



Ask SSG

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Seeking an Inspirational Speaker for the SSG 2007 Annual Luncheon

Do YOU have an inspirational message to impart to your co-workers and all fellow employees of SSG?

We are seeking an individual to deliver an inspirational opening message for the SSG Annual Luncheon to be held on Friday, July 27th, 2007.

What is needed:

- The message must be relevant to this year's theme: **55 Years of Growth** (SSG as a 'tree' that is growing, thriving and strong)
- The message must be inclusive of all service arenas.
- The message may be any tone you wish (humorous, serious, philosophical, personal or witty) but not secular (i.e. religious).
- The message must be no more than 3 minutes in length.
- The selected speaker must attend the planning session on **July 17th at 2:00 pm** at the SSG Boardroom in the downtown core office. Address is 605 W. Olympic Blvd. #600, LA, CA 90015 (213) 553-1800.
- The speaker will be listed in the printed program.
- Any employee (part-time or full-time) is eligible to be the speaker.

If you are interested, please submit your name to the Event Planning Program Committee. Email to ssg@ssgmain.org or call Eric Wat (213-553-1820) or Judy Lawyer (213-236-3939) before July 10th, 2007. Please submit a brief outline of your message (full text not required until the planning meeting on July 17th).

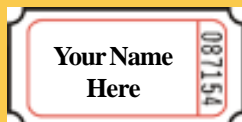
Today, Friday, June 22nd

Last Day of United Way Campaign

Please have all pledge forms submitted to SSG/HR Dept.

\$50 Raffle, \$30 Raffle, \$20 Raffle

Names of all new and recommitting staff will be entered.



ARE YOU THE ONE?

Can you turn a phrase, are you upbeat, and able to guide an audience?



WE ARE LOOKING FOR A
MASTER OF CEREMONY

FROM WITHIN OUR VERY TALENTED SSG STAFF.

Please call Naomi Kageyama at 213-553-1807 to let us know of your interest by July 6th.

Annual Staff & Board Appreciation Luncheon
Cal State LA - Golden Eagle Hospitality
July 27, 2007

Retirement Plans Available With SSG

Defined Benefit Pension Plan - 100% sponsorship by SSG

Company provided retirement benefit for all eligible employees. Eligible employees join the plan on the first enrollment date following a twelve consecutive month period of service and 1,000 hours of work. Employee must complete five years of service to be vested.

For further information, please refer to the Summary Plan Description provided during your new employee orientation or handed out during the Defined Benefit presentations in April and May. If you need extra copy of the summary plan, please contact SSG's HR Department at (213) 553-1892.

For a benefit estimate, please contact Mutual of America at (562) 983-0407.

Tax Deferred Annuity (TDA) (a.k.a 403(B) - Elective Benefit

As an employee of SSG, you are eligible to participate in the Tax-Deferred Annuity (TDA) offered by Mutual of America. This is a 403(B) retirement plan. With a TDA, federal income taxes on contributions and any interest or investment earnings are deferred until you withdraw the money. Contributions to the TDA are made from pre-tax salary through payroll deduction. If you would like an enrollment packet, please contact SSG's HR Department at (213) 553-1892. Please read the prospectus carefully before you decide to invest.

For more detailed information on the TDA, call Mutual of America at (562) 983-0407.

This is an elective benefit for SSG employees. SSG does not endorse or support any particular investment strategy made by employees.

SSG NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM/ICS

HITOP Graduation - Another group of clients graduated from *HITOP (Homeless Intervention Treatment Options Project)* program on April 26, 2007. These graduates successfully completed four months of intensive day treatment and two months of aftercare services. HITOP staff, friends, and family were all on hand to celebrate the special occasion. Congratulations to each graduate for their hard work and commitment to recovery. Thank you to the dedicated staff of HITOP, the Adult Outpatient Program (AOP), for making it possible.

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE



API Alliance hosted its 2nd annual spring dance May 17th. About 90 clients attended the dance and they sure did enjoy it!

API Alliance began its new *IMD Step-down* program June 6th when the first residents transferred from IMD to Fair Oaks Manor. This is an exciting new program that offers more independent living options for adults who have been living in institutions.

