

Arthur Winston Division 5 Throws Bash for South Bay Sector

By ALISHA GOMEZ

(Oct. 4, 2002) Despite gloomy and chilly weather, Arthur Winston Division 5 was smokin', last Friday, as employees celebrated the South Bay Sector.

For many employees, including Service Attendant Kathy Vilches, this was the first time to meet the sector staff.

"It's a good idea to have the sector staff come into the division and everyone meet each other," Vilches said. "We have a lot of fun and everybody gets to hang out."

With the sectors now playing a role in MTA's service, Division 5 is looking forward to attaining some of its goals with the sector's help.

Part of the community

"The sector will help MTA divisions a part of the community," said James Woodson, assistant transportation manager. "Under the centralized structure, patrons could feel that MTA is one big entity and not really in touch with the community. The sector will help us respond to community needs."

And as Woodson notes, South Bay Sector General Manager Dana Coffey is an MTA veteran.

"Dana Coffey will add continuity because she has been an operator, an assistant manager and a transportation manager," he said. "She understands the demographics of the South Bay and the issues that are important to the patrons."

The sector also will be working with maintenance to ensure success.

Safe, clean, reliable buses

"My direction right now is to provide a safe, clean, reliable bus for transportation," Maintenance Manager Alex Dinuzzo said. "From what I've seen so far, I have total backing from my sector general manager, in the way I feel maintenance should be run."

Coffey took a moment to welcome everyone and talk about what's expected from each employee.

"We have a long road ahead of us," she

Scenes from a Barbecue

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Transportation Manager Patsy Goens sings her heart out with Maintenance Manager Alex Dinuzzo and Lorraine Melendez, a Supervisor at RRC.



Mechanic Solomona Moala, Service Attendants Kathy Vilches and Joyce Duffie



said. "We're a very strong team here. There's a lot of heart here, a lot of dedication and loyalty, and it's showing every single day."

Coffey also emphasized teamwork. "In order to meet our goals, each and every one of you has to do your part. We are a team. I envision the South Bay sector as the best, but there's always room for growth and development. With your support, cooperation, positive attitudes and productivity, we are going to see success."

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A welcome from General Manager
Dana Coffey



Assistant General Managers James
Woodson, Keith Green and Odell
Ross.