



LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
Sertoma Club
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HOSE LINE -----

Summer Days Are Here Again!

LAFD Merit Scholarship Program

LAFD Sertoma wishes to congratulate the 2009 LAFD Merit Scholar winners. This year's winners are Christina D. Bush, Kurt K. Horimoto, Tamara J. McCarty, Madeline R. Oberto, Jessica M. Reiner, and Christian D. Rivas. They were recognized on Thurs., May 28, at the LAFD Training Center. Fire Chief Douglas Barry also presented LAFD Sertoma with a "Certificate of Recognition" for assisting others in their pursuit of higher education and involvement, which shows how Sertoma values the importance of tomorrow's leaders.

LAFD Civilian Employee Recognition Awards

On May 27, 2009, LAFD Sertoma had the privilege of sponsoring the recognition of civilian employees in the Fire Department. This year's honorees are Michael L. Prendergast, Professional/Specialize Skills category, Rosa A. Mercado, Clerical, and Lou T. Hua, Shop Maintenance. Congratulations to all our winners.

News Flash

Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry announced his retirement effective August 31, 2009. During his leadership tenure, many marveled at his ability to communicate and solve problems thereby creating peace and understanding throughout the Department. Chief Barry won the respect and admiration from many. It will be difficult to find someone of his caliber. We thank him for his membership and support of the LAFD Sertoma Club.

Mountain West Regional Conference

A lot of networking and training occurred at the Mountain West Regional Conference. There is a push for all clubs to attend the Sertoma International Conference scheduled for July 23 – 25, in Nashville, Tenn. Discussions were held regarding club projects, and a proposal made for a Wild West District Leadership Conference on Sat., August 1, 2009, in the Los Angeles area was approved. The Leadership Conference will be held at the LAFD Training Center, 1700 Stadium Way, Los Angeles, CA 90012. More to follow.....

Amazing Improvement Shown

Though doctors had predicted Tom Bolewski would never stand or walk, his friends and family did not write him off. Tom's recovery was demonstrated at the 2nd Annual Mountainview Park Fundraiser when he stood up from the wheelchair. There is still a lot of hard work ahead for Tom, but his commitment to his own recovery is obvious. Tom thanked Sertoma and the LAFD Volunteers for their support in his recovery. For additional information please check out www.tomsrecovery.com.

Status – Fire Station Grand Openings

There are no Fire Station Grand Openings scheduled at this time.

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Excellent Development

One of the recipients of a scholarship award, Amanda Boxley, has demonstrated why she is considered an excellent productive student. She loves what she is doing. Becoming a quality baker. Again the Sponsorship Committee is pleased to provide a stipend for Amanda's continued education at the internationally known Le Cordon Bleu cooking school.

20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

We need help. There is a need to identify golfers and sponsors for this event. Remember, you can help by purchasing a Tee sign for \$100.00 and/or attend the golf dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall, at 214 Ave. I, Redondo Beach, CA. This year marks 20 years of hosting a Charity Golf Tournament. This venture allows the LAFD Sertoma Club and the Torrance Sertoma Club an opportunity to collaborate for a few worthy causes. Charity proceeds will be directed to South Bay Charity agencies, our Toy Program and LAFD Community events. This is a fun event scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2009, at the Los Verdes Golf Course, 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes. For additional information contact Chief Rey Rojo, (310) 508-6622

Dates to Remember

- Wed., June 3, Regular Meeting
- Wed., June 17, Regular Meeting
- Fri, June 26, LAFD Sertoma and Torrance Sertoma Golf Tournament
- Thurs. July 23, International Sertoma Conference, Nashville, Tn.
- Sat., Aug. 1, Leadership Conference, LAFD Training Center

An Invitation

The Los Angeles Police Academy Café continues to be a big hit as our volunteers are pleased with the menu selection. We meet every other Wednesday. Our meetings this month are Wednesday, June 3 and 17. Check our website www.lafdsertoma.org for our calendar of meetings and ongoing events. For additional information contact: Chief Rey Rojo, LAFD (ret.) 310.508.6622 cell

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Downey 2nd and 4th Tues.
Baker's Square – 5:45 p.m.
7954 Imperial Highway
Downey, CA 90241

Las Vegas Paradise
Denny's
3801 Maryland Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Leona Valley
1st and 3rd Sat. 8:00 a.m.
Jackie's 90th St. & Elizabeth Rd.
Leona Valley, CA 93551

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North County
1st and 3rd Wed. – 6:30 p.m.
Sizzler – 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92835

Orange Empire
Thursday 12:15 p.m.
Santa Ana Elks Lodge
Santa Ana, CA 92701-5011

Torrance – Tues. 7:00 a.m.
Billy's - 5160 W. 190th St.
Torrance, CA 90503-1005

Westwood Village
Thurs. 12:15 p.m.
Rancho Park Golf Club
10400 Pico Blvd. WLA 90064

Whittier – Fri. 12:15 p.m.
Friendly Hills Country Club
8500 S. Villa Verde Dr.
Whittier, CA 90605

Los Angeles Fire Department
Every other Wed. 8:00 a.m.
Police Academy Café
1880 N. Academy Dr. LA 90012
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