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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Carol Mishell Named 1988 Volunteer Of The Year

The Sixth Annual Los Angeles County Volunteer of the Year Recognition Awards Ceremonies and Luncheon Program was held on April 18, 1988 in the Grand Hall of the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The event honored Mrs. Carol G. Mishell as the 1988 County Volunteer of the year for her



Carol G. Mishell is congratulated by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

exceptional leadership and vision towards the establishment of a CARES (Center Auxiliary for Recruitment, Education and Services) LAC-USC Medical Center Women's Hospital Child and Family Center.

Because of Carol's singleness of purpose and enthusiasm, an impossible dream has become a reality. In 1986, as a Women's Hospital Volunteer and member of CARES, Carol recognized the critical need for a child care facility for the patients and visitors at Women's Hospital. She committed herself to raising \$250,000 for project expenses, took the initiative by forming CARES Women's Hospital Support Group which became instrumental in promoting the need for a child care facility, fund-raising, and program planning and development. On her own, Carol raised \$90,000 and the pledge of \$75,000 by hospital administration.

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Joan Keston (c) Public Employee Roundtable Executive Director, presents National Award to L.A. County Board Chairman, Supervisor Deane Dana (r) and Roberto Quiroz, Department of Mental Health Director.



Mental Health Department Program Wins National Award

The Department of Mental Health's Skid Row Mental Health Services Program through its employees has brought national recognition to our County family by winning the Public Employees Roundtable's National 1988 Public Service Excellence Award for local government excellence.



Elaine Lomas, L.C.S.W., Director of the Skid Row Mental Health Service and Ralph Mitchell, Program Head.

The program selected for the honor is the department's Skid Row Mental Health Service (SRMHS) which brings urgently needed mental health services into the streets to the 7,000 to 15,000 homeless people who reside in the Skid Row district of Los Angeles. The SRMHS staff has brought about dramatic changes in the lives of homeless mentally ill people and saved the County thousands of local tax dollars, while personally facing danger, poverty, and abuse in the district they serve.

Competition for the Public Service Excellence Award was keen this year, with more than 300 entries from across the country, military bases overseas, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico for federal, state and local government categories. We are proud that the committee selected our agency as the finest example of public service among the more than 90 nominations of local agencies throughout the United States.

The Public Service Excellence Award was presented by the Public Employees Roundtable at a "Breakfast of Champions" at the Canon House Caucus Room on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C., on May 5, 1988. Accepting the greatly deserved recognition with Mr. Quiroz were: Elaine Lomas, L.C.S.W., Direc-

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Public Health Week To Be Observed

"Public Health: An Investment in the Future" is the theme of Public Health Week being observed May 16 - 20 in Los Angeles County.

The special activities are sponsored by the Department of Health Services (DHS), Public Health Foundation, and California Museum of Science and Industry.

The observance will open at 2 p.m., Monday, May 16 at the Museum's Kinsey Auditorium with speakers Chairman Deane Dana, Board of Supervisors; Bailus Walker, President, American Public Health Association; Abdelmonem A. Affifi, Dean, UCLA School of Public Health; Robert C. Gates, DHS Director; Caswell A. Evans, Assistant Director of DHS, Public Health Programs and Services, and Dr. Ellen Alkon, Deputy Director and Medical Director, Public Health Programs.

At a reception following the opening session, special recognition awards will be presented to Glenda Wina, Health Editor of KCBS-TV News, and Frank Cruz, Vice President of KVEA-TV, for their efforts in providing health education and promotion to the public via the media.

Throughout the week, members of the public health staff will give presentations at the Museum on their work in preventing disease and protecting and promoting health. Topics will cover the various aspects of epidemiology, public health strategic planning, health center operations, prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug problems, disease control, public health enforcement and investigation services, public health nursing, and community health assessment activities.

The closing session will be at 1:30 p.m. on May 20 at the Museum and will feature speakers Dr. Kenneth Kizer, Director, California Department of Health Services, and David E. Hayes-Bautista, Professor of Medicine and Director of Chicano studies at UCLA.

Open houses, health fairs, and other activities will be held during the comprehensive and public health centers throughout the County.

For more information call (213) 250-8055.

Illegal Parking Can Be Costly

Effective March 14, 1988, the fine for illegal parking in the Civic Center area was increased from \$28 to \$53 and will be levied in addition to any towing and storage fees.

Enforcement of traffic and parking regulations has been increased in an effort to ease rush hour traffic tie-ups and unsafe lane changes. REMEMBER: If you are tempted to park illegally in the downtown area, even for a few minutes, it may cost you a \$53 fine.

Congratulations Retirees

A special tribute goes to Clyde A. McCowan, Department of Health Services Building Crafts Manager, who is retiring after more than 43 years of County service.

