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BLASC PRESIDENTS GREETING:



2021 is over. And while these past 24 months have been full of struggles and difficulties, there's a lot to be grateful for:

- Zoom meetings. Once we got through the rough patches, the BLASC board and I successfully mastered the application and even held our first Wine Tasting GMM via Zoom in Dec 2020. What a fun, successful, informative and tasty event! Way to go Lindsay Heddon, VP of Operations!
- Golf tournament at Meadow Lark. Things calmed down in August 2021 and Corine Kumano, VP of Special Events, bravely organized a small golf tournament which was well attended! Look for another tournament and other fun activities in 2022!
- Continuing the Scholarship contest. Daniela Nau, VP of Community Events, successfully led both 2020 and 2021 scholarship competitions using Zoom. I truly think conducting the scholarship competitions virtually is now becoming the new norm. Of course we like meeting

the applicants in person but knowing virtual interviews can be done is a great alternative. Thank you, Daniela, for continuing this rewarding event for our future leaders!

- Technology. Just the other day I was scrolling through the pictures on my phone, and I thought "Boy, am I thankful for technology!" Without it, I wouldn't be able to relive the wonderful memories, pictures with friends, Disneyland trips, birthday celebrations and even memorials of friends and family. Technology has kept us connected to one another. And Zoom has been the glue that has kept the BLASC board and its members connected as well as our updated website! Kudos to Dwayne Henry, VP of Communications, Lindsay and the entire board for their input in transforming our website!
- Ideas from "outside of the box." My thanks to Vera Fair, VP of Professional Development, for joining the board with enthusiasm to present fun and inspirational lunch and learns, sessions on various subjects like emotional intelligence and starting a Mastermind group. Continue the great work, Vera! The same goes to Steve Stakley, VP of Programs, for awesome speakers and entertainment at our GMMs. He's always looking for something different for our members to enjoy!
- Dependable teammates. My appreciation to Roberta Ingels, VP of Membership, Dwayne Henry, VP of Communications, Cindy Serafin, VP of Retirees/Alumni Member Services, Christa Wolfenbarger, Past President and Ernest Wright, VP of Finance and Budgets. With their support, they keep me focused and accountable.
- Faithful board. Our amazing and dedicated board members meet each month virtually, passionate to keep this leadership organization thriving during the pandemic, always keeping in mind the members' health and safety while making decisions and plans. This type of leadership is not taught, and I'm thankful to be a part of this strong and caring board.

These are just a few things I am grateful for as I near the end of my term as president of BLASC. These past two years have been unprecedented and the circumstances has taught me that you'll have more fun and be more motivated if you surround yourself with a great team. As John Maxwell states "Teamwork makes the dream work, but a vision becomes a nightmare when the leader has a big dream and a bad team." Thank you, board members, for being an awesome team. And thank you, BLASC members, for the opportunity to serve as your BLASC president. It's been an honor.

In deepest gratitude, always
Kim

February 2021 GMM with Dr. Lawana Gladney:

President Kim Talor opened up the first General Membership Meeting of 2021 on February 25th, via Zoom, thanking executive advisors and members in attendance before welcoming Roberta Ingels, VP of Membership, to present the Invocation and Pledge.

Roberta welcomed Joe Groves of Best Corporate Events to lead in a fun game of "Family Feud." Attendees were divided into two teams and the competition was fierce! The game started out slowly but once everyone shed their shyness, Team One forged ahead leading nearly the entire

game! Team Two came from behind in the Triple Round but fell short of the needed points so the game went to Team One! Team One participants received an Uber Eats gift card!



Our main speaker, Dr. Lawana Gladney was introduced by Steve Stakley, VP of Program. Dr. G, Emotional Wellness Doctor, Speaker, Trainer, Author and CEO of her own company gave her expert advice and inspirational thoughts on how to achieve the life you want and deserve.

Before adjourning for the evening, Kim announced that the new BLASC website will be launched shortly, and encouraged members to invite colleagues to join BLASC for more great speakers, fun and games!

Contributed By: Kim Talor

April 2021 GMM: BLASC Women in Leadership Panel Discussion

This meeting was presented via Zoom on April 22nd with Dr. Elena Einstein, Kelly Schlegel and Ellen Tarantino. Unfortunately Ellen had to cancel and was unable to join us. Our entertainment was a Virtual magic show with Derek Ostovani.



