

Getting to Know the Westside/Central Sector at Gateway Division

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(Sept. 10, 2002) It took almost 900 eggs to satisfy the 300 employees who gathered for breakfast at Gateway Division 10, last Friday, to mark the opening of the Metro Westside/Central service sector.

And, in order to include everyone at the division, the celebration continued right on into a good ol' barbecue lunch.

"This event helps to reinforce that the sector is here to be of service to the divisions, to listen and to see how we can help them," said sector General Manager Tracy Daly.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. everyone pitched in, from the sector office staff to the transportation and the maintenance personnel to make the event a success.

Mechanic Jaime Sanchez said his crew of chefs had been cooking since 8 a.m. and were finally getting a bit of fresh air while waiting for the second shift to come in and take over. "I think it's been a success. Everybody looks happy and full."

"It's a good way to get to know the sector," Operator Danita Miller said.

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Metro Westside/Central Service Sector's Community Relations Manager Barbara Burns, Senior Safety Specialist David Miklic and Communications Officer Valerie Harrison serve up some fixin's.



Metro Westside/Central Service Sector General Manager Tracy Daly lines up a solid shot.



Gateway Division 10 Maintenance Manager Rick Hittinger played a little sax at the event. Hittinger plays regularly with the Long Beach City College Saxophone quartet.

Getting to know the employees

Daly spent the day sitting and chatting, getting to know the employees. She even played pool with a few. In her honor, a cake with her photo on it was brought in for the event.

"Miss Tracy is a people-oriented person," said Assistant Transportation Manager Luis Alcantar.

"She's great about sitting with operators or mechanics and talking to them about the day-to-day running of the division."

Even the Long Beach City College Saxophone quartet attended the event midday, a group led by Division 10 Maintenance Manager Rick Hittinger.

"We got both transportation and maintenance together at this event," Hittinger said. "In the past, the two have been kind of separate because they're so far apart physically. But this event has worked out really well to include both."

Division 10 was the first to host a sector celebration. Venice Division 6 will hold its celebration, Sept. 13, and West Hollywood Division 7 has scheduled an event, Sept. 20.

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