



# PTSA NEWS

## Important Dates

### February 9-13

AP Late Reg. - Lunch

### February 10

American Math Conf. Test - 8am-noon

12th Grade Parent Mtg - 7pm

Grad Nite Committee Mtg. - 7pm

### February 11

Late Start - 9am

### February 13

Valentines Spirit Day

### February 16 - 20

No School

### February 25

Special Ed Task Force Mtg. - Dist. Ofc., 9am

### February 26

8th Grade Parent Orientation - Auditorium, 7pm

### February 28

Costa Pride Day - All Day - Please help!

### March 2

Current 11th Gr. Parent Mtg - Auditorium, 7pm

### March 4

Lip Synch rehearsal - Auditorium, 3-9pm

Career Fair - Fisher Gym, 10:23am - 12:21pm

Club Day Fair - Extended Lunch

### March 5

Lip Synch Extravaganza - Auditorium, 6-10pm

### March 6

Premiere Night - Auditorium, 7pm

### March 9

PTSA Meeting - GO Conf Rm, 12:30-1:30pm

Current 10th Gr. Parent Mtg - Auditorium, 7pm

### March 10

Current 9th Gr. Parent Mtg - Auditorium, 7pm

### March 11

Band Concert Rehearsal - Auditorium, 7am-10pm

### March 12

Band Concert Rehearsal - Auditorium, 7am-10pm

### March 13

Band Concert - Auditorium, 7-9pm

### March 16

Orchestra Concert Rehearsal- Auditor, 7am-9pm

### March 17

Orchestra Concert Rehearsal- Auditor, 7am-9pm

### March 18

Late Start 9am

Orchestra Concert Rehearsal- Auditor, 7am-9pm

School Site Council - MC Guidance Rm, 3:15pm

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers:

I'm proud to share with you two recent awards that Mira Costa recently won. First, we have been ranked by Newsweek magazine as 277 of all the schools in the country based on a ranking that primarily considers the number of Advanced Placement tests taken by students. What does this mean? It is a testament to all in the Mira Costa community who encourage our students to achieve at the highest levels. Most of all, our students should be congratulated for their desire to better themselves by taking the most difficult courses. I am often amazed at the academic workloads that many students choose for themselves. Our students constantly strive to be their best.

We also received a silver award from U. S. News and World Report. After analyzing 21,069 public high schools from the 2006-2007 school year, Mira Costa was ranked in the top 604 schools in the country. According to information given in the report, a three-step process was used in measuring schools. Using math and reading results, the first two steps ensured that schools serve all students well. The school's students had to perform better than statistically expected for the general student population and for the school's least advantaged students. I am particularly pleased with the fact that our least advantaged students performed better than average when compared to similar students in the state. Schools that made it through the first two steps were then judged nationally based on which schools produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentage of their students, using Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate test data as a measure of success. Using the measures developed by the magazine, MCHS placed in the top 3% of schools nationally. No single group is responsible for these successes. We all work hard, parents, students, and teachers, with single-minded purpose to bring about success for every student. To read more about the award, please go to [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).

We are now entering the final phase of our school accreditation process. After many hours spent considering our programs by every stakeholder group over the past year our final document is complete. We are now preparing for a visit from a team of educators, who will spend four days at the beginning of March visiting classrooms, and meeting with the many groups, all of whom were instrumental in creating our plan for improvement. I am very anxious to begin tackling the many tasks that we decided would help us to become better than we are today. We are a fantastic school, but as they say, "Good is the enemy of great".

As you know, we will realize more devastating cuts to the monies we receive from the state next year. We are lucky that we will not endure the mid-year cuts that many districts will be forced to deal with. This can be attributed to the fiscal conservatism of our School Board. While the state has not adopted a final budget, the School Board and superintendent, working closely with the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation and PTAs, are trying their best to develop a plan that will have the least amount of impact on our students and teachers.

