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**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING OF MAY 9, 2008**



The Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

**PRESENTATIONS BY DISTRICT STAFF FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND
APRIL 2008**

For the months of March and April, District staff made speeches and/or presentations to community groups/interviewers interested in the District. The following presentations were made in the months of March and April:

PRESENTATION TO:	PRESENTED BY:
APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference	Lisa Locati
Crescent City Rotary	Denis Mulligan
IBTTA Facilities Management Workshop	Ewa Bauer, Craig Dodson, John Eberle, and Mike Locati
KCBS Radio Program "In Depth"; San Francisco Hotel Concierge Group	Mary Currie
Novato Rotary	Lisa Locati
Ronn Owens Radio Broadcast Show	Mary Currie and Denis Mulligan

SPECIAL EVENT/EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY REQUESTS

Below are the dates, times and sponsoring agencies of special events and expressive activities for which permits have been sought. The following applications were received since last reported to the Board in the April 25, 2008, Report of the General Manager:

Event Date	Event Title	Location	Type*	Expected No. Participants
May 3, 2008	Taiwanese Collegial Alumni Association of Northern California	East Sidewalk	EX	150
May 10, 2008	Girl Scout Bridging Event	East Sidewalk	SE	5,000
May 11, 2008	Bay Area Code Pink	East Sidewalk	EX	150
May 17, 2008	Organ-ize the Planet	East Sidewalk	EX	75-100

- The types of permits: EX – Expressive Activity; SE – Special Event

**PRESENTATION OF TWENTY YEAR SERVICE AWARD TO RICHARD HIBBS,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SAFETY AND TRAINING, BUS DIVISION**

Due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Hibbs was previously reported in the Report of the General Manager No. 08-08, April 25, 2008; however he will accept his service award at the Board Meeting of May 9, 2008.

**RETIREMENT OF SUSAN C. CHIARONI, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, BUS
DIVISION**

It is my privilege to announce that Deputy General Manager Susan Chiaroni officially retired after thirty-five years and three months of service with the District on December 28, 2007. Ms. Chiaroni continued to stay in her position to facilitate her position's replacement.

Ms. Chiaroni joined the District on September 11, 1972, as Clerk Typist in the Maintenance Department of Bus Transit. During her career she has been promoted to Ridesharing Fleet Administrator, Acting Ridesharing Manager, Special Projects/Club Bus Administrator, Assistant Manager of Operations/Transportation, Transportation Manager, Acting Deputy General Manager and to her present position of Deputy General Manager in January 2001.

Ms. Chiaroni has continuously advanced her education by successfully completing numerous business courses and workshops. Her professional affiliations include; American Public Transportation Association (APTA), California Transit Association (CTA) and Council of Self Insured Public Agencies (COSIPA) and North Eastern University.

Participation in District and civic activities include; 1973 Fleet Owner Magazine Award, 1981 steering committee for formation of the Women's Committee, 1983 United Way Campaign and the 1994 San Rafael Transit Center opening. She has received letters of appreciation from Transportation industry colleagues and District superiors including then General Manager Carney Campion and current General Manager Celia G. Kupersmith. In 1982, Ms. Chiaroni received the District's quarterly Employee Award of Merit, praising her "professional manner, leadership and tact" and "the enthusiasm and organization she brings to her work".

Prior to District service, Ms. Chiaroni worked for Greyhound Lines West in San Francisco.

Retirement plans include gardening, traveling, golfing, being with family and friends, volunteer work and doing whatever, whenever she wants.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – MAY 2008

After reviewing nominations submitted by District employees, the Employee of the Month Committee selected Kathy Kelly, Procurement and Retail Operations, as the Employee of the Month for May 2008.

Ms. Kelly receives this prestigious award in recognition of her responsiveness to employee requests and assistance in researching available resources. Ms. Kelly's job consists of the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, and other commodities for the Bridge and the District. Ms. Kelly works in a centralized setting and prepares bid documents for purchasing of capital equipment, supplies, and services. A co-worker commented, "She made me feel important and valuable with her prompt attention and positive end result".

Ms. Kelly joined the District as a District Buyer in August 1984, promoted to Senior Buyer in September 1987, and promoted once again to her current position in July 1994. Prior to joining the District, she worked as a Purchasing Agent for an Insurance Agency and as a Buyer for Charles Schwab.

A resident of Sausalito since 2004, Ms. Kelly lives with her daughter Catherine. Born in Panama, Central America, she attended Marin City High School and later earned a Bachelor of Science Degree specializing in Diagnostics from Western Michigan University. In her spare time, Ms. Kelly enjoys hiking, nature, and animals. Ms. Kelly is a member of the National Association of Purchasing Management.

Ms. Kelly is grateful for her award but respectfully declined to accept her award at the Board meeting of May 9, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Celia G. Kupersmith
General Manager

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