Dr. Elena Einstein
Principal Manager,
Contracts and Grants
at USRA



Kelly Schlegel
Boeing Program Director



Ellen Tarantino
Boeing Senior Supply
Chain Program Manager

The panelists were asked to share their personal experiences with current leadership roles, diversity, inclusion, the most important career choices and what has made them feel like they belong in the workplace. How has COVID-19 effected business activities, created diverse teams, motivated people, build trust, and how can we ensure that women can advance their careers during this time of challenges.



Derek amazed us with his “slip of paper” magic trick. Taking 4 slips of blank paper, writing the number 1-4 across the tops and bottom of the paper, folding each piece, then tearing the paper, he proceeded to tell us what numbered paper we had left in our hand.

Contributed By: Dwayne Henry

June 2021 GMM with Dr. Gary Schwantz



This meeting was presented via Zoom on June 23 with Dr. Gary Schwantz. Lincoln: Lessons in Leadership was the topic. Just to summarize: Lincoln had Integrity and Grace. We heard how to Understand Why People Follow. The Followers Four Basic Needs: Trust, Compassion, Stability & Hope. We heard about Humility and Courage: showing servant leadership in action- Crystal is the boss and Mike is the new employee. “Mike, I am going to show you how to really clean a bathroom” rather than thinking this job was too far beneath her and much too humiliating to even contemplate. We also heard about Communication, Contact, Self-Control/Restraint, Solace and Rest, and finally

Innovation/Intuition/Organization. More information can be obtained at garyschw@gmail.com.



Entertainment was provided by The IMPROVprofessionals, Milo Shapiro, & Lee Krevet. They just celebrated the 20th anniversary as a duo. Milo began studying improvisation in 1990, joined his first improv troupe in 1992 then co-founded the San Diego chapter of improv group Theatre-Sports for fourteen years. In 2000, he started his own business, Improv Ventures. He now teaches people basics of improvisation to improve their commitment to teamwork, communication and innovation in organizations as large as the US Navy.



Lee Krevet began his career in 1980 by studying improv at New York City’s “Chicago City Limits”. He obtained a degree in Computer Science and had a successful career in Silicon Valley and energy in San Diego. In 1990 Lee and Milo met and in 2001 began the duo that was presented. They use their skills to support a list of business principles related to leadership and teamwork. Some of the take-away:

1. More people on a project does not always speed it up
2. Even within guidelines- Be creative

3. Avoid Micromanagement
4. Presentation Counts
5. Everybody's an expert
6. Policies should have a purpose
 - a. Adapt to your environment
 - b. Avoid the Landmines
 - c. Roll with the Punches
 - d. Don't be afraid to play with a problem
 - e. Whenever you can, Have Fun

Contributed By: Dwayne Henry

August 2021 GMM Awards Night

This in-person meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Huntington Beach on August 24th. During our networking time prior to the meeting starting, evening goers enjoyed wine tasting and socializing while enjoying music by Kevin Miso.





After opening remarks from our President Kim Talor, Invocation and Pledge from Dwayne Henry, Dr. Steve Stakley and Roberta Ingels announced the 2021 scholarship winners. Our award recipients were unable to attend but their parents accepted the honors in their absence.

Our college-level scholarship winners were:

1st place- Thena Guttieri



2nd place- Tyler Serfas

Picture not available

Our High School-level scholarship winners were:

1st place and Mossman Award- Emily Freeborn



2nd place- Nicole Tarantin

Picture not available



Before, during and after dinner, networking, more wine tasting, and listening to the tunes of Kevin Miso commenced prior to dismissal.

Contributed By: Daniela Nau & Dwayne Henry

December 2021 GMM Holiday Party- Paint the Town Red

Hyatt Regency Hotel Huntington Beach on December 4th provided the stage for another successful Holiday Dinner Party, themed: Paint the Town Red.



Entertainment was provided by Comedian/Magician Dana Daniels and his Psychic Parrot Luigi. Dana included the audience in his act and it was very funny.



Christa Wolfinbarger was our Mistress of Ceremonies who called the lucky ticket numbers and handed out the "opportunity prizes". After dinner, DJ Joe Khoury provided music and Casino play of Black Jack, Craps and roulette was open.



Our annual charity donation benefited Olive Crest with gift cards to Target, Walmart, Amazon, various grocery stores, and eateries totaling \$2,650. Olive Crest provides care for abused and neglected children by surrounding them with a loving family and nurturing relationships. Olive Crest is dedicated to preventing child abuse by strengthening, equipping, and restoring children and families in crisis. Our donation will help serve all of Olive Crest's programs in Orange County, which include Foster programs, Transitional Aged Youth Programs, Short Term Residential Treatment Programs, Kinship program, mental health and wrap around services programs. These donations will provide these children and families the ability to buy items on their holiday wish list and the ability to get urgent needs and essentials. Thank you to all our members and guests who donated a gift card.

