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A Message from
**CEO
Frank Kim**



Dear OC Employees,

Sir Winston Churchill is reported to have said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

I see that sentiment put into practice every day when I'm meeting with employees across the County. Not only do we have a dedicated workforce that gives to our residents through the work they do, we see it by employees donating their time and money and energy to help family, friends, fellow employees and the larger community.

Charitable giving is a value we appreciate at the County. I'm constantly humbled when I hear the results of different charitable donation drives or see how much employees have raised for those less fortunate.

We're in good company. Charitable giving is on the upswing, according to statistics posted by Charity Navigator. An estimated \$373 billion was given to charitable causes last year, representing an increase of 4.1%. It was the sixth straight year that giving has increased, including by every category of donor, be it individuals, foundations or corporations. The majority of giving continues to come

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Brett Renfeldt: Recruiting the Future of Drug Awareness

Education in Orange County public and private schools goes beyond math, English and science. It includes drug education taught by Deputy Sheriff Brett Renfeldt. The goal of "Drug Abuse is Life Abuse" is for students to adopt the message for the rest of their lives.

"Drug Abuse is Life Abuse" is the Orange County Sheriff's Department's official charity which fundraises over \$150,000 yearly toward drug education in Orange County public and private schools. The funds pay for the salary, benefits and overtime costs for a deputy sheriff to facilitate and teach the program.

The non-profit organization was formed in 1987, inspiring the Community Programs Unit for which Deputy Renfeldt works, along with a computer graphics specialist and a research analyst. Former Orange County Sheriff Brad Gates noticed death rates rising from drug use and established the non-profit to benefit a generation of local kids. Now, every California school is mandated to offer six hours a year of drug education for prevention purposes.

Since the message and effort to prevent kids from taking drugs is all too important, the Sheriff's Department goes out of its way to raise funds to make sure the program is immune from budget pressures. This means the unit is funded entirely by private donations and various fund raising activities to remain stable, and its unit budget is presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval yearly.

While the message of "Drug Abuse is Life Abuse" never changes, Deputy Renfeldt spends hours on his programs so they are fresh and modern, keeping up with trends---right down to the integration of Pokemon Go, a very popular Nintendo game with memorable characters. Deputy Renfeldt incorporates a novel approach to get his message across to students instead of more traditional teacher-to-student communication.

In a cutting-edge program called "Next Step," the Deputy recruits high school students in a six-week curriculum, using a peer-to-peer teaching technique to convince high school, junior high and elementary school students to stay away from drugs. This method works best because, based on a study commissioned by the non-profit, a survey of 2,000 middle school students said they would listen to a high school student first, law enforcement second, and surprisingly, celebrities ranked last. All of the high school students who participate as volunteers in the "Next Step" program



Deputy Sheriff Brett Renfeldt

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from individuals, who accounted for 71% of all giving last year. If bequests and donations from family foundations are added, that boosts the total to 80%. In other words, it is the donating public—people like our employees—who are responsible for the vast majority of giving, not corporations or big foundations.

On a national scale, religious groups historically have received the largest share of charitable donations—33% of all giving in 2015. Much of the total was attributed to people giving to their local place of worship. Large amounts of annual donations go toward education charities followed by human services, health, the environment, animal welfare, and arts and culture.

For decades, the County has partnered with United Way in an annual charity drive. There are several authorized charities that support our County departments in fulfilling their missions, including the Sheriff's Advisory Council, OC GRIP (Gang Reduction & Intervention Partnership), Noble Friends Foundation for OC Animal Care and the OC Parks Foundation, as well as multiple Friends of the Library groups and our annual Operation Santa Claus gift drives.

The benefits of giving to those less fortunate are many: Giving provides a way to be part of a larger community and helps people feel more connected. Giving sets an example for our kids and shows gratitude for all that we have, no matter how wealthy we are. In fact, statistics show that those with lower incomes give higher percentages of their earnings to charities than higher-income donors.

We talk about the County as a family, and nowhere is that spirit captured more than in the ways we support each other and those around us. Thank you for being an inspiration with the tremendous charitable spirit you bring to the County and for reminding us what we can accomplish when we work together.

Sincerely,

Frank Kim
County Executive Officer

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are considered mentors to younger students usually referred by the County's Social Services Agency (SSA) and Health Care Agency (HCA). Some young students are from families on a court referral program. The Santa Ana Boys and Girls Club plays a role in reinforcing the Deputy's message and facilitating a place for the mentors and young students to build rapport.



Deputy Renfeldt with volunteers of Next Step

The high school mentors in the "Next Step" program are rewarded with a trip to Washington D.C. The Sheriff's Department funds the airfare and other trip expenses. The reward doesn't come easy because mentors must write letters to Deputy Renfeldt about why they should be considered for the trip, attend meetings and find gifts for victims in domestic abuse shelters.

Recruitment of mentors is just one facet of the "Drug Use is Life Abuse" program. Deputy Renfeldt takes his message to major events such as the Orange County Fair, Law Enforcement Day at Angel Stadium and Red Ribbon Week at schools. Children get red pledge wristbands, promising to stay away from drugs. Businesses also contribute to the anti-drug campaign by giving retail discounts to students during Red Ribbon Week, directing their attention away from undesirable activities after school.

Aside from his role in the "Drug Use is Life Abuse," on his own time, Deputy Renfeldt helps make children's dreams come true by working with "DreamLift," a Canadian version of the "Make-a-Wish" Foundation sponsored by the Sunshine Dream for Kids Foundation, which fulfills children's dreams to go to Disneyland. Since the theme park is in Orange County, Deputy Renfeldt and his department colleagues take days off from work to help host the children for a day of Disney fun.

The personal side of Deputy Renfeldt isn't far from his role at the Sheriff's department. Law enforcement runs in his family: the deputy's father is a corrections officer and his brother is a Los Angeles deputy sheriff. "The best preparation for my career was advice from my parents," he said. "Sharing my experienced with my parents helped me weigh my options in my professional life. When working with the kids, believe it, the jails prepared me with stories to share with students. Kids love cop stories." He also attributes his healthy outlook and growth to playing sports as a youth, participating in Eagle Scouts and teaching Sunday school.

