

DISTRICT III INFORMER

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Important Events/Dates

Upcoming District III Meetings:

		Location:
[Caucus] January 28, 2012	9:00 a.m.	Nat's Airport Café, Hawthorne, CA
February 4, 2012	TBD	Sacramento, CA
March 10, 2012	9:00 a.m.	Nat's Airport Café, Hawthorne, CA
April 14, 2012	9:00 a.m.	TBD
May 4, 2012	TBD	@ Conference in Ontario, CA

2012 California State Educational Conference and Convention

[See Detailed Information on [CA IAWP Website](#)]

Thursday, May 3, 2012 through Saturday, May 5, 2012

Location:

DoubleTree Ontario Airport
222 North Vineyard Avenue
Ontario, CA 91764

99th International Educational Conference, **Spokane 2012**

Sunday, June 10, 2012 through Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Location:

Red Lion Hotel at the Park
W. 303 North River Drive
Spokane, Washington 99201

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January 15, 2012
March 15, 2012
May 15, 2012

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<http://www.IAPES-CA.org>

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District III: 2011 Annual Employee Recognition Awards Dinner

By: Yvette Quevedo, District III Awards Committee Chair

District III held its Annual Awards Dinner on November 4, 2011, at the Taix Restaurant in Los Angeles, California. Carolyn Anderson, Deputy Division Chief, was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the event. California Chapter President Mary Navarro-Aldana and IAWP International Vice President Ray Cabrera, both greeted and welcomed the attendees with a few words about IAWP, upcoming events, and encouraging membership.

There were many nominations this year, so some categories had multiple winners and various Honorable Mentions (HM). Presenters included:

- **Disability Insurance:** Kevin Haygood, DI Acting Chief of the Field Operations
- **Unemployment Insurance:** Val Moeller, LAPAC Manager
- **Workforce Services:** Michael Dolphin, LA-Ventura Workforce Services Division Chief, and Lillian Kirimlidis, Deputy Division Chief

Individual winners received an engraved star; those with honorable mentions got a certificate acknowledging their hard work. Group winners received a plaque and certificates for all group members. Honorable mentions for groups were given a frame and all group participants a certificate. Here is the list of awardees:

Disability Insurance

- **Determinations/Customer Service:**
1st, Shondale Banks, Los Angeles DI
HM, Max Castillo, Los Angeles DI
- **Specialty:**
1st, Angelia Judkins, Long Beach DI



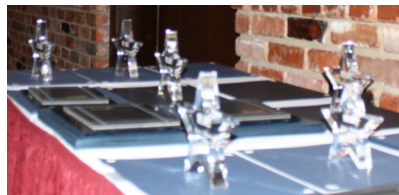
Kevin Haygood

Unemployment Insurance

- **PAC – Determinations:**
1st, Eva Gutierrez, LAPAC
- **PAC – Group Winner:**
Los Angeles Primary Adjudication Center Appeals Unit
- **PCC – Customer Service:**
1st, Mary Silva, OCCC
HM, Wanda Reid, LACC
- **PCC – Group Winner:**
Orange County Call Center Rapid Response Team

Workforce Services

- **One Stop Award Winner:**
Torrance Workforce Services Office
- **Customer Service – Individual:**
1st, Adriana Rios, East LA
1st, Danielle Dutsch, LAVWSD
3rd, Deborah Young, Canoga Park
**Honorable Mentions: Peter Rosales, Eliana R. Alfaro, Cande Plascencia, Karl Murphy, Dorina Ganji, Stella Ahn, Sandra Shreve, Carrie Marks, and Yvonne Sotelo
- **Customer Service – Group:**
1st, REA/JS4UI Team - Northeast San Fernando Valley WS
HM, REA Team - Oxnard Workforce Services Office



