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NEWSLETTER FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS

## IMTG Project, Staff Win Awards During Digital Summit

Los Angeles World Airports Information Management and Technology Group (IMTG) received Excellence in Technology Awards during this year's Los Angeles Digital Government Summit.

The annual summit is attended by City and County of Los Angeles information technology leaders, executives of private technology companies which focus on the government sector, and the publishers of *Government Technology* magazine, a publication that reports on information technology's role in state and local governments.

The summit has an advisory board that gathers public- and private-sector leaders to create an agenda designed to make that passion relevant and actionable to the state and local government organizations participating in the event. The advisory board is headed by City of Los Angeles ITA General Manager-Chief Information Officer Ted Ross and County of Los Angeles Chief Information Officer Richard Sanchez.

The Los Angeles Excellence in Technology Awards were presented in two categories: Outstanding IT Projects and Outstanding IT Service and Support.

The Outstanding IT Project award went to IMTG's Office of Airport Technology and Business Systems – Airport/Public Safety Systems Division for its Situational Status Display System (SDSS) project. SDSS



**WINNERS**— Information Management and Technology Group Civil Engineer **Ardene Blackhall**, left, and Systems Analyst II **Zoran Turudic**, center, are pictured at Los Angeles Digital Government Summit. At right is Ted Ross, City of Los Angeles ITA General Manager, who presented the awards.

integrates information from airport field personnel with a facility and operations status display system that is used in the Airport Response and Coordination Center (ARCC). Communications Engineer **Ardene Blackhall** and Systems Analyst II **Zoran Turudic** accepted the award on behalf of the division.



Fabian Raygosa

Remedios "Remy" Aquino

The Outstanding IT Service and Support award recognizes a person who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, customer service, and public stewardship through leading a team; serving the organization; implementing

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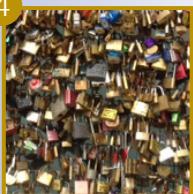
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Jonah Light Photography

## Photo Contest Deadline Nears



The annual LAWA Calendar Photo Contest is underway with a deadline for entries set for October 13.

The winning entries will be prominently featured in the official LAWA 2016 calendar, as recommended by employees through Project LIFToff. Submitted photos must have been taken in 2014-2015.

Entries will be judged on the portrayal of LAWA and aviation-

related activities taken at any of LAWA's three airports, as well as photographic merit, relevance, artistic quality and creativity.

The contest is open to all active and contracted employees of Los Angeles World Airports with a maximum of six entries per contestant.

For additional information and rules regarding the contest, go to: <http://insidelawa/mainNews.aspx?id=34890>.

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innovative solutions; and serving constituents. This award went to the Office of Airport Technology and Business Systems—Business Application Support Division's

**Remedios "Remy" Aquino**, an information systems manager responsible for enterprise applications, databases, and the LAWA Internet/Intranet.

## 'Day of Discovery' Inaugural Event Scheduled Nov. 7

*Day of Discovery, co-sponsored by LAX Community Relations and Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Relations, is a community aviation and aerospace event designed to educate, inspire and explore.*

*The inaugural event, which is free to the public, will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in University Hall at LMU.*

*The first two hours of the event features a booth expo where attendees can meet representatives of aviation and aerospace organizations.*

*The final hour will feature guest speaker General Kevin P. Chilton, a Westchester native, who piloted the Space Shuttle Endeavour and commanded the Space Shuttle Atlantis.*

*For more information, visit [www.lawa.org/dayofdiscovery](http://www.lawa.org/dayofdiscovery).*

## Inglewood Schools Get Sound-Insulation Funds



**FIRST INSTALLMENT**—Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) representatives present a \$10-million ceremonial check to the Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) for its Classroom Noise Mitigation Program during a recent district board meeting. The symbolic check is part of a total of \$44.4 million that LAWA is giving to the district to sound insulate six schools. Participating in the ceremony are, from left: IUSD Advisory Board Members Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza and Dr. Carliss Richardson McGhee; **Lisa Trifiletti**, LAWA director of Environmental and Land Use Planning Division; Dr. Don Brann, IUSD State Trustee; **Georgianna Streeter**, LAWA program manager, Sound Insulation Grant Program, Environmental and Land Use Planning Division; and IUSD Advisory Board Member Melody Ngaue-Tuuholoaki.

# Theme Building Landscaping Undergoes Major Renovation in a Creative Effort to Save Water

Mayor **Eric Garcetti**, in an Executive Directive issued in October 2014, said, “Water is our most precious resource. With the drought now in its third year, we must be creative about the ways in which we conserve water.”

In response to the Mayor’s directive and to thoughtfully respond to the drought, Los Angeles World Airports Maintenance Services Division (MSD), under the leadership of Assistant Director of Maintenance II **Robert Casarez**, has developed a number of water-wise projects.

The latest of the Phase 1 projects was completed at one of the most iconic

and well-known locations in the City of Los Angeles - the grounds of the LAX Theme Building.