When he is isn't dedicating himself to students and charitable activities, Deputy Renfeldt spends time with his wife of five years who is a teacher. At family gatherings, he enjoys visiting with his eight siblings and parents and relishing stories when he was a missionary in Texas for two years as a 19-year-old. To stay fit, his choices of outdoor sports are rock climbing and scuba diving.

Even though Deputy Renfeldt's field is law enforcement, his students will tell you he qualifies for Teacher of the Year.

PLEASE SEND PROFILE SUBJECTS FOR COUNTY CONNECTION!

Do you know someone who would make a good employee profile? We're looking for staff-level employees who love their job and carry the flag with enthusiasm both for their agency and the County as a whole. Send submissions to anahid.burkhart@ocgov.com

OC History

Journeys Through Orange County's
Origins, Obstacles and Opportunities



When O.C. was America's Sugar Bowl

By Chris Jepsen

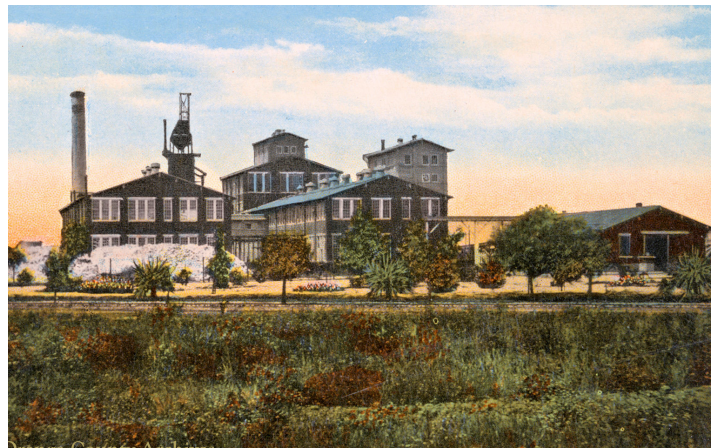
Orange County's past was sweeter than most people know. We had five large sugar factories, much of our landscape was covered in sugar beet fields, and whole towns sprang up to support the table sugar industry. Our local production supplied a significant share of the nation's sugar needs. And thousands of cattle fed on the industry's castoffs: beet pulp and greens.

During Orange County's first decade, local farmers already saw the potential of sugar beets. But the beets had to be shipped to facilities in Chino or other places to be processed into refined table sugar. Also, the shipping and handling of the beets required a great deal of manual labor.

In 1894 Anaheim nurseryman Timothy Carroll invented a contraption he called the "beet dump," which allowed for the easy unloading of sugar beets from wagons to rail cars. It was so efficient that even Carroll's young son could accomplish in a couple hours the same work that previously required a couple days of labor from a team of grown laborers. Although it took ten years to patent, the beet dump revolutionized the industry by dramatically decreasing the need for manual labor.

Orange County's first sugar plant opened on the old Los Alamitos Rancho in 1897, and the Bixby Land Co. created the town of Los Alamitos to support the factory. The plant's owner, Montana copper magnate William Clark, also purchased 8,139 acres and rented an additional 20 square miles, for the growing of sugar beets. The factory was located on the north end of what's now Reagan St., south of Cerritos Ave. By 1901, Orange County was the nation's leading grower of sugar beets. In 1911 alone, the Los Alamitos plant processed 180 million pounds of them.

The Los Alamitos operation was joined in 1909 by the Southern California Sugar Co. factory in Santa Ana, located on Main St., just south of Warner Ave. But there was dissension among the factory's numerous owners, and soon several of the most prominent investors – James Irvine, James McFadden and A.J. Crookshank – left the fold to start their own Santa Ana Cooperative Sugar Co. factory near today's 55 Freeway and Embassy Suites hotel.



Holly Sugar Factory, Huntington Beach, 1910s

The factory was designed and built for them by the Dyer Company, then renown as the industrial pioneers who first succeeded in refining beet sugar on a commercial scale. The road adjacent to the Santa Ana Cooperative plant still bears the name Dyer. The factory itself was an enormous complex with a daily capacity of 1,200 beets – the largest in the county. And with two sugar factories in the area, the small population of South Santa Ana would grow dramatically.

In 1911, the Anaheim Sugar Company's plant began operation on Patt St. at Commercial St., in what's now called the La Fábrica neighborhood. The plant was purchased and closed by the Holly Sugar Co. in 1923 but was not torn down until 2005.

As sugar beets grew well in damp, alkali soil, it was a natural for the Holly Sugar Co. to build a plant north of Downtown Huntington Beach in 1911. It was located on the northwest corner of Main St. and Garfield Ave. Oil – which is far more profitable than sugar – was found on the property in 1921, and the plant closed to make way for oil operations.

In 1912, Orange County produced 100,138,700 pounds of refined sugar and by World War I it provided about a fourth of the nation's supply.

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Beet dump, Los Alamitos, late 1910s

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In 1917 the Southern California Sugar Co. and the Santa Ana Cooperative Sugar Co. sold their factories to the Holly Sugar Co. A few years later, Holly closed the Southern California plant to use as a storage facility for beet pulp and sugar from the larger factory. Today, only the factory's office building still stands, at 2406 S. Main.

In the early 1920s, the region's sugar beets were badly damaged by a nematode infestation, making the sugar business less profitable. The Los Alamitos factory closed after the 1925 season and beets were redirected to the Holly plant on Dyer Rd. By 1926, it was the only sugar factory left in the county. Longtime locals remember the musty, chemically, burnt-sugar smell that emanated from the plant. Similarities to Candyland were few.

In 1935, young Howard Hughes set a world speed record in an experimental plane over Santa Ana and then crash landed in a sugar beet field. It could have been seen as an omen: Sugar production crashed, but industries like aerospace and technology would soon play a central role in our economy.

