We are coming to the end of what has been a very exciting and challenging fall 2012 semester for the staff of USC. The Staff Club would like to say thank you for your support and your continued dedication to the University. Remember that any good institution is backed and supported by the staff that works so hard for it. And that is what we are all about here at USC.

Remember, that the Staff Club is your club. We continue to be here to make your life more interesting and to acknowledge your contribution and recognize you. We are happy that you support us so we can continue to give scholarships, plan events and keep the staff networking as we work along with the Staff Assembly. You know your voice is heard between the two of us. Be sure to continue nominating your co-workers for the Staff Member of the Month award. This award is co-sponsored by the Staff Club and Staff Assembly (application is on our website). This award lets your colleagues know that you appreciate what they do for USC and how they continue to make this a world class university.

If you participated in our old fashion picnic, you will enjoy our holiday party on December 14th. It will be at the Radisson Hotel. Cocktails and hors'oeuvre will be served at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Back by popular demand, we will have another casino night. We will have a wonderful raffle with great prizes. So, bring your money and be ready for a night of fun and raising more money for our scholarship fund. But watch out for the spring, there is big fun coming your way. We are working on a trip, could be Vegas or another cruise. But we promise it will be something that will be both enjoyable and a necessary rest to keep us motivated and moving forward.

There are 20 wonderful people on the Board of Directors (please see our website) who work very hard to make the Staff Club an organization you can be proud of. As a Staff Club member, we value your input and you may also be a part of any function or event that we organize.

Please enjoy the rest of your semester and the holiday season. And we will see you in 2013.

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Communications: Rita Gonzales

The Communications Committee welcomes all articles for the Staff Club Bulletin. We welcome your suggestions of possible articles or information you would like to see in upcoming issues. Our website is: www.usc.edu/staffclub.

I would also like to endorse the Staff Monthly Recognition Award that is given out by both the USC Staff Club and USC Staff Assembly. This award is given out each month to a USC staff member who is nominated by their peers. The award is presented jointly by the Staff Assembly and Staff Club Presidents at the monthly Staff Assembly General Meeting and includes a plaque and monetary gift. All staff members are eligible and nomination forms can be found on the Staff Club website. It is an excellent way to recognize our fellow staff members who go above and beyond their daily tasks.

Robert Boyd and Michelle Jones

Scholarship: Michelle Jones

The Scholarship Committee awarded fifteen $1,000 scholarships this year to graduate students. The scholarship was mailed to graduate advisors to give to students. All graduate students who preferably, have an undergraduate degree from USC (but not required) and are currently enrolled in a USC graduate program, are eligible for one of the fifteen $1000 scholarships. Criteria for selection include: academic record, financial need, activities, service and future goals.

The application and instructions will be mailed to all graduate advisors at the end of January. The deadline for accepting the application will be two weeks after the application has been mailed. All awardees will be invited to one of our Staff Club events. All recipients of the 2013 scholarship will appear on our website.
Vivian Alegria

Social/Events: Vivian Alegria

The 2012 Staff Club Picnic was held on Saturday, August 11th at McCarthy Quad hosted by the USC Staff Club.

Lunch was provided by a local barbeque Caterer Imagine for $5.00 you received an amazing hot dog or hamburger, drink & a bag of popcorn or cotton candy and plenty of water. . . yummy!

Picnic Perfection!

Well, maybe it was a little too hot for perfection, but it was a great time. Thanks goes out go out to the USC Staff Club – Social Committee & USC Staff Club Board for hosting the first annual picnic. It took much time and effort to put it all together. I'm sure there are many behind the scenes and hard work that go into putting this very nice event together. I thought it brought back a great tradition... like hula hoop contest, bingo, tug of war and races. . . so much fun! We also had bouncers, piñatas and a watermelon eating contest and thank you for my $25.00 I was one of the winners for the “Best Picnic Table Presentation” contest. Oh! And “DJ Appeal” had me dancing during the entire picnic, his music was perfect, lively and fun! Did I forget to mention the wonderful USC Staff Club members and their families what a joy to be with them all. . . happy! happy! joy! Joy!

Can’t wait for next year’s picnic! Fight on!

Become a “friend” of the Staff Club on Facebook.

Technology: Betty Cowin

It’s been a well-kept secret that the USC Staff Club has a presence on Facebook. You can find us by logging into your Facebook account and searching on – you guessed it – “USC Staff Club.” We’d like to make it easy for Staff Club members to communicate with one another through this page, so for the time being it is unmoderated. However, we reserve the right to delete any posts that are not family-friendly and in keeping with our mission statement.

We are in the early stages of redesigning our website at http://www.usc.edu/org/staffclub/ to meet USC’s image standards and to make it more user friendly. We’d like your input about content that would make the site more interesting and useful – focusing on staff, of course! Please send suggestions to staffclub@usc.edu.

Did you know that as a current staff member, you have free access to over 1200 video-based online courses through lynda.com? Although the choices tend to be technology-oriented, there are also quite a few general business courses on such topics as public speaking, interviewing techniques, managing your career, and time management. You can find more info at http://www.usc.edu/its/lynda.

And a public-service announcement… Every year millions of dollars in cash and objects are turned over to the state as “unclaimed” property. This can include bank accounts that have been inactive for three or more years, uncashed refund or payroll checks, overpayments on accounts, or the contents of safe deposit boxes. The state is required to hold the funds until the rightful owner comes forward to claim them. Each state has its own database and procedure for making a claim. You can find California’s
California is currently holding over $6 billion in property – some of which may belong to you. We searched just on board members’ names and found about half have some funds being held by the state.

**Ways & Means: Cynthia Brass**

The Ways and Means Committee is going strong preparing for our Annual Holiday Social. We are anticipating many prizes for the raffles and a few silent auction items. This will be a fun and festive night.

If you know of any vendors or friends that would like to donate items to the Staff Club Holiday Social, please forward my information to them.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas to bring to this committee, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at staffclub@usc.edu.

**Staff Recognition: Lucy Ibarra**

The USC Staff Recognition luncheon was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at Tudor Conference Center. Next upcoming luncheon with be on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.
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Gifts may also be given in the name of living persons to honor such occasions as retirement gifts, birthday gifts, and anniversary greetings and for any other special remembrances. Such gifts will be gratefully acknowledged showing the name of the donor. The amount of the gift will not be indicated to the person.

Checks should be made payable to The University Staff Club. Contributions are deductible for tax purposes. To make a contribution, fill out and return the portion below, and mail it with your check to The University Staff Club address.

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