CENSUS DATA AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES

CD&GIS is collaborating with Center for Nonprofit Management to offer its popular *"Finding and Using Census and Other Community Data on the Internet"* as part of the Center's Professional Development series. This is a hands-on workshop where participants get to practice what they learn in a computer lab. Workshop fee is discounted at \$50. The June class has been full for more than a month. ***The next class will be on Tuesday, August 14, 1-5 p.m.*** If you're interested, please register at the CNM website: <http://www.cnmsocal.org/Services/seminars.html>.



July 4th is an SSG Holiday - Enjoy!

BENEFITS ASSISTANCE CLIENTS URBAN PROJECT

BACUP was recently awarded funding from DMH to open *The LIFE Center, a multi-purpose center* operated by and for mental health consumers and grounded in the principles of empowerment, recovery, mutual support and self-help.

With this major expansion of program services a larger location was needed; *BACUP moved all services* to the new site, which opened its doors to participants June 8th; a Grand Opening is planned for July 13th, please save the date.

New Site!
BACUP
 2120 W. 8th Street, Ste. 210
 Los Angeles, CA 90057
 Phone: 213-368-1888



The LIFE Center is seeking motivated individuals to volunteer for a Programming Committee that will design Center activities. The Programming Committee will be the voice of consumers in the selection, implementation, and continuous improvement of Center activities. Participation in this committee is an opportunity to make a positive impact on your peers and to help transform the mental health system.



Employee Safety

Batteries Can Explode

SSG Human Resources Dept.

What causes severe battery explosions? A fully charged battery, or one being charged, generates hydrogen gas, which is highly explosive. It takes as little as 4% hydrogen in the air to form an explosive mixture. You can see that it is very important to prevent sparking near the cell caps, since hydrogen is present.

Based upon actual cases, the following are some reasons why battery explosions occur:

1. Connecting or removing the terminal cables while the battery charger is in the "on" position.
2. Creating a spark when connecting the cable to an improper pole.
3. Using a match or other potential source of ignition for lighting the work area.
4. Fastening cables to a battery post that is internally damaged.
5. Installing a fully charged battery with some switches in the "on" position.

Remember - treat a charged battery with respect, and avoid creating a spark or other source of ignition. If you are accidentally sprayed with battery acid, immediately wash the burned area with large quantities of water, particularly if the burned area involves the face and eyes. Seek professional medical treatment.

Personal Accomplishments

Rona McFadden's (HOP/ICS) son **Aerick McFadden** graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills on 5/18/07, with a B.A. in Digital Media Arts, and an emphasis in television production. He is now working as a Production Assistant on the Showbiz Show with David Spade.



Aerick, Rona and nephew Kameron



Yvonne Sun (OAP) received her MSW degree from UCLA on May 11, 2007.

Hannah Nguyen (OAP) received her MSW degree from UCLA on June 15, 2007



Javier Nevarez (OAP) received his BSW degree from CSULB on May 30, 2007.

Wakako Masuno (OAP) received her BSW degree from CSULB on May 30, 2007.



Adreana Perez (HR Dept./FIC) received her B.A. in Sociology from CSULA on June 9, 2007.



Nancy Sekizawa (APAIT) aka "*Atomic Nancy*" performed a sold out show on May 26th with former members of the jazz fusion group "*Hiroshima*". Her band is called the "*Atomic Project*"; bandmembers include: Benny Yee, Tetsuy Nakamura and Dane Matsumura.

The last appearance that "*Atomic Nancy*" performed was over 16 years ago. According to the audience comments, the show had so much high energy just like the way "*Hiroshima*" use to be and "*Atomic Nancy*" is still explosive! An added attraction to her show included back up singers from the First AME Church of Los Angeles. *Atomic Project* is considering making a CD sometime in next year.

Nancy was also the proprietor of the legendary *Atomic Cafe* in Little Tokyo. During the late 70's, the cafe was a well known hangout for musicians and artist. Not to mention their famous bowl of *chasu* noodles and the legendary jukebox. The cafe sign is now in the exhibit of the Japanese American Museum.

Employment Opportunities

PALS for Health is seeking a part-time (30 hrs/wk) *Program Assistant I*, an entry-level position in the health and social service arena. Send cover letter and resume to: veronikag@palsforhealth.org.

Older Adults Program is seeking a *Psychiatric Social Worker* and *Care Manager* who are bilingual and bicultural (Vietnamese or Spanish) with a BA and two years experience. Send cover letter and resume to: ysun@ssgmain.org.

OTTP-LA is seeking an *Occupational Therapist*, fax resume to Suzanne Afuso-Sugano at 310-323-1570.