- **Employer Services–Individual:**
1st, John Sanchez, Crenshaw/West LA
- **Employer Services–Group Winner:**
Business Employer Services Team (BEST) - LAVWSD Region C
- **Labor Market Information:**
1st, Gloria Soderstedt, Glendale
- **Veterans:**
1st, Robert Ruiz, Compton
- **Service to Special Clients–Group:**
1st, Veterans Unit - Long Beach Workforce Services
1st, Crenshaw/West Los Angeles YEOP Unit
HM, Special Programs Unit - Oxnard Workforce Services Office
HM, Veteran Refocus Team - LAVWSD Region B
HM, TAA Program Specialists - Glendale Cluster

Other Awards

- **Economic & Employment Enforcement Coalition (EEEC)**
1st, Pete Gonzalez, LAVWSD
- **Group:**
1st, Go Green Team - LAVWSD
1st, Entertainment Industry Workshop Team - Crenshaw WS
- **Management:**
1st, Cesar Valladares, Pasadena
HM, PrinceJames Reed-Williams, Long Beach
HM, Marie Sandoval, Canoga Park
- **Janitorial Support–Group:**
San Gabriel Valley Workforce Services
- **Business Operations Planning and Support (BOPSD):**
Southern Facilities Management Group - Area 4

The district would like to thank all nominators and hope for more nominations next year. Remember, ANYONE can submit a nomination. The rules are changing — become a member so that you can be nominated next year!



Mary Navarro-Aldana



Carolyn Anderson

Happy
Holidays




Happy
New
Year



District III would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. No matter what you celebrate, we hope that it is a joyous occasion. We look forward to the upcoming year and your continued support of the organization. *Get involved and make a change.*

Disability Awareness and the DAC

By: Yvette Quevedo, SGV President

October was National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), and the Employment Development Department (EDD)'s Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) put on various events and presentations throughout the state of California. In an e-mail sent out by Pam Harris, now Director of EDD, it was noted that 17.8% of the EDD's workforce includes persons with disabilities, which makes it one of the top State departments who have successfully employed individuals with disabilities. It was only fitting, then, that the theme for the event was "EDD—A Mirror Reflection of Our Communities and Those We Serve."

One of those events was held at the San Gabriel Valley Workforce Services (SGVWS) office in West Covina on October 6, 2011. The San Gabriel Valley chapter stepped in to help sponsor this event by providing refreshments and other assistance to the office. The DAC was limited to holding these events to offices where their committee members were located. Larry



Speakers at the event (left to right): Gina Galvan (Field Office Manager), Elizabeth Miles (LEAP Coordinator), Cece Slater (EEO Chief), Olin King (Alternate Manager), Tammy Bachrach (Director of Services for Community Advocates for People's Choice Inc.), and Larry Ervin (DAC member).

Ervin is currently a member of the DAC, which is why one was held in West Covina. There were various presentations given, including one by Michael Dolphin, the LA-Ventura Workforce Services Division Chief, and the EEO Chief Cece Slater. Also, detailed information was given regarding the Limited Examination and Appointment Program (LEAP) by Elizabeth Miles, the LEAP Coordinator. Among the various accolades given to the EDD DAC over the past few years, they recently received the award for the 2011 Best DAC.

Legislative Information

Visit IAWP's legislative website to keep up with recent news and to view instructions on how to write your legislator:

<http://www.iapes-ca.org/legislative.html>

Websites to Locate Congressional Leaders

Federal House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/>

Federal Senators: <http://www.senate.gov/>

California State Legislators: <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/>

MOTIVATIONAL CORNER

"If you ever need a helping hand, you'll find it at the end of your arm."
- Unknown

"I failed my way to success." - Thomas Edison

"They can because they think they can." - Virgil

"Work spares us from three evils: boredom, vice, and need." - Voltaire

"Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is." - Vince Lombardi

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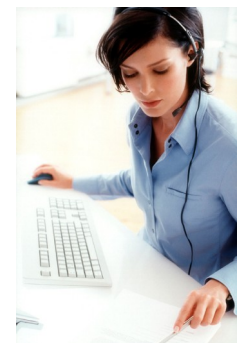
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