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### **BRAD'S BLOG**

By now I'm sure most of you have heard that AEG has dropped plans to build the Farmer's Field stadium adjacent to the LACC. Although this is a disappointment to many at AEG, the silver lining is that we can now all focus on expanding and improving the convention center.

Ernie Wooden, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board (LATCB) was quoted upon learning the news: "This is great news for us because for the last six or seven years we've been in a state of limbo." He went on to say that expanding and modernizing the convention center will make it easier to attract large City-wide conventions, something his team is charged with doing on behalf of the City.

The City of LA was prepared for this eventuality and had started the process of selecting an architectural team through a design competition that started earlier this year. Three architectural teams with extensive experience and expertise in convention center design and development were selected by the City to submit design proposals for this project, which will include expanding the South Exhibit Hall over Pico St., addition of a large ballroom and more meeting space. It will also include recommendations for a building pad for a 1000 room headquarters hotel adjacent to the LACC.

We have made great strides working with the City, LATCB, the hotel community and AEG Corporate this past year as a preferred destination for conventions, tradeshows, corporate events and special events, improving our ranking to No. 19 in the nation's most popular destinations for conventions and business gatherings. In comparison, Anaheim was ranked 25th and Long Beach was 44th.

The future of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Convention Center has never been brighter than right now. And all of you are playing a vital role in the success!

## APRIL IS EARTH MONTH So what are we doing to celebrate?

RUMMAGE SALE 4/22 & 4/23: DONATE SLIGHTLY USED/NEW ITEMS. \*\*BRING ITEMS TO HR BY 4/21/15.

- WHEN/WHERE: 9AM-4PM, PETREE HALL CD
- QUESTIONS? CONTACT HR

EARTH DAY PROJECT 4/21/15: RE-DEDICATING (BEAUTIFYING) THE LACC RECYCLING CENTER

- CONTEST: NAME THE RECYCLING CENTER. SUBMIT NAMES TO VICKY BY 4/10/15.
- BBQ/POTLUCK

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2: "Join us for Earth Day Fun 4/21/15

EARTH HOUR: WE PARTICIPATED IN AN HOUR OF DARKNESS ON 3/28/15 FROM 8:30-9:30 PM

## AND THE Winner IS...

**Sharon Dean! Congrats!** 

Paint Night March 2015 Photo Contest Winner











## Join us for <u>farth</u> Day Fun 4/21/15

**PROJECT:** Rededicating the Recycling Center AKA

PAINTING/BEAUTIFYING

**LOCATION: Recycling Center** 

**TIME: 10AM-12PM** 

ATTIRE: Clothing/shoes you don't mind getting paint on

**CONTEST:** PROPOSE A *NAME* FOR THE RECYCLING

CENTER. EMAIL TO <u>VICKY</u> BY 4/10/15.

PRIZES/GAMES: Waste Management will host a booth!

**BBQ/POTLUCK** AT 12PM. See your dept. head or HR for details.

# How did <u>farth</u> Day come about, anyway?

Inspired by the antiwar protests and culture of the 1960s, Earth Day began as a "national teach-in on the environment" dedicated to educating the public on environmental issues. Initially led by Senator Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day 1970 was a large-scale grassroots environmental demonstration resulting in a "permanent change in national priorities...when polled in May 1971, 25% of the U.S. public declared protecting the environment to be an important goal, a 2,500% increase over 1969," EPA.

Environmental issues continue to be at the forefront of national agendas worldwide and corporate environmental responsibility is a top priority for businesses today. AEG & the LACC are committed to reducing the environmental impact of our business operations by investing in sustainable products and practices.

## MEET FEBRUARY 2015 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: MANUEL (ALEX) ULLOA



### FEB BDAY CELEBRATION WAS A HIT

FINANCE CAN THROW A PARTY... DID SALES & MARKETING KEEP UP IN MARCH?

FIND OUT NEXT MONTH!







