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At the Trailblazers Banquet are, from left, DAC member Richelle Rayford, Arthur Winston and General Manager Dana Coffey.

Arthur Winston Honored Among 'African American Trailblazers'

By RICH MORALLO

(May 5, 2005) With only nine months to go before his 100th birthday, Service Attendant Arthur Winston continues to draw attention and recognition for his many years of remarkable service to Metro – and Division Ambassador Council (DAC) members are helping him make his public engagements.

Winston had just settled down to another quiet Saturday afternoon at home, recently, when the phone rang.

"It was Richelle Rayford, a DAC member and my ride, who said she was on her way to pick me up," recalls Winston.

As it turned out, he had just a few minutes to get ready for an awards presentation by the Crenshaw United Methodist Church in front of 200 people at the Torrance Hilton.

The African American Trailblazers award banquet had skipped his mind but Winston, escorted by Rayford, made the function in time to participate in the pre-dinner publicity photo session with South Bay General Manager Dana M. Coffey.

'Honored as a Trailblazer'



Arthur Winston was a guest on KPCC-FM radio's "Talk of the City," hosted by Kitty Felde.

"Arthur was honored as one of five Trailblazers for his 71 years of continuous service with Metro," said Edith Goff-Youngblood, a member of the church and Metro employee. "He began working in 1924 and continues on the job today."

The banquet, in its 10th year, recognizes individuals who are "Trailblazers" in their vocational pursuits and within the greater community.

"Arthur really enjoyed himself at the function," added Rayford. "The organizers arranged to recognize Arthur first in case he wanted to go home early, but that wasn't the case - he stayed after the presentations to talk to people."

In constant demand by the media, Winston recently traveled to Pasadena for an interview on KPCC-FM radio. The Metro icon was interviewed by Kitty Felde, host of the program "Talk of the City."

Marco Pedemonte, another member of the DAC organization that conducts community outreach, escorted Winston to the radio station located at Pasadena City College.

"We wanted to make sure Arthur got to the station in time and I was very familiar with the area since I graduated from PCC," said Pedemonte.

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