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Veterans Job Fair & Legal Clinic



California Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi (second from left) hosted a Veterans Job Fair & Legal Clinic, November 9 in Torrance in partnership with the California Economic Development Department and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB). Pictured with him during the fair are, from left, Lt. Colonel Rynelle Mardis, Ph.D, Director, West Region Army Soldier for Life Program; Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director; and MSgt. David Caleb, Deputy Director, US Army Soldier for Life Program. Source: SBWIB •

Council Honors Local Volunteer for Her Commitment to Service

By Cristian Vasquez

Kathy Young began her volunteer efforts with the South Bay Environmental Services Center of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) in 2010 and hasn't slowed down. During Tuesday night's Torrance City Council meeting, she was recognized by the City of Torrance for another milestone during her time with the SBCCOG. "Thank you," Young said to the audience from the podium. "Thank you Martha [Segovia] and thank you to the staff I work with."

As a joint powers authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles, the SBCCOG works as one to maximize the South Bay's quality of life and productivity. Member cities include Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance, as well as the Los Angeles communities of Harbor City/San Pedro/Wilmington, and the unincorporated areas of the Los Angeles County District 2 and 4.

"Kathy was recognized in 2012, 2014 and 2016 for her volunteer efforts," Torrance Mayor Patrick Furey said. "Most recently in 2016, she was recognized with the Green Ambassador Award and she is now being recognized for her dedication with the honor of the SBCCOG Gold Sustainability Leader Award for volunteering over 1,000 hours since the inception of their volunteer program."

Every Tuesday Young arrives at the SBCCOG office (20285 S. Western Avenue, Suite #100 in Torrance) to dedicate her day

to assisting staff with daily tasks. Young continues to accumulate volunteer hours and has no plans of slowing down. She shared that she enjoys "learning things and meeting new people."

"Kathy is wonderful. She takes two buses, sometimes three, to get to the center," said SBCCOG Environmental Services Analyst Martha Segovia. "She comes and works four or five hours, helping in the office; Kathy is always there and for me that is amazing."

The SBCCOG offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. To learn more about how to volunteer, persons

interested can visit <http://southbaycities.org/contact-us> or call (310) 371-7222.

Local Businessmen Invite

Everyone to Sweat For A Cause

By combining their talents and passions for sport and fitness, owner of BRIK Fitness in Redondo Beach Brian Nguyen; and Kevin Tyler, owner of the Torrance Batting Cages, will host another edition of Sweat For A Cause on Saturday, December 9 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

This year's fundraiser will benefit Samuel's Trees and will take place at the Torrance Batting Cages located at 2300 Jefferson Street.

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Torrance Education Foundation Awards \$50,000 in STEM Grants

A total of \$50,000 in grants from Torrance Education Foundation (TEF) will support 65 STEM-related learning projects at Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) schools during the 2017-2018 academic year. Lead teachers for each project have just received notification of their grants. Grants support projects at all grade levels from kindergarten through high school. Applications were open to all teachers in TUSD. Grant funds will pay for materials and supplies, competition entry fees, and in one case will even purchase a competition robot. All funded projects provide extracurricular learning that complements classroom activities for students in the STEM disciplines:

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Dr. Chad Mabery, President of the TEF Board of Directors, states, "Our STEM Initiative helps teachers build excitement around STEM subjects by giving students more hands-on experience. It also gives teachers a chance to collaborate so that more students can benefit. Mastering STEM subjects is crucial for student success today, so all of us at TEF are delighted this program has seen such strong growth."

"The Torrance Education Foundation's focus on enhancing and expanding STEM learning opportunities for all our

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Weekend Forecast

Friday

Partly
Cloudy
76°/59°



Saturday

Partly
Cloudy
73°/58°



Sunday

Partly
Cloudy
71°/58°

