



# BLASC 2022 Newsletter



Welcome!  
Please enjoy our year end review of 2022. We are looking forward to many fantastic events and meetings in 2023. View the events tab on [www.blasc.us](http://www.blasc.us) to see upcoming events.

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# NETWORKING

## April GMM

### **April Networking GMM** by *Steve Stakley*

BLASC members and guests enjoyed the spring weather, sunset and evening at the beautiful Seal Beach Navy Weapons Center Golf Course, 'On the Green's' Patio. Members and guests were welcomed to the networking GMM by the BLASC team which included Kim Talor (Past President), Steve Stakley (Programs/Operations VP), Corine Kumano (Community Services/Special Event VP), Vera Fair (Professional Development VP), Heidi Crews (Communications VP), Ernest Wright (Finance VP), Veronica Vasquez (guest check-in), and the president's executive advisor Ellen Tarantino. This casual and enjoyable dinner meeting was extra special because of the enjoyable networking with everyone, Kevin Miso's music, the outdoor atmosphere, and delicious buffet dinner. Vera designed the bingo networking game, and Kim directed the competition and presented the gift cards to the four winners. Moreover, member Dana Pugh joined with Kevin to sing and entertain all with her charming karaoke style songs!



# Membership Dues

*By Heidi Crews*

Being a member of Boeing Leadership Association of Southern California (BLASC) has many benefits. Each year, the board sends out a survey to ask members what would be the most meaningful way to serve them with events throughout the year. Be on the lookout for a link to this year's survey. This year, BLASC plans to hold 6 General Member Meetings (GMMs) with varying speakers. The December holiday party, planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup>, is always a fantastic way to celebrate the close of another great year. In addition, there are multiple professional development opportunities throughout the year. Current offerings include the DISC assessment and a March 16<sup>th</sup> Dale Carnegie course. If you are interested in attending one of our special events throughout the year, take a look at the page of upcoming events at the end of this newsletter. In order to maintain excellent quality in all the events we hold, the BLASC board must adjust membership dues to \$9/pay period to cover some of the cost increases of events due to inflation. An email communication will be sent out with the timing of the dues increase.



# BLASC Support Girl Scouts at the STEM Fair

*by Corine Kumano and Kim Talor*

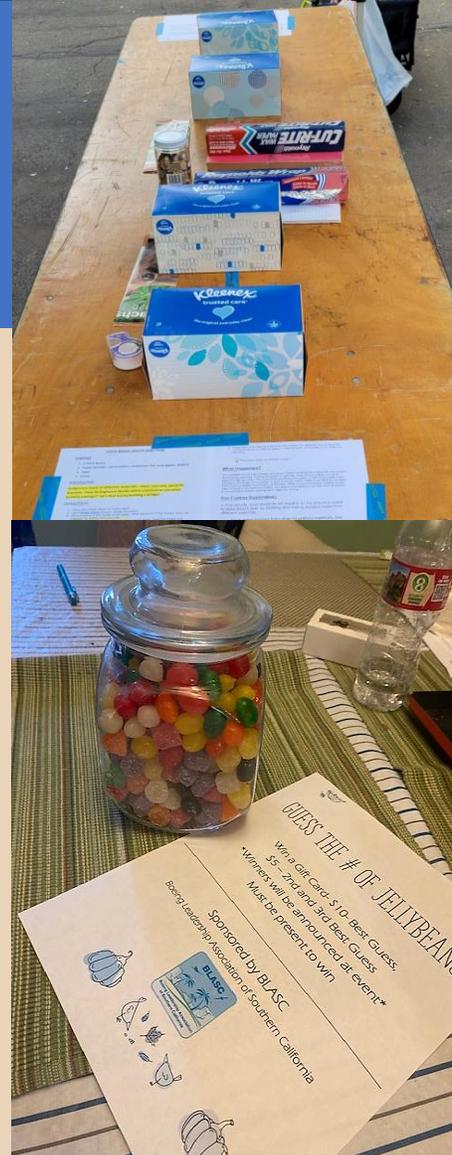
Our BLASC volunteers and members challenged the participants with two STEM activities. One was to show how estimating can be fun and rewarding! The winner who guessed the closest number of jellybeans in a jar received a gift card, so this simple guessing game was a popular activity!

The second activity demonstrated the young participant's civil engineering skills in a Paper Bridge Challenge! They learned how real bridges are built from different materials, how engineers decide which materials to use, and they got to compare the different materials by building and testing bridges made from different materials.

The emphasis of the STEM fair was to expose girls of all ages to exciting activities and opportunities in STEM. In turn, this encourages the girls to have more confidence and a broader understanding of STEM.

All in all, our young participants had a blast! It was great to see BLASC members Dee Thomas, Vera Fair, Heidi Crews, Corine Kumano, David Bloyer, and Kim Talor out there as well as our volunteers Bonnie Gorsic and Sandra Marzola, both Boeing engineers! Thank you, volunteers!

I hope our volunteers are looking forward in participating in the STEM fair in Oct 2023!





# And the Winners are.....

*By Corine Kumano, Scholarship Contest Director, VP Community Services*

The Boeing Leadership Association of Southern California (BLASC), conducted the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarship Award Ceremony, on August 23<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach.

