



The Short of It

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Check it out!

- ▶ Appreciation Picnic details!!
- ▶ Vision Benefits
- ▶ *This and That*
- ▶ Vote on Prop 32

Mark your calendar!

- ✓ Membership Meeting
November 7, 2012
- ✓ Appreciation Picnic
October 6, 2012

Questions or Concerns?

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4th Annual
Member Appreciation Picnic
Saturday, October 6, 2012
12:30- 5pm
at the Martinez Waterfront Park

RSVP by
September 21, 2012

Come one come all!!! Kids will enjoy face painting, balloon animals, a jump house and a goody bag!! Gourmet sausages, hotdogs and pulled pork sandwiches will be accompanied by salads, chips and desserts...and of course an icy cold beverages for all ages. Fun for the whole family!! Probation Counselors and Probation Officers, their significant others and children are welcome at no cost. Additional guests are \$10.

RSVP by September 21, 2012, to goodwillcommittee@yahoo.com or submit your RSVP card to an E-Board Member, Shop Stewart or Goodwill Committee Member.

Eye Care For You

By Ron Pearson

Are your squinting to read this? Maybe you should consider an eye exam or glasses?

Good news! The County offers vision services through the Vision Display Terminal (VDT) Program at no cost to you! If your job requires the use of a Video Display Terminal, or computer monitor, for at least two (2) hours per day, and you are a member of the PPOACCC, you are eligible for benefits. Annual benefits include an eye exam, a set of lenses and select frames,

and up to two (2) hours of County paid time for exam and to obtain glasses. I have used this program for over ten years and have found it very beneficial.

To learn more about the plan and how to apply, visit the Contra Costa County website and follow the link to Employee benefits-Vision Display Terminal. Or contact the Employee Benefits Service Unit at 925 335-1746.



So long, farewell, Auf wiedersehen, adieu...

On August 24, 2012, we said goodbye to Probation Officer Ehu Sako after ten years of service. Ehu was dedicated to her work, always pleasant, a gracious hula dancer and creator of delicious treats! As expected, Ehu will soon be relaxing on a lanai in Hawaii!

We also said goodbye to Probation Officer Diana Faz, who retired on August 30, 2012. In her retirement, Diana plans to travel Europe and move to Sonoma, California for some relaxation. She joined the Probation Department in 1993, after working for the Victim/Witness Program and will continue to advocate for victims as a consultant for the Attorney General's Office.

Best wishes to you both!!

Every Vote Counts!

By Rich Berkery

Many people may feel like they should just sit this year's election out. Don't fall into believing that your vote doesn't count, because in this election, voter turnout is more important than ever. Whether you are a Democrat, Republican, or an Independent, please consider the following propositions on this year's ballot.

The single most dangerous measure on the November 6, 2012, State ballot is Proposition 32. The so-called "Stop Special Interest Money Now Act" isn't what it seems. Supporters claim it will take big money out of politics and fix all of Sacramento's problems. This measure was intentionally written to give billionaire businessmen and corporate special interests even more political power. It's more appropriately called the "Special Exemptions Act," because the measure:

- ✓ Creates special exemptions for wealthy donors and corporate special interests, allowing them to keep spending unlimited amounts through business front groups.
- ✓ Does nothing to restrict secretive Super PACs and their undisclosed donors from spending millions to influence elections in California.
- ✓ Limits the voice of everyday heroes, like teachers, nurses, firefighters and peace officers, to speak out on critical issues in our communities.

Backers of the so-called "Stop Special Interest Money Now Act" claim it is a "simple, fair, and balanced solution" to the problem of big money in Sacramento. The truth is, it does the opposite. Don't surrender your political power to big business and the wealthy...

No on Prop 32: Stop the Special Exemptions Act!

This & That



Check out the PPOACCC website for updates, meeting minutes and past issues of *The Short of It* at www.ppoaccc.org!

****The Appreciation Picnic is a clown free event...now you have no excuse.**

See ya there!!

The PPOACCC expresses sincere condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of CHP Officer Kenyon Youngstrom. We are grateful for his service and dedication to this Country and our community.

The Association will make a contribution to his memorial fund. If you are interested in making a personal contribution to the fund, contact Kristie Schultz at the Martinez office or inquire within a Wells Fargo Bank

General Membership Meeting

November 7, 2012 @ 5:30pm
DSA Hall, Martinez

Kid tested, mother approved!

Any questions, comments or contributions for the newsletter? goodwillcommittee@yahoo.com