For a job well done, we congratulate and praise the following employees who are retiring with more than 30 years of service:

Agriculture Commission: Paul B. Engler

Assessor: Leighton R. Herman, Otto E. Kiertzner, Robert J. Pengilly, Betty L. Richardson, Peter M. Serrano

Auditor-Controller: W. Norman Haller

Beaches & Harbors: Argustus Kennedy

Board of Supervisors: Alice Carreon

Chief Administrative Office: Gilbert T. Martinez

Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner: Isabell Robertson

Children's Services: Peggy Hill, Shelle E. Vann, Ray L. Wilson

Data Processing: Wallon Hamilton, John B. McKay

District Attorney: Jerry J. Bowes, Sheldon H. Brown, Gordon Jacobson

Facilities Management: Norris J. Mohr, H. Norman Parker, Johnnie M. Wilson

Fire Department: William E. Dibble, Max Curtis

Health Services: Raymond Bryan, Rudolph Cabacungan, Luvella Dale, Lawrence S. Hartfield, William D. Hayes, Geneva Johnson, Willie Beverly Morris, Cleo M. Smith, Minnie R. Wade, Ann Wakefield

Municipal Courts: Gracia L. Jeffcoat, Clinton H. Moore

Probation: Roscoe Fortson, Ernest Braun, Kenneth Caldwell, Ann Chaus, Clarence Devereaux, Richard L. Matson, William Streets, Anita C. Walters, Louis Witcher

Public Social Services: Philip J. Graham, Ardelia E. Moore, Edward B. Riave, Kenneth S. H. Wong

Public Works: Joe B. Gonzales, Paul A. Hernandez, Frank V. Lumbert, Angelo A. Marangi, Robert G. Mickey, Ernest Munoz, Woodrow E. Thurlow

Purchasing & Stores: William M. Dudley, Julius Dickson

Regional Planning: George E. Marr

Retirement Association: Esther Crespin

Sheriff's Department: Johnny C. Bright, Gene C. Gast, Thomas L. Skaggs, Hillary Balancier, Alfred H. Sett

Superior Court: James A. Braggs, Raul A. Acosta, Thelma Brancato, Wilbur Clark, Kathleen T. Ghezzi

Best wishes are also extended to the following retirees with more than 25 years of County service:

Assessor: Alan Aller, Martin Colleran, Reginald F. Frost, Earl H. Smith, Tohru Suzuki, Paul E. Little

Chief Administrative Office: Cleta Cross, Sylvia E. Hall, August R. Gerecke

Children's Services: Cynthia Kenyatta

Facilities Management: Verne Heitman

Health Services: Rosa Cadieux, Cora L. Eves, Aussie M. Ewell, Ethel L. Hines, Frank Hirose, Virginia B. Hunter, Louise A. Inga, Harriet S. Kaplan, Henry C. Martinez, Grace Y. Mizumoto, Donald M. Stapleton, Lorenza P. Vivo, Inez Warren, Dorothy J. Wilson, Matthew O. Locks

Marshal: William A. Sather

Mental Health: Gerda Maxey

Parks & Recreation: Kay K. Kamei, Clare R. Peterson

Probation: Barbara J. Guthary, Julian E. Johnson, Kenneth P. Reed

Public Defender: James J. Schmitt

Public Library: Rosemary L. Dailey

Public Social Services: Larry Bailey, Martha Clark, Elsie H. Wormley

Public Works: Robert A. Lame

Regional Planning: Mariya Nakayama

Sheriff's Department: Lair Cooke, Charles D. Emerson, William C. Murray, George A. Johnson

Superior Court: Patricia Kelly

Skid Row Mental Health Service Wins National Award

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tor of the SRMHS Programs; Ralph Mitchell, SRMHS Programs Head; and Lani Tsuneishi, Mental Health Counselor, R.N.

In announcing the prestigious honor locally, Board Chairman Supervisor Deane Dana said, "I congratulate Roberto Quiroz and the employees of the Department of Mental Health, especially those who made this honor possible. This national honor speaks well for our County and has most certainly resulted in awareness of local public service excellence in Washington, D.C."

COUNTY SPORTSFEST Planned For June

The Department of Health Services (DHS) in conjunction with other County departments, is sponsoring the First Annual Los Angeles County Sportsfest on Saturday, June 25, 1988. This event is open to all County employees and their families and will be held at Whittier Narrows Recreational Area. Activities include a 15K relay race and other family activities. More detailed information will be provided soon or you can call Gloria Gray, DHS Health and Fitness Committee Chair at (213) 940-7933.