While we couldn't capture everybody at the dinner, please enjoy some of the moments below. Other pictures can be viewed from our web site under our Flickr account for the Holiday Party 2021.





Contributed By: Dwayne Henry/Daniela Nau

Scholarship Contest July 24, 2021:

For many years, BLASC has strived to enhance professional and personal leadership skills and managerial effectiveness related to education. For this reason it was important to the board to continue with this mindset by finding a way to conduct the BLASC Scholarship Contest in the current environment. Although we enjoy meeting contestants in person, the best way to conduct the competition and ensure the health and safety of the students, BLASC members, and volunteers, was to conduct a virtual contest.

This year's top scholarship award is the Mossman Award. This award is presented to the 1st Place winner with the highest overall score among all the finalist. BLASC is truly indebted for the Mossman's to partner with BLASC in sharing in the development of our youth. Diana Mossman has generously supported the scholarship contest for the past 22 years!

After Diana's husband, Mike, passed away at work in 1999, Diana wanted to create this award as a way to honor her husband and to reinforce to Taylor, their son, the love that Mike had for Taylor and for education. Mike led by example, obtaining his MBA degree from Claremont College. He also encouraged cooperative students with universities such as Cal State Long Beach, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, USC, UCLA and Georgia Tech.

With his education, Mike's career successes included developing the DC-10 Propulsion Integration and Advanced Design, assisting in the design of the Ultra-High Bypass Program, Commercial versions of the C-17, as well as other improvements and derivatives of the C-17 Program. Perhaps more

importantly, Mike was known for his energy, enthusiasm, "never quit attitude," and love for his family.

With the Mossman Award, we remember a person dedicated to pursuing life-long education, and his commitment to education and aerospace collaboration to ensure continued technical excellence. This award of the Mossman Scholarship marks 22 years of partnership, friendship and joint investment in tomorrow's leaders.

Contributed By: Daniela Nau

Golf Scramble/Social:

BLASC 2021 Golf Scramble/Social, a sell-out, took place on July 19th, at Meadowlark Golf Course in Huntington Beach. The conditions were very pleasant, the sun was warm and shining, with a cool breeze creating excellent weather for golf. The event included range balls, green fee, golf cart, bottled water, an optional Grab N Go Lunch, & a private award ceremony and cocktail reception with prizes.

This outdoor event turned out to be a great way to get back out and start doing thing again as a group.



Golf carts were lined up for our group, getting ready to start. And away we go.....





The Meadowlark golf course was a great venue, reasonable, with a well-cared for golf course. They have a private room for our after party, and for future reference, they also have a very nice, large, banquet hall upstairs, looking over the course. <https://www.meadowlarkgc.com/>
This event was a great prelude to another golf mixer to be scheduled in 2022! Sign up to volunteer on the Golf Tournament Committee. *Watch for details*

Contributed By: Corine Kumano

Putts for Mutts Golf Tournament:

BLASC supports Tails that Teach nonprofit organization, which provides 1000's of books to children on how to care for dogs of all ages, and helps support dog adoptions. BLASC sponsored a sign at an individual hole at the 3rd Annual Putts for Mutts Golf Tournament, held Friday, October 8th @ 9am to 8pm, Black Gold Golf Club, Yorba Linda, CA. BLASC members were welcome to sign up for the Golf tournament or the Awards dinner, with \$5 each, going to the BLASC scholarship fund.



The event was a sell-out. The day was beautiful, sunny, and balmy, with perfect golf conditions. \$195.00 registration included Black Gold Drive Golf Scramble Format • Food & Drink • Player's Bag, Gift Card Prize Wheel, a Chance to Win A Car, Silent Auction, and, \$30 go you into the Awards Dinner with Live Auction, Entertainment, and a Raffle.