The last of Orange County's sugar beets were harvested in 1973. Although the factory was briefly retooled to process cane sugar, it closed in 1982 and, despite historical preservationists' best efforts, was torn down in 1983.

Lamenting the building's demolition, historian Jim Sleeper recounted the factory's role as "a major contributor to Orange County's economy as an employer, manufacturer, and purchaser of the county's second most important field crop – sugar beets."

Fitness With Frank

Many thanks to all who attended the last Fitness with Frank event at Santiago Oaks Regional Park on Saturday, August 27. A fun time was had by all. Frank will host his next event on October 29, at Salt Creek Beach in Dana Point. Save the date and stay tuned for further details!



Please visit the Fitness with Frank webpage for full details of this and other CEO fitness opportunities.

If you have any questions, please contact Kari Schumaker at 714-834-2051 or kari.schumaker@ocgov.com.



The challenge of managing a huge project from start to finish with no “how to” reference guide may sound scary, or it may sound exciting. Depends on who you ask.

We asked Jane Chai and Melissa Tober, two project managers who share something in common besides their job titles: they’ve both recently developed, from scratch, unique processes to approach brand new and very complicated assignments at the Health Care Agency (HCA): the Public Health Accreditation process and the Whole Person Care Pilot Application.

So how did they do it, and what can we all learn from their experiences?



Jane Chai, Public Health Projects Manager, Public Health Services

Working with community-based health organizations is a passion for Jane Chai, Public Health Projects Manager for Public Health Services (PHS) with more than 20 years of professional experience in the public health field. In 2012, Jane was tasked with a first-time project for PHS – pursuing accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). She needed to prove that PHS is proficient in providing core public health services that include preventing diseases and injuries; promoting healthy behaviors; ensuring access to safe food, water, clean air, and life-saving immunizations; and preparing for and responding to public health emergencies.

Jane tackled this massive project with enthusiasm and a clear vision of what success would look like. Before diving in, she shared her goals and action plan with the PHAB team, whose members were responsible for collecting

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Jane Chai & Melissa Tober Successful Project Managers Share Their Processes

required documentation. Jane collaborated with colleagues to identify unique (and fun) ways to keep staff motivated for the duration of this huge project.

“To make finding and submitting so much paperwork more fun, Donna Fleming, Chief of Public Health Operations, and Amy Buch, Health Promotion Division Manager, came up with an idea to create PHAB Bucks,” Jane said. “Whenever staff helped provide the documents we needed, they received bucks that could be turned in later for the opportunity to win raffle prizes donated by Donna and Amy, as well as other Public Health Managers!”

After hundreds of PHAB Bucks were distributed, the document-gathering mission yielded more than 680 documents totaling close to 7,500 pages that were submitted to PHAB from December 2014 to July 2015. Through her determination and unique approach to motivate staff, HCA’s Public Health Services was awarded five-year national accreditation status by the PHAB this past May and is now one of five local health departments in the State of California to achieve this milestone.



Melissa Tober, Special Projects Manager, Regulatory/Medical Health Services

Not too long after Jane’s success, Melissa Tober underwent a similar project management challenge when she was asked to create, plan and submit the Whole Person Care Pilot Application to the California Department of Health Care Services. In Orange County, Melissa and ‘The Collaborative,’ as she calls it (a group of hospitals, nonprofits and HCA staff she organized) identified the homeless and severely mentally ill homeless as the target populations for the Orange County Whole Person Care Pilot.

Q+A continued

The pilot program aims to ensure a more holistic approach to targeting the impacts of homelessness while promoting mental and physical wellness. If Orange County is selected, HCA will contribute \$2.35 million dollars a year over the next five years from Mental Health Services Act dollars and tobacco-settlement funds, and the County would receive a match in federal dollars.

"How did I begin? I knew I just needed to dive in," Melissa said.

She gathered contacts from various HCA staff and started the conversation around an idea that built upon existing services to ultimately decrease the number of visits to Emergency Rooms by the homeless population. Her biggest challenge became encouraging 'The Collaborative' to think outside of the box.

"When our group disagreed or became too 'in the weeds,' I encouraged them to step outside their comfort zone and embrace different ideas," she said. "Just because we haven't done it that way before, doesn't mean we can't change."

After many conversations, group meetings and late nights, the pilot was developed. It includes WPC Connect, which would alert participating entities when a patient experiencing homelessness enters an emergency room and the County's community partners would then connect the individual to recuperative care or other supportive services.

The application was compiled, approved for submission by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on June 28 and submitted on July 1, 2016.

So what can we learn from both these examples? Stay focused on your goal, keep an open mind and don't forget to have fun.

To learn more about the PHAB accreditation process, visit <http://www.phaboard.org/accreditation-process/>.

To see what's the next step in the Whole Person Care Timeline, visit <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/WPCTimelineRev041116.pdf>.



Orange County Fair Award-Winning Cupcakes

Maria Lange entered the Orange County Fair "Cakes, Cupcakes and Confections" competition. (Culinary Arts Division) This year, all three of her cupcake entries won awards; two 1st place, one 3rd place, two Judge's Awards and a Division winner.

Maria started baking cupcakes about four years ago when she made Margarita flavored cupcakes for a friend's birthday. They were a huge success. The sugar rush didn't stop there. She continued to enjoy baking and had fun looking for new recipes, adding fillings, discovering new ingredients and flavor combinations. She finds inspiration for her cupcakes in different places; baking is an outlet for expressing her creativity.

In 2014 a friend suggested Maria enter the OC Fair live competition "OC Cupcake Classic." She won 4th place for an Irish Car Bomb cupcake and 9th place for a Vanilla Cannoli cupcake. The following year, in 2015, she entered the "Cakes, Cupcakes and Confections" competition and won 2nd place for a Maple Bacon Beer Batter cupcake.

For the past 28 years, Maria served as a Deputy Probation Officer in Orange County Probation, and currently is assigned to the Adult Investigations Unit which is responsible for conducting investigations and prepares sentencing reports for Superior Court.

Congratulations on your sweet successes, Maria!



