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**HAPPY TRAILS ROY**— SCLARC's CFO Roy Doronila (second from the left) smiles with his colleagues as they tour the construction site of their headquarters—current Legacy Plaza. After 38 years in the regional center system, Roy looks forward to traveling and riding his bike more. Please join us in wishing him much deserved rest and plenty of relaxation as he "gears" up for his new adventures.

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## south central los angeles regional center's cfo roy doronila retires

Roy Doronila joined SCLARC's staff as its Chief Financial Officer on January 5, 2009. Mr. Doronila came to SCLARC with almost three decades of Regional Center fiscal experience having served as Chief Financial Officer & Chief of Administration Services for Orange County, Westside, San Gabriel/Pomona, Alta, North Bay and South Central Los Angeles Regional Centers. He came to SCLARC, returning to his So Cal roots, after a successful three-year tenure in Northern California and immediately put his expertise to work on behalf of the agency.

Roy assumed responsibility for providing the fiscal management of SCLARC's Operations and Purchase of Service budgets, overseeing the daily administrative and accounting activities of the agency including general accounting, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, MIS operations, and facilities management. Additionally, he analyzed costs associated with service delivery, conduct internal audits, and supervise insurance activities

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## meet the board: new sclarc board member raul munoz

Raul Munoz is a self-advocate and young professional whose goal is to bring awareness to the issues faced by those SCLARC serves and to help find solutions for those challenges. Raul graduated in Spring 2018 with his Master's degree in Social Work (MSW) from USC's Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. When asked about accomplishing such a huge milestone, Raul replied "I was happy, sad, nervous, and excited."



Although sad his time in college had come to an end, he has much to be excited about! Munoz recently started a new job with ARC Mid-Cities as a Case Manager. Before graduating from USC, Raul had the opportunity to intern with Fiesta Educativa, an advocacy group for individuals who have been diagnosed with a developmental disability and their families. It was during his internship that Raul really began to see the issues and concerns important to those diagnosed with a developmental disability. He decided he wanted to make a difference.

"Regardless of where one falls, every individual deserves special attention and support so that they can live successful lives," said the recent grad.

Whether he is organizing events like "Autism Acceptance" at USC, advocating for himself, or becoming a board member for South Central Los Angeles Regional Center, Raul hopes to continue to remove barriers for those with developmental disabilities. His dream is to own a nonprofit organization serving teens and adults with disabilities.



SCLARC Executive Director Dexter A. Henderson (left) and Friends of SCLARC Board President Malcolm Bennett smile for the cameras at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of SCLARC Golf Tournament. The tournament raised over \$105,000 this year to assist those served by



SCLARC Service Coordinators (from left) Odulia Juarez, Peter Griego, Edna Robles Ortiz and Delfi Perez were a great foursome at the Friends of SCLARC 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament—the proceeds benefit those served by SCLARC.

Friends of SCLARC, Inc. (FoS) is committed to making a difference in the lives of developmentally disabled individuals through outreach, education, emergency support, and housing development. FOS exists to fill the gaps and needs that Regional Centers are not able to as it pertains to Purchase of Service policies and funding guidelines. FoS raises money through various efforts throughout the year, but the Annual Golf Tournament and Fundraiser is the organization's signature event.



## cac kicks off the holidays with friendsgiving



The CAC's Friendsgiving was a very successful event hosting over 61 participants who gave thanks and broke

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In 1978, this accounting veteran earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from San Beda College in Manila, Philippines. After working two years in the field of International Banking, he relocated to the United States and began working for Orange County Regional Center (OCRC)—which began his 38-year career with the regional center system. He is concluding his years of service here at SCLARC.

Roy has brought his vast fiscal knowledge to SCLARC's Leadership Team enhancing its short-term and long range planning activities while keeping the team abreast of all matters regarding fiscal and program operations. With a staff 32, Mr. Doronila has led SCLARC's financial, administrative, and Information Technology (IT) efforts. He also interpreted the impact of these trends on SCLARC and the regional center system as a whole. Mr. Doronila who will continue his duties as SCLARC's Chief Operations Officer until his retirement on January 31, 2019.



roy doronila

Roy enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and family members. He looks forward to being able to visit them more as well as traveling to Manila. An avid cycling enthusiast, Roy also looks forward to getting more miles on his bike. Please join us in wishing Roy Doronila much rest and relaxation as he gears up for his new adventures.

