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Annual Pancake Breakfast

The event took place on December 17th, from 6:30-9:45 AM providing Over 1,200 staff members with a chance to join together visit and celebrate the holiday season while being served their breakfast by the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellors and upper-level leaders. A toy drive provided toys for the UCSD Medical Center, Kaiser Pediatrics and the UCSD Burn Unit. Staff-Santa Claus Rich La Clair-Zoehrer (Staff Association Chair 2008-2009) and his helpers gave out gifts and stuffed animals to the children at these hospitals, hopefully brightening their young lives during a difficult time.

Celebrate the Night

The 2nd annual "Celebrate the Night" staff appreciation event took place on December 8th, from 10:30 pm – 1:00 am. Celebrate the Night is when our hard working, yet often forgotten, evening staff are given honor and recognition. Over 200 evening staff attended this dinner event funded entirely by the Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs, Steve Relyea. Our Chancellor Marye Anne Fox attended providing words of encouragement and expressing her appreciation for our evening staff.

Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action and Diversity Awards

On February 10th the annual Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action and Diversity Awards Program honored staff, faculty, students, departments, and organizational units/ groups that had made outstanding contributions in the areas of equal opportunity, affirmative action, diversity, and the UCSD Principles of Community during the previous year. A total of 17 individual recipients were recognized along with 5 departments and 9 Vice Chancellor-area recipients.

Upcoming Staff Outreach:

- UCSD Staff Association will hold its annual all UCSD Staff Association member meeting April 7th. Attending the meeting will be Bill Johansen and UCSD's Ed Abeyta, Staff Advisors to the Regents, in a question and answer session. Along with addressing the questions from staff, they will provide information from the Regents level, and will take information gained at our meeting to the Regents.
- The annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch is scheduled for April 9th, 11:30AM – 1:00PM to honor all staff who take time away from their extremely busy work and home lives to assist at various staff events throughout the year. This year the UCSD Staff Association Impact Award will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch.

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- The UCSD Staff Association Impact Award honors an outstanding UCSD employee whose leadership actions provide sustained effort and resulting accomplishments. Nominees must clearly demonstrate outstanding contributions or significant impact either at UCSD or within the community. The impact should further the goals of UCSD or advance the greater community it serves, consistent with UCSD's mission. Outstanding job performance, Creativity, Teamwork, Community work and Organizational/ leadership abilities are the 5 key areas of consideration.
- The annual All Staff Picnic will be held August 21st and we are anticipating same size event with about 4,000 free tickets available. The picnic is put on by the UCSD Staff Association with support from the Chancellor and all the Vice-Chancellors. We are estimating the cost for this year's picnic to be \$47-50K. As was done in the prior year, we will enlist Special Events and Protocol in coordinating the event. Their coordination and assistance in last years event was invaluable. We also have the 3rd annual UCSD IDOL contest which has proven to be quite a crowd pleaser.

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