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PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

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***As a Board Member of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association, my duties are to communicate with the press to announce future meetings, events planned and follow up regarding events that have taken place within the Hacienda Heights community and to share with the residents whether members or not. The report will be posted in the HHIA Website at www.hhia.net for all to read. Thus, the following reports are written from the last HHIA meeting – September 24th to the present – October 20, 2019. They are as follows;**

“L. A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS”

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, located at 900 South Fremont Avenue in Alhambra, mailed post cards to the residents of Hacienda Heights announcing a community meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. It was held at the Hacienda Heights Community Center located at 1234 Valencia Avenue in the evening – 6:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed residential franchise “trash collection” service contract about to expire soon. In attendance were about 90 residents to hear the lengthy power point presentation with time allotted for Q & A’s. Some of the service updates were; food waste collection, extra carts, Senior discounts, curbside bulky item collection, excess green waste and trash collection, sharps containers, collection in school zones and home encampment cleanup! If you missed the meeting or want to follow up on the service update details, look for the report by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works at HHIA’s website at www.hhia.net

“PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON”

Supervisor, Janice Hahn, hosted the 3rd Annual Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon, honoring all public Peace Officers such as the Sheriffs, Firemen and California Highway Patrol from un incorporated Whittier, Rowland Heights & Hacienda Heights with a casual Bar B Q luncheon! The luncheon took place on Thursday - October 17, 2019 beginning at 11:30 A.M. which concluded at 1:30 P.M. at the Hacienda Heights Community Center. Individual tickets to attend were available at \$20.00 per/person or individual plus one sponsor of a Public Safety Officer at \$40.00 and there were also Corporate, Gold, Bronze and Silver, Community Sponsorships available! Payment accepted were cash, check or credit card, whatever was convenient for you! On the delicious menu was baked chicken, beef, macaroni, mash potatoes, green salad, roll or corn muffins your Mom would make! The luncheon was absolutely superb! Supervisor Janice Hahn made a brief and touching presentation regarding the work that our heroes do every day in protecting the community. They were to be

acknowledged and thanked for the risk taken every day to make the community safe. At the conclusion, a moment of silence was offered to those peace officer who have recently passed by announcing individual names and all peace officers in general who lost their lives in the line of duty protecting communities.

You were invited as well but if you missed the Annual Luncheon this year, mark your calendar for the month of October next year and HHIA or Supervisor's Hahn Field Deputy, Lauren Yokomizo, will keep you posted to attend the event. See you there!

"WINTER LOVE JOY SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY"

HHIA has established a great partnership with the Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple located at 3456 Glenmark Drive in Hacienda Heights. Together, the His Lai Temple and HHIA, support each other in community events. Recently, the temple held its' Annual Winter Love Joy Scholarship Ceremony. Through sponsorships, donations, and fundraising, the temple under the guidance of monastic Venerable Abbot Hui Dong and the Buddhist Light International Association, they were able to present scholarships to high achieving academic students in need of financial assistance. One student per grade level was selected as recipients of the scholarships. Community leaders were invited to express enthusiastic congratulations to the recipients such as Senator Bob Archuleta from the 32nd Senate District, Vanessa Karam – Dean of Student Affairs, from the University of the West express words of encouragement and a few Hacienda La Puente Board Members were invited to speak as well. Scholarship presentations were made to 32 schools in the district. I had the pleasure and honor to present Sunset Elementary students, my former worksite, the scholarships during the ceremony. In between the scholarship presentation, there were intermissions of entertainment. The Buddha's Light Youth Symphony Orchestra performed, a youth group of girls sang and my favorite, a Magic Show! At the conclusion of the event, a group picture was taken followed by a delicious vege lunch!

This gesture of giving is one of many generous gestures the Hsi Lai Temple does to assist and support the community. Perhaps your child or grandchild was a scholarship recipient. If not, could be a recipient next year. Know your community and show your support! Start with the His Lai Temple. All are welcomed!