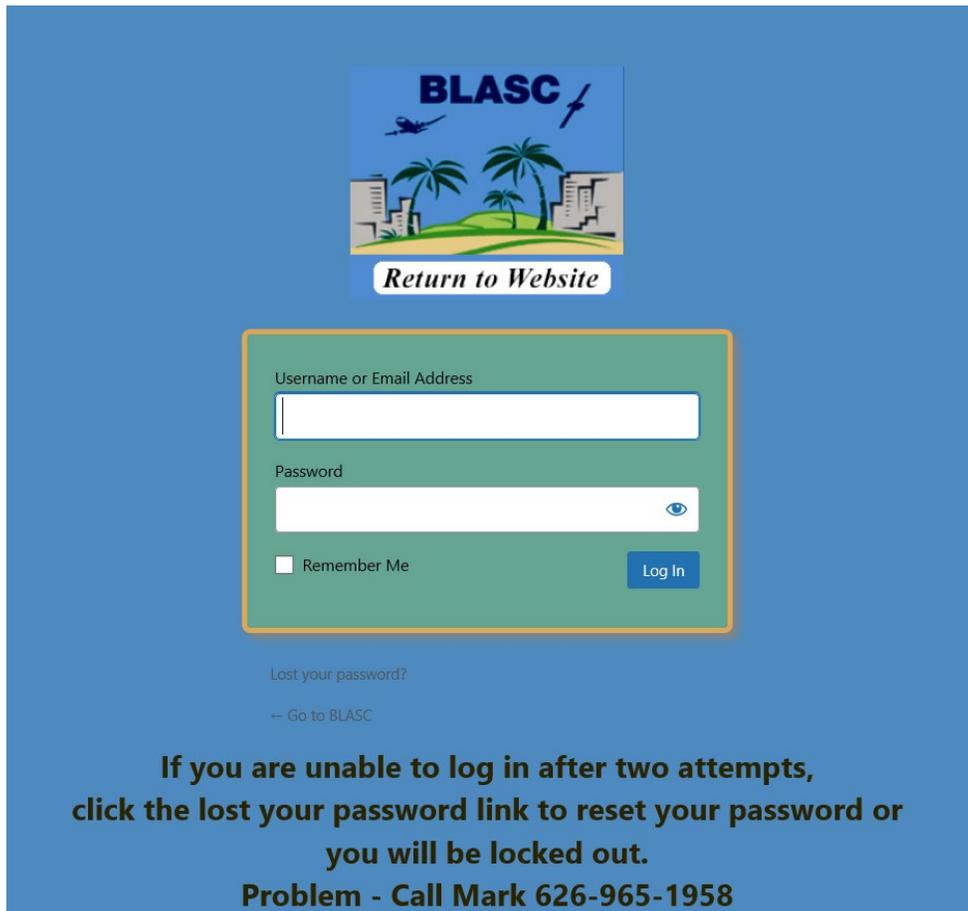
The highlight of the event was Henry DiCarlo, Emcee for the event. He is a KTLA-5 Professional and Celebrity Host Emcee Auctioneer and Keynote Speaker, and an Animal & Children's Advocate. Known as a Meteorologist, Henry is one of the most recognizable faces in Southern California News. A four-time Emmy Award winner, Henry, currently works for the number one rated, KTLA-5 Morning News in Los Angeles.



Contributed By: Corine Kumano

NEW BLASC WEB SITE:

A new and improved BLASC web page was published in 2021 using the same address; BLASC.US. An individual login and password is now required to get into the web site. If you misplace or forget your user ID and/or password, follow the instructions on the web site to obtain new login information.



UPCOMING BLASC EVENTS

General Membership Meetings will be announced on our web site and via email.

BY-LAW UPDATE

A new revision (E) was published this year with a few changes. The new revision E can be found on our web site for review.

BLASC VISION AND MISSION

Vision: *Building organizational partnerships that accelerate leadership development in our workplace and our communities*

Mission: *Inspire, develop and connect leaders by providing growth opportunities for our members and contributing to our community through:*

- *Hosting motivational and entertaining social events to foster unity*
- *Providing accelerated training and development opportunities to drive business and professional success*
- *Partnering to provide and enhance talent development for our Boeing sponsors*
- *Investing in charitable causes and exceptional students*

2021 Board of Directors

The 2021 Board of Directors is shown below. The new 2022 Board of Directors has not been elected as of yet but will be soon.



Kim Talor
President



Christa Wolfinbarger
Past President



Steve Stakley
VP Programs



Daniela Nau
VP Community Service



Roberta Ingels
VP Member Services



Ernest Wright
VP Finance



Corine Kumano
VP Special Events



Cindy Serafin-
Marquez
VP Retiree/Alumni
Member Services



Vera Fair
VP Professional
Development



Lindsay Heddon
VP Operations



Dwayne Henry
VP Communications