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Dr. Ed Krupp, Director of Griffith Observatory, explains a statue of Albert Einstein to the family of the Club's Angel Gomez.



Dr. Ed Krupp, Director of Griffith Observatory, explains meteorites to the family of the Club's Angel Gomez.

Alive! photos by Summy Lam



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A Message From the CEO

A Man Who Is Truly Stellar

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

We here at the Club have a superstar in our midst. In fact, everyone in the City does.

He's well known in local media and throughout the world in his profession. He's led his division for more than 30 years to be one of the best in the world. The City spent many millions on his dream a few years ago, and it's nothing short of a major success.

As a speaker and researcher he's much in demand. Everyone wants to talk to him when he's in his element. He's a blur of activity until you say hello, in which case he's happy to stop and say hi in return.

And yet with all that acclaim, he couldn't be nicer, or more humble, or more personable.

And he's a bona fide and passionate Club Member!

I'm speaking of **Dr. Ed Krupp**, Director of Griffith Observatory, who has graced our cover a few times now, including this month. And he frequently contributes *Alive! Around the World* entries that are both fun and educational.

A few months ago we mentioned to him that we wanted to emphasize how families can enjoy the City's attractions at a reasonable or no cost, and to do that we wanted to have our intrepid *Be Alive!* man himself, **Angel Gomez**, bring his family to the observatory for a tour. It took about two millionths of a second for Dr. Krupp to agree to host the tour, as if he had nothing else to do. But that's the kind of superstar he is.



Dr. Ed Krupp documents his many interesting travels by submitting "Alive! Around the World" entries, as he does in this above photo.

Of course it's not reasonable to expect him to be able to lead tours for everyone – or even us again – at any given hour, so it's good that we've captured one here in our pages this month. We hope Club Members enjoy the great things that the City has to offer. The observatory is one. Dr. Krupp is another. Thanks, Dr. Krupp. We owe you, again.

Which brings me to mention a hero of a very different sort. You'll see him on page 26. Now I'm talking about **Ranger**, a world-renowned search and rescue dog that finally succumbed to cancer. We had him on our cover, too, along with great Club Member, Inspector/Paramedic **Deresa Teller**, Ranger's owner. You might wonder why we note Ranger's passing. Well, it's all about public service, and Ranger was a very dedicated public servant, having saved lives here in Los Angeles and in many national disasters. But with this tribute, we also pay tribute to Deresa, and all those who train and care for these very special heroes. Here's a nod to all of you.

I was very pleased to read the wonderful thank-you letters sent to us from two recent winners of our **Joannie Mukai** Club Scholarships. Is it any wonder why these two young women are such winners? To Ashley and QueJonné, you're very welcome.

And now, a quick production note: We are inundated with entertainment reviews! We were lucky to print about half of everything we received, and we tried to print at least one review from each Club Member submitting an entry. We have some very passionate arts lovers here at the Club! All I can say is, keep sending them in, and we'll keep printing as many as we can.

By looking at some of our Club specials – Knott's Scary Farm, Universal, Legoland, and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Sea Scare – I can tell that Halloween is right around the corner. This year is moving fast, isn't it!

Enjoy your fall.

—JOHN

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MARTÍN CHAVEZ

~ 1959-2012 ~

IN MEMORIAM

Martín Chavez, Human Resources Division Officer at the Harbor Dept., LACEA Board Member and passionate Club Member, died over the weekend of Sept. 22-23. Details are still coming in at press time. We'll report more on this loss in the next issue of *Alive!*

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- Ronnie Cannon, August 2012

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- Karla Haas August 2012

The Club's claims service is "very good, prompt and efficient. The book *[The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]* is for all ages."

- Clifford Govan, August 2012

The Club's claims service is "excellent. It was a pleasure working with you and it went so smoothly. All paperwork was submitted by us and turned around very quickly in a professional manner. It helps pay the extra expenses to and from the doctor appointment, surgery and all the follow-up, which is 250 miles away from home."

- Ronald Schaup, August 2012,
referring to the Club's Short-Term Disability product

You probably won't get to meet Cecilia Talbot and Monica Zamudio very often... until you really need them. That's when their service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time *Alive!* will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. — Ed.

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Scholarship Students Show They're Winners

Dear Mr. Hawkins and the Joannie Mukai/City Employees Club Scholarship Committee, thank you very much for selecting me as a recipient of the 2012 Joannie Mukai/City Employees Club Scholarship. I appreciate the scholarship very much, as it will be a tremendous help in helping to fund my higher education. I am very honored to have been chosen as one of the recipients for this year.

Thank you again. Best wishes.

– Ashley Arikawa

Greetings City Employees Club of Los Angeles, thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the 2012 Joannie Mukai/City Employees Club Scholarship. I am so honored!

It was amazing to read that more than 80 applications were received! I am so blessed to be chosen by you. I couldn't help but blush from your compliments with regard to my application. I am overwhelmed with joy that you consider me an exceptional student and think I'll be a tremendous asset to the University of California Riverside (UCR).

My family is indeed very proud as I have a great responsibility to them as the first to graduate college in our immediate family household. It is a great honor and responsibility that I do not take lightly.

Your contribution to my education is greatly appreciated and came at such an amazing time. I found myself needing the summer bridge program and all the provisions my family made to prepare me for the September fall semester, suddenly had to be expedited for July. We were not fully ready, and still needed to make several impromptu deposits and purchases. Your kindness has allowed us to financially breathe and for that also, we truly thank you.

Generous organizations like yours, which obviously has members' and their family's best interest at heart, are truly a blessing from God. My mom constantly talks about the City Club, regardless of what we're planning to do. "I wonder what the City Club has...;" "We lost again (softball);" "Did you see *Alive!* this month?;" she repeats, and she speaks of Robert Larios' peacefulness often. It comes with great admiration that City Club has become a part of our family.

Again I thank you, for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for choosing me as a 2012 scholarship recipient from the Joannie Mukai/City Employees Club fund.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of your members.

– QueJonné Smith

Wow! My hat's off to the 20 recipients of the Mukai Scholarships. They each had very impressive backgrounds. The parents of these kids are doing something right! These are the kind of kids that could run the City of Los Angeles one day! Or perhaps we have a future president of the United States in the making among these great achievers!

– Heidi Gomley, Rec and Parks

It's Real Pros at the Scene of the Crime

That is a terrific story about the Field Investigation Unit and how evidence is collected at crime scenes. Fascinating stuff! We are lucky to have such dedicated and professional city employees doing the CSI work. They should be commended and appreciated.

– Ray Honig, General Services

Club's Office Depot Discount Keeps Paying Off for Members

The Office Depot discount program with the Club is out of sight! I was about to spend \$201 when I pulled out my credit card that I linked to the program several weeks and ago and boom, the new total was \$167! I love the way this works. Thank you Club.

– Steven Norman, LAPD

It's a Dog's Life When It Comes to Picture Perfect

"John's Picture Perfect" contest was so much fun to read! I especially liked the dog with the sunglasses. Unfortunately my dog is not as big. In fact, it is literally about the size of the sunglasses the dog was wearing. Great job to Eddie for capturing that terrific photo.

– Helen Josephson, Retired

It's George's Mission to Travel Through California

The *Be Alive!* from Angel Gomez has to be my favorite to date! I just love the history of all the missions in California. I would like to visit them all one day. It is great that they still have religious services there! After reading this story, I am ready to make my way all over California. I will send my *Alive!* Around the Worlds – just wait and see!

– George Landers, General Services

Lettuce Thank Chef Larios For the Caesar Salad Recipe

That Caesar salad recipe that Chef Larios made was one of the tastiest I have made. How does he do it? He makes cooking look so easy, and the easier the meal, the more yummy it gets. It's the mark of a true chef, I suppose. If I have recipe recommendations or I have a food question, how can I get a hold of Chef Larios?

– Michelle Gilroy, LAFD

Hi Michelle, contacting Chef Larios is easy! Write to him at RLarios@cityemployeesclub.com, or give him a call: (800) 464-0452. – Ed.

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE

Question OF THE MONTH

– as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors

What's the scariest movie you've ever seen?



"Jaws."

– Jeff Quemada, Public Works/Sanitation, 27 years of City service



"Carrie."

– Janet Rankin-Davis, LAPD, 26 years of City service



"Eating Trees."

– Gerald Patton, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service



"Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

– Eva Chiaravalle, Secretary, 26 years of City service, Club Member



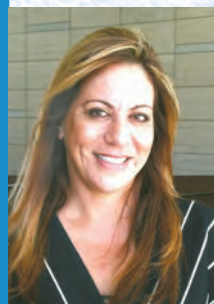
"Friday the 13th."

– Artillar Watts, SCT, 25 years of City service



"Paranormal Activity II."

– Christopher Abeuta, Public Works/Sanitation, 22 years of City service



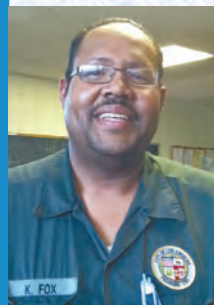
"Tales From the Crypt."