American Red Cross Praises County Blood Donors

In recent Board Room ceremonies, the American Red Cross presented awards to seven County departments for outstanding blood donorship efforts during 1987. The ceremonies were led by Board Chairman Deane Dana, who commended the continued interest, generosity and community support demonstrated by County employees.

Awards were presented to the winning departments by Tom Schallert, Associate Administrator of Regional Blood Services for the American Red Cross. A special plaque was also presented to Supervisor Dana for all County of Los Angeles employees for the continued growth of the Blood Donor Program.

The award-winning departments were: Department of Public Social Services, Facilities Management, Los Angeles Municipal Court, Chief Administrative Office, East Los Angeles Municipal Court, and the Human Relations Commission. For an on-going Hospital Blood Donor Program at Harbor, LAC-USC, and King-Drew Medical Centers, the Department of Health Services received a special recognition award.

The success achieved in 1987 is credited to the dedicated departmental coordinators and



Chairman Supervisor Deane Dana accepts special award from Tom Schallert as "Buddy Blood Drop" smiles approval.

recruiters who truly believe in the concept of helping others. Their work has resulted in both increased donorship and program expansion. Although some departments held various "Thank you" activities, the efforts of coordinators and recruiters were acknowledged during the Board ceremonies.

Employee blood donors range from department heads to new hires, with many donating more than once each year. Since the formation of the County's VIP Civic Center Club in

1986, this special group of "super donors" are committed to donating four times a year and represent 55 percent of the donorship at Civic Center drives.

With the Goodwill Ambassador, "Buddy Blood Drop" on stage, the Board of Supervisors unanimously joined the American Red Cross in recognizing the outstanding contribution made by County of Los Angeles employees to the lives of others.

CARES Leader Volunteer Of The Year

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In addition, she convinced Johnson Laboratories to grant \$50,000 for the development of a model program in prenatal counseling, infant feeding and nutrition, and a \$5,000 grant from Mead Johnson for professional staff. Carol has fully involved the community to foster support for the child care center. Planned for opening in the Fall of 1988, the center will benefit over 15,000 children annually.

The award program was sponsored by the Board of Supervisors who declared April 17-22, 1988 Volunteer Recognition Week in conjunction with National Volunteer Week. The special categorical award recipients also honored included: **Distinguished Volunteers (5):** Geraldine E. Brown, Human Relations Commission; Wanda Lee Harmon, Animal Care and Control; Ronnie Leigh, Sheriff Civilian Volunteers; Angela Morales, Public Social Services; Joseph Piade, District Attorney; **Arts and Humanities:** Martha Mandel, County Public Library; **Education:** Jack L. Rabe, Forester and Fire Warden; **Environment:** Jon Rodney Mahoney, Parks and Recreation; **Health:** Mary Gurewitz, DHS Health Center Operations; **Human Services:** [Name obscured], DHS Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers; **Nelle Reagan Humanitarian:** Dorothy May Hawk, Probation; **Public Safety:** Ralph B. White, Sheriff Reserves; **Senior:** Viola Mooers, Community and Senior

Citizens Services.

Also honored were 26 other departmental volunteers of the year and 12 departmental youth volunteers of the year. The seven "Golden" volunteers, those from 88 to 91 years of age, were Doris Goodrich, Helen Klein, Marie Doezie, Laurance Linnegar, Emma Jones, Al Willner, and Richard Dean Hyskell.

Fritz Coleman, celebrated television weathercaster, comedian and radio talk show

host, served as the Master of Ceremonies along with Board of Supervisors Chairman Deane Dana and Supervisor Michael Antonovich who presented special awards.

The program included a welcoming speech by CAO Richard B. Dixon and a special message by Sheriff Sherman Block. As the Volunteer of the Year was announced by Supervisor Dana, he stated, "Carol Mishell fully represents the best in volunteerism, both in practice and spirit."

David Pontious Youth Volunteer Of The Year

After receiving the highest honor given a volunteer, David Charles Pontious, 1988 Youth Volunteer of the Year, stated, "I enjoy helping others and participating in worthwhile volunteer projects." And David's volunteer record certainly supports that statement. In 1987, David donated over 1,300 hours in fire safety work, as a Senior Explorer.

Through his leadership, four groups of explorer volunteers installed smoke detectors at the homes of fifty elderly citizens in Claremont. He coordinated a group of volunteers for a Muscular Dystrophy fund drive which helped raise \$2,000. He has ridden along with the County Fire Department in actual responses to emergencies and assisted in saving a baby's life.



David Charles Pontious

Summer Youth Program Focuses On W.A.T.E.R.

Youngsters Invited June 11

On Sunday, April 17, the Department of Beaches and Harbors' W.A.T.E.R. Program hosted an excursion to Cabrillo Beach. W.A.T.E.R. (Water Awareness Training, Education, and Recruitment) is aimed at developing ocean awareness and swimming skills among youngsters from non-beach communities.