Around the County News, Events and Happenings



Google Trekkers Hit the Trails in OC Parks

Starting in August, hikers will be collecting imagery of Orange County trails using the Google Street View Trekker, a wearable backpack with a camera system on top. The Trekker automatically gathers images as it goes. Later the imagery will be stitched together to create the 360-degree panoramas you see today in Google Maps.

OC Parks is partnering with Google through the Google Trekker loan program to collect imagery of our beautiful trails. OC Parks staff members and volunteers will be hiking numerous trails in County wilderness and regional parks between August and November while wearing the Google Trekker backpack.

We look forward to publishing this panoramic imagery online for everyone to explore.



Park Ranger Nick Martinico captures Google imagery while hiking along a trail in Limestone Canyon Nature Preserve.



Supervising Park Ranger Ron Slimm captures Google imagery while hiking along a trail in Limestone Canyon Nature Preserve.



OC Parks GIS Manager Cameron Smith helps Supervising Park Ranger Ron Slimm secure the nearly 50-lb. Google Trekker.

OC Probation's Douglas Sanger Receives Prestigious Award

On Saturday, August 13, the Padres Unidos' "Community Star Award" was presented to Douglas Sanger, director of Juvenile Hall for his support of families of youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The "Community Star Award" is given to a person who through their vision hard work and influential talent moves the hearts of those around them to positively impact the community. This isn't an award Padres Unidos gives out every year.



Patty Perales Huerta-Meza, manager with Padres Unidos, shared, "There is a nomination and board approval process that has to happen. This year we are giving that award to a community star within the Probation department for his relentless dedication to supporting our At-Risk youth in Orange County. Douglas Sanger not only takes the time to provide all the young people that cross his path with structure, support and guidance, but he has made it his personal commitment to foster and nurture parent engagement. His deep understanding that there is a correlation between parent engagement and a young person's success has dramatically increased parent participation at Juvenile Hall. This last Parent Outreach, Education and Support Module, the fourth of these programs provided, hosted at Juvenile Hall, saw 60 parents receive full-completion or partial completion certificates as well as 60 parents who actively participated in the program for a total of 120 participants! Thank you Doug for it is through your innovative vision and ground-breaking ideas to engage the parents of the incarcerated youth that we are privileged to be a part of and experience the transformation between the Probation Department, the parents and the community."

The Probation Department is grateful to Padres Unidos for their recognition of Doug and his dedication to the children and families of Orange County.

Environmental Health Keeps Hungry Visitors Healthy at the OC Fair

Environmental Health (EH) staffers conducted more than 220 inspections on opening day of the [OC Fair](#) this summer to make sure your favorite foods were safe to eat (we're talking safety here, readers – nutritious is another story).

For the first time, food truck vendors were given the opportunity to receive early bird inspections to help reduce the number of follow-ups on opening day and were also provided with free food safety trainings in multiple languages before the gates opened.

"Participants learned proper handwashing techniques through exercises using Glo Germ, a lotion that glows under ultraviolet light to show how well hands should be washed," said Karen Gork, Environmental Health Specialist.



Karen was joined by 28 other Environmental Health Specialists from here at the Health Care Agency to conduct unannounced risk-based inspections at various times over the course the Fair, from early in the morning to late at night. The team monitored food booths, trucks, carts and buildings by checking on food temperatures and sources, employee hygiene, contaminated equipment, protection of water supply, proper disposal of wastewater and much more.

For more information, visit Environmental Health's Food Protection Program or Water Quality Program websites.

Around the County continued

Group Addresses Kids' Needs During Disasters

Did you know that 25% of the Orange County population is children? If an earthquake struck and you had to seek safety at a shelter with your kids, do you know if that shelter would be able to provide supplies and care for them? Children are vulnerable and require additional support during emergency situations, especially when displaced from their parents or guardians.

The Health Care Agency recently partnered with the Social Services Agency (SSA) to provide two trainings for approximately 58 volunteers on how to set-up a safe child care environment in a shelter that offers activities intended to lessen anxiety and mitigate trauma associated with disasters.

To further assist in the coordination of these mass care sites, HCA purchased supplies to set-up child care areas to create a comforting play environment for kids, as well as support the initial basic needs of daily living for infants and children such as diapers, bottles, and pack 'n plays until more assistance can be obtained.

Members of the KIDS group, which is chaired by HCA Health Disaster Management, include representatives from HCA, SSA, hospitals, emergency management and community-based organizations that work together to ensure that the needs of infants and children are met before, during and after a critical incident.

For more information, visit the [KIDS Working Group](http://www.kidsworkinggroup.org) website or to learn how to become involved contact Dr. Michele Cheung at mcheung@ochca.com.



Shelter managers review child care supplies during a shelter training held in April.

"Eat. Play. Breathe." Recognized for Best Use of Digital Media



Congratulations to Public Health Services' "Eat. Play. Breathe." campaign on receiving a 2016 Notable Mention from the Health Officers Association of California (HOAC) for Best Use of Digital Media.

"Eat. Play. Breathe." drives 10,000 people each month to www.myHEALTHoc.org – a highly interactive, locally-focused website that compiles the best available resources on the web, providing access to simple tools and information to help people to be more physically active, eat healthier, and quit smoking.

These include an interactive park locator – which can be searched by amenities like "playgroup" or "swimming;" a calendar that lists community events, farmers markets and smoking cessation classes; a visually-driven blog with an option for visitors to subscribe and receive new posts via email; and much more.

To read the application and learn more about the strategy behind this highly-effective campaign, please click [here](#).

Around the County continued

Olympic Athletes Welcomed Home at John Wayne Airport

Members of the U.S. Olympic Women's Water Polo and Men's Volleyball teams returned home from the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro on August 23 to a hero's welcome at John Wayne Airport. It was a festive atmosphere as friends, family and fans of both teams waved banners and balloons, and cheered as the gold-medal women's team and bronze-medal men's team descended the escalators. Amid chants of "USA! USA!" players and coaches were greeted with flower leis and big hugs. Team members signed autographs, posed for photos with fans, and gave interviews to members of the media. Congratulations to our Southern California Olympians, and the incredible achievements of the U.S. Women's Water Polo and Men's Volleyball Teams.