Approximately 30,000 square feet of turf have been replaced, resulting in a savings of more than 1.5 million gallons of water per year.

Existing grass and water-demanding plants were replaced with drought tolerant plants, colored stones and wood chips, and a beautiful, winding, decomposed granite path. The drought landscape design was a collaborative effort.

Airports Maintenance Supervisor **Jose De Loera** supervised the design and

implementation of the new landscape, which included plant selection, and placement of plants and wood chips.

The result is a unique and beautiful water-wise landscape at the LAX Theme Building.

“We are proud to be part of the MSD’s water conservation program,” De Loera said.

LAWA has developed plans to install drought-tolerant landscape, replace with turf, and reduce indoor water use at all three of its airports: LAX, LA/Ontario International (ONT), and Van Nuys (VNY), he added.



**Water-Wise Project: Before**



**Water-Wise Project: Completed**



**PROJECT WORKERS—**  
 From left, front row:  
 Gardeners –Caretakers **Arthur Marquez, Ricardo Perez, Jesus Cortez, Pedro Zavala, and Jesus Hernandez.** From left, back row: Airports Maintenance Supervisor **Jose De Loera,** and Gardeners-Caretakers **Ramon Gaspar, Rigoberto Orosco, Jerry Green, and Cesar Pedrosa.** Not pictured: Gardener-Caretaker **Taiji Nakamoto.**

# Annual ‘Heroes’ Plane Pull Competition Set at ONT

LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) and the Friends of Ontario Airport will host its annual “Pull for Our Heroes” Plane Pull competition on Saturday, October 24 on the tarmac at Terminal 1, beginning at 9 a.m.

The event will benefit Ontario’s USO facility, Travelers Aid of the Inland Empire, and the Baldy View Regional Occupational Program Foundation, as well as ONT’s educational outreach programs for disadvantaged students.

The aircraft to be used in the contest will be a Boeing 727 weighing more than 120,000 pounds. A team will consist of 20 participants. Last year’s event attracted more than 650 participants and attendees, and a larger crowd is anticipated this year.

Awards will go to First, Second and Third Fastest Pull teams, Slowest Pull, Most Creative Team Name and Top Fundraising Team. Individual

awards will go to first, second and third place teams.

Persons who wish to be a sponsor or exhibitor, or volunteer at the

event, call ONT Community & Public Relations at (909) 544-5360 or email at [ONTAirportRep@lawa.org](mailto:ONTAirportRep@lawa.org).



Penny Riccardi

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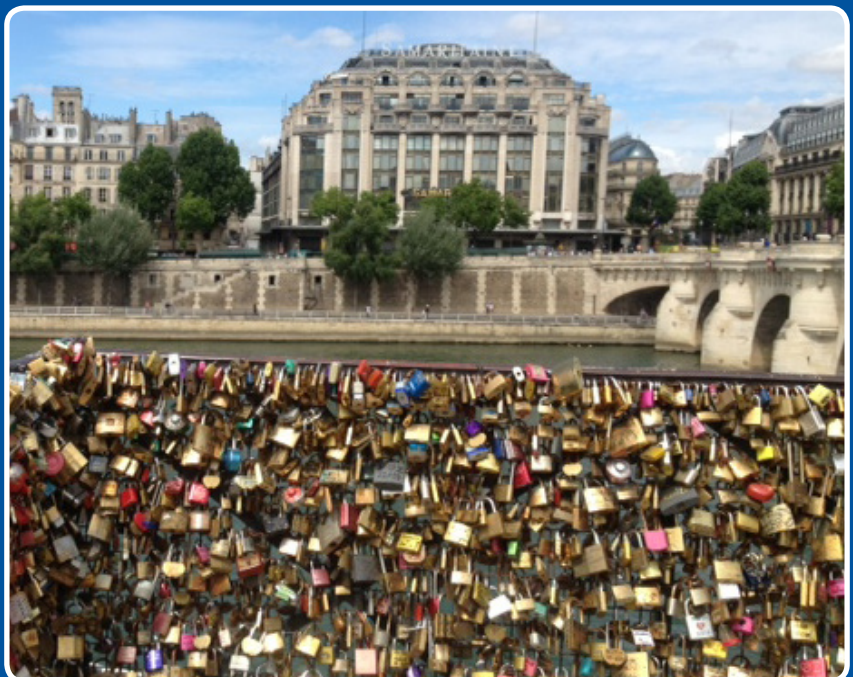
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## My Best Shot



**LOVE LOCKS**—*Kim Garrett, a clerk typist in LAX Public Relations Division, took this photo of these love locks earlier this year in Paris on a bridge overlooking the River Seine. The item is something that sweethearts use to lock to a bridge, fence, gate, or similar public fixture to symbolize their love. The key is then thrown away to symbolize unbreakable love. The history of love padlocks dates back at least 100 years and has proliferated to other locations worldwide.*