Approximately 110 youngsters from various swim teams in South Central and East Los Angeles attended the event which easily demonstrated how youngsters from different communities and backgrounds can interrelate positively. Youngsters were grouped by ages to participate in such activities as sailing, canoeing, surf skiing, and touring the Cabrillo Beach Museum.

In addition, several parents, representatives from Brotherhood Crusade, Beaches and Harbors staff and approximately 15 seniors from the Willowbrook Senior Citizens Center participated and prepared food provided by the department for a barbecue. Transportation was provided by Brotherhood Crusade.

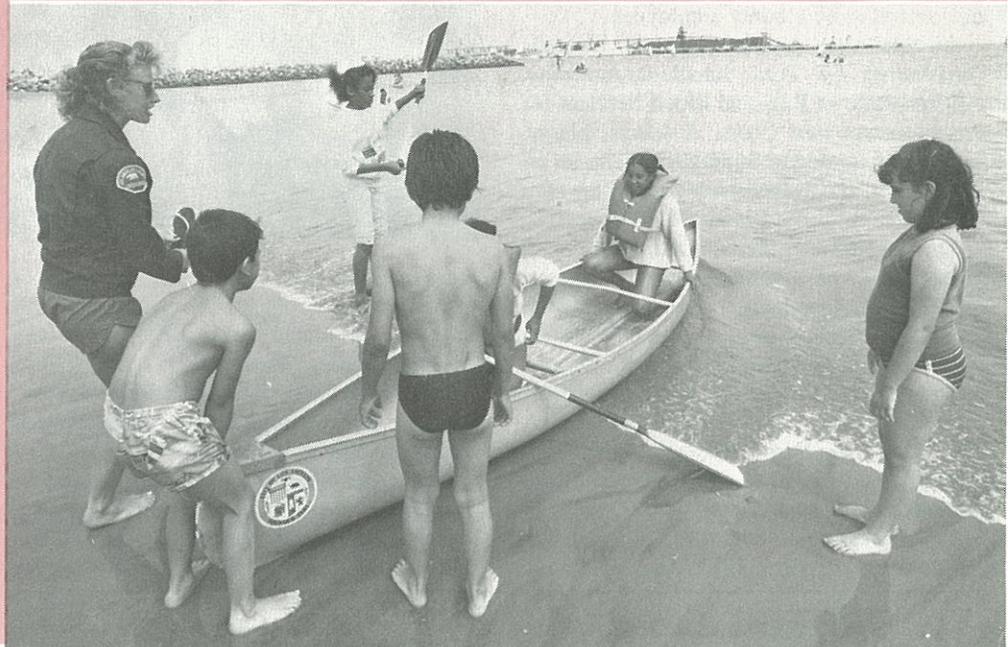
On Saturday, June 11 at 1 p.m., W.A.T.E.R. youngsters will have an opportunity to try out for this summer's programs, i.e., Junior Lifeguard, Boating, and Seacamp.

County employees, family and friends are invited to attend the event at the Los Angeles Swim Stadium, 3980 South Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles. There is no charge for admission.

For further information on W.A.T.E.R.,

please contact Anne Cephus at (213) 305-9554 or Eddy Love at (213) 305-9557.

Patti Brouwer, Department of Beaches and Harbors Ocean Lifeguard guides a group of youngsters getting ready for canoeing.



Department of Children's Services Co-Hosts Regional Conference

In a public/private sector partnership, the 1988 Child Welfare League of America Western Regional Conference was co-hosted by the Department of Children's Services (DCS) and Five Acres Boys and Girls Aid Society of Los Angeles. "Children Are Here . . . And Now?" was the theme of the sessions held at the Pasadena Conference Center on April 13 and 14.

Rather than theorizing about the future, the conference focused on what is happening to children "here and now". Over 950 people participated in the event which was sponsored by the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), an association of 500 public and private child care agencies.

At the opening session, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich presented a scroll to David Liederman, Executive Director of CWLA, in recognition of CWLA's leadership in the field of child welfare. Other opening day speakers included Robert L. Chaffee, Director of DCS; Dr. Scott Briar, University of Washington; Robert Ketch, Executive Director of Five Acres, and Jean McIntosh, Assistant Director, DCS.

More than 70 workshops and institutes were conducted during the two-day event. Topics included ethnic change and priorities; AIDS; child abuse and neglect; developmental disabilities; drugs and alcohol, and adolescent pregnancy.

(L. to R.) Mai Bell Hurley, Board President of Child Welfare League of America (CWLA); David Liederman (CWLA), Executive Director and Jean McIntosh, Assistant Director, County Department of Children's Services and conference co-chair.



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