

San Diego Section Member's Newsletter November 2010



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2010 Political Activities

The Section participated in various political



activities in November. Phone banking for Jerry Brown and Marty

Block continued at the SD County Democratic Party HQ and at the Labor Council's Union Hall up until Election Day (Nov 3rd).

Various members attended the Get-Out-



The-Vote Tour in Old Town San Diego on the morning of Nov 1st. One of our members.

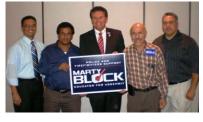
Steven Threlkeld, briefly talked to candidate Jerry Brown and was able to take the picture above. He also thanked Controller **John Chiang** for preventing us from getting minimum wage at the start of the fiscal year.

Section Officers and members attended



the SD Democrat's Election Night Celebration on Nov 2nd. Our VP Rank & File, Robert

Lumahan was interviewed by one of the local TV stations. Many of the local



candidates were in attendance as were campaign coordinators for the **Brown** Campaign and other union

representatives. Afterwards, PECG representatives were invited to a reception hosted by **Marty Block** where he again thanked PECG for all the hard work and support we have shown him.

What is Street Blogging?

"Street Blogging" is a form of street corner advertising in which a person is part of the



message. This includes sign spinners and costumed characters we

have all seen at busy intersections.



Political street bloggers draw attention to a particular candidate or message. Member, **Jösan Feathers,** is shown street blogging

with friends and with **Assemblyman Marty Block**. She also volunteered to register



new citizens at **San Diego's Naturalization Ceremony** on **Nov 17**th for the Democratic Party.

Holiday Food Drive

The Section, coordinating with the



Disability Advisory Committee (DAC), has started a Holiday Food Drive at the Caltrans District 11 Offices. Collected items will be delivered to the **San Diego Food**

Bank. You can deposit canned and packaged (non-perishable) food items in the red barrels throughout the Caltrans District Office, TMC and Kearny Mesa. The Food Drive ends on **December 17th**. At smaller CT offices, please look for the boxes with the food drive logo.

Scholarship Recipient

The **DAC** is comprised of three current



officers, two previous directors, various PECG members and other Caltrans employees.

On Nov 16th the DAC presented Anthony Hicks, a student at Southwestern College, with a \$500 scholarship award.

Komen Walk

On **Nov 7**th, various members and other Caltrans employees participated in the



Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure walk. The region's goal was to raise \$ 400,000 in the end, over \$542,000 was raised with over 13,000 participants.

The **Caltrans Mad Hatters**, led by **Jayne Dowda**, had set a goal of \$1,000. At the end they raised \$1,991 – almost doubling their goal.

SR 905 Opening



On Nov 10th various PECG members



attended the State Route 905 Opening Ceremony. This new freeway improves accessibility to

the Otay Mesa region and to the Border crossing into Mexico. It is also the first phase of a much larger project to convert all of SR 905 to a freeway.

Acorn Plant

Oak trees provide habitat for 300 species



including dozens of birds, insects and rodents. The ecosystems they create are threatened by disease, development,

invasive plants and insects. On **November 20**th, fellow PECG members helped restore one of the habitats by planting acorns in the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge. (Fred & Jösan pictured)

Recruiting a New Member

Do you know of someone who is not yet a PECG member? Would you like to receive \$25 from PECG? Well, all you have to do is sign up that person as a new PECG member and you'll receive \$25 from PECG! Membership applications can be down loaded from the PECG website at http://www.pecg.org/Benefits/Application.pdf and can be submitted to PECG either by faxing them to (916) 446-0489 or mailing them to:

PECG 455 Capitol Mall, Suite 501 Sacramento, CA 95814

Member Involvement

We are always in need of volunteers to expand our activities and involvement. If interested, or if you have any comments/suggestions regarding this newsletter, please contact our President, **Pedro Aguilar** at:

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PECG ISSUES

If you have any questions or comments about bargaining, job related issues, benefits, etc please contact one of the officers listed on the first page or you can also browse through the PECG website at: <u>pecg.org</u> or the Section's website at: <u>sandiegopecg.org</u>