Staff Appreciation Hits a Sweet Spot

Staff at the Resource Management Agency came up with a fun idea for co-workers to show appreciation for one another: candygrams!

Candy grams, by their very name, include candy but the ‘gram’ is the real reason RMA launched this project. Each candy gram included a note from the giver about how they appreciated the recipient, as well as a balloon and treat.
The team of Julie Aulenta, Associate Personnel Analyst; Amy Rodriguez, Personnel Analyst; Marlene Zamudio, Personnel Technician and Chetna Patel, Management Analyst II are being credited with putting the program together. They posted fliers, sold the candygrams ($1) and rallied co-workers to help fill balloons, attach ribbons with candy and make sure that each ‘gram’ had that special note.

The RMA Executive Team helped subsidize the activity and were also tasked with delivery duties.

How popular was the idea? Nearly 800 candy grams were sold!

“There were a lot of smiles around the office,” says RMA Director Carl Holm, who says staff also liked seeing the boss push the delivery cart around. “Those of us who delivered the candygrams enjoyed the opportunity to walk around and personally give the grams to all the employees who took part.”

Locals Spend ‘Day with a Doc’ at Natividad

Normally, spending a day with a doctor means there’s a problem. Not during Natividad’s ‘Day with a Doc’ program.
The Natividad Foundation sponsored the program which invited the community to hear about health topics – in this case, heart health - and have a fun and informative interaction with doctors and specialists. The event coordinated with the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign.

Natividad's Therapy Services Manager Blair Limon kicked off the event with easy exercises. Participants then enjoyed a heart-healthy brunch and cooking demonstration followed by a talk and question and answer session with Natividad Cardiologists Drs. Kerala Serio and Nicholas Chee.

The doctors focused on heart health and lifestyle changes that are key to preventing heart disease.

The American Heart Association put together a visual recap of the event you can check out.

ITD Conference Icebreaker Benefits Local Charity

Our Information Technology Department put together an ‘ice breaker’ event when IT officials from around the state met in Monterey recently, and the United Way was the big winner.

The latest conference for County Information Officers from around the state, the California County Information Services Directors Association (CCISDA), was held in Monterey and there was more going on at the event than just tech talk thanks to creative county organizers.

Monterey County’s Information Technology Department coordinated a great ice breaker on the first
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day of the event that not only helped conference attendees to get to know each other but will make some needy youngsters very happy.

The ice breaker involved building tricycles which would be donated to the United Way. Participants, including Applications Division Manager Paresh Patel, rolled up their sleeves and got to work, building 14 tricycles in all. The United Way was thrilled with the donation!

ITD Director Eric Chatham welcomed attendees as the conference opened and seven ITD Managers and Project Managers attended the conference to take advantage of training.