



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 23, 2010

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Volunteer Recognition of Chef Ian Trenwith

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Chef Ian Trenwith for his support and guidance in the Healthy Options for Teens Culinary Arts Program.

DISCUSSION:

The Neighborhood and Outreach Service Section received a small grant to offer a Healthy Options for Teens program. Staff approached Chef Trenwith with a proposal for a Teen Culinary Arts Program. He enthusiastically embraced the idea and brought forth his equipment inventory and personal resources from Jolly Brothers Catering in support of the program.

In the 17-week curriculum, the teens learned healthy ways of cooking, were exposed to the culinary arts profession, and provided several community service projects. They learned ways to prepare healthy foods, bake bread, make pies, decorate cakes, create fancy napkin folds, set tables, do floral arrangements, and other skills of the trade. They took a tour of the SBCC Culinary Arts Program, attended lectures on job possibilities in many occupational settings such as in cruise ships, restaurants, and health food stores, among others. The program participants provided a VIP Luncheon in the spring and at graduation, a dinner for their families. The teens provided the appetizers on the Condor Express for the PARC Foundation fundraiser towards summer camp scholarships. The donors were especially impressed with the poise, professionalism, and pride which the teens presented. Chef Trenwith's culinary knowledge was instrumental in instructing participants in the profession.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the generosity of Chef Ian Trenwith. His contribution and generosity to the youth are greatly appreciated. The teens will always remember his humor, his great stories, and his talent.

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