisor.





At the Refrigerator Mascot: Tyler, Maddison and Alyson



With the Robot Recycle Can: Sarah Browne; Jeff Browne, Supervisor, 24 years of City service; and Caleb Browne.



From left: Gabriel Garcia, LAPD; Delia Diaz, Club Member; Emily Estrada; Isaak Garcia; Valerie Garcia; and Eddie Estrada



from left: Boeing Yeager

SANITATIO At the Automated Truck.

from left: Kirk Johnson and Frank Escobar, RCTO, and Robin Gottlieb, RCTO, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



Kids having fun: Frank Escobar, RCTO, 7 years of City service. Club Member



At the Front Truck Loader, from left: Sean Chotibut, Bryn Erdman, Michael Brenan, and Eddie Flores, RCTO, 6 years of City service.



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From left: Jesse Guzman, Jessica Aharonian, Melvin Marroquin and Glidia Munoz.





Supervisor, 24 years of City service; Ray Cruz, Solid Resources Superintendent, 25 years, Club Member; and Mannv



At the Rear Loader Truck, from left: Martin Vargas, RCTO, with Svdnev.

From left: Guadalupe Ramos, 7 years of City service, Club Member, with her daughter, Andrea Diaz; and Jacob Prado, Clean and Green volunteer





Raffle prizewinner Flora



her son



Raffle prizewinner Juan.



Raffle prizewinner Anthony Rodriguez.



Raffle prizewinner John stands by Guadalupe Ramos, 7 years of City service, Club Member.

Raffle prizewinner

Fernando Avina.

Raffle prizewinner Jennifer Clark.

Raffle prizewinner Valerie Yount.



Raffle prizewinner Karla Ornelas.

Raffle prizewinner Rosa and her daughter.

Raffle prizewinner Jose.