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Happy Valentine's Day at Metro | Photos by Ned Racine

(Feb. 14, 2008) Flowers, balloons and candy are the most traditional ways to express affection for the holiday, named for the Catholic St. Valentine who was martyred. A feast in his honor was first celebrated in 496 and is the earliest incarnation of what's now known as Valentine's Day.

Rubi DePompa (left), executive secretary to the CEO, and Diana Estrada, transportation planning manager, pose before flowers from an ardent DePompa admirer.

The Metro Accounting department staff splits into teams to decorate for holidays and special events. Team 2, pictured here, decorated for Valentine's Day this year.

Team 2 is composed of Melissa Sotelo, Lily Chavez, Jessica Smith, Alcira Godoy, Arif Motiwala, Marina Chong, Sonny Cabrales, Carmelita Malonzo, Peter Serrano, Danny Santos and Huey Leung.

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Organizational Development and Training (OD&T) used the coincidence of Valentine's Day and their move into new quarters to offer goodies, treats and prizes for the drop-in guests.

Crysten Vonk, a CCTV observer at Rail Transportation Control, dropped by Gateway to personally deliver flowers to her mother Gabriela Higueros, a transit operations supervisor who works in Bus Operations Control.

Metro Security Officer Leon Daglian began his afternoon shift just as these flowers were delivered to the building. Daglian looks for the location of the recipient of these flowers.