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## Message from the Principal

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Because of previous cuts, the decision-making process becomes more and more difficult. I think it's natural that we think of our own children first, and don't want to lose programs that directly affect them. The School Board and district administration needs your understanding and support through these difficult times. They have many hard decisions to make that impact the lives of many. I hope that we all stand together during these hard times and support them.

More than ever the schools also need your financial support. The Manhattan Beach Education Foundation and PTSA's will now be funding vital programs to educate our students. I know that some of you are having new financial difficulties, and will keep you in my prayers, but if you are able, I hope you will continue to give generously to these organizations. I feel confident that we will survive the storm, and continue to provide one of the best high school educations available in the country. In that, we have much to be thankful for.

With Best Regards,  
Julie Ruisinger  
Principal



A profound thank you to the 35% of Mira Costa families who have generously donated to MBEF.

Each and every donation is so valuable.

The district is facing dramatic **cuts in state funding for the 2009-10 school year**. The school district, parents and students will rely on MBEF to fund critical staff positions and student programs.

If you haven't already given, please consider doing so today and **help us save the quality education everyone has come to expect at MCHS**.

Please visit [www.mbef.org](http://www.mbef.org)  
to make your donation today.

## From the President's Corner....

It's hard to believe that the school year is half over!

It's time to start thinking about filling PTSA positions for the 2009-2010 school year. At our March PTSA meeting, we will be electing the nominating committee, who will then be tasked with filling PTSA Executive Board and committee chair positions. I encourage all parents to consider participating in the PTSA. You will make a valuable contribution to your child's education and experience at MCHS, as well as enjoy the camaraderie of working with fellow parents. Please be thinking about serving on the nominating committee, the PTSA Executive Board or as a PTSA committee chair. Please let me know if have any questions or are interested in a position.

Regards,  
Cindy  
[cindy@verizon.net](mailto:cindy@verizon.net)

### MBUSD and Mira Costa Facing Tough Budget Cuts

The State of California's financial situation combined with the global recession will significantly reduce public school funding next year. MBUSD is expecting a \$3.9 million shortfall for 2009-10. The district must make significant cuts from its operating budget to address the deficit. The MBUSD School Board and staff are in the process of determining what positions and programs must be cut to balance next year's budget. There is no question, Mira Costa will have cuts! The district leadership is holding informational meetings at each school site to explain the situation to parents and teachers, and answer questions and concerns. MBEF and the PTA's are integrally involved in helping determine the best solution to this funding crisis. The situation is challenging, and requires tremendous thought and care in prioritizing programs and determining what the basic, fundamental needs are for our kids.

The generosity of our parents to the PTSA and MBEF puts our school district in a much better position than most of our neighboring school districts. These donations provide a stream of income and flexibility that other districts do not have. Please stay informed and be supportive of our teachers and staff during this difficult time.

Keep up to date by visiting the [MBUSD website](http://www.mbusd.org).

## MIRA COSTA CHOSEN FOR ARTS GRANT

Mira Costa High School has been chosen as a Picturing America award recipient by the National Endowment for the Humanities. David Henderson, MCHS Librarian, applied for this grant in 2008 and recently received confirmation that our school has been selected to participate in the program.



Through the Picturing America initiative the NEH brings masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries across the country. The goal of the program is to help students gain a deeper understanding of the country's heritage, culture, character, ideals and aspirations through art.

Picturing America is fully sponsored by the NEH and provides each participating institution forty large, high-quality reproductions of selected masterpieces, an in-depth resource book providing educators with a wide range of ideas and background information for using the works of art. The NEH has carefully selected American masterpieces that bring us face to face with the people, places, and events that have shaped our country. The images our school will receive are just a small sample of significant works but serve as a starting point for learning about our nation's history and artistic legacy.



The images will be received in March or April. Once the library is prepared with these works of art, Mr. Henderson plans to have an open house to share this slice of American history with the entire Costa community.

"I'm proud of the library's ability to integrate into the life of the students at Mira Costa and to support the community's aspirations for a vibrant center supporting students and learning at the high school," said Mr. Henderson.