Eager fans await the arrival of the Rio olympic athletes at John Wayne Airport.

OC Animal Care's Groundbreaking Celebration



Over 200 Orange County staff, volunteers and community members joined the groundbreaking celebration this morning at what will be the site of OC Animal Care's new shelter. The Orange County Board of Supervisors spoke during this happy event, each one recognizing the hard work, dedication and community effort that came together to make this day possible. This groundbreaking day is the result of partnerships between OC Animal Care, contract cities, Orange County Board of Supervisors, South Orange County Community College District, Snyder Langston and other community partners and Project Partners.

OC Animal Care Staff and volunteers sat among county officials, rescue organizations and community members cheering as Dr. Jennifer Hawkins described various

aspects of the new shelter such as grooming rooms, a dedicated volunteer center, community cat rooms, "catios", and climate controlled dog kennels. Much of our local media including the LA Times, OC Register, Voice of OC and NBC4 attended to document this momentous occasion. OC Animal Care would like to thank everyone who attended and who made this day possible. We are looking forward to the grand opening of the new animal shelter which will provide a positive, educational and engaging environment for animals, visitors and the community as a whole.

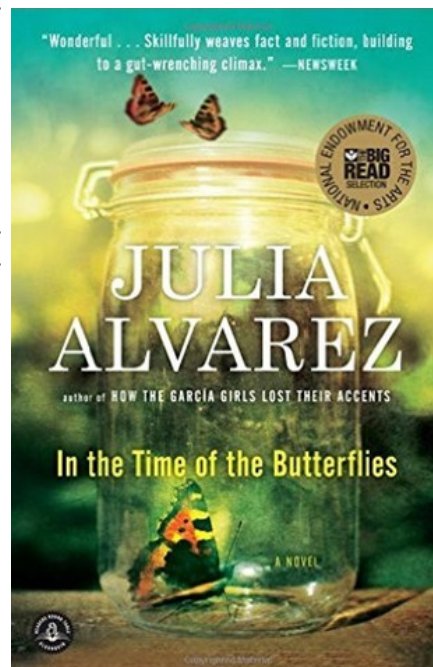
Around the County continued

OC Public Libraries Reads Big - The Big Read

OC Public Libraries invites you to join us in The Big Read of "In the Time of the Butterflies" by Julia Alvarez. The Big Read is a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Our mission to empower and enrich our communities dovetails perfectly with the NEA's aim to restore reading to the center of American culture through The Big Read program.

The many creative and entertaining programs tied to the themes and subject of "In the Time of the Butterflies" encourages people to rediscover the joy of reading and experience how books connect us to other lives. "In the Time of the Butterflies" is a novel about courage, compassion, civil rights and building stronger communities. Join us September of 2016 through April 2017 for exciting programs and book discussions.

To find programs, activities, book discussions, author appearances at each library location, please visit ocpl.org this September for a full schedule of events.



SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Announcing Civic Center Service!

The County Executive Office is rolling out a new email contact address, civiccenterservice@ocgov.com, for County employees to use for sending comments about service or maintenance issues that need attention in the Civic Center.

See a light out? Is a clean-up necessary? Is something broken or need to be replaced? Civic Center Service wants to hear about issues you see that need attention and resolve. When you submit a concern, you will get receipt confirmation and staff will follow up with you about the resolution of the issue.

Let us know your concerns!



- **Sheriff's Kiosk:** (714) 834-2250 – To report an incident in-progress or just occurred within the Walk of Honor area of the Civic Center.
- **SAPD Dispatch:** (714) 834-4211 – To report an incident in-progress or just occurred outside of the Walk of Honor area of the Civic Center.
- **Civic Center Awareness Hotline:** (714) 834-2051 – To report general Civic Center Awareness concerns. 911 – When in doubt, for life-threatening emergencies, call 911!

Feeding the Children and Families of Orange County

For 21 years at the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC), Chef Jeff Weiss puts smiles on children's faces by making nutritious and delicious meals. He is responsible for the kitchen management at Orangewood which turned out 2,837 meals for Orange County children in 2015. OCFC is a 24-hour emergency shelter care facility, operated and owned by the County of Orange Social Services Agency for children who have been abused, abandoned, and/or neglected.

Chef Weiss's nimble kitchen skills started when he served in the U.S. Navy for 5fiveyears as a budding chef. He continued his passion by earning a culinary arts and restaurant management education at Orange Coast College and Long Beach City College. His culinary experience ranges from country clubs to high-end restaurants. Before food trucks became popular, Chef Weiss managed a fleet.

Yet, his passion is the kitchen at Orangewood. "I like working at Orangewood because it really does make a difference in children's lives. It makes me feel good to know the children are receiving healthy meals three times a day they enjoy," said Chef Weiss. "Anything green is not interesting to kids. But here, they like it because we find a way to make appealing and delicious, such as the Pesto Chicken Penn."

He shared the children's favorite meals on the menu: Mexican dishes such as tacos served with Spanish rice, beans and peas and carrots. Beef brisket is popular too.

Children with special diets such as diabetic or religious are fulfilled at OCFC. Children with allergies are also taken into consideration when Chef Weiss makes meals.

In his personal kitchen at home, Chef Weiss loves to prepare fish, from sushi to BBQed in a banana leaf. For dessert, his wife makes the sweets as the baker of the home and their catering company, "Let's Dine In Catering."

But there's more to nourishment than healthy meals alone.

OCFC is a critical resource for SSA in its child welfare continuum of care. Providing nutritious meals is just one of the many services provided at OCFC to ensure that children are well-cared for. However, under Assembly Bill 403 (2015) and the State's Continuum of Care Reform, OCFC will be transitioning to a 10-day temporary shelter. Today, the average length of stay for children at OCFC is 30 days.

The goal of the Continuum of Care Reform is to move away from long-term group home care by increasing youth placement in family settings and by transforming existing group home care into places where youth who are not ready to live with families can receive short-term, intensive treatment. SSA has long been a proponent of family-based care and has made great strides in reducing the number of youth in group home care over the last decade.

