

# DIVERSITY CAFE

## THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

*Celebrate Diversity  
Month*

### ***Diversity Calendar***

**April 20 and 21, 2013** – The 16th Annual Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival provides a glimpse into Japanese culture through traditional food, dance, and music. For more information, please visit [www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us](http://www.ci.monterey-park.ca.us) or call (626) 307-1390.

**April 28, 2013** - World City at the Music Center is a highly acclaimed free performance series reflecting the rich array of cultures that make up Los Angeles County. For more information, please visit [www.musiccenter.org](http://www.musiccenter.org) or call (213) 972-4396.

**April 28, 2013** - The 24th Annual Fiesta Broadway Cinco De Mayo celebration, dubbed the "largest Cinco de Mayo celebration in the world, will feature some of today's best Latino musicians. For more information, please visit <http://fiestabroadway.la/>.

### **Café News**

- The winner of the Public Works Iranian-American Committee's recent Persian Carpet opportunity drawing was Bahman Fathollahi of Design Division. Proceeds from the drawing benefited the Committee's April 4th Nowruz (Persian New Year) celebration.
- Members of Public Works' African American Engineers and Professional Employees Association (AAEPEA) will act as judges for the Altadena chapter's NAACP Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program on Saturday, April 13, 2013. AAEPEA members will also volunteer as science project judges for the Los Angeles Council of Black Professional Engineers (LACBPE) on Saturday, May 4, 2013. For more information, call John Zeigler at (626) 458-5914.

### **Celebrate Diversity Month**

April is Celebrate Diversity Month and, in that spirit, I encourage each of you to work to gain a greater appreciation of the diversity of cultures, backgrounds, and life experiences of those around you as well as the many similarities that unite us all as Americans.

From its very birth, America has been a nation of immigrants. No other nation in the world can boast such a diverse population; it is this diversity and the contributions of men and women of every race, culture, and religion that will sustain our nation's character and strength into the future.

Celebrate Diversity Month is about opening dialogues that foster an appreciation of the differences that separate us as well as the similarities that unite us. We may look different, speak differently, and practice different customs, but we all have something valuable to contribute.

Last year at Public Works, we celebrated several nationally designated history and heritage observances and have recognized the unique contributions of each. Celebrate Diversity Month is about everyone; it unites each of these histories and heritages into one celebration of everything that makes each of us unique and different.

As you go through your day, take time to notice the diversity in your life and workplace and appreciate the strength it brings us all as a nation. It is our unity that enables us to appreciate our diversity. Together, unity and diversity form the bedrock of our Department's strength and are vital to serving our customers and communities.

### **Café Quotes of the Month**

"We have no hope of solving our problems without harnessing the diversity, the energy, and the creativity of all our people"

**- Roger Wilkins**

"The war we have to wage today has only one goal and that is to make the world safe for diversity."

**- U. Thant**



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