Further information about the program and an online gallery of Picturing America images is available at [www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov](http://www.PicturingAmerica.neh.gov).



### WANTED: A FEW GOOD LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

David Henderson, MCHS librarian, is seeking some volunteers to help keep the library organized.

Please contact Mr. Henderson if you are interested.

## The Mira Costa Media Arts Foundation Proudly Presents the Sixth Annual "Premiere Night"

Please join us for this wonderful showcase of student video productions and broadcast journalism talents.

Enjoy a Hollywood style screening, mix and mingle with students, student advisor Mr. Hernandez, and entertainment industry professionals, while enjoying beverages and desserts.

When: **Friday March 6**

Doors open at 6:30pm / **Screening at 7pm**

Where: **Mira Costa Auditorium**

Tickets: \$5 for students / \$10 for non-students

Beginning February 9, tickets may be purchased in room 108, reserved by phone or email, or purchased at the door on the night of the event.

For tickets please contact Lisa Kopenhefer at (310) 545-1980 or [Lkopenhef@aol.com](mailto:Lkopenhef@aol.com)

## TWO COSTA STUDENTS WINNERS IN ART CONTEST

After taking top honors at the local level in the PTA Reflections Art Contest, two MCHS students took top honors at the district level.

**Austin Siegemund-Broka** received a 3rd place award in Literature for his essay titled "[The Wow](#)"

**Katelyn DeCoste** received a 3rd place award in Visual Arts

Austin and Katelyn competed in District 33 with students from over 20 other schools.

Congratulations to these talented students!



Katelyn DeCoste - Visual Arts

## SENIOR BREAKFAST

**Waller Stadium  
Friday, June 12th @ 10:05am  
DONATIONS NEEDED**

After their last final, the PTSA will provide a light breakfast/snack for seniors, which they will pick up and take to their seats to enjoy while listening to their first graduation ceremony instructions.

We will need donations of muffins, doughnuts, pieces of fruit, individual plastic bottles of water and juice that can be quickly picked up as seniors pass by on their way into the stadium.

Please email Denise at [Seniors@BeachGirlRealty.com](mailto:Seniors@BeachGirlRealty.com) with the item/quantity that you will provide. Feel free to call her with questions at 310.569.9491.

Denise will be receiving your donations between 7:00 and 9:30am on the morning of the breakfast.

Thank you for your support!



## GRAD NITE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

G.R.A.D. Nite (Graduates Resisting Alcohol and Drugs) is an all-night celebration sponsored by the GRAD Nite Booster Club following the graduation ceremony on graduation day

Planning an event for over 500 graduating seniors that will truly appeal to them is an enormous undertaking. The G.R.A.D. Nite 2009 committee has already reserved a spectacular venue and formulated a pro-forma budget. But we can't do this without your help.

To encourage maximum participation the ticket price does not cover the actual cost of the event. We're asking everyone to **consider a financial donation to help subsidize the cost of this event** and to help maintain the tradition of an exciting, well-attended GRAD Nite.

*A great G.R.A.D. Nite this year encourages future seniors to participate when it's their turn.*

For more information please contact Linda Ensbury at (310) 372-3795 or by email at [gradnite09@gmail.com](mailto:gradnite09@gmail.com).

**Please see the Grad Nite letter with sponsor information and donation form at the end of this newsletter.**

## CAREER EXPO

Volunteers are needed to help with the Career Expo being held in the Mira Costa gym on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:30pm.

Representatives from local businesses and service organizations will be available to meet with students during 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> period.

Volunteers are needed for the following responsibilities:

- \* Set up at 8:00am
- \* Greet participating representataives at 9:00am
- \* Obtain donations for the participant lunch to be held in the CCC at 12:30
- \* Luncheon set up & clean up

To volunteer please contact Cathy Hunt

[Cfhunt2@aol.com](mailto:Cfhunt2@aol.com)



**TARGET AMERICA:**  
Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause

Open your eyes to the science behind illegal drug abuse and addiction and explore the many costs and consequences to individuals, American society and the world. This CA Science Center exhibit takes an in depth look at how science and technology reveal the damaging effects of illegal drugs on the mind and body and the tremendous costs associated with its production, sale and use.

