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## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

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**On September 15, 2018, the County of Los Angeles, the Coastal Commission and a few other conservation groups sponsored a “Beach Clean Up Day”! This event sought the support of many communities and our very own Fo Guan Shan Hsi Lai Temple was one of many organizations that responded to the outreach. The Hsi Lai Temple provided three Durham shuttle buses for 150 various Buddhist Light International Associations (BLIA) members. Volunteers from Southern California were transported to Malaga Cove Beach located in Palos Verde at 7:30 A.M. Yours truly, Lucy V. Pedregon, accepted Gena Ooi, International Buddhist Program Coordinator (IBPS), invitation in representing the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association.**

**Upon arrival, all volunteers were directed to an area where dance and stretch exercise were encouraged before cleaning the beach. Afterwards, safety instructions were given by a representative from the Coastal Commission. Trash bags, gloves were issued for cleanup along with a “Volunteer” verification form. When the cleanup task was complete, Venerable Hui Shiuan offered meditation along the shore to relieve any stress. It was most relaxing! Now it was time to walk up hill for a delicious pot luck waiting to be enjoyed!**

**The day ran on a regimented schedule and completed by 12 noon. As we headed homeward, I thought about what an opportunity this event was and how “I made a difference!” Already, I look forward to next years’ fun event!  
See you there!**