Longtime Daily Bulletin reporter Imani Tate-Weller retires Nov. 1

Oct. 28 - Reporter Imani Tate-Weller retires Nov. 1 after 54 years with the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin. Imani started at the Bulletin in 1962, when it was the Progress-Bulletin. At that time, she was a teen correspondent writing campus news and happenings for the Saturday Scan section. Imani notes that she was the first African-American journalist for a mainstream daily newspaper in the Inland Empire and one of the first in Southern California.

Tate-Weller has written about school districts and boards, municipal government, entertainment features and reviews, visual arts, community features, business enterprises, nonprofits and service organizations, special events, senior citizens, children, teens, families, homelessness, investigative projects, sports features, crime and fire news, ethnic and cultural diversity, politics, breaking news and City News human-interest features.

She also served as a delegate to the First New World Festival of the African Diaspora in Brasil, has been listed in "Who's Who of Notable Americans" and received Woman of the Year honors from both the Black Men's Forum and the Pomona Family Reunion Group and recognition as a mentoring community elder for Sacred SISTAHS Inc.'s Day of the African Child event. Tate-Weller received the West End YWCA'S Elizabeth Steele Genne Lifetime Achievement Award for empowering women, advocating social justice, championing human rights and fighting racism.

Additionally, Tate-Weller has won Alpha Kappa Alpha Far Western Region's Distinguished Service, Black Men's Forum Beah Richards Achievement, National Council of Negro Women/Pomona Valley Section Woman of Achievement, Delta Sigma Theta/Pomona Valley Alumnae Chapter Community Service, Pomona Valley Saturday Academy Distinguished Community Leader, A. Philip Randolph Communications, San Gabriel Valley NAACP Historical Woman of Distinction and Business and Professional Women of Upland's and San Orco District BPW Young Career Woman awards.

She has received numerous professional awards from the Society of Professional Journalists and Press Club of Southern California. She previously served on the Pomona Valley NAACP, Pomona Valley Humane Society, Santa Claus Inc. and Mt. San Antonio College's Journalism Advisory boards.

"Imani has been a journalist longer than many of us have been alive," said Frank Pine, executive editor for the Southern California News Group. "The wealth of her experience and institutional knowledge of our communities is immeasurable, and her commitment to local news and community journalism is an example to all. We'll miss her dearly, but we wish her the best in her retirement, and we hope she'll keep in touch. Thanks for everything, Imani."