The "Southern California Story" section of the exhibit looks at prevention, treatment and law enforcement issues related to drugs in Southern California and some current neuroscience research aimed at understanding and breaking the cycle of drug abuse and addiction. Visitors can explore many interactive kiosks and stop by the Discovery Corner for educational take-home literature and other resources.

This exhibit is available at the CA Science Center until May 3.

For more information please visit the CA Science Center <http://www.californiasciencecenter.org>

or the Target America website <http://targetamerica.org/about/index.html>

## The AP Advantage

*The following article is for informational purposes only and should not be considered a replacement for advice from an educational advisor, teacher or college counselor.*

No matter what grade your child is in, the issue of Advanced Placement (AP) classes has probably come up as a topic of discussion. The two most common questions are – “Are AP classes necessary?” and “If they are necessary, how many should my child take?”

There are no hard and fast answers to these or any other questions related to AP classes; however, most experts agree that high school students should take classes that are academically challenging. The issue many students and their parents grapple with is developing a schedule that is challenging while also interesting to the student and leaves time for non-academic activities like sports, clubs, music, volunteering, etc.

### About AP Classes

Mira Costa students are fortunate to have a wealth of classes available to them, covering a broad spectrum of subject matter; including 17 AP classes (see the Course Description guide for a complete list). These classes typically require good grades in pre-requisite classes along with a teacher recommendation.

AP classes are rigorous and demanding and they require students to apply a higher level of critical thinking than standard high school classes. To ensure equity on a national basis, the AP curriculum is administered by The College Board and teachers of AP classes are required to submit syllabuses to the College Board for approval before they may call their classes AP classes.

The AP Course Audit (required for all AP classes) administered by the College Board specifies a set of expectations established by college and university faculty for college-level courses. Schools are able to develop their own curricula for these courses as long as they meet or exceed the documented expectations.

Students are given grades in these classes just as they are in any other class. At Mira Costa all students enrolled in an AP course must also take the corresponding AP exam in May. If the student does not take this exam the AP designation will be removed from his or her transcript. Taking the exam is not limited to those who enrolled in the AP class. Any student may take an AP Exam, which could ultimately qualify them for college credit.

Overall, approximately two-thirds of all AP test takers receive AP exam grades of at least 3 (out of 5). At MCHS, approximately 71% of students score a 3 or higher. This grade is regarded as an indicator of an ability to do successful work at most colleges and may qualify the student to receive college credit. Please keep in mind that colleges and universities have their own policies regarding AP credit, so students must check with the colleges they are interested in attending to see if credit is given for high school AP classes. The AP exam credit policy for individual colleges and universities is available at <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>.

### Who Should Take AP Classes?

Often students and parents mistakenly think that AP classes are only available to the top students. As mentioned, there are typically pre-requisites for AP classes but in many cases these are requirements that many Costa students can meet. Mira Costa offers a breadth of AP classes, including classes in English, math, science, history, government and economics, art and art history, and foreign language. If a student has a passion for the subject matter and is willing to put in the work necessary, he or she might want to consider an AP class. Students should discuss this option with their educational advisor.

### Do AP Classes Improve College Performance?

One of the noted advantages of taking AP classes in high school is the preparation for what the student will encounter in college. However, there are very mixed opinions on whether taking AP classes directly correlates to better performance in college. Some say that taking AP classes directly correlates to more of these students receiving a college degree and improved performance in college classes. [One study](#) proposes that taking just one AP class nearly doubles a student's chances of earning a college degree. Others say that there is no direct correlation but that perhaps student motivation and academic preparation account for the differences in college outcomes. For more information please see these two popular studies:

[Studies Find Benefits to Advanced Placement Courses](#), and [High school AP courses do not predict college success in science](#).

