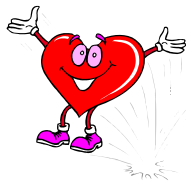


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Blood Drive

Last year we had a strong show of support as many of you donated blood to the Red Cross at the drive we held at the Ed Center. But this year I believe we can do even better! Many of you who donated for the first time last year experienced how truly easy and painless it is.



The drive will be held on February 14 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room at the Ed Center. To schedule an appointment, either call our Health Programs Department at 626-795-6981 x249, or e-mail Sylvia Morris at smorris@pusd.us

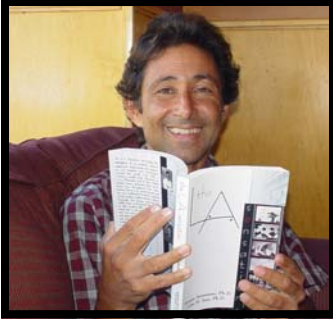
To give blood for transfusion to another person, you must be healthy, at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated blood in the last 56 days. "Healthy" means that you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure, "healthy" means that you are being treated and the condition is under control.

Other aspects of each potential donor's health history are discussed as part of the donation process before any blood is collected. Each donor receives a brief examination during which temperature, pulse, blood pressure and blood count (hemoglobin or hematocrit) are measured.

Before donating blood please drink plenty of fluids starting the day before and eat a meal within 4 hours of donation time. Please bring a picture ID the day that you will donate blood.

Please sign up. You will be giving the valuable gift of life!





PUSD Teacher Promotes Pasadena Culture

Armen Antonian, a sixth-grade teacher at Noyes Elementary School, will be discussing the book that he co-authored, *The L.A. Sensation*, at the Women's City Club of Pasadena. His co-author Lisa H. Iyer will also participate at the Thursday, February 17, discussion that will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Antonian and Iyer interviewed some of the top movers and shakers in Los Angeles, Pasadena and Hollywood for their book, *The L.A. Sensation* (Infinity Publishing). Antonian and Iyer will discuss historical developments in food, architecture, fashion and the film industry. The book also discusses the significance of Disney Hall, California cuisine and street fashion.

The event will take place at the Women's City Club of Pasadena located at 160 N. Oakland Ave., Pasadena. The event is open to the public and tickets for the reception, dinner and discussion are \$30 and may be reserved by calling 626-796-0560.

Antonian obtained his doctorate in Political Economy and History from UC Riverside. He also studied at the Fondation National des Sciences Politique in Paris, France. To obtain further information related to *The L.A. Sensation* book, please visit the www.lasensation.com website.



OVER 10,000 BOOKS ARE DONATED TO

PUSD'S FRANKLIN, EDISON, AND JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

For the first time, the Pasadena and San Marino chapters of the National Charity League have teamed up to collect and to give away books to PUSD students and their parents.

The National Charity League and PUSD's Partners In Education (PIE) coordinated the book collection drive at Franklin Elementary School. Thousands of books are being donated to three Pasadena Unified School District elementary schools and to PUSD parents. As an incentive for parents to attend PTA meetings, parents will be given the free books, with topics ranging from travel to cooking books.

"We want to encourage PUSD students to become lifelong readers," said Cayce Sheppard from the National Charity League. "We are happy to help so parents through this book collec-

National Charity League is a non-profit, national organization of mothers and daughters whose goal is to foster a sense of community responsibility in girls as well as to strengthen the mother-daughter relationship. The daughters participate in a six-year program of philanthropic work, educational activities and cultural events.



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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT VISITS CLEVELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Superintendent Dr. Clark and Deputy Superintendent Kathy Duba discussed career choices with 2nd graders at Cleveland Elementary School recently as part of Junior Achievement, an organization that places special emphasis on business concepts for young children.

Juan Guillen, second grader at Cleveland Elementary School, told Deputy Superintendent Kathy Duba and Dr. Clark that he wanted to become a scientist, and another second grader, Corey-ona Callum, shared with her classroom that she wanted to become a police officer.

JA was established in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts. JA now reaches 5.2 million students throughout the world, with thousands of volunteers helping to teach students about businesses and the free enterprise system.



Robert **K**irchner began working for the Pasadena Unified School District in 1999 at Wilson Middle School after operating his own janitorial business.

“**I** wanted to work at a place where I could develop good friendships, have a good retirement plan, and PUSD has offered both of those opportunities for me,” said Kirchner. “PUSD is a great place to work, especially since I feel that I am helping to create a more positive image of the Ed Center.”

Kirchner is originally from Chicago, Illinois. While visiting Los Angeles in 1970, he was in a car accident. His car repairs took months to fix, and after spending time in Los Angeles, he decided to make it his permanent home. One of the best things that happened to Kirchner in 1970 was meeting his future wife, Sharon. Kirchner married Sharon in 1976.



Kirchner plays a key role in supervising other custodians at PUSD’s Ed Center. He takes a pro-active role in helping to set up for meetings and big events, and has been extremely helpful with the Ed Center’s Open House. Kirchner has become part of the PUSD team that cares about helping our students and is committed to maintaining a clean and safe environment for our facilities.

He loves jazz music, sports, spending time outdoors, and enjoys barbecuing and inviting his friends to his home in Eagle Rock on weekends.





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EMPLOYEE of the MONTH

JOYCE DOCKERY

Joyce Dockery worked for the City of Monrovia for 16 years as a civilian employee before joining the Pasadena Unified School District in 1999. She is currently a dispatcher for the district's police force.



"I know that I am helping our PUSD students and I feel wonderful that I can contribute to making their lives safer through our own police department," said Dockery. "Our PUSD law enforcement officers serve as role models for our students."

Dockery's various roles and duties at PUSD include taking calls from schools, some related to incidents or school sites that need law enforcement assistance. She analyzes the situation and dispatches officers to school sites or where incidents are occurring. Dockery responds to every call with courtesy and professionalism even when under stress.

The Pasadena Unified School District has its own police department and specific officers are assigned to work at certain PUSD schools. The consistent presence of an officer develops trust with students and the officer and students get to know each other on a one-on-one basis.

"Joyce is a positive magnet in our department and we are blessed that she is part of our team," said Mike Trevis, Chief of the PUSD Police Department. "She goes above and beyond her regular duties and resolves many complicated issues that ultimately benefit our students."

Dockery has two adult children, LaMont and Theresa, and one 18-month grandson who is named after his father, LaMont. She grew up and currently lives in Monrovia. She enjoys cooking, going to church, and spending time with her family and grandson.

Help PUSD By Answering A One-Minute Phone Call

A Connect Ed phone poll regarding the "Team PUSD" newsletter is being conducted by the Information Technology Services Department with the goal to receive feedback from all PUSD employees.

The poll is being conducted to gauge the effectiveness of our "Team PUSD" newsletter. Do you read it? Is it helpful? These and other questions can be addressed by simply touching the numbers on your phone's dial-pad as part of our upcoming poll.

Stay tuned! It will only take one minute!

