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GOODWILL NEWS **Saying Good-Bye to Members of the Goodwill Family**

Special Events:

2012 Special Events

General Assembly
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012
8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

News and Views
2011 in Review
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General Assembly
Mon., May 7 — 8:00 a.m.
Mon., Aug. 27 — 8:00 a.m.
Mon., Oct. 29 — 8:00 a.m.

Workforce Graduations
Thurs., Feb. 9
Healthcare Training

Fri., Feb. 10
Loss Prevention Training

Earth Day Collection Event
Thurs., April 19
Toyota Headquarters
Torrance

Shred-4-Good Event
Sat., May 5, 9 a.m. — Noon
Mira Costa High School in
Manhattan Beach

E-Waste & Goods Drive
Sat., May 5
Councilwoman Rae Gabelich
8th District, Long Beach

Next issue is Fri., Feb., 10



William Atijera, 69, passed away on January 2, 2012.

William was a beloved employee of Goodwill SOLAC since October 27, 1992. William was a kind and gentle man, always smiling and ever so helpful to his co-workers, Goodwill shoppers, and donors of Goodwill.

William was a terrific employee, always happy to accept work wherever the organization needed him. He held the position of Attended Donation Attendant at several Goodwill SOLAC locations over the course of the past twenty years.

For the past three years, William cheerfully greeted Goodwill donors, rain or shine at the Goodwill SOLAC donation center located at Robert A. Millikan High School in Long Beach.

William was born on June 12, 1942 in the Philippines to Bernardo and Asuncion Atijera. He grew up mainly in La Union and Baguio City along with three sisters and two brothers. His career spanned 23 years working for the US Naval Base at Subic Bay, Philippines and 19 years at Goodwill Industries.

Immigrating to the United States in 1991 with his entire family, he was finally able to realize the American dream and gain citizenship (along with his entire family) in 2000.

He was an avid Lakers fan and enjoyed all types of sporting events. But, there was nothing he loved more than spending time with his dear family.

He is survived by his wife, Crisanta; children Jeff, Mylene, and Richie; and an extended family all over the world. Crisanta is also a member of the Goodwill family and has been employed with Goodwill since 1992.

Dick Thor was a long time dedicated supporter of our mission. A Member of the Board of Trustees since 2001, he served as Chairman of the Workforce Development Committee



from 2006 to 2009 and extended his term on the board through to this year. During his term on the board he donated \$7,000

to our agency and its mission.

Dick, a U.S. Veteran, served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1954 in France with an engineering squadron. Earning a Masters Degree in Social Work from USC, Dick Built a career in social work including jobs as a parole officer in the California Youth Authority, and assistant to the Dean in the Graduate School of Social Work at USC.

For 12 years he worked at the Los Angeles Free Clinic, consulting for the SRO Housing Agency, and teaching part time at both UCLA and at Cal State Long Beach.

As well as being a member of the Goodwill SOLAC Board of Trustees, he served on the boards of various charitable foundations including SRO Housing Agency, Lamp Community and the Salvation Army.

He is survived by his wife Ann of 54 years, his grandchildren Tracy and Tom and great grandchildren Mikey and Jeannie.

Plan Now To Receive Full Benefit of Saver's Tax Credits

Low- and moderate-income workers can take steps now to save for retirement and earn a special tax credit in 2011 and the years ahead, according to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The saver's credit helps offset part of the first \$2,000 workers voluntarily contribute to IRAs and to 401(k) plans and similar workplace retirement programs. Also known as the retirement savings contributions credit, the saver's credit is available in addition to any other tax savings that apply.



Eligible workers still have time to make qualifying retirement contributions and get the saver's credit on their 2011 tax returns. People have until

April 17, 2012 to set up a new individual retirement arrangement or add money to an existing IRA and still get credit for 2011. However, elective deferrals must be made by the end of the year to a 401(k) plan or similar workplace program, such as a 403(b) plan for employees of public schools and certain tax-exempt organizations, a governmental 457 plan for state or local government employees, and the Thrift Savings Plan for federal employees.

Employees who are unable to set aside money for this year may want to schedule their 2012 contributions soon so their employers can begin withholding them in January. The saver's credit can be claimed by:

Married couples filing jointly with incomes up to \$56,500 in 2011 or \$57,500 in 2012;
Heads of Household with incomes up to \$42,375 in 2011 or \$43,125 in 2012; and
Married individuals filing separately and singles with incomes up to \$28,250 in 2011 or \$28,750 in 2012.

Like other tax credits, the saver's credit can increase a taxpayer's refund or reduce the tax owed. Though the maximum saver's credit is \$1,000, \$2,000 for married couples, the IRS cautioned that it is often much less and, due in part to the impact of other deductions and credits, may, in fact, be zero for some taxpayers.

A taxpayer's credit amount is based on his or her filing status, adjusted gross income, tax liability and amount contributed to qualifying retirement programs. Form 8880 is used to claim the saver's credit, and its instructions have details on figuring the credit correctly. In tax year 2009, the most recent year for which complete figures are available, saver's credits totaling just over \$1 billion were claimed on just over 6.25 million individual income tax returns. Saver's credits claimed on these returns averaged \$202 for joint filers, \$159 for heads of household, and \$121 for single filers.

Next issue: Saver's Credit Supplements and other tax benefits

Job Openings

Goodwill encourages qualified employees to seek promotional opportunities or career changes at Goodwill. Eligible employees may apply for promotion and or transfer to all openings and will be given the same consideration as applicants from outside Goodwill.

To be eligible an employee must have been employed by Goodwill for a minimum of 90 days and have had no disciplinary activity of any kind within the preceding 6 months. Applications for promotion and or transfer can be obtained from the H.R. Department and must be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor and sent to the Division Director for approval.

Available Openings

Store Manager
Assist. Store Manager

Employees are encouraged to recommend individuals for employment. Goodwill's "Employee through Employee" Referral program equals \$50 for staff. To learn more contact HR.

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Today & Tomorrow

The 2 Day \$2 Sale Is on.

All clothing is only \$2.

Jan. 27 and Jan. 28th

(Today & Tomorrow)

All stores open at 9:00 a.m.

Offer good at Southern Los Angeles County Goodwill stores. All sales final. No return or exchange on sale items. Not valid with any other offers. No other discounts apply.