### To AP or Not to AP?

Many students (and parents) ask if it is better to take AP classes and possibly not get an A or take regular college preparatory classes and get an A. The answer is that it's better to take an AP class and get an A. All sarcasm aside, there really is no hard and fast answer to this question. A student's high school record is considered by most colleges as the most important aspect of his or her college admission application. Taking a challenging curriculum, while earning strong grades, is considered the best strategy for gaining admission to competitive colleges. At the same time, students should not excessively stress themselves with an overwhelming course load. Remember, colleges look for a well-rounded student who has something unique to offer their college campus.

The real answer lies with each child. Challenge yourself. Find subjects that you enjoy. Discover a passion. And perhaps try an AP class.

### Additional Resources:

<http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jsp>

<http://www.inlikeme.com/plan/choosing-high-school-curriculum.html>

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/137415?tid=relatedcl>

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/39380?q=2008/rank/201/>



## PTSA STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The PTSA recognizes students who have made an impression on their teachers in some way.

Some of the qualities we reward are:

- Success through hard work and dedication
- Perseverance by overcoming an obstacle or hardship to achieve success
- Positive influence on their class, club or organization
- Special or significant contribution to their class, club or organization

These students were honored at the January 12th PTSA meeting.

Chijioke Aranotu	11	Meg Luthringer	12
Austin Beller	9	Julia Luthringer	9
Noel Castellanos	9	Michael Mahoney	9
Raquel Doke	9	Mikealina Mederos	12
Brett Douville	10	Erika Noguchi	10
Austin Edmonds	10	Shawn Phillips	12
Laura Egger	12	Allison Rosen	10
Summer Flanders	10	Kevin Ruiz	9
Lilou Gojecki	Exch	Thomas Sturges	12
Mira Hall	9	Spencer Vale	9
Helen Hilton	11	Tomasina Vollucci	11
Emma Jaffe	11	Leila Work	11
Lauren Kordonsky	9	Megan Wright	12
Matt LoCascio	11	Lazaro Zarate	10
Maggie Loctenberg	10		

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THESE TERRIFIC STUDENTS!



### MIRA COSTA "GREEN & CLEAN" PRIDE DAY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 9AM – 1PM

Please help make Costa beautiful.

Student and parent volunteers are needed to clean and revitalize our campus. This year we are partnering with the City of Manhattan Beach who will be offering instruction on how to properly prune trees. It's a great opportunity to learn from the experts.

This Pride Day serves the special purpose of preparing our school for a visit from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation team.

Students can earn community service hours and everyone can enjoy spending the day outside.

To volunteer please contact Marcia Whistler at:  
mawhistler@verizon.net or 310/920-1237

## MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL College & Career Center

### The following are important events and due dates:

- The Senior Parent meeting is February 10 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.
- El Camino will be administering placement tests in the computer lab on February 13<sup>th</sup> during 4th and 5th periods. Sign up in the CCC.
- There will be a NCAA presentation for parents and student-athletes on February 24 at 7:00pm in the auditorium.
- Seniors: Scholarship Notebooks are due February 26 at the end of lunch.
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is due March 2. Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- The Junior Parent meeting is March 2 at 7:00pm in the auditorium.
- The Career Expo is March 4 during 3rd and 4th periods in the main gym.
- The Sophomore Parent meeting is March 9 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.
- The Freshman Parent meeting is March 10 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.
- El Camino will be giving a presentation in the CCC about the Honors Transfer Program March 11 during 2nd period. Sign up in the CCC.

### Wanted - College Brochures

Do you have *recent* college brochures  
that you no longer need?

Please donate them to the CCC.  
We will make them available to  
other students.