## **BUILDING NEWS: MARCH/APRIL HIGHLIGHTS**

### Security Surveillance Replacement Program

Phase 2: Servers, Workstations, Monitors Phase 2 has ended. All workstations and monitors have been installed inside the Security Command Center. New switches & servers have been installed in all of the IDF rooms with the assistance of AEG Corporate IT and RD Systems.

#### Phase 3: Camera Installation

Conduit and fiber optic wire installation for the cameras began on 3/5 & completed on 3/20. Cameras that are connected to several IDF rooms were installed and activated on 3/25.

#### Electronic Parking Equipment Upgrades

Notice to proceed was given to the contractor. West Hall is the top priority with scheduled completion by mid-May.

## West & South Halls Moveable Wall Repairs

Scheduled to begin repairs in early April.

#### Theatre 411 Upgrade

Project will begin end of March with scheduled completion by end of April.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Meet Dan Federoff

#### Position: Event Manager

- What genre of music do you prefer? 1.
  - a. Anything other than country
- Favorite food? 2.
  - a. Mexican
- Any upcoming travel plans? 3.
  - a. Honeymoon in Australia!
- If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who 4. would you meet?
  - a. John Wooden long-time basketball coach at UCLA
- Dislikes? 5.
  - a. Olives & mushrooms
- Hobbies? 6.
  - a. Sports; I play beach volleyball most week ends; I'm part of a book club w/friends; play ing w/my 2 mo. old nephew.
- 7. Which superhuman power do you wish you had?
  - a. Flying so I can beat LA traffic!
- 8. Who would play you in the movie adaptation of vour life?
  - a. Will Ferrell
- 9. What's the 1 piece of advice you'd give others about life?
  - a. Follow your passion & do what you enjoy
- 10. If you could be anywhere in this moment where would you be?
  - a. Tropical beach in Tahiti or Fiji











## Spring Cleaning at the fos Angeles Convention Center

The Smart City technicians "sprang" into action in late February to completely redesign and deep clean the switch room. Floor tiles and furniture were removed and relocated to create an open work area. The team also used existing resources and "state of the art paint" to create a new 8'x4' dry erase board for less than \$30.

The management team at the center would like to give a "SUPER BOOST" to Abel Soto, Adolfo Ramirez and Shawn Pierce for taking the initiative to making this space beautiful and functional!



Before

### **WAY TO GO TEAM!!!**

Submitted by: Matthew Chavez





After









## LACC BUZZZZZ %



@MChang: #feelslikesummer @EllenS: #lovemarchmadness @AdriaY: #cesarchavezdayoff

@Ruben: #itsnotpound @KLove: #whoatemyfood

@Frank: #wisconsinmessedmeup @MeredithG: #onecookieisnotenough

Submit #thoughts to Vicky by 4/21 for the May newsletter!

## Fmergency Preparedness Earthquakes in cars

#### What to do:

- Stay in car & pull over/stop as quickly as safety allows
- Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, bridges
- · Proceed cautiously & notify authorities if medical attention is needed

#### Car emergency kits should include:

- Fully equipped first aid kit, bottled water; non-perishable foods
- Flash light, fire extinguisher, tools, work gloves, sleeping bag or blanket, matches, sealable plastic bags
- Toiletries, extra clothes, sturdy shoes

Above content courtesy of Adria Ybarra via City of LA Emergency Management Department



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: Meet Kadamia Hubbard



Position at LACC: Administrative Assistant, Facilities

- 1. What's your favorite food?
- 2. Are you a sports fan?
- 3. Do you speak any other languages?
  - in Russian, American Sign Language, & Dutch. I just started learning Korean this past Summer.
- 4. If you could choose anyone, who'd you pick as your mentor?
  - have to be my senior high school teacher. He left me will save someone else."
- 5. If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?
- 6. What's your favorite thing to do on weekends?
- 7. What do you think the secret to a good/happy life is?
- 8. Who was/is the most influential person in your life?
- a. My old Robotics teacher. He took me to my first airshow and inspired me to go after my pilot license.
  - 9. Do you have a favorite season?
- 10. What's your current or recent TV show obsession?
  - a. Walking Dead. Guilty pleasure: Dance Moms &