– Chris Rose, GIS, 25 years of City service, Club Member



"Nightmare on Elm Street."

– Antonette Grey, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service



"The Devil's Rain."

– Kenny Fox, Public Works/Sanitation, 24 years of City service, Club Member



"The Ring."

– Gilbert Guzman, Public Works/Sanitation, 28 years of City service

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A Day at the

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Club staffer Angel Gomez takes his family to Griffith Observatory. Take your family, too!

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing

See the stars this October!

The City boasts many great institutions for the family. In August, Club Director of Member Services Angel Gomez took his family to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. This month, he's exploring outer space at the world renowned Griffith Observatory in Griffith Park.

The Observatory's Director, Dr. Ed Krupp, is a Club Member and a great friend of the Club. He was generous with his time to give Angel's family a personal tour.

So come along!

Griffith Observatory

Griffith Observatory is an icon of Los Angeles, a national leader in public astronomy, a beloved civic gathering place, and one of southern California's most popular attractions. The Observatory is located on the southern slope of Mount Hollywood in Griffith Park, just above the Los Feliz neighborhood.

The mission of Griffith Observatory is to inspire everyone to observe, ponder, and understand the sky.

One of the City's most popular and treasured institutions, Griffith Observatory first opened its doors in 1935.

The observatory closed in 2002 for renovation and a major expansion of exhibit space. It reopened to the public Nov. 3, 2006.

The \$93-million renova-

tion, paid in part by a public bond issue, restored the building, as well as replaced the aging planetarium dome. The building was expanded underground, with completely new exhibits, a café, gift shop, and the new Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon theater. One wall inside the building is covered with the largest astronomically accurate image ever constructed (152 feet long by 20 feet high), called The Big Picture, depicting the Virgo Cluster of galaxies; visitors can explore the highly detailed image from within arm's reach or through telescopes.


Support the Observatory
Friends of the Observatory (FOTO) is a nonprofit, membership-based organization whose role is to support Griffith Observatory and its mission of being a vital community and international centerpiece of learning, discovery and inspiration about astronomy. FOTO members receive many valuable benefits.

INFORMATION:
www.FriendsOfTheObservatory.com

Dr. Ed Krupp, Director of Griffith Observatory for more than 30 years and Club Member, is a world-renowned astronomer.



First stop for Angel's family: the Foucault pendulum. With them is Traci Slacum.



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Admission:
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 Tuesday: Closed (except for summer and key holidays)

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Griffith Observatory

And Off We Go to Griffith Observatory!

Wilder Hall of the Eye

The Hall of the Eye illustrates the nature and progress of human observation of the sky and the tools used for that exploration. This exhibit gallery focuses on how people have observed the sky and the often profound impact those observations have had on people and society. Exhibits in the gallery and adjacent alcoves include:

- Using the Sky
- Extending the Eye
- Observing in California
- Beyond the Visible
- Tesla Coil
- Camera Obscura



Dr. Krupp points out the importance of the invention of the telescope.



Telescopes have gone from rudimentary instruments to large-array units, as demonstrated here.



Cosmic Connection

The Cosmic Connection, the corridor linking the historic building above with the new Gunther Depths of Space below, provides the transition from ground-based and more familiar astronomy to a new realm of cosmic perspective. The main element in this passageway is a 150-foot timeline of the universe whimsically composed of celestial-themed jewelry in the glass case that lines the corridor. Features in this area include:

- Cosmic Connection
- Wormhole Stairway
- Center Of Gravity (information desk, donor wall, dedication plaque)



The Cosmic Connection contains a 150-foot timeline consisting of celestial-themed jewelry.

A Day at Griffith Observatory

Gunther Depths of Space

The large new Richard and Lois Gunther Depths of Space exhibit gallery is activated by the recent transformation of cosmic perspective that began when people first ventured into space. No longer is observation and understanding of the sky bonded to the ground and framed by the horizon. The Gunther Depths of Space is filled with exhibits that are as monumental and unique as the ideas they illustrate:

- The Planets
- Our Earth
- Our Solar System
- Other Worlds, Other Stars
- Milky Way Galaxy
- Iconic Universe
- A Familiar Star Pattern
- Our Address
- The Big Picture
- The Big Picture-Related Exhibits (Field Guides, Depth of Space, Einstein)

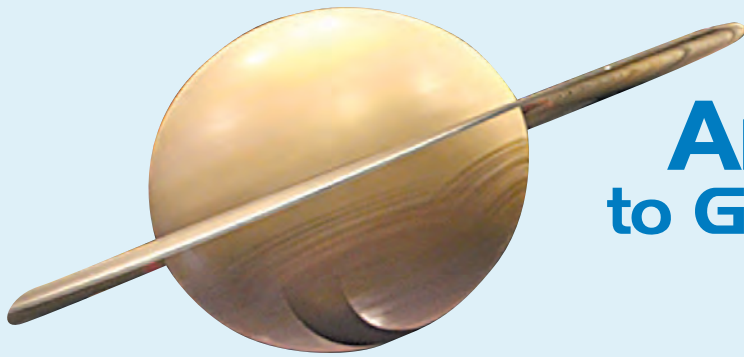


Left: Griffith Observatory pays tribute to scientist Albert Einstein.



Above: Dr. Krupp explains the depth of space. Against the wall in the background is the Big Picture.

The Big Picture is the largest astronomically accurate image ever constructed (152 feet long by 20 feet high), depicting the Virgo Cluster of galaxies. This very wide photo is the equivalent perspective of the width of your finger held at arm's length.



And Off We Go to Griffith Observatory!

Outside, below the west telescope tower.



Exterior Exhibits

Visitors don't need to enter Griffith Observatory to become observers; the exterior of the building offers a mix of compelling favorites and new features to draw the eye and imagination. Exhibits and features outside the building include:

- Astronomers Monument
- Solar System Lawn Model
- Sunset and Moonset Radial Lines
- West Observation Terraces
- East Observation Terrace
- *Rebel Without a Cause* Monument
- Roof Observation Deck



Dr. Krupp explains the Transit Corridor instrument to Angel's family.

The Gottlieb Transit Corridor

This instrument, which is as beautiful as it is accurate, tracks the sun's daily passage across the earth's north-south line (the meridian). It's an accurate outdoor public astronomical instrument. The first date on the bottom of the large metallic strip – June 21, this year's summer solstice – was the day after these photos were taken.

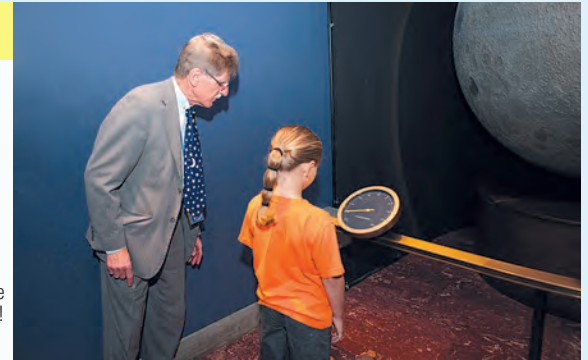


ALIVE! FEATURE, -CONT.

Edge of Space Mezzanine

The Edge of Space occupies the mezzanine area in the new Richard and Lois Gunther Depths of Space exhibit gallery. It provides visitors with an experience that bridges the more familiar earth-bound orientation toward the universe with a more cosmic perspective informed by the most sophisticated astronomical instruments ever built. The zone showcases samples of the universe that come to earth from space or that we acquire through space exploration. Exhibits and features on the mezzanine include:

- The Big Picture-Related Exhibits (observing telescopes)
- Pieces of the Sky
- Cloud and Spark Chambers
- Our Moon
- Cosmic News
- Entrances to Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon theater



Right: Aden, how much do you weigh on the moon? One-sixth what you weigh on earth!

The moon, explained.

It's okay to touch the display explaining meteorites.



The Edge of Space Mezzanine contains a working seismograph.



The family of the Club's Angel Gomez, standing in back, from left: Angel Gomez and his wife, Cathy. Front: Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory; Angel's nephew, Julian Ruiz; and sons Angel Jr. and Aden.

W. M. Keck Foundation Central Rotunda

At the nexus of the original building, the restored W.M. Keck Foundation Central Rotunda celebrates the intersection of science and mythology, earth and sky, and the man whose vision brought the Observatory into being. Exhibits include:

- Foucault pendulum
- Hugo Ballin Murals
- Griffith J. Griffith Exhibit



First stop for Angel's family: the Foucault pendulum. With them is Traci Slacum.

Ahmanson Hall of the Sky

The Hall of the Sky establishes each person's connection to the primary objects in our sky: the moon and the sun. The end of the hall is anchored by one of the largest public solar telescopes in the United States. Exhibits in the gallery and nearby alcoves include:

- Coelostat and Solar Telescopes (white-light image, spectrohelioscope, spectroscope)
- The Active Sun: Recent spacecraft data illustrate the power and dynamics of our sun.
- Our Sun Is a Star
- Elements
- Supernova (including spectroscopes)
- West Alcoves (i.e., Day & Night, Seasons, Moon Phases, etc..)



Dr. Krupp explains the importance of how the elements were made in the universe and how those same elements are in us.

THANKS!

Alive! thanks Dr. Ed Krupp, Director of Griffith Observatory and Club Member, for the incredible generosity of his time.

Thanks, Dr. Krupp! We'll be back soon.



THIS
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Griffith Observatory

Oct. 20:

Public Star Party

Free public star parties are held monthly with the assistance of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and the Los Angeles Sidewalk Astronomers at the Griffith Observatory. They are a chance for the whole family to look at the sun, moon, visible planets, and other objects, to try out a variety of telescopes, and to talk to knowledgeable amateur astronomers about the sky and their equipment.

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From left: Pepa Esparrago, Environmental Specialist, DWP, 20 years of service, Club Member; and Victoria Reodica, Sr. Accountant I, Rec and Parks, 4 years, Club Member, with her two-year-old grandson.



Hula-hoop time!



From left: George Adeya, Sr. Clerk Typist, Public Works/Engineering, 13 years of City service; Norlito Medrano, Office Engineering Tech, Building and Safety, 10 years, Club Member; and Glenn Abellanosa, Property Officer, LAPD, 16 years, Club Member.



From left: Edgar Boncato; Evi Boncato, CEDT, DWP, 5 years of City service; and Lina Chua, Management Assistant, DWP, 23 years, Club Member, with guests Felisa and Adonis Bertis.



From left: Margarita Calderon, mom; Zeydi Stewart, Clerk Typist, Housing, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Dominic Sanchez, godson; and Bianca Sanchez, sister.



Back, from left: Francis Samaniego, CSR, DWP, 23 years of City service; and Cora Ruby, Clerk, DWP, 19 years, Club Member. Seated: Lina Chua, Management Assistant, DWP, 23 years, Club Member; Felicia Truong, Accounting Clerk II, Public Works/Sanitation, 25 years, Club Member; Carmelita Hard, Sr. Clerk, DWP, 28 years, Club Member; and Nico Estevas, guest.



From left: Merlie De Castro, sister of Linda De Castro and Amelia Marucut; and Alex Banares, Accounting Clerk, Controller's Office, 8 years of City service.

A Philippine Picnic

Filipino employees association hosts summer picnic and general assembly.



Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

More than 100 people attended the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) picnic and meeting Aug. 5 in Eagle Rock.

Many foods were enjoyed and games followed. The invocation was delivered by Ruby de Vera. Announcements were made about the Filipino American history taking place in City Hall along with reminders of the association's scholarship program.

Special thanks to Club Rep and LAFACE President Cora Aragon Soriano for inviting the Club. It was a great day for food and friends gathered together from several City departments.



The water balloon toss.



From left: Cora Aragon Soriano, LAFACE President, Club Rep; and Linda Granados, Public Works, LAFACE First Vice President.



Fred Rivera, Civil Engineering Associate, DWP, 40 years of City service, celebrates his last picnic with LAFACE since he is soon to retire. He's pictured here with the Club's Products Manager, Arlene Herrero.



Back, from left: Adelaida Villanueva, Retired, Controller's Office, 19 years of City service, LAFACE Adviser, Club Member; Perla Obal, Utility Accountant, DWP, 23 years, Club Rep; and Jess Obal, LAUSD, 32 years. Seated: Twana Cole-Gowala, Customer Service Rep, DWP, 8 years, Club Member; Rick Villanueva, Sr. Auditor, LAPD, 19 years; and Stephen Obal, Student Intern, Public Works/Engineering.



Club Products Manager Arlene Herrero picks out the winning number for the Club donation with the help of Fred Rivera, Third Vice President, LAFACE.



From left: Mildred Jacla, LAFACE Treasurer, SMS Payment Clerk, General Services, 11 years of City service, with her husband, Manolo Burlaza.



From left: Andy and Theresa de Vera, Commissioner, Commission on Disability, 7 years of City service; and Ruby de Vera, Retired, Building and Safety, 16 years, and Immediate past President, LAFACE.



Enjoying the day.



For Retired Club Members

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Have News About Yourself?

Contact Mary Beetz, call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 711.

RLACEI Upcoming Events

Call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 701 for reservations.

- Oct. 4:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 1 p.m., Friendship Auditorium
- Dec. 6:** RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium

RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call Hal at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 202 W. First Street, Suite 500, (LA Times Building), Los Angeles, CA 90012. Hours: 8AM-5PM. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans. www.lacers.org

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LACERS Medical Plan Premium Up 7.9% in '13

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, RLACEI President

Bill Quinn, President of the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association, has been in and out of the hospital. "We wish you a speedy recovery; we missed you at our last meeting."

At our September meeting, Director Neil Ricci, Chairperson of our Nominating Committee, presented the committee's nominations or Directors for the reelection years 2013 and 2014.

They are Ken Spiker, Mary Beetz, Helen Salgado, Cliff Cannon, Garry Mattingly, Ed Harding and our newly appointed Director, Phillip Orland. The other half of our board – Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci, Americo Garza, Michael Karsch, Tom Stemnock and Michael Wilkinson – will come up for reelection in years 2014 and 2015.

Please join us at the annual corporation meeting and elections for election years 2013 and 2014 and show our support for them.

RLACEI

The meeting will be held Oct. 4 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. You will enjoy a great lunch catered by Chris and Pitts.

Also, please read the Legislative Update by Ken Spiker and Legislative Report by Michael Karsh with interesting update news concerning your City benefits for 2013, and State Legislative Pension reform bills. I thank Ken Spiker and Michael Karsh for keeping us up to date of what is going on in the City and state.



Ken Spiker

RLACEI Legislative Update by Ken Spiker

Summary of LACERS' Health Plan and Benefit Changes for 2013: On Aug. 14, the LACERS Board of Administration approved the 2013 health plan premium rates.

The LACERS annual medical plan premium cost for 2013 is estimated to increase 7.9 percent, from \$90.1 million to \$97.2 mil-

lion. While the amount of this increase is significant, it is *below* LACERS' 2013 actuarial assumed medical trend rate of 8.5 percent. LACERS' annual dental plan premium cost for 2013 is estimated to increase 1.1 percent, from \$8.8 million to \$8.9 million.

The overall cost of LACERS' health and welfare program (medical, vision, and dental plans) is estimated to increase 7.3 percent, from \$99.5 million to \$106.7 million. These amounts were achieved through negotia-

tions with the health plan carriers by LACERS' staff, its health and welfare consultant (Keenan and Associates), and guidance from the Board's Benefits Administration Committee. Negotiations yielded a \$1.1 million reduction in annual premium costs.

On Aug. 28, the LACERS' Board of Administration approved recommendations from its Benefits Administration Committee to increase the 2013 maximum medical plan premium subsidy from

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General Mtg. Discussed Pensions, Interim GM, Upcoming Elections

LARFPA



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

At our September general meeting, we were fortunate to have Commissioners Sam Diannitto and George Aliano, GM Bill Raggio and Joe Salazar from the Fire and Police Pensions System in attendance. After the reelection of the Association Officers and Directors, our guest speaker, retired Deputy Chief Larry Fetters, LAPD, gave a very interesting presentation of his experiences while working for the TSA.

Then a report was made on the status of our claim, which was denied by the City, that some members of our association were treated unfairly by being forced into increasing their contribution for health care to the pension fund an additional two percent, or having their healthcare subsidy frozen. We are currently assessing our options for future

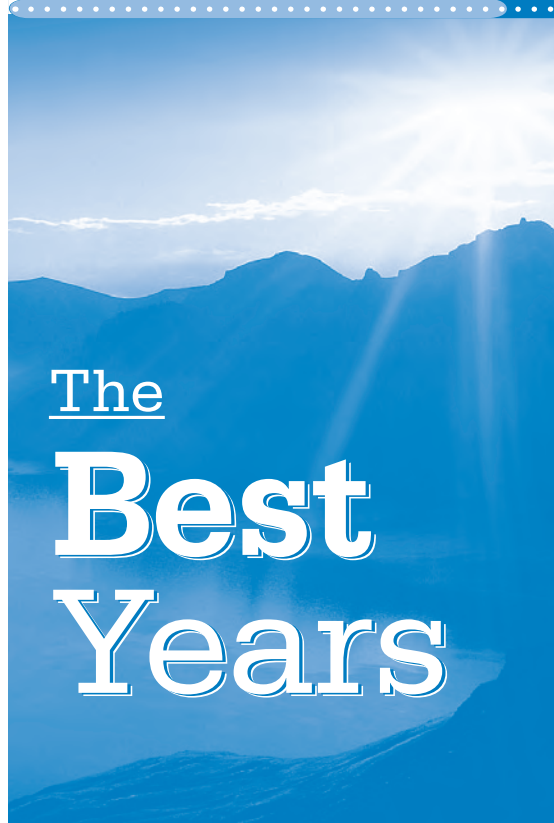
action. Then Bill Raggio gave our members an accurate update on the funding status of the pension fund and the future increases in the City's contribution rate.

Bill Raggio has been doing an outstanding job as the interim General Manager and is really being treated unfairly. He was the number one candidate and appointed unanimously by the Commission. The mayor failed to confirm Bill Raggio and wanted the testing redone to provide a wider search because of some error in the Personnel Dept. A new search is under way. Why does the Pension Dept. have to pay for someone else's mistake?

Several days later we attended a meeting with Dolores and Vince Foley from the DWP Retirees Association, and Ed Harding and Hal Danowitz from the RLACEI, where we discussed some of the issues our associations are facing – rising costs of healthcare and how the Affordable Health Care

Act is going to affect our members. Remember that Rep. Nancy Pelosi said, "We have to pass this [healthcare] bill to find out what's in it." Kaiser premiums are up 14 percent and Blue Cross are up 11 percent. Also discussed was what effect if any will Gov. Jerry Brown's pension reform bill have on our retirees. The bill, if it passes, shouldn't have any effect on current retirees but may inspire local politicians to make drastic changes for active members.

Don't forget to vote. Police Officers, don't forget the Legendary Ladies Luncheon Oct. 10 at Taix Restaurant, and Firemen, don't forget Rick Ortiz's luncheon in Garden Grove on election day. I hope to see you at our December general meeting Dec. 5 at Grace Simons Lodge, and at our Christmas Party Dec. 9 at the Sportsman's Lodge.



The Best Years



A Chinese Market in Kuala Lumpur.



The Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

RETIREMENT HELPLINE

Who to call? Call the Helpline and reach the officers of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. If you move or change your address, contact Helen Salgado. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA and LAFUCU. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership. Each officer's extension is listed below.

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2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Malaysia, and Flying Backward Home

On a 28-day cruise, Hal and Co. complete their long journey.

PART TEN

On Oct. 11, Evelyn and I, with our cousins Don and Myrna, left for Rome, where we were going to board the Ocean Princess Oct. 15 to sail for 28 days to Singapore. On the cruise we were scheduled to visit Sorrento, Italy; Athens; Ephesus, Turkey; through the Suez Canal; two ports in Egypt; Aqaba, Jordan; Dubai in the United Arab Emirates; Muscat, Oman; and India. In India, we were scheduled to take a side trip to the Taj Mahal. Finally, the cruise would take us to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, before ending in Singapore. We both had reserved mini-suites on deck eight. The Ocean Princess is a small ship, which accommodates only slightly more than 600 passengers and a crew of 250.



After leaving Cochin, India, we spent the next four days at sea sailing toward Kuala Lumpur. I took the time to write my notes on our adventures to the Taj Mahal a few days before. The bus ride was so bumpy that I was unable to use my iPad. Since we left Cochin, the weather continued to be on the hot side, partly cloudy with the seas mostly calm.

I talked to the tour office about the Kuala Lumpur (KL) "on-your-own" tour. We were waitlisted, and I wanted to know my options. The downtown area of KL is about a 90-minute ride from the port, with the cost of a taxi about \$100. There was a shuttle bus from the ship to a local mall, but Evelyn and I really wanted to get into the city.

The night before was the last formal night of the cruise, and the captain hosted a farewell party before dinner. At dinner we exchanged address information with our tablemates; it's standard operating procedure, but we never kept in touch. Maybe it will be different this time; we seem to have a very compatible group.

We completed most of our packing and would finish up that evening. We got confirmation for the KL "on-your-own" tour.

The bus ride into KL took about one hour because we did not hit a "jam," as they refer to traffic jams here. Don and Myrna had been here before and decided not to go into KL. The bus dropped us off at the KLCC, a large shopping mall next to the Petronas Towers. The twin towers were at one time the tallest buildings in the world but have been surpassed by the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, the tallest building in the world. The towers do remain the tallest twin towers in the world (they are attached to each other by a sky bridge). You may remember them featured in *Entrapment*, a

move with Sean Connery and Katherine Zeta-Jones.

We went in the mall to exchange money and use the bathroom. Exchanging money was easier than using the first bathroom I visited. I opened the door to the stall, and all I saw was a white enamel-fitted hole in the ground. I just didn't feel I had the necessary skills to use this facility, so I found another bathroom with more familiar Western hardware. Evelyn had routinely found them throughout our trip as an option to the more conventional Western facilities.

After that, Evelyn made her first purchase of the day, a Starbucks mug that said Malaysia. As the mall had the same stores that we had at home, we left for more local shopping and were advised

the conditions in KL, but we found a relatively clean city. There was some trash, but nothing like we saw in India. The area around the Petronas Towers was pristine, and I understood that since the towers were built there had been a lot of development in the area. We saw active cranes and large construction projects around the city.

We walked over to Chinatown and also had success in the stalls there. In most cases we paid half the starting price. In some stalls there was a sign that said fixed price, but then we found the price to be reasonable. By now most of the overcast had burned off and the temperature was probably at least in the high 80s, with the humidity above that. It was okay in the shade, but in the full sun it was a bit daunting.

We were getting hungry, but I just didn't trust eating in any of the local street restaurants around Chinatown, so we stopped at McDonald's. It was full of school kids doing their homework, but we managed to get a table. We found the food to be just like home. Evelyn is still giving me a hard time, saying the bao buns from the street vendors looked great.

We decided to return to the City Market to pick up a few more souvenirs. After that we took a taxi back to the KLCC mall to catch the bus back to the ship. We had a little time to kill, so we sat at Starbucks and used its free Wi-fi. Evelyn returned the Malaysia mug for one with the name Kuala Lumpur. We got back to the ship at about 5 p.m.

We needed to finish packing and missed cocktails with Don and Myrna and the last entertainment show. We did manage to buy a nice photo of us and then have a drink before dinner. The ship took photos every time we got on or off, and on formal nights; that



Hal on Singapore's main street.

to visit the City Market and Chinatown. Our taxi driver suggested we visit City Market first because most of the stalls in Chinatown didn't open until noon.

We found a lot of souvenirs in the City Market, and everyone was willing to bargain. We spent a good deal of time here. We had heard stories concerning

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gave the ship's photographer all kinds of opportunities.

Evelyn: We hadn't taken a formal shot of the two of us in a couple of years, and I didn't like most of the backgrounds, so when there was a plain background I nagged Hal into taking one.

The photographer took six or eight shots. We were under no obligation; we actually liked one and purchased it.

We had our last dinner on the ship and

the tallest until the Singapore Flyer was built in 2009. The weather was hot, muggy, and raining on and off. After we got on the Flyer, it began to pour very hard – so hard that by the time we got off (30 minutes later), they closed the ride because of the weather.

We had a little lunch at the Flyer. Evelyn and I shared some dim sum, and Don had a plate of spicy noodles. Myrna just sat with us and didn't eat, but she sampled from Don's plate. As a side note, none of us got sick.

large with a big TV, and both a tub and a shower. The hotel was nine stories tall, and the floors opened to the outside. The best part, as I said before, was that it was attached to terminal three, where our United flight left from.

We had dinner in the hotel restaurant. They had both a buffet and menu options. Evelyn and I had the buffet for 52 SD, and it was very good. They offered sushi, roast beef, pork, chicken, and many fish dishes. Except for the roast beef, every dish was prepared in an Asian style. I was very impressed. The desserts and the entire presentation were quite something. It was one of the nicest buffets we had had in a while.

Don and Myrna, being adventurous eaters, had a club sandwich, which they said was excellent. I had about 140 SD left, which was not enough to pay for dinner, so I put the dinner on my room. When I checked out, I paid part of the bill with SD. I thought it was a creative way to get rid of the last of my foreign money.

We had a 4:15 a.m. wakeup call and left the room at 5:15 a.m. The bellman put our bags onto a terminal cart, and we pushed it to the United check-in. We were all flying business class so after checking in we had coffee and sweet rolls in the lounge before boarding. The security check was done at the gate, and I was picked for extra checking. That put me at the head of the line, where I got a pat down, and they checked my carry-on for whatever they were checking for. The Chengji Airport was beautiful and very well run. We could learn a thing or two from them.

The flight to Tokyo took about six hours, and we had a two- or three-hour layover until our flight to LA. Based on the timing,



I think the flight to LA would take around nine hours.

We landed at Narita Airport in Tokyo about 20 minutes late due to air traffic. As we were to transfer to another international flight, we didn't have to deal with immigration or customs. We did have to go through a security line that X-rayed our carry-ons. We sat in the lounge long enough for Don to have a beer and then we walked to the gate. I was picked for another security check, this time for explosives. They swabbed my hands and carry-on and then had me take off my shoes and checked the soles of my feet. It didn't take long, and everyone was very polite.

The flight home took a little longer than nine hours. After dinner we both slept around five hours. We woke with an hour and half left to LA. The seats in business class lay flat, and it was easy to get into a comfortable position. Our seats faced backwards, we flew backwards the whole time.

We landed on time and after clearing immigration and customs in the record time of a little more than an hour, our van picked us up and drove us home. Now for the unpacking, laundry and starting to plan where to go next.



The Singapore Flyer.

then put our bags out so they could be taken off the ship the next day in Singapore.

The ship docked in Singapore at about 7 a.m. We had to be out of our cabin by 8 a.m., even though we were not getting off the ship until 9:10 a.m. After breakfast, we sat in the Tahitian Lounge until we were called to get off the ship. For those of you who have not taken a cruise, the ship arranges disembarkation based on earliest flights out and early tours ending at the airport. Those traveling independently were let off last. This minimizes a bottleneck at immigration or customs or just finding your luggage in the cruise terminal. In general the cruise lines have gotten pretty good at managing this process, and with only about 500 of us getting off (and not returning), it wasn't bad.

I had been concerned about the customs information that we had received concerning a 5 percent duty, but they just put all of our bags through the X-ray machine and sent us on our way. Myrna found a van driver who would take us to our hotel (Crowne Plaza) at the airport. The cost was 45 Singapore dollars. That was good price, with the U.S. dollar worth around 1.22 Singapore dollars.

We waited only about an hour to get into our room at the hotel. After we settled in we took a taxi to the Singapore Flyer, the tallest observation wheel in the world. Evelyn and I had been on the London Eye, which was



Don and Evelyn in the Singapore Flyer.

After that we took a cab to Orchard Road, the main shopping area of Singapore. We didn't have much time before it began to rain very hard. This did not stop Evelyn, and she got her Starbucks mug from Singapore. We tried to walk around but it was raining too hard, so we took a cab back to the hotel. We were in Singapore in 2006 and saw the highlights. We would have gone into Raffles Hotel and had a Singapore Sling as the drink was invented there, but with the rain we opted not to.

We ate in the hotel that night. Our flight home was to leave the next morning at 7:20 a.m., so we needed to get up early. The hotel is attached to the airport's terminal three, where our flight on United Airlines was to leave. We were to change planes in Tokyo before arriving at LAX.

A word about the hotel: Our room was



Evelyn shops at the market in Kuala Lumpur.

For Retired Club Members

LACERS Update



By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI
Publicity Chair

LACERS' Health Plan Open Enrollment: October 15 – November 15

Open Enrollment begins October 15 and you should receive your Open Enrollment packet in early October. The packet will consist of your Health Plan Statement, the 2013 Health Benefits Guide, and an Open Enrollment Overview. If you elected to opt out of receiving the Health Benefits Guide and Overview, you still will receive your Health Plan Statement. You can view and print the Open Enrollment publications online at the Retired Members' homepage of LACERS' website (www.LACERS.org/retired) when you receive your Health Plan Statement.

Registration to Attend an Open Enrollment Meeting Begins September 17

Attend an Open Enrollment meeting and learn about any changes to LACERS' health plans for the 2013 plan year. The meetings will feature carrier presentations and an opportunity to talk to your health plan representatives. Also, LACERS staff will be available to answer any health plan questions you might have and assist you with the enrollment process.

This year, as part of LACERS' *Take Charge of Your Health* wellness campaign, three of the Open Enrollment meeting locations (Burbank, Carson, and Ontario), will also include a fitness fair, sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross. In addition to learning about your health benefits for 2013, these meetings will feature a keynote speaker who will talk about staying fit during your retirement, interactive fitness

workshops, and a presentation about the *Thrive Across America* program. Meeting dates, times, and locations are listed below:

Burbank, CA (meeting + fitness fair)

Pickwick Gardens
1001 W. Riverside Dr.
Thursday, October 11
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Carson, CA (meeting + fitness fair)

Carson Civic Center
801 E. Carson St.
Wednesday, October 17
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ontario, CA (meeting + fitness fair)

DoubleTree by Hilton
222 N. Vineyard Ave.
Wednesday, October 31
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Las Vegas, NV (meeting only)

The Orleans Hotel & Casino
4500 W. Tropicana Ave.
Friday, November 2
12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Irvine, CA (meeting only)

Atrium Hotel
18700 MacArthur Blvd.
Thursday, November 8
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
18700 MacArthur Blvd.

Beginning September 17, 2012, you can make reservations to attend an Open Enrollment meeting by reserving online at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell. Also, you can call LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or (888) 349-3996 TDD, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Voicemail or email messages will not be accepted as reservations. Reservations will be accepted for one Retiree and one guest.

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Retiree Registration for LACERS' Well Campaign Ends September 30

It's not too late to register and participate in LACERS' wellness campaign if you haven't already done so. Registration ends on September 30, 2012. Visit the LACERS *Well* homepage at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell to learn more about the campaign and register.

LACERS' Well Registrants: Thrive Across America Begins September 17

If you already registered for the LACERS' *Take Charge of Your Health* campaign, you will soon receive a mailer inviting you to participate in *Thrive Across America*, a new online physical activity program brought to you by LACERS and HealthWorks by Kaiser Permanente.

Thrive Across America encourages you to stay fit by keeping a daily online log of your physical activity (e.g., aerobics, dancing, swimming, tennis, walking, etc.). As you enter the amount of time you exercise, you move along a virtual route across America and learn about some of the country's most interesting landmarks. The first 1,000 participants in *Thrive Across America* who complete the route by December 23, 2012 will receive a \$50 Visa reward card. Read more about *Thrive Across America* at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell.

LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

NOTE: If you have: News about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it. If you would like to contact a former city employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you. Note: Due to our Confidential Policy, we do not give out any information without authorization. Mail information to Mary Beetz at 137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA 91801 or Email mbeetz4841@aol.com

Thought For the Day

A birthday in October
Can be a special treat,
The harvest has begun
Of pumpkins, gourds
and wheat.
So on your happy day
Here's a birthday
wish for you -
May you gather joy
and laughter,
Love and friendships,
too.



"Thin mints."
- Alice Walder, Election
Division, Retired 1995



"Chocolate chip."
- Gary G. Boehm,
LAPD, Retired 2003



"Oatmeal."
- Joe Etheredge,
Airports, Retired 1994



"Chocolate chip."
- Sam Hochberg,
Convention Center,
Retired 1997



"Chocolate chip."
- LeRoy Richards,
Public Works,
Retired 1994



"Thin mints."
- Joseph Govea, Building
and Safety, Retired 1990



"Lemon."
- Fred Hoepfner, Public
Works, Retired 1996



"Trebloils."
- Ron Black, Housing/
Building and Safety,
Retired 2010



"Peanut butter."
- Joyce Miller, Medical
Services, Retired 2009



"All of them!"
- John Shadle, Building
and Safety, Retired 1986

Retirees Question of the Month:

What's your favorite Girl Scout cookie?

Show Us Your Grandkids!

Retirees: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! In an upcoming issue, we intend to begin running a small section of retirees and their grandkids. So send 'em in! Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have permission from their parents.** If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.
 2. Photos with you in them are better... but if not, that's okay, too.
 3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
 4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them – their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
 5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talkback@cityemployees-club.com
- Print photos can be sent to:
Grandkids
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 120 W. Second St.
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 (800) 464-0452
- If you want the print photo returned, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back.



"Enclosed is a picture of my daughter, Valarie, and my granddaughter, Samantha, 5. Samantha is as bright as a new penny and has beautiful red hair. I retired from the old Public Utilities and Transportation Dept. in 1978 as Engineer of Communications and would love to hear from anyone I knew."

– **Harry Warshawsky**



From left: **Marjorie Thayne, mother and grandmother, Retired, City Cultural Affairs**; Mark Henderson Jr., grandson, now attending Cal State Northridge; Dr. Mark E. Henderson Sr., Ed.D, son, IT Manager at Pierce College, a City of Gardena Planning Commissioner; and Marquisha Henderson, granddaughter, graduated from Cal Berkeley, now works in the Mayor's Office.



Ken Spiker

RLACEI Legislative Update – continued from page 11

The premium cost of two-party coverage in the Kaiser Permanente HMO (non-Medicare) plan, as well as one-party coverage in the Anthem Blue Cross HMO and PPO plans (for members not enrolled in Medicare or enrolled in only Medicare Part B). Also, because the maximum medical plan premium subsidy increased at a higher rate than the increases in the Anthem Blue Cross HMO and PPO plan premiums, members receiving a medical subsidy and enrolled in these plans with two-party coverage will see decreases in premium deductions from their monthly allowance. Most members enrolled in a LACERS' medical plan do not have premium payroll deductions.

Despite LACERS being faced with a steep increase of 14.8 percent in the Kaiser Permanente HMO plan premium, which accounted for approximately 60 percent of the overall increase to LACERS' medical plan premiums, the resulting overall increase of 7.9 percent in LACERS' annual medical plan premium cost is a fair one, considering that it is less than the Actuarial Assumed Medical Trend Rate and was achieved without any plan design changes, such as increases to co-pays.

In 2013, the amount of overall medical plan premium costs that LACERS will subsidize is increasing from 91.2 percent to approximately 92.7 percent. This means that the amount of overall premium costs paid by members through payroll deductions will decrease from 8.8 percent to 7.3 percent. These results were attained through the dedication and hard work of LACERS' staff and LACERS' health and welfare consultant, under the direction of LACERS' Benefits Administration Committee.

\$1.190 to \$1.367 – the maximum allowed by the Los Angeles Administrative Code. With this increase, Retired Members receiving the maximum subsidy will be able to cover



Michael Karsch

RLACEI Legislative Report by Michael Karsch

The biggest headline in retirement news in August was the Legislature's passing of Gov. Jerry Brown's pension reform proposal late at night on the last day of the session, Aug. 31. This reform pertains to the state-run pension systems for state workers, and city employees belonging to the state-run system (several charter cities do not belong, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Fresno, San Diego and San Jose). Since most of Gov. Brown's reform proposal was eventually incorporated into the bill, it can be assumed that the governor will sign this measure sometime in September.

The new reform bill caps pensionable income at the Social Security contribution and wage base of \$110,100 (or 120 percent of that limit for those not in Social Security). The governor had sought a guaranteed hybrid option involving a 401(k)-style savings account, but the Legislature rejected that. The reform requires active employees to pay half of their cost for their pension. It increases the retirement age by two years or more. Pension spiking is prohibited, and a pension is based on the highest three-year average of an employee. Double dipping is prohibited, as is purchasing of airtime, retroactive benefit increases, and pension holidays. Most of the current use of three percent formulas for calculating a pension is rolled back.

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Also of note, in August is a report by Moody's Investors Service that more California cities are likely to file for bankruptcy and experience bond defaults. Moody's Investors' Service does not expect a majority of cities experiencing distress to go that far, but at least several more cities in California, namely in the Inland Empire and the Central Valley are likely to do so. Their report cites the precarious real-estate situation in those areas showing high foreclosures, cheap financing and speculative development. The report also cites falling property taxes and sales taxes throughout the state, but most severely in the interior areas. Comment is also made that Prop. 13 limits a city's ability to adjust property taxes. Moody's is concerned about how the issuance of municipal debt is changing, suggesting that select issues of such debt may mean changes in ratings. The League of California Cities takes issue with Moody's claim that California cities have not been subjected to state spending cuts and that more state oversight is needed. The league argues that cities suffered the \$2 billion loss in assorted revenue from the abolition of the redevelopment agencies, and the loss of \$130 million in local vehicle license fee revenues. Lastly, the league points out that California cities have kept up very strong commitments to financial obligations by making tough spending cuts, raising local taxes and fees and partnering with employees and residents to avoid deeper cuts.

Retirements

Here's a listing of all those who retired from the City this month. To all we say, welcome to the Best Years!

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Ankele, Steven	–	DWP	–	Ellsworth, Cary	Hvy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	30	McLaren, Frank	–	DWP	–
Baynosa, Luz	Sr. Tax Auditor	Finance	25	Fisher, Gregory	Council Aide VI	Council	8	Mirich, Bertha	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	31
Beaman, Maureen	–	DWP	–	Fransen, Russell	–	DWP	–	Moore, Bruce	–	DWP	–
Bermudez, Bienvenido	Geographic Info. Spec.	Planning	23	Gallagher, Patrick	–	DWP	–	Moreno, Antonio	Background Inves. III	Personnel	10
Blankenship, Paul	Wastew. Trmt. Elec. II	Public Works	25	Garr, Stephen	Asst. Inspector IV	Building & Safety	5	Murphy, Timothy	–	DWP	–
Binder, Edward	–	DWP	–	Gordon, Deborah	Sr. Clerk Typist	Housing	31	Nera, Cristina	Accountant II	Public Works	23
Booth, William	–	DWP	–	Gutierrez, Michael	Wastew. Trmt. Oper. III	Public Works	25	Perez, Eranio	Geographic Info Spec.	Planning	22
Britt, Jennifer	Security Officer	Airports	8	Guzman, Rosemarie	Systems Analyst II	Public Works	37	Pinkert, Bradley	–	DWP	–
Brown, Gary	–	DWP	–	Hagopian, Zayen	–	DWP	–	Provinse, Cynthia	–	DWP	–
Brown, James	Security Officer	Airports	10	Harper, Grace	Dep. Supt. of Build. II	Building & Safety	34	Sahaj, Steven	–	DWP	–
Budzinski, Lawrence	City Atty. Invest. III	City Attorney	18	Hasheminejad, Margaret	Council Aide VI	Council	7	Schaaf, Marilou	Librarian III	Library	24
Caleb, Janice	Clerk Typist	LAPD	15	Healy, Michael	Hvy Duty Truck Oper.	Public Works	27	Schwab, Jerome	Property Officer	LAPD	2
Cervantes, Gabriel	Electrical Craft Helper	Public Works	11	Hessler, Paul	Messenger Clerk	Library	6	Silapie, Tevin	Forensic Print Spec. III	LAPD	25
Cusumano, John	Airport Guide II	Airports	4	Jones, Blakeslee	Street Serv. Supv. II	Public Works	33	Stinnett, Byron	Systems Analyst II	LAPD	25
Deharo, Luis	Equipment Operator	Public Works	26	Latta, Reginald	–	DWP	–	Sturk, Victor	Traffic Officer II	Transportation	11
Dominguez, Juanita	–	DWP	–	Magbanua, Remberto	–	DWP	–	Yonai, David	–	DWP	–
Ebroyan, George	Security Officer	General Services	15	McKissick, Tommy	Sr. Const. Inspector	Public Works	25				

For Retired Club Members



Retirees

AROUND THE WORLD



1 Ukraine



"We just got back from a river cruise on the Dnieper River in the Ukraine. This picture was taken in Kiev."
 - Gary and Elaine Whittington

2 Mexico

John Gale, Retired, Rec and Parks, visited Mexico.



"Temple of Kukulkan Pyramid, built by the Mayan civilization in Chichen Itza, Mexico."



"The Great Ball Court of the Chichen Itza Complex."



"Cancun, Mexico."

Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your recent copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a **high resolution** photo with you **holding a copy**, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: talk-back@cityemployeesclub.com

Sending Digital Photos:

When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print. We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!

3 Hawaii



Retiree Paul Hernandez at the 18th hole at Hawaii Kai golf course on Oahu, Hawaii.

Here's Paul with his lovely wife, Lydia, taking a picture from their hotel room with Diamond Head in the back. "Mahalo nui loa! (Thank you very much!)"



4 Northwest & Minnesota

Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP, visited the Pacific Northwest and Minnesota.



"This is The Dalles, a hydro generator on the Columbia River that supplies power to the Pacific DC Intertie transmission system that connects to Los Angeles, 846 miles away, the longest DC line in the USA."



"After exploring the Pacific Northwest and the Lewis and Clark Trail, I ended my adventures in Minneapolis and went to a ballgame, the Twins vs. the White Sox."



RETIRES ON THE MOVE

Getting a Kick Out of Fred



Fred Peterson, Retired, General Services, teaches and practices all types of martial arts – karate, kung-fu, gung-fu, judo, jiu jitsu, and tai-chi jitsu. He is a grand master, with a seven-degree black belt. He's an international expert on martial arts.

Fred had his first taste of martial arts nearly 50 years ago when he was at Moffet Blimp Base near San Jose as a trainee in jui-jitsu to fight Japanese soldiers during World War II. He was then in the U.S. Navy, and he continued his training during his entire career with the Navy.

He's still active and passionate about the martial arts, as demonstrated in these photos.

Good for you, Fred!

Happy Grandparents Day!

We here at *Alive!* got lots of great responses to our feature last month for Grandparents Day (Sept. 21). We say thanks for sending these in, and congratulations to these awesome grandparents!



"Grand, great-grand, great-great grandmother Helen Smith, you are living history at 103 years young. Happy Grandparents Day from Nicholas, Kimberly, Laci, Nicholas Jr. and Kaylin. Sending hugs and kisses from California!"

- Kimberly Ganier, PSR II, LAPD, Club Member



"Dear Pop-Pop, Russell Jackson, we love that you love us so much and you teach us so much. We miss you and want to see you soon. Love, Laci, Nicholas Jr., and Kaylin."

- They're children of Kimberly Ganier, PSR II, LAPD, Club Member



Mr. and Mrs. Wesley celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on July 10. "They are prime examples of having a happy and long-lasting marriage. Happy Grandparents Day from Daniel and Candice Monroe."

- Daniel and Candice are the son and daughter of Schiry Monroe, DWP, 33 years of City service



"Great-grandma Helen Smith (right), grandma Ann Ganier-Jackson (left), mom Kimberly Ganier, PSR II, LAPD, Club Member (center), and daughter Laci seven years ago. Four generations of the family tree. More branches and leaves have been added since. Grandmas are the strength that holds the tree steadfast."

- Love, Kimberly



"Grandma Ann, you have a special heart that brings joy to everyone you know. Thank you for all your love and support. We miss you - come visit soon."

- Laci, Junior, Kaylin. Grandma Ann is the mother of Kimberly Ganier, PSR II, LAPD, Club Member

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- Long Term Disability
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- Cancer Insurance
- Accident Insurance
- Pet Insurance
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Chills, Thrills and Gills

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium hosts annual Sea Scare Halloween party.



A great San Pedro's family Halloween party is back! Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Halloween event, Sea Scare, washes ashore from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

See Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in a different light as it is transformed into an underwater world of chills, thrills and gills. Come in costume and join in the masquerade of spooks and ghouls, trick-or-treat throughout the aquarium at six different treat stations, enjoy loads of fun and spooky entertainment.

Visit the Aquarium's Aquatic Nursery for a special treasure hunt, scary sea creature feedings and chilling cryogenic demonstrations. Stop by the Exploration Center for some treats, participate in bioluminescent crafts and learn about deep-sea creatures that lurk in our oceans. Enter the Marine Research Library for some creepy creations and spooky stories. Don't forget to enter the costume contest for your chance to win some spook-tacular prizes.

New for 2012: Take a journey through the event's all-new haunted maze, "The Ship of Screams." Come face to face with the Aquarium's resident cannibal, Red Bone, and try your luck at some of his games of chance or have your fortune read in our newly expanded "Voodoo Village." Then dance the night away in our all-new, expanded "Sea Scare Party Zone," with a live DJ and fun games.

Kids of all ages can participate in activities at the Craft Corner, including spooky cookie decorating, slime making, trick-or-treat bag decorating, mask making, plus much more!

Apparitional activities, creepy crafts, dreadful demonstrations, and eerie entertainment all await you at Sea Scare.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors; Aquarium members are free.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility. For more information or costume guidelines, call (310) 548-7562 or go to cabrillomarineaquarium.org.



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's

SEA SCARE

Saturday, October 27th

6pm - 9pm

"San Pedro's Best Family Halloween Party"

310-548-7562 www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org

**Cabrillo
Marine
Aquarium**

call for costume guidelines
no face masks allowed

3720 Stephen M. White Drive
San Pedro, CA 90731

ADMISSION:
Adults \$5.00 - Children \$1.00

A facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

AIRPORTS

LAWA's Annual Picnic at Knott's

Airport Employees Association hosts family picnic.



Officer Sofia Gallegos, 9 years of City service, Club Member, with her goddaughter, Shaelyn Martinez.



From left: Disneyland Ticket winners Cynthia Brown, Clerk Typist, 4 years of City service, Club Member, with guests Sakina, Randy, and Tyler.



From left: Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, 22 years of City service, Club Member, with the winner of the 50/50 drawing, Earnest Richardson, Mechanical Helper, AC Dept., 12 years.



Some of the raffle prizes.



From left: Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, 11 years of City service, Club Member, with guests Dionicio and Erika Banuelos.



Jose Ponce, Custodian, 12 years of City service, with his wife, Norma, and sons, Ashton and Sebastian.



Cheryl Montantes, Custodian Supervisor, 14 years of City service, Club Member, with her husband, Michael, and children, Marissa and Christian.



From left: Shelia Taylor, guest; Lita Jacobs, Management Analyst II, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Hezekiah Jacobs, Retired, Wharfinger, Harbor, 38 years, Club Member; Lorie Jacobs-Diggs, guest; and Gloria Jacobs, guest.



Linda Brown, Accounting Clerk, 22 years of City service, with the winner of the Wii, Brandon Fones.



Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, 11 years of City service, Club Member, enjoys the picnic with his family.



Earnest Richardson, Mechanical Helper, AC Dept., 12 years of City service, with his wife, Cathy, and children, Dominic and Stephen.



Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

On Aug. 11, Airports held its annual picnic hosted by the Association of Airport Employees (AAE) at Knott's Berry Farm's Park Pavilion. A barbecue lunch of ribs, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the "fixins" was provided along with soft drinks and ice cream cups.

The kids enjoyed games and activities including tattoo painting and slot-car racing. Raffle tickets were available for purchase for chances to win various prizes including a Wii, a skateboard, Razor scooters, a Fast Lane helicopter, a Flash Rider 360, bicycles, a PS3, and a Nikon camera! The grand prize, a family four pack of Disneyland tickets, was a combined contribution from the City Employees Club and AAE.

After the picnic, Airport employees and their guests entered the Knott's park to enjoy the rides and attractions.

The Club thanks Jimmy Sparks for inviting us to the event.



Jimmy Sparks, Mechanical Helper, 22 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Regence.



From left: Mamie Cephas, Custodian, 13 years of City service, Club Member, with Dvosha Pleasant, Custodial Supervisor, 22 years, Club Member, and granddaughter, Brooklin.



Andres Gaspar, Gardener, 7 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Olivia, and daughter, Isabella.



Isabella shows off her tattoo art.



Chuck Kwan, Civil Engineer Associate, 10 years of City service, with daughters, Kaylin and Nicole.



From left: Elaine Williams, Management Analyst, 28 years of City service; Linda Brown, Accounting Clerk, 22 years, Club Member; and Donna Erie, Secretary, 19 years, Club Member.



Genaro Aguayo, MMC/Concrete Dept., 5 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Leonor, and children, Junior and Angelica.



Slot-car racing.



Middle right: Renee Bentley, Management Analyst II, Badge Office, 19 years of City service, with her husband, Ricky, and guests, Greg Hudson and Ana Lewis.

CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK



From left: **Francis Poncho** and **David Vargas**, Roving Crew 162, Public Works/Street Services.
Spotted by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor



Here's **Jaime Cruz**, Rec and Parks, 17 years of City service.
Spotted by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor



Deshona Jones, Coordinator, Rec and Parks, 6 years of City service, Club Member, takes youth to enjoy the Festival of Philippine Arts and Culture.
Spotted by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

Do you have a photo of City Employees on the job? Send it in and we might print it! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Public Safety Shoutouts

During annual staff meeting, Office of Public Safety honors employee accomplishments.



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas

On May 9, General Services/Office of Public Safety held its annual staff meeting at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The annual staff meeting hosted by management takes time to recognize individual accomplishments, while emphasizing the outstanding work of the entire department as a whole.

This year the department welcomed Gordon Graham, who is widely recognized as one of the top law enforcement experts in the nation. He spoke on the importance of implementing effective risk management control measures, which was well received by all.

Thanks go to Armando Nunez II for inviting us.



Officer Steven Wyno achieved the highest number of felony arrests within the department in 2011.



Officer Armando Nunez II, Club Member, receives his award.



Lorena De La Torre, Club Member, Communications Information Representative.



Officer Gabriela Arce, Club Member.



Officer Jason Marquez, Club Member.



Officer Ryan Ebbat.



Officer David Bomer, Club Member, 15 years of City service.



Officer Gildardo Vizcarra, 20 years of City service.



Gracie Madrid, Communications Information Representative, 15 years of City service.



Officer Daniel Diaz, Club Member and two other officers seized the largest amount of dangerous weapons within the department in 2011.

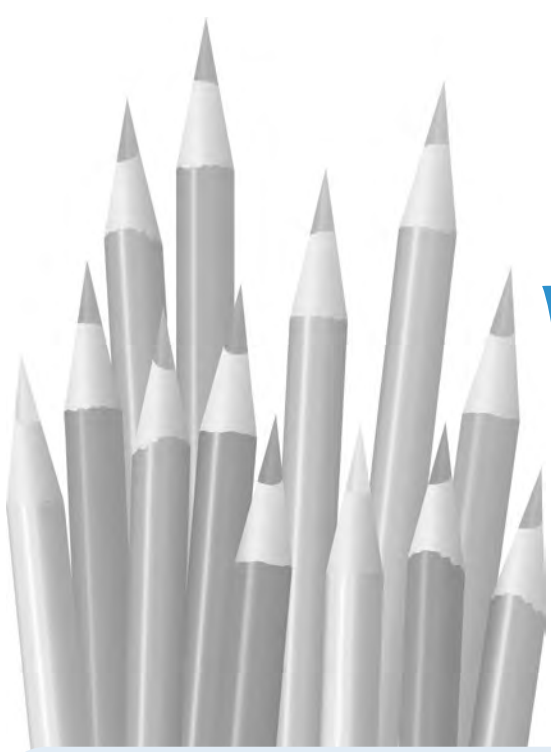


From left: Officer Manuel Elorriaga; Chief Gary S. Newton, Club Member; and Officer Javier Barragan, Club Member.

FRIGHT NIGHT!

Knott's Scary Farm tickets.

— SEE PAGE 45 FOR TICKETS

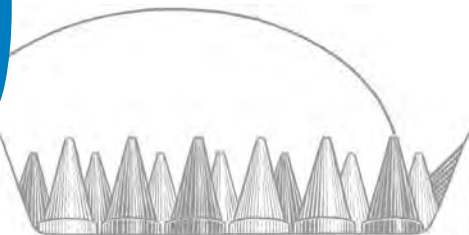


Coloring with Lupe!



The *Alive!* Children's
Coloring Contest

Compiled by Lupe Medina,
Administrative Services
Representative



Lupe says:

**"Win 4 free tickets
to the Amusement
park of your choice!"**

An award package will be
given for each age group:

Ages 5 and under

Ages 6 to 7

Ages 8 to 10

Ages 11 to 13



Color this
fun picture,
have an adult
send it in, and
you could be
a winner!

We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is your favorite television show? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

What amusement park do you want to go to, and why?: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____

Deadline
for submission:

November 5, 2012

Submit to:

Club Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street, LA, CA 90012

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions,
but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck, and have fun!





{ Who are the people you see every day? }

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Jose Plata.

AGE: "I'm 48."
BIRTHPLACE: "Fresno."
MARITAL STATUS: "Divorced. I have a son and daughter, 15 and 7."
FAMILY: "I have two sisters. One lives in Germany."
PARENTS MARRIED OR DIVORCED? "Both parents are deceased."
MILITARY SERVICE: "No."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right here on the sidewalk at Main and Third."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Two years ago."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "To look for work. I was released from prison."
EDUCATION: "I'm a high school graduate, with a little bit of college."
PLAYED SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL? "I played football, on the junior varsity."
RELIGION: "Mormon."
MEDICATIONS: "I'm a diabetic, so I take medicine for diabetes."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Oh man, it's gotta be Steven Seagal."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Jennifer Lopez and Demi Moore."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Animal House."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I love the CSI series."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Boston Baked Beans ... the candy, of course."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Rib-eye steak."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "I really like Fleetwood Mac."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Long Beach, right next to the ocean."
LAST BOOK READ: "The Lifeguard by James Patterson."
HIS STORY: "Pot, that was the problem. They call pot the gateway drug. Sure enough, I ended up doing meth, and from there my life spun out of control. I ended up getting fired from Brinks and going to prison for four years for a crime I didn't commit. The relationship with my wife had pretty much disintegrated at the time of my arrest. We were both doing drugs and the straw that broke the camel's back was when our son died immediately following childbirth, seven minutes after to be exact. We blamed each other and we never recovered. Then I went to prison. Two months after I got out of prison, my mom died, which really threw my life into a tailspin. I was kicked out of my house and had a restraining order on me... and that is when my nights on the street began. Until recently I've been sleeping on the side of the freeway, but I prefer where I'm at now, Third and Main. I'd spend the nights in the missions, but the restrictions are way too tough. You have to be in by 10 p.m., and they wake you up at 4 a.m., which to me is way too early to hit the streets again. So, that's my story."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Riding my gold Schwinn."
WHO ARE YOUR FRIENDS? "I know a bunch of guys on the streets, and I'd like to think of them as friends."
LAST JOB: "I worked for Brinks Security for 18 years. Unfortunately I was fired for something I didn't do and was sent to prison."
LAST THING EATEN: "I had some coffee and pizza."
MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION: "The Union Mission."
ITEMS ALWAYS WITH YOU: "My cross. Well, actually it's a rosary. I wear it around my neck."
IF YOU WERE MAYOR, HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THE HOMELESS SITUATION? "I'd figure out how to house all the homeless."
WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS? "I hope I'll have a job and a roof over my head."
WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$1 MILLION? "I'd help other homeless people."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Best advice for your readers is to not start any kind of drug, and keep your kids away from troubled peers."
MAKE A WISH: "I would love to have my old life back, you know, the one I didn't want. I'd also like to have my security officer badge back."
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My self worth."

The Club gave Jose a Bucket and a Blanket (see left), a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.

The interview took place Sept. 13 at Third and Main Streets downtown.

Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.

Buckets and Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



Buckets and Blankets is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **Creative Solutions** – Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez, and we'll take it from there:

jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com or agomez@cityemployeesclub.com



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SOLUTIONS



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, and Director of Member Services Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }

CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Oct. 2012



Nearing the Playoffs

Club Softball League focusing on the championship. *Photos by the Sports Dude*



The softball season has gone beyond the midseason, and teams are focusing on the playoffs that begin this month. No matter what happens from here on out, teams like the Blue Dragons and the DOT-gers are building memories that will carry with them for years to come.



On this page are pictures from the game on Sept. 12, when the DOT-gers defeated the Blue Dragons 18-14. What a battle!

Softball games are played at 7:30 and 9 p.m. every Wednesday at the following locations:



- **Yosemite Recreation Center**
1840 Yosemite Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90041
- **Shatto Recreation Center**
3191 Fourth St., Los Angeles, CA 90020
- **Downey Recreation Center**
1772 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90031

Basketball



Are you interested in playing basketball? The Club's next season will begin in approximately April 2013.

If you have interest in playing, please contact the Sports Dude at sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or call (800) 464-0452.

Running and Fitness Club

All events are closed for Club Sponsorships this year. Please look in the next edition of the newspaper to see events for 2013.

Sign Up Mondays!

Stop by the Club Store on Mondays (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) to sign up for any upcoming Club sports league!

- Club Soccer League
- Club Basketball League
- Club Softball League
- Running Club

Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude



Visit the Club Website for all sports scores, updates, and photos:
www.cityemployeesclub.com

2013 Firecracker 10-K and Bike Ride Race Discount!

\$5 OFF
REGISTRATION

The Los Angeles Chinatown Firecracker 5-K, 10-K, and Bike Ride is extending a discount to all Club Members! The Bike Ride will be Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013. The 5-K and 10-K races will be on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013.

A \$5 registration discount will apply for Club Members registering through Jan. 19, 2013. Normal registration during this period will be \$35. Enter discount code of "CITY" when registering at www.firecracker10k.org



Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Ireland



Dearbhla McNulty, wife of John Burnes, *Alive!* editor, on the Dingle Peninsula, the remote southwestern region of Ireland.

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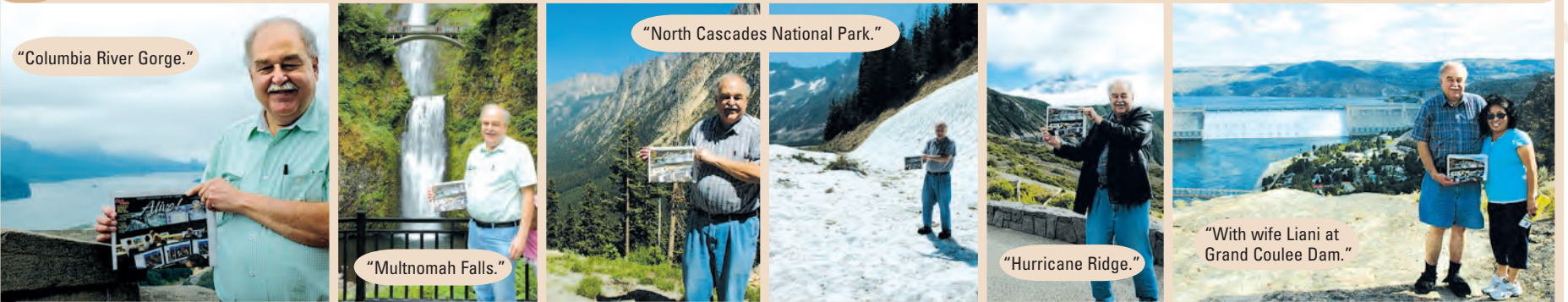
Brazil



"I just got back from Brazil and took a photo for your paper."
- Michael S. Hoffner, Airports

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Oregon and Washington



"Columbia River Gorge."

"Multnomah Falls."

"North Cascades National Park."

"Hurricane Ridge."

"With wife Liani at Grand Coulee Dam."

"Here are photos of my July/August trip to Oregon and Washington." - Gary Kotas, LAPD

4

Hawaii



"This is my sister, Barbara Meighan, Retired Club Member, and I in Oahu for our niece's graduation."

- Dorla Crawford, General Services/Salvage Section

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El Salvador



Sonia Romero-Fuentes, Customer Service Representative, DWP, went to La Palma, El Salvador for three weeks with her husband, Santiago, and children, Samuel and Priscilla. They celebrated two milestones: Sonia graduated from University of Phoenix with her MBA, and the couple celebrated 25 years of marriage.

Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your recent copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a **high resolution** photo with you **holding a copy**, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