## kyla lee named sclarc's new chief financial officer



kyla lee

Ms. Lee has a long and distinguished professional career spanning more than 15 years in executive leadership roles in the private and public sector. For the past year, Ms. Lee has served as an Organizational Consultant assisting SCLARC in improving its internal control systems, operations and practices. She has been instrumental in working with senior leadership, as well as finance and operations staff, in reviewing and enhance the agency's adherence to general accounting policies, procedures and protocols. Most notably, this included SCLARC's transition to a new auditing partner agency and facilitating the development of a long-term strategy to obtain additional resources for priority agency needs and projects.

Before coming to SCLARC in January 2018, Ms. Lee held the position of Chief Financial Officer with a nonprofit agency launched by President Obama, My Brother's Keeper Alliance, to address persistent opportunity gaps facing boys and young men of color so that they reach their full potential. In that capacity, she was instrumental in working in collaboration with senior management team members and the Chief Executive Officer to carry out the agency's vision and mission. Critical tasks included managing fiscal operations and financial reporting, building operational and capital forecasts to fund the multi-year strategic plan and developing fiscal and operational policies and procedures to support national programming. During her tenure, Ms. Lee served as the executive team leader for the national board's audit and finance committees.

Ms. Lee's prior position for three years was as Chief Financial Officer of St. Anne's, a leader in Los Angeles in efforts to support pregnant and parenting women and their children struggling with the impact of abuse and neglect. She served on the executive management team reporting directly to the President/Chief Executive Officer. In her role, she was responsible for managing the accounting, facilities management and information technology departments. Notable accomplishments during her tenure were the oversight of construction of a 42-unit permanent supportive housing complex and the renovation of seven Head Start sites. Ms. Lee also served as the executive team leader for the audit, finance and investment committees.

Kyla received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, Los Angeles, California. Ms. Lee is also a graduate of The African American Board Leadership Institute.

"I am very excited to serve as SCLARC's new Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services to help execute the many important initiatives critical to SCLARC's continuation as a leader in the field," said Lee. "My goal is to maintain established relationships created over the years while forgoing new partnerships that complement and support the regional center's services."

Ms. Lee will work with Mr. Doronila who will continue his duties until his retirement as SCLARC's Chief Operations Officer on January 31, 2019. Please join us in wishing Kyla much success in her new professional endeavor.



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## **SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2019**

The following dates are for this year's meetings are :

Wed Jan 16, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed Feb 13, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed Mar 13, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed April 10, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed May 8, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed June 12, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed July 10, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed Aug 14, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed Sept 11, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed Oct 9, 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wed Nov, 13 2019	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

2500 S. Western Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90018

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# PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2019

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meets quarterly to discuss resource development and service needs. It also gives Parent Group Leaders the opportunity to update SCLARC's management regarding their group's activities. PAC meetings at the regional center are held in January, April, July and October.

**The next meeting is on:**

**Mon January 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

All meetings will take place in the Legacy building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
2500 Western Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90018

Please share with your families and mark your calendars.

For more info, contact Valeria Salceda,  
SCLARC's Community Relations Specialist at 417.313.6252.



## CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2019

The following dates are for this year's meetings:

Mon Jan 28, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Feb 25, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Mar 25, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Apr 22, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon May 27, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Jun 24 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Jul 22, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Aug 26, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Sep 23, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Oct 28, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Nov 18, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Mon Dec 16, 2019	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

All meetings will take place in the Legacy building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Please mark your calendars.

For more info, contact Desiree Boykin, SCLARC Consumer Advocate,  
at (213) 743-3071.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS 2019

The following dates are for this year's meetings:

Tue Jan 22, 2019                      7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**The January Board Meeting will be held at**

**Bell Community Center  
6250 Pine Ave  
Bell, CA 90201**

Tue Mar 26, 2019                      7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tue May 28, 2019                      7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tue Jul 23, 2019                      7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tue Sep 24, 2019                      7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tue Nov 19, 2019                      7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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