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## Saying goodbye *Frances Ayala AP secretary retires mid-year*

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**A**fter twenty years dedicated to just us, Ms. Frances Ayala is retiring.

If you've ever been in the AP's office you've been greeted by her smiling face and her motherly voice. She's the go-to office lady. "I am sixty-five and I think it's time to retire."

If you don't know Ms. Ayala, it's probably because you've never been disciplined. "I help process the students who are given referrals. Then, we refer them to their vice principal which is assigned by last name. Another thing we do is get the suspension letters ready, follow-up on student contracts. Some we have to sign up for a six week therapy session- like anger management or drug classes. We schedule them with an outside source and we have to make sure they go every Wednesday."

She has big plans for her near future. "I want to spend more time with my grandchildren. Now, I might pick them up from school or something, but I want to travel. I've got a friend that really likes to travel."

What places does she have in mind? She doesn't even know. "Sometimes it's not the destination but whom you spend your time with. My friend wants to go to Costa Rica. We've been

there before, but my main dream is to go across the country. Just a long road trip from state to state," said Ms. Ayala.

Although adventure lies ahead she will still have a place for BHS in her heart. "I will miss my friends here. I've grown to love them, we have so much fun. It has been like working with family! She taught me so much about the job we do and we became good friends not only coworkers. I will miss her so much! I'm really going to miss her smile and her laugh," said Elizabeth Ojieda, who has been selected to take Ms. Ayala's position.

Students will also miss her. "She is so nice, I just love her. Whenever yearbook needs something she always helps and she's so nice about it. She's like everyone's mom," said Liliana Magallon.

Ms. Ayala isn't the only one retiring. Daryl Rosenbrock (AKA Rosey) a groundsman will also be retiring in a few days. (See insert)

"I started working here in May 1979 and I got hired in Nov. in 1979 as a groundsman. I graduated from here in 1967 and my son went here. Bloomington High always has a soft spot within me. I like working here. I always wanted to give back to this school. There are some teachers that were students here and came back for the next generation...you could truly call us 'The Bruins.'"

-Daryl Rosenbrock



Besties: Ms. Elizabeth Ojieda (right) will take over Ms. Frances Ayala's job when Ayala retires on Dec. 16.

# FEATURES

## Christmas wishes

**O**n Dec. 12, over 150 students had their Christmas wish granted by generous faculty and staff.

Started last year by assistant principal Ms. Ruby Navarro, students were asked to submit their "Christmas wish" during second period and were collected in the faculty work room. Faculty and staff sifted through the requests and granted what they could.

"The school that I came from (Jurupa Hills High School) had a teacher who started this and when I came here I brought this idea with me," said Ms. Navarro.

Samantha Bolanos was one of those whose wish was granted. "I asked for prayers for my mom who was diagnosed with cancer last Christmas. So Ms. Galvez told me she went to several churches and prayed for my mom. She also gave

me a gift card to buy a present for my mom," said Samantha. "I would like to thank you for your generosity Ms. Galvez. I don't even know you but I appreciate what you have done for my family and I."

Other gifts that were granted were a wheelchair for someone's grandmother, a life size cutout of John Kennedy, and a bicycle for someone's younger sibling.

"This wasn't about the materialistic things about Christmas. Many kids asked for gifts for other people, not themselves," said Ms. Navarro.

Lizzandra Perez received an anonymous gift. "I asked for a gift for my little brother and someone gave me a gift card to Target. I'm going to get him a fire truck because he loves fire trucks."

Andrew Orozco asked for movie tickets. "I wanted to see the new Star Wars movie coming out. It made me feel special and grateful to whoever gave me the tickets."



**Helping hands:** Ms. Elva Medrano (left), who works in the records office, reached out to the Kiwanis Club and they agreed to donate a wheelchair to help fulfill a student's wish. Mrs. Lucy Negrete (center), of the San Bernardino Kiwanis Club delivered the wheelchair last week.

## Compare and contrast



The black and white photo was taken in Feb. 2013 for the school's 50th anniversary. The color photo was taken on Dec. 7. Can you name everyone? Answer in the next Bruin Press.

