



The Short of It

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Questions or Concerns?

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Greg Quesada-
Juvenile Hall

A Message From Your Executive Board

E-Board Secretary, Rich Berkery

WHY VOTE?

With the General Election around the corner (November 2, 2010), I wanted to briefly touch on what I believe voting is important.

Voting is a civil action that brings Americans together as a community and strengthens our national identity. It is an activity, that everyone in the community, participates in on the same day; statewide for the primary and the nationally for the general election. One of the only other events that brings so many people together every year is the Super Bowl...which isn't quite as galvanizing of an experience.

In any type of election, voting provides a way

to voice our opinions on policies and decide our futures by electing leaders that share our views. The ability to vote exists as one of the most cherished Constitutional Rights that many fought for, marched and died for over the years.

If you don't vote, don't gripe about the foul water, poor employment, bad roads, poisonous toys, rampant unemployment, bank closures and zillion-dollar national debt.

Make a difference on November 2, 2010, go out and vote, either in person or by absentee ballot!

***In order to vote in the General Election (11/2/10) you must be registered. The last day to register through the Election Division of the County is October 18, 2010.*

Did you know?

We have a new Labor Representative from Goyette and Associates, Tim Cantillon!! He can be reached at 707-312-1721 or, via email, at tim@goyette-assoc.com

Don't forget, PPOACCC is endorsing Karen Mitchoff for County Supervisor, Jon Gioia for County Supervisor, Susan Bonilla for State Assembly and Dan O'Malley for County District Attorney.

The UFC Gym in Concord, CA is offering special rates to law enforcement! Upon proof of employment you are offered zero enrollment fees and monthly membership dues as low as \$30 per month. Ask about yearly prepay discounts and free trial passes.

In case you missed it...

Thanks to the hard work of the Goodwill Committee members and shop stewards, who brought goodies and reminders about the Association meeting to each work site. As a result, we had 30 members in attendance, our best turn out since the Association's inception!

Deputy Probation Officer Marlene Martinez attended her first Association Meeting on August 4, 2010. Marlene commented that, "it is important to have a voice". She believes that the meetings are a good place to express concerns and be proactive.

The August 4, 2010, General Membership Meeting Minutes are posted on the Association board at your work site.

Don't miss the next General Membership Meeting!!

November 3, 2010, at 5:30pm at the DSA Hall in Martinez.

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

Mother Teresa

Now...

On July 14th and 15th, of this year, the Executive Board and shop stewards embarked on a road trip to Reno, Nevada to participate in a training program, Association Leadership and Ethics-Building an Effective Association. The training was presented by the Peace Officer's Research Association of California (PORAC), and was the first training our Association has participated in since its inauguration. The training was a great opportunity to network with other agencies. It provided the E-Board and stewards with a better understanding of what our role is and what it takes to have a strong, well organized and successful Association.

Submitted by Michelle Keith

...And Later

Planning for the Member Appreciation Picnic 2010 is underway!! It is happening October 16, 2010, from 12:30-5pm at the Civic Park Community Center in Walnut Creek. Ideas in the works include, live music, ping pong, face painting, great BBQ and adult beverages. Mark your calendars!!



Miguel, Michelle, Cassandra, Rich, Mike, Leandre, John E., John Z., Laurie, Andrea

Member Spotlight-P.R.O.P.S Peers Recognizing Outstanding Probation Service

This quarter the PPOACCC is recognizing Probation Officer Genny Maloney and Probation Counselor Mike Major.

Genny demonstrated outstanding probation work by repeatedly filling in as adult court officer at a moments notice. Genny has taken the lead as the head of the holiday food drive for the last several years, each year a success. She has also volunteered her time to help organize events for the Association.

Probation Counselor Mike Major is being recognized for his efforts to spend extra time with a young man on YOTP who was struggling with mental and physical health issues. He also counseled the minor in regard to his father's imprisonment. Mike

went above and beyond to make an impact on the life of one of many youth we work with.

Genny and Mike will receive a certificate, a gift card and will be recognized all quarter on the Association board at each office.

If you would like to nominate a fellow PPOACCC member for recognition, submit the member's name, with an explanation of their outstanding probation work, to an E-Board member or drop it in the suggestion box. A Probation Counselor and Probation Officer will be selected by the E-Board and recognized quarterly.



Odds and Ends

If you would like to contribute to the PPOACCC Quarterly Newsletter, submit ideas, articles or photos to Mindy Jarrett at goodwillcommittee@yahoo.com.

Thanks to Rich Berkery and Michelle Keith and for your contributions!

Make sure the Association has your email address so you can stay informed on what's going on with negotiations, E-board meetings and upcoming Association activities and events.