However, with the changes under the Continuum of Care Reform, including the transition of OCFC to a 10-day temporary shelter, there is an increasing need for foster parents (now known as 'Resource Families') to serve the needs of these children. Currently, there are approximately 2,200 foster children in Orange County. Approximately 50 – 60 percent are able to reunite with birth parents. The rest need permanent homes. As greater efforts are made to transition youth to family settings, foster homes are in high demand. Caring and committed homes are desperately needed, especially for sibling sets, children with medical/behavioral needs and teens.

There are many ways to make a difference in the lives of foster children in Orange County. For more information, visit ockids.com. Call 1-888-871-KIDS (5437) or send an email ockids@ssa.ocgov.com.



OCFC Head Chef Jeff Weiss and CEO Frank Kim

Prepare For The Great California Shake Out

With the annual Great California Shakeout scheduled for October it is a good time to remind ourselves about earthquake preparedness. Let's begin by knowing the simple steps for Earthquake Safety.

Before an earthquake strikes, plan to be safe. Secure your space by identifying hazards such as heavy unsecured objects. Moveable objects on top shelves should be removed to lower levels.

Falling furniture and flying objects can become projectiles during ground shaking. It only takes a few minutes to note hazards and take action to make your surroundings safer.

The most recognized protocol to protect lives during an earthquake is to -



Drop, Cover, and Hold On Wherever You Are!

1. Drop! to the floor before the earthquake drops you (i.e., near an interior wall)
2. Cover! by getting beneath a sturdy table or desk, covering your head with your hands and arms, and
3. Hold On! until the shaking stops

What Not To Do:

1. Do not get in a doorway!
2. Do not move in case the initial jolt turns out to be the start of the Big One!
3. Do not try to run outside!

For additional information, contact the CEO Safety Loss and Prevention Program at 714-285-5500 or by e-mailing us at Safety@ocgov.com.

How to Build a Road Through the Middle of a Landfill - Lessons from the La Pata Gap Connector

As OC Public Works and partnering agencies celebrated the Phase One completion of Orange County's most historic transportation project, OC Waste & Recycling celebrated its own unique role in connecting South County communities through the middle of the Prima Deshecha Landfill.

The long-anticipated roadway extension provides an all new, direct connection between San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano, Ladera Ranch and neighboring communities. For landfill and hazardous waste collection center customers, new off-ramps for Prima Deshecha provide improved access to Prima Deshecha from both north and south.

Building a road through the middle of a landfill does not come easy. Some of OC Waste's most notable accomplishments include:

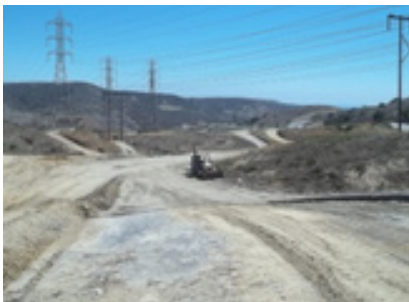
- Excavation and relocation of 800,000 cubic yards of solid landfill waste
- Odor control measures to avoid odors in nearby neighborhoods. Measures included wind deflectors, planting of forty-one trees and misters along the ridgeline between the landfill and neighbors.
- Coastal sage scrub replacement
- Ongoing community outreach

On August 13th all hands were on deck to support OC Public Works and the partnering agencies for the ribbon-cutting event. At the event most people were celebrating an alternative to I-5 congestion. OC Waste's employees, however, were celebrating the accomplishment of maintaining regular operations of the landfill during the year-long construction.

The attendance at the community celebration was higher than any other County transportation project in recent memory. Organizers estimate about 5,000 visitors attended the celebration, creating a swarm of crowds that ebbed and flowed along vendor booths, food trucks, and a classic car show and stage area along the new Avenida La Pata.

From months of pre-event planning to early-morning day-of help, many more hands readily pitched in as needed

"Easier access to landfill services that help keep our environment safe is another benefit of the La Pata Road project," said Lisa Bartlett, Chairwoman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors and Fifth District Supervisor. "OC Waste & Recycling has been an important partner in the County's largest roadway project ever, and the benefits of this partnership will continue now that the road is open."



HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES

News You Can Use

County of Orange Defined Contribution Program

The County of Orange Defined Contribution Program, in cooperation with Empower Retirement, is conducting a survey of the services we provide you and your fellow Program participants. We are interested in your feedback overall on the Program's services. Your input will help us identify ways to better meet your current and future needs.

Please take a few minutes to complete this confidential survey. To take the survey, go to: <http://www.research.net/r/OCDefinedContributionProgram>

If you have questions regarding this survey or your Defined Contribution Program or account, please call (866) 457-2254.

How To Make Chinese Cauliflower Fried Rice

The Chinese cities of Yangzhou and Fujian are famous for their fried rice recipes. It's also a popular Chinese American staple enjoyed in restaurants and fast food places. Regardless of where it's made, the calorie content can be gut-busting. But making it at home with a few adjustments, you can make and enjoy it for about 100 - 140 calories with less carbohydrates. Believe it.

This recipe uses cauliflower instead of rice. The hearty texture of the cauliflower when grated or reduced to small bits in a food processor resembles rice granules. Sautéed in aromatic sesame oil and other ingredients will satiate any craving for Chinese Fried Rice without the extra calories.



*Servings: 4 • Size: heaping 1 1/3 cups
Calories: 108 • Fat: 3 g • Carbs: 14 Fiber: 6 • Protein: 9 g • Sugar: 1 •
Sodium: 868 mg • Cholesterol: 47 mg*

*1 medium head (about 24 oz.) cauliflower, rinsed
1 tbsp. sesame oil
2 egg whites
1 large egg
Pinch of salt
Cooking spray
1/2 small white onion, diced fine
1/2 cup frozen peas and carrots
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tbsp. of fresh ginger, finely chopped
5 scallions, diced, whites and greens separated
3 tbsp. soy sauce, or more to taste (Tamari for Gluten Free)*

Directions:

Remove any blemishes on the crown and take out the core. Rinse cauliflower head. Pat the cauliflower with paper towels. Let the cauliflower

Substitute cauliflower for rice in this brilliant recipe

dry completely, otherwise, the cauliflower bits will not fry properly. Coarsely chop florets, then place half of the cauliflower in a food processor and pulse until the cauliflower is small and has the texture of rice or couscous – don't over process or it will get mushy. Set aside and repeat with the remaining cauliflower.