**Thank You to Our Many Volunteers!****2nd Semester schedule distribution**

Julie Jones  
 Carol Thomas  
 Marina Trachy  
 Yvette Doke  
 Rosella Yousef  
 Lissen Gregory Schnack  
 Maria Wohlmuth  
 Linda Harper  
 Kathy Van Orden  
 Maggie Dexter  
 Vicki Garfield  
 Elaine Beals  
 Jan Curren  
 Norma Tokushige  
 Joan Faulkner  
 Patti Ellis

**IN-N-OUT HONOR ROLL LUNCH****PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Over 40 parent volunteers will be needed to transform Mira Costa's front plaza into a giant In-N-Out for honor roll students on **Tuesday, March 31**.

Students who earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher at Mira Costa during the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year are eligible for the PTSA-sponsored In-N-Out Honor Roll Lunch. Parents will help with check-in and directing students from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

All eligible students must bring their Mira Costa I.D.s to the auditorium check-in area to participate. A complete listing of honor roll students is available on the Costa PTSA website.

We will begin serving lunch to school employees and available students at 12:00 noon, and the rest of the honor roll students will be served during the 12:21 p.m. - 12:51 p.m. lunch period. In addition to burgers, grilled cheese sandwiches will be available and all lunches will come with chips and a drink.

**Volunteer to help by contacting Kathy Thorpe at (310)374-5344 or [konakkt@aol.com](mailto:konakkt@aol.com)**

**Books on CD Needed**

The Costa Learning Center is looking for donations of any core literature books on CD or any "Cliffnotes" of these books that families are no longer using .

The special education department needs to build its library with these tools for students in our program.

We truly appreciate your support.

*LeAnn Slough*  
 Special Education  
 Room LC406

**Staff Appreciation Breakfast  
Wednesday, April 22**

If you already volunteered to donate food, set up or clean up, we will contact you.

If you would like to be added to the list of those donating food, please contact Maria at [mpwohlmuth@msn.com](mailto:mpwohlmuth@msn.com) or (310) 546-3896.

If you would like to make a monetary donation please contact Denise at [denisenorden@roadrunner.com](mailto:denisenorden@roadrunner.com) or (310) 318-1396

Questions or comments regarding this newsletter?

Do you have content you want considered for publication in the PTSA e-Newsletter?

Please send an email to Darren Sepanek @ [newsletter@mchsptsa.com](mailto:newsletter@mchsptsa.com)

**Calendar of Events**

**For a comprehensive calendar of events at MCHS please [click here](#).**

**For other MBUSD schools click on "view options" in the upper left of the calendar and choose the school you wish to view.**



*Mira Costa High School*  
*S.R.A.D. Nite 2009*

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**On Site Presence:**

- Presenting Sponsor signage prominently displayed at venue entrance

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- Presenting Sponsor credit with logo in Beach Reporter “Thank You” ad
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  - Supporting Sponsor listing on electronic marquee

\*Some of the advertising credits and listings will be limited by deadlines to allow for preparation of the materials. For example, if you would like to be listed on the sweatshirts, we will need your donation and logo by no later than March 31, 2009. Please contact Linda Ensbury at (310) 372-3795 to discuss logo transmission and deadlines.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization.



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S.R.A.D. Nite 2009  
Graduates Resisting Alcohol & Drugs Booster Club  
P.O. Box 1079, Manhattan Beach CA 90267-1079  
Tax ID# 95-4786227  
Sponsorship Form*

**Name of Student (if applicable)**

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**Name of Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please contact Linda Ensbury at (310) 372-3795 or by email at [gradnite09@gmail.com](mailto:gradnite09@gmail.com) with any questions.

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Parent  Grandparent  Community Supporter

MBUSD Administrator  Teacher  Staff School \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Child</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		

**Company Gift Match Information**

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a matching gift form. Please process.

I have applied with my company for a match.

My donation and company match will be sent by my employer.

Not sure. Please check and email me at \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS? Call MBEF at 310-303-3342, or visit our website at [WWW.MBEF.ORG](http://WWW.MBEF.ORG). Tax ID#95-3881166.**

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