This competition included two categories, high school students and college students. First thru fourth place winners from each category were presented with gifts totaling \$7,000.

A special prize is the Mossman Award, of \$2000. The Mossman award was established by Diana Mossman after her husband Mike passed away at work in 1999. The award was created to honor her husband and to reinforce to Taylor, their son, the love that Mike had for Taylor and for education. Mike was an engineer at Boeing, supporting C-17. The Mossman Award was established in memory of Mr. Mossman who was dedicated to pursuing life-long education.



# And the Winners are.....

The program started after guests enjoying a dinner of Steak or Halibut, with the award winners announced and brought up to collect their scholarship check.

The Contest was broken up into two groups, High School, open to graduating seniors, and College, open to all college student. Both groups participated in a video interview with 2 judges, and presented a 1 hour timed essay to 2 additional judges, related to life goals and leadership.

Eight students from a pool of contestants competed. Previous events have seen up to 60 applicants, with the average of about 30-40 students.

The primary purposes of the contest are: to promote a better understanding of the role and attributes of leadership; and to provide an incentive to develop communication skills. The contest also provides the opportunity for cash awards to be used for college expenses.

Winners were selected based on GPA, personal interviews with a team of judges, and a written essay, presented for scoring to another team of judges. This year was particularly competitive with many high performing applicants. The winners are:

## College Winners

Sarah Boucher, 1<sup>st</sup> place; and winner of the prestigious Mossman Award.

Tiffany Kim, 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Mia Marden, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Benjamin Hartman, 4<sup>th</sup>

## High School Winners

Madison Sewell 1<sup>st</sup> place

Alex Rosales, 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Sierra Fukumoto, 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Kenneth Ho, 4<sup>th</sup> place



The judges were: Daniela Nau, Corine Kumano, Kim Talor, and Steve Stakley. Special thanks to our Executive Sponsors support and willingness to serve a judges: Brian Keene and Ellen Tarantino

Our congratulations go out to all students, we are confident that they will be successful in fulfilling their collage and career goals!





## **BLASC MEMBERS JOIN IN THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

*by Corine Kumano*

BLASC members and their families joined Boeing employees in the Walk to End Alzheimer's. The event was held at the Rainbow Lagoon, in Long Beach on October 29, 2022.

The event included walking around the bay, passing the Queen Mary, and heading back to the lawn, to enjoy booths, giveaways, and snacks.

The Alzheimer's group is a national association, dedicated to supporting research and efforts to end or slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

This event is held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease!

The goal is to provide care and support, and to advance research toward methods of treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure. The BLASC team and the donations help strengthen the efforts to advance Alzheimer's care and support and research, offering face-to-face support to online education programs and promising global research initiatives.

The Alzheimer's Association can also provide free workshops and seminars to our group on how to recognize the signs of Alzheimer's and how to care for our aging parents and grandparents. A zoom presentation shall be set up in 2023, so keep checking the calendar.

\*\*The next 5K walk will be for the American Heart Association on April 15, 2023 at Anaheim Stadium. Watch for the announcement.

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# PROJECT HOPE ALLIANCE

## Holiday Charity Drive

### **BLASC members donate over 58 gift cards to Project Hope Alliance**

*by Corine Kumano*

The gift cards were generously donated by the BLASC members and guests who attended the BLASC Holiday Extravaganza. The extravaganza was held at the Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach on December 10<sup>th</sup>. While we were enjoying the fabulous food, live entertainment, casino night and dancing, we took the time to think of those in our community who are struggling and in need.

Project Hope Alliance of Orange County services homeless children and teens, providing on-site case management, academic planning, access to resources, social and emotional wellness, and basic needs.

The donated gift cards included restaurants and fast food, grocery stores, department stores, Target, and other miscellaneous cards, presented to students and parents to use during the holidays.

Corine Kumano and Kim Talor present the gift cards to Chris Farewell, the New Individual Gifts Officer at Project Hope Alliance. While at the facility, Corine and Kim went on a tour of the facilities, including the activities room and the stores room.

The emphasis of Project Hope Alliance is for students to gain access to stable and trusted adults, provide parental and family support, and to motivate students to take the initiative to learn about the educational opportunities available to them. Project Hope Alliance also encourages students to stay in school, try to excel, and to live up to their potential.



# Upcoming Events

We have several events planned for 2023 and will continue to add more. Visit our website [www.blasc.us](http://www.blasc.us) for all the latest information. We also have an internal [inSite page](#) that can be joined to receive additional information and reminders.

Below is a list of 2023 events

- **Heart Walk on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Angels Stadium**
  - **Contact Kim Talor or Corine Kumano**
- **Space Tech Expo on May 3-4**
  - **Contact Corine Kumano**
- **Annual Golf Scramble on July 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Contact Kim Talor or Corine Kumano**
- **Topgolf in El Segundo.**
  - **Contact Corine Kumano or Cassidy Rath.**
- **Pageant of the Masters on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm**
  - **Contact Corine Kumano or Cassidy Rath**
- **Angels vs. Astros Game on July 14<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Contact Cassidy Rath**