If you do not have a food processor, use a box grater.

Combine egg and egg whites in a small bowl and beat with a fork. Season with salt.

Heat a large sauté pan or wok over medium heat and spray with cooking spray. Add the eggs and cook, turning a few times until set; set aside.

Add the sesame oil and sauté onions, scallion whites, peas, carrots, fresh ginger and garlic for about 3 to 4 minutes, or until soft.

Raise the heat to medium-high. Add the cauliflower "rice" to the sauté pan along with soy sauce. Mix, cover and cook approximately 5 to 6 minutes, stirring frequently, until the cauliflower is slightly crispy on the outside but tender on the inside.

Add the cooked egg.

Remove pan from heat and mix in scallion greens. Serve.

Recipe adapted from Gina Homolka of Skinnytaste.com
<http://www.skinnytaste.com/cauliflower-fried-rice/>

For a good accompaniment to the Cauliflower "Fried Rice" try the "Orange Chicken Makeover" <http://www.skinnytaste.com/orange-chicken-makeover/>



RECURRING RESOLUTIONS - SEPTEMBER

Every year, the Board of Supervisors approves a list of recurring resolutions. These resolutions commemorate or celebrate causes and/or organizational efforts on a monthly basis. Click on any of the recurring resolutions to the right to learn more about them.

Alzheimer's Awareness - All Month

Child Awareness - All Month

Hispanic Heritage - All Month

Labor Day - Sep 5

Patriot Day - Sep 11

Workplace Safety - Prepare For Emergencies During National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month

September marks National Preparedness Month, which was founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness in the U.S. First responders and emergency managers understand that there will be an overwhelming demand to reach people in distress following a disaster. Getting to every person quickly following an emergency will simply not be possible – especially if roads are damaged and power is out. It's imperative that community members take the necessary steps to prepare for emergencies. The more people who are prepared for a disaster, the quicker

the community will recover afterwards. Find out more about National Preparedness Month at <http://www.ready.gov/september>.

During the month of September there will be weekly promotional themes:

Week 1: Multi-generational preparedness/family emergency communications

Week 2: Community service

Week 3: Individual preparedness

Week 4: The lead up to National PrepareAthon Day on September 30th

"Don't wait, Communicate" will be returning this year due to the success of last year's theme. County agencies are encouraged to visit www.ready.gov for more information and resources. Make your emergency plan today and encourage those that you know and love to do the same.

The time is now to make a commitment to be the survivor. This September, prepare and plan for any event that may cause you to go for three days without electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or other local services. It is a time to prepare yourself, your family and your loved ones for any emergency. Just follow these three steps:

1. **Get a Kit:** Keep enough emergency supplies on hand for you and those in your care, including water, non-perishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlights and a battery-powered radio. For a complete checklist of supplies, visit www.ReadyOC.org.
2. **Make a Plan:** Discuss, agree on, and document an emergency plan with those in your care. For sample plans, see www.ReadyOC.org. Work with your neighbors, colleagues and others to build a community network of resilience.
3. **Be Informed:** Information is available to assist you from federal, state and local resources. You can find preparedness information by:
 - o Signing up for emergency alerts and notifications at www.AlertOC.com.
 - o Accessing www.ReadyOC.org to learn what to do before, during, and after an emergency.
 - o Contacting your local emergency management department and ask for a tour and information about preparedness.

Events



COUNTY POLL WORKER PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION

Join hundreds of County of Orange employees and volunteers by working at a polling place on Election Day! You will receive your regular day's pay* and a paid stipend based on the position you select: Clerks \$120, Inspectors \$160, A-Team \$150 plus mileage, and Coordinators \$160 plus mileage.

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in your community and participate in our government's democratic process.

Interested? Sign up now!

Online: www.ocvote.com/volunteer/volunteer-to-serve/
Select 'Poll Worker' and 'County of Orange'

Top 5 County Agencies - June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election

- Social Services Agency
- Health Care Agency
- Superior Court
- Sheriff's Department
- OC Community Resources



*Regular day's pay is the regular hours you are scheduled to work on November 8, 2016. Use pay code PW on your timecard for Election Day and attending poll worker training.

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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Forever Friends for Free Adoption Event!

& Meet Garrett Richards
Saturday, September 17th

From 11 a.m. to Noon

Bring in any item from our wishlist* (gently used towels or blankets, dog treats, etc.) to support our shelter pets and you will get to meet Garrett Richards! He will sign 1 item per person.



ANGELS BASEBALL FOUNDATION

*FREE Adoptions!
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hit a homerun and find your furever match today!

*Not including the cost of Microchip (\$17) and Licensing (\$27 Dogs only)



For more information please visit www.ocpetinfo.com or call 714.935.6848



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2016 OCEA HEALTH FAIR AND FARMERS MARKET

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016

OCEA, 830 N. Ross Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Free giveaways, screenings and food at OCEA!

Stay healthy with OCEA and take advantage of the following screenings: Derm scan, 3D body scan, body fat/BMI, workplace exercise demonstrations, stress testing, acupuncture, and physician consultants. Loosen up with chair massages, chiropractic stretching, EMG nervous system screening, and more.

Enjoy our OCEA Holistic Lifestyle area featuring aromatherapy, zyto scans, essential oils samplings, and more. Come enjoy the information, giveaways and exciting door prizes!

FLU SHOTS: Flu shots are available for FREE to those who bring their Blue Shield or Cigna health insurance cards. Kaiser is providing FREE flu shots off-site at your doctor's office.

Plus, Blue Shield, Cigna and Kaiser will be conducting "Health Plan 101" presentations to help members learn more about each of the health plans. The sessions will be held upstairs in OCEA's Assembly Room.

Attendance at the OCEA Health Fair is a permitted use of Annual Leave, subject to approval by your supervisor.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:



Join the OCROV for a Surf The Vote Rock'n-Good-Time at Aliso Beach with Bristol To Memory

WHO: Orange County Registrar of Voters in partnership with Rock The Vote and The Surfrider Foundation

WHAT: FREE Acoustic Concert by Bristol To Memory (alternative rock)

WHERE: Aliso Beach 31131 S. Pacific Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, CA 92652

WHEN: Saturday September 17, 2016 - Bristol To Memory concert from NOON to 2:30 p.m.

WHY: Promote voter registration and recruit volunteers for the November election

Service Awards

for the month of August



35 Years

Ann Murphy
Child Support Services

Kimberly Dinh
District Attorney

Diana Medina
District Attorney

Rosa Campos
Social Services Agency

Monica Gillis
Social Services Agency

Lien Tran
Social Services Agency

30 Years

Arounsy Phommasa
Auditor-Controller

Allen Baker
Health Care Agency

Eileen Endo
Health Care Agency

Jenny Luong
OC Community Resources

Christian Stieler
OC Public Works

Russel Goodwin
OC Waste & Recycling

Jane Hudson
Probation

Sharon Reyburn
Probation

Michael Bucsko
Sheriff-Coroner

Robert Gunzel
Sheriff-Coroner

Ricardo Jurado
Sheriff-Coroner

Beverly Parker
Social Services Agency

Randall Sterett
Social Services Agency

Bih Fang Chang
Social Services Agency

25 Years

Janet Waters
Airport Operation

Richard Sturm
District Attorney

Marisela Cabrera
Health Care Agency

Linda Booth
Health Care Agency

Jesusita Chavez
Health Care Agency

Loan-Anh Pham
Health Care Agency

Elizabeth Vega-Paz
Health Care Agency

Kevin Stephens
OC Public Works

Robert Madison
Sheriff-Coroner

Bruce McRae
Sheriff-Coroner

Tuan Tran
Sheriff-Coroner

Anthony Mora
Social Services Agency

Carmen Ruiz
Social Services Agency

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20 Years

Paul Lovette Airport Operation	Jose Salguero Assessor	Stephanie Chen Auditor-Controller	Teresa White Auditor-Controller
Rosemary Savedra Child Support Services	Georgie Albert County Executive Office	Celia Nguyen County Executive Office	Gloria Bellino Health Care Agency
Ana Figueroa Health Care Agency	Alexis Moulton Health Care Agency	Max Nguyen Health Care Agency	Ralph Espinoza Probation
Efrain Guzman Probation	Estevan Sandoval Probation	Richard Zamorano Probation	Amy Burmood Sheriff-Coroner
Manuel Fregoso Sheriff-Coroner	Jeffrey Hallock Sheriff-Coroner	Tara Heye Sheriff-Coroner	Janice Jones Sheriff-Coroner
Yiu-Fai Ko Sheriff-Coroner	Carlos Lopez Sheriff-Coroner	Benjamin Quintero Sheriff-Coroner	David Smith Sheriff-Coroner
Matthew Stevens Sheriff-Coroner	Dan Butler Social Services Agency	Monica Caballero Social Services Agency	Rene Campuzano Social Services Agency
Vivian Hernandez Social Services Agency	Constance Rosplock Social Services Agency	Martha Garcia Treasurer-Tax Collector	

To view the August list in its entirety, which also includes recipients of 5, 10 and 15-year Service Awards, please click [here](#).

Service Awards are announced in each edition of County Connection in the month immediately following work anniversaries, not in the month of the anniversary. If you believe there has been an error or omission in reporting your years of service, please email Navminder.Kaur@ocgov.com.

PARTING SHOT!

Welcome to Parting Shot, a feature designed to close County Connection with must-see visuals from Orange County, captured through the lenses of County employees. Click on the photos to enlarge.



1. He didn't take the photo, but **Brad Posin**, Deputy County Counsel, poses with over 100 stuffed animals he won at the OC Fair. His mission for winning toys at the OC Fair is for a selfless cause---for the children going through the OC Superior Court's Dependency courtrooms. As a deputy handling child abuse matters, and being an adoptive parent of a beautiful young lady who suffered abuse as a child, he has seen the effects abuse has on children. He also witnessed first-hand the additional traumas that many children experience when dealing with the judicial system. Small tokens of compassion and caring go a tremendous way in making the lives of abused children happier and enjoyable---a goal he and his colleagues achieve while working on Dependency assignments. So, to help minimize the traumas, many of the courtrooms provide small gifts to the children for helping their experience a little more enjoyable. As is the case with many charitable ventures, often there are not enough appropriate gifts for the children that come through the courts each day. This is how Deputy Counsel Posin's interest in accumulating gifts started. During the holidays, he purchases board games and other toys for the children at court and Orangewood Children and Family Center, and during the summer he wins stuffed toys for the courtrooms by playing Skee Ball at the OC Fair. It now has become such a regular tradition because he gets requests from attorneys for toys at court as soon as the OC Fair starts advertising. Deputy Counsel Posin was a dependency attorney for approximately six years. Now, he serves in the Mental Health unit and has been there for six years.

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- 2. Lori Artzner**, OC Public libraries assistant, captured this photo of a sunset. “As motivation to walk after work, I’ve been sharing a new ‘Today’s Walk’ picture every day with my friends and family on Blackberry messenger. I took this one a couple of weeks ago on the Sea Summit Trail in San Clemente.”

Have you taken a photograph of something cool and beautiful in Orange County? Would you like to submit it to Parting Shot for consideration? If so, send it via email to travis.lariviere@ocgov.com. Please provide your job title and department and the details of the photo (location, what’s happening, etc.) Please know that not all submissions will be used; decisions are at the discretion of the CEO Communications staff.

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today and for generations to come, by providing
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