



May 2012 Newsletter

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SAN DIEGO PECG SPONSORED BASKETBALL TOURNAMANET 2012



Caltrans District 7,8,11,12
Basketball Tournament
2012

PECG members and Caltrans Employees from Districts 7, 8, 11, and 12 participated in a Basketball tournament partially sponsored by the San Diego Section PECG. The tournament was placed in the City of Irwindale on April 21st. Member, Frank Contreraz, played a key role in organizing this event with

representatives of the other districts. The districts are looking forward to organizing similar activities in the future for the members and employees. The San Diego Section was represented by Frank, Adrian



Cortez, Jose Delgado, Jimmy Nguyen, and Rafael Reyes. For additional info and future events, please contact Frank Contreras from District 11 Advanced Planning at (619) 688-0162. Future events will also be advertised in PECG newsletters.

2012 San Diego Section PECG Scholarship Program

The PECG San Diego Section Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the availability of two \$500.00 scholarships as a new benefit to the families of PECG San Diego Section members. These scholarships are intended to recognize, encourage and assist high school and college students in reaching their career goals and aspirations through the pursuit of a college degree. Children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of PECG San Diego Section members in good standing are eligible and encouraged to apply.

Eligibility

Only children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of PECG San Diego Section members in good standing are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

Candidates must be a senior in high school or possess a GED certificate by the end of June 2012 and planning to enroll in a college or university in the fall 2012 semester or quarter as a full-time undergraduate student OR be currently enrolled in a college or university as a full-time undergraduate student. Candidates must also be a US citizen or legal resident of the State of California and must have a minimum GPA of 2.5. No one may receive a scholarship more than once. In future years, previous scholarship recipients will be ineligible.

Award Procedure

A Selection Committee will review all of the application packages submitted.

In addition to the candidate's Official Transcripts and Letters of Recommendation, a Personal Statement including the following will be considered:

1. An Inspirational Life Experience.
2. Career Goals and Aspirations.
3. Community/Volunteer and School Activities.
4. Work Experience.
5. Why you are a good candidate to receive this scholarship.

Award Date

The PECG San Diego Section Scholarship Committee will go through the selection process during the month of June.

Scholarship award winners will be announced in late June.

Winners will be formally presented with their awards shortly after at a luncheon hosted by the PECG San Diego Section.

Complete application packages must be received or be postmarked by Monday, June 4, 2012.

For More Information or Questions, please call or e-mail the PECG San Diego Scholarship Committee members:

Chair Robert Lumahan (619) 688 – 6425 Robert.Lumahan@dot.ca.gov

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Member Cristina Nunez (619) 688 – 2583 Cristina.Nunez@dot.ca.gov

2012 San Diego Science Fair

San Diego Section volunteer members participated at the The 58th Annual Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair held on March 20 - 25, 2012 at the Balboa Park Activity Center (2145 Park Blvd.) PECG and San Diego Section awarded 4 Scholarships of \$500 each as well as 4 awards of \$50 each to the best projects selected by the San Diego Section PECG member judges, the award ceremony was held at the San Diego State University's Viejas Hall on 22 March. PECG Corporate President Elect Steve Lee was invited to the event and presented the checks to the students.



PECG Corporate **President Elect Steve Lee**, Naser Ghaderi, Pedro Aguilar, Roy Flores, Lou Melendez and Mo Maher at the Award Ceremony



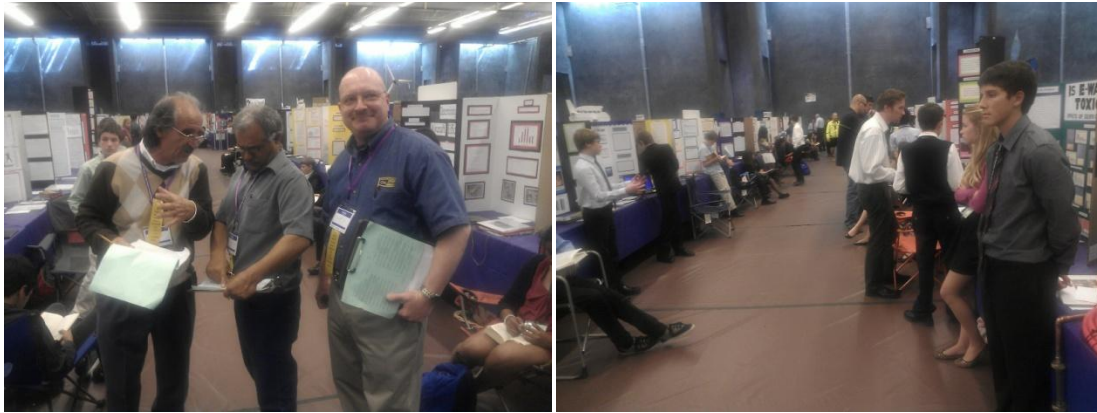
Lou Melendez, Pedro Aguilar, Mo Maher, Roy Flores and Steve Lee at the Award Ceremony



**San Diego Section Judges Naser Ghaderi, Lou Melendez, Mike Lubin, Pedro Aguilar, Azar Habibafshar, Kevin Baluyut, Julie Ann Jacinto, Robert Lumahan, Sunil Repaka and Sridhar Kidambi.
(Judges Mo Maher, Vasant Kale and Fred Abdipour are not in this picture)**



PECG Judges Mo Maher, Azar Habibafhsar and Vasant Kale Past District 11 Director Pedro Orso Del Gado



Judges Javad Rhezaii, Pedro Aguilar and Michael Lubin



Judges Sunil Repaka and Sridhar Kidambi



Lou Melendez and one of the students

San Diego Section would like to thank PECG President John Roberts, PECG President Elect Steve Lee and PECG Science and Engineering Fair Committee Chair Terry Escarda for making these scholarships possible;



John Roberts



Steve Lee



Terry Escarda

2012 Democratic Dinner April 12, 2012

The Annual Roosevelt Dinner in San Diego was held on Saturday April 12, 2012 at the Holiday Inn on the Bay. Hundreds of Democrats showed up for the event and honored volunteers, candidates, and elected leaders. The dinner was especially important as it was the largest annual fundraising event to support the County Party's growth. Featured speakers at the April 12 awards dinner included San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and California State Controller John Chiang. Author and activist Christine Pelosi were present as

well and provided entertainment and inspiration.



Members/Officers /Activists Roy Flores, Robert Lumahan , Pedro Aguilar, Fred Abdipour, Josan Feathers, Abu Bakr Al-Jafri, Mo Maher and Mehi Nabizadeh attended the Democratic event.

FEATURED ELECTED DEMOCRAT



Jösan Feathers came to San Diego from New York in 1975 with a BA in Psychology. She was a California Department of Forestry firefighter for two seasons before joining Caltrans and earning a degree in civil engineering. Jösan retired from California State Parks in 2009 after over 30 years of service. She continues to serve as statewide Political Liaison Chair for Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG). An avid Aztecs basketball fan, she serves on the Valle De Oro Community Planning Board, on the La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club Board, and on the County Democratic Central Committee.

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