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Mark your calendar> All employees are invited to "A Gateway Salute to Arthur Winston" from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 23, in the Gateway Plaza lobby. There'll be live entertainment and refreshments.



Photo by Kyung Kim

Wednesday is a Big Day for Arthur Winston: He'll be 100!

(March 21, 2006) Tomorrow is a big day for Arthur Winston. It will be his 100th birthday and his last day at Metro – probably hard to grasp for someone who's been on the job for 72 years.

Not that the centenarian hasn't seen it coming. There's been a lengthy round of inspirational visits with fellow employees in Gateway Building offices and at the operating divisions.

He's been interviewed by newspaper and TV reporters. He was given recognition by the business community of Torrance.

Last Friday, he addressed the LA City Council and received an elaborate proclamation. Earlier today, county supervisors recognized Winston during their meeting at the Hall of Administration. The supervisors declared March 22 as Arthur Winston Day in LA County and presented him another proclamation

On Wednesday, his namesake Arthur Winston Division 5 will hold a birthday celebration at 11:30 a.m., complete with barbecue, birthday cake, the Laker Girls and Chivas USA cheerleaders.

'Go Arthur!'

The maintenance shops will be decorated with picture posters and huge banners reading, "Arthur Winston – Employee of the Century"

and "Happy 100th Birthday and Retirement – Go Arthur!"

CEO Roger Snoble and other top staff members, along with local elected officials and community leaders, are invited. The Metro Choir will present a short musical program and the chairman of the 99-Cent Stores chain is scheduled to hand Winston a check for \$999.99.

On Thursday, the Metro Board of Directors will recognize Winston at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room. Board members will present a commemorative resolution and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa is expected to present a special certificate.

The Board presentation will be followed by a "Gateway Salute to Arthur Winston" from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Gateway Plaza lobby. All employees are invited to attend the event, which will include live cake, punch, live entertainment and special awards.

A 100th birthday party at the Renaissance Los Angeles Airport Hotel, scheduled for 6 p.m., Saturday, will cap a week of celebration. The restaurant is located at 9620 Airport Blvd. in Los Angeles (90045). Tickets are \$55 each. For more information, contact Renee McLin at 909-561-6211 or Alex DiNuzzo at 323-421-2031.