First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who are members for your participation in the Staff Club (for those of you who are not, why aren’t you?). The monthly dues you pay help to cover costs for the events that we sponsor and the Monthly Staff Recognition Awards. Without your support none of this would be possible.

For the month of February the Staff Recognition Award went to Vivian Alegria. The award was presented to Vivian at the Staff Assembly General Meeting on February 3, 2011. She was introduced to the group by Peggy Stepanian, Assistant Vice-President and Assistant Comptroller, Office of the Vice-President of Finance. Along with a plaque signed by President Nikias, Linda Bazilian, President of the Staff Assembly, and me as President of the Staff Club, Vivian received a check for $150.00 from the Staff Club. She also received a folder with copies of letters from her colleagues nominating her for this award. Congratulations to Vivian. We have many hard working dedicated staff members here at USC. I’m sure we all know who those people are and if you know of one nominate them for the Staff Recognition Award. The information for nominations is on both the Staff Club and Staff Assembly web sites.

We held our Staff Club Holiday Party in December, 2010. It was at the Radisson Hotel. The event was a success, everyone enjoyed a great time with a good meal and great music. There were dance contests and many raffle prizes. Thanks to all of you who brought a toy for Toys for Tots. You helped make the holiday happier for many children. Special thanks to Pam Wallace-Thompson, Vivian Alegria, Ruth Scott-Williams and Gloria Gamboa for organizing the event and to Cynthia Brass for all the great raffle prizes. It was a fun way to get into the holiday spirit.

Although there was a good turn-out for the Holiday Party it was very disappointing to see that quite a few of you RSVP’ed that you would attend and ended up not coming. This is one of the ongoing issues the Staff Club Board is addressing this year. I don’t know if many of you realize that when the Staff Club has an event where there is no charge to members the Club has to pay for the entire cost of the event (food, venue, music) whether you show up or not. The money for this comes from our treasury which means from the monthly dues that everyone pays. In order to be fair to the entire membership, beginning this year, if you RSVP “yes” to attend an event and you do not cancel within the designated time frame and you do not show up, you will be charged. The charge will be equal to the amount of the “guest fee” for that event (guest fees vary depending on cost of the event). The charge must be paid before you will be able to attend another event. We understand that often things come up that may prevent us from attending, however cancelling within the designated time...
The Board is looking forward to a good year for the Staff Club. Keep an eye out for news about our Spring event and the announcement of our scholarship winners. For those of you who would like to join please contact Robbie Boyd at rboyd@usc.edu to sign up.

Communications:

Ba Shai Lagarde (Chair), Rita Gonzales

The Communications Committee thanks all those who contributed articles for the Staff Club Bulletin. We welcome your suggestions of possible articles or information you would like to see in upcoming issues.

Membership and Nominations:

Robert Boyd (Chair), Denise Porter

Greetings from the Nominations and Elections committee! This committee is in charge of the yearly election of Staff Club board members, as well as processing applications for new Staff Club members. We will soon be starting our election process for the 2011/2012 Board of Directors, and if you’re interested in being on the upcoming board, which will begin July 1, 2011, please be sure to nominate yourself when the ballots are sent out. Another task that this committee is responsible for is distributing and processing the ballots for Staff Club Member of the Year, which is awarded annually. Last year’s recipient, Ba Shai Lagarde, was given her award at our 2010 Spring Social, in which Staff Club members and guests dined on delicious food while enjoying a USC Baseball game at Dedeaux Field. Shortly, we will begin the election process for this year’s Staff Club Member of the Year Award, so if you have a fellow Staff Club member in mind, be sure to nominate them when the nomination form is sent out. Lastly, I would 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 President 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: www.usc.edu/org/staffclub/. It is an excellent way to recognize our fellow staff members who go above and beyond their daily tasks.

Scholarship:

Michelle Jones (Chair), Wade Thompson-Harper, Susan Cooper, Trudy Exler

In December the committee email and address each USC department a letter, a flyer, and application for a USC Staff Club $1,000 scholarship. We have 15 scholarships available to all graduate students, (including international students) We had more than 500 applications submitted online. We are continuing to go through them all. We have many talented students who...
are in need of scholarships. We hope to narrow it down to 15 next month.

Social/Events:
Pamela Wallace-Thompson (Chair), Vivian Alegria (Co-Chair), Gloria Gamboa, Ruth Scott-Williams

Vivian Aler gia can honestly tell you that just last week Lori Suarez of USC TRIO Programs said she had such a great time and can’t wait for this year’s Holiday Party. My husband John wants to become a member of Staff Club he enjoys the holiday party and the staff members who are involved.

Staff Recognition:
Pamela Wallace-Thompson (Chair), Cheryl Hines

The USC Staff Recognition luncheon will be held on Monday, May 4, 2011 at Town and Gown. If you have any questions, please contact Pamela Wallace-

Technology:
Jerome Hughes (Chair), Sandy Bolivar

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Ways & Means:

Cynthia Brass (Chair), Olga Rios

Hello! The Ways & Means Committee is in charge of searching for gifts, prizes and donations for all the Staff Club events (Holiday Social and Spring Event). As the chair for this committee I have had a blast! This year holiday social was off the charts and the prizes and raffle items were totally awesome. I believe that most people walked away with something if not bags full. The event was wonderful and I look forward to more great events in the year to come. Lastly, I would like to say that I have truly enjoyed my time as the Ways & Means Chair for the last few years.

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