It’s hard to believe – it’s time for the Corporate Games once again! It seems like we just wrapped up the Management Council Awards program and now the Games are upon us. This will be the 12th year that the Management Council has underwritten the registration fees so that any current or retired employee for the County of Ventura can participate. The Corporate Games are sponsored by the City of Ventura, and this is the 25th Anniversary with the greatest level of participation in the event’s history with more than 85 companies signed up. There are 5 ½ weeks of friendly competition with companies within 4 divisions based upon company size.

This year there are 11 companies participating in the A/AA Division so it promises to provide opportunities to forge new friendships and show the community the human side of the County of Ventura. We are more than our jobs; we are members of our community that value camaraderie, sportsmanship, and community service. So if you haven’t already done so, consider signing up for one or more events. Don’t think you’re athletic? There’s some new opportunities this year that might fit the bill – consider speed scrabble or cornhole. The former is a demonstration event sponsored by the Ventura County Star, and the latter is a fundraiser ($10/team of 2) being organized by Cydcor benefitting “Operation Smile”. There truly is something for everyone.

We’re also taking orders until noon on March 17th for Corporate Games and County apparel. Here’s a link for placing orders online: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/final-order-corporate-games-county-of-ventura-t-shirts-and-sweatshirts-tickets-10745280423. There’s a really nice zip hooded sweatshirt too; something we don’t offer very often so if you are interested, don’t miss the opportunity to order yours. The kickoff for this year’s Games is April 2nd, and will once again be held at the Ventura Pier parking lot and Promenade. The closing ceremonies will be on May 10th at Harbor Cove Beach. You don’t need to be registered for the Games to participate in either of these events - you can just show up, bring your friends and family to lend support for your fellow participants.

We hope you’ll join us and support your fellow employees. As this year’s theme states, “Are You Game?” Let’s show them that we are!!!
All County employees are warmly invited to attend the annual Hope4Kids Festival and 5K/10K Run on March 15th, located at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. Hope4Kids, in partnership with Ventura County Children and Family Services, is a community festival focused upon raising awareness and funds to support foster children's well-being and access to enrichment and educational activities.

The event is also a unique opportunity to show Ventura County residents our shared commitment to a safe, thriving Ventura County by caring for all of our children. Bring the whole family and join us by running or walking the event and participating in the festivities. Through your presence, we will bring awareness to the great need for more foster and adoptive parents in Ventura County, as well as other ways to support children in the foster care system.

Join us by registering for the 5K, 10K, or Kids Mile run! County employees are being offered a 10% discount on their registration fees by using the code “vcemp14” when you sign up! The festival will have a wide variety of free child and family friendly activities, merchandise and service vendors, food trucks and a silent auction. However you decide to support this important event, we guarantee a good time for a good cause!

See flyer above or visit [http://www.hope4kids.myevent.com/](http://www.hope4kids.myevent.com/) for more information and to register! We look forward to seeing you and thank you for supporting Ventura County's foster children.

Human Services Agency, Children and Family Services—Foster Family Recruitment and Retention Team
The 2014 Corporate Games are upon us, and we're preparing to defend our Division A title for the FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

Online registration - for all current and retired employees - is open here:

http://apps.countyofventura.org/corpgames/

From this registration page, you can also access the online order form for t-shirts and sweatshirts!

The design is attached - both images will appear on t-shirts and only the small logo will appear on the front of the sweatshirts.

P.S. Please note that the 5K requires that you click on the link on the upper left-hand side of the 5K page. You will be directed to the County of Ventura's 'RunSignUp" page to enter your personal information.

GO COUNTY!
Did you know there was a Management Council website that anyone can access to learn about the Board of Directors, the Council by-laws, and membership opportunities? On our website you will also find current and past Newsletters, a link to the latest State of the County address from CEO Mike Powers, as well as, information on the benefits of membership and enrollment forms found in the “Membership” tab. To access our website go to: http://www.vcmanagementcouncil.org/index.htm.

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**SURVEY RESULTS FOR THE SARITA MAYBIN EVENT**

We are pleased to report that overall the Sarita Maybin event on January, 29, 2014, was well received. A survey went out to the 125 people who attended the event. The 41 people who responded provided the following results:

- 95% rated the event overall as ‘very good’ to ‘excellent’ and 88% were likely to recommend the event to a friend.
- 85% felt they received ‘a lot’ to ‘a great deal’ of value for the money
- 88% rated Sarita as being a ‘very good’ to ‘excellent’ presenter.
- 100% of the respondents rated the venue as ‘very good’ to ‘extremely good’.

We were happy to receive many positive comments regarding your appreciation for the types and quality of events provided by the Management Council.

Also, we will be sure to use this venue again as it was well received as evidenced by the many excellent comments provided in the survey document.
The Ventura County Management Council promotes excellence among its members by providing opportunities for professional growth through education, networking, exchanging information, celebrating success and developing future leaders.

To this end, the Council will work to host, create, develop, fund, market and evaluate events and resources that support its members to become active and effective participants in the governance of Ventura County.

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**OUR MISSION**

**Important Dates**

- 3/17—St. Patrick’s Day
- 3/20—First Day of Spring
- 3/31—Cesar Chavez’ Birthday
- 4/2—TYSK: Presenter from HSA on “Adoptions and Foster Care Recruitment”
- 4/15—Tax Day
- 4/20—Easter Sunday
- 4/22—Earth Day
- 4/23—Administrative Professionals Day
- 4/25—Arbor Day
- 5/7—TYSK: Christy Madden—CEO—”Homelessness in Ventura County”
- 5/11—Mother’s Day
- 5/17—Armed Forces Day
- 5/26—Memorial Day
- 6/4—TYSK: Marcy Snider & Kathy Cilley-Wagner-HSA—”Adult Protective Services”

**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW (TYSK)** presentations are located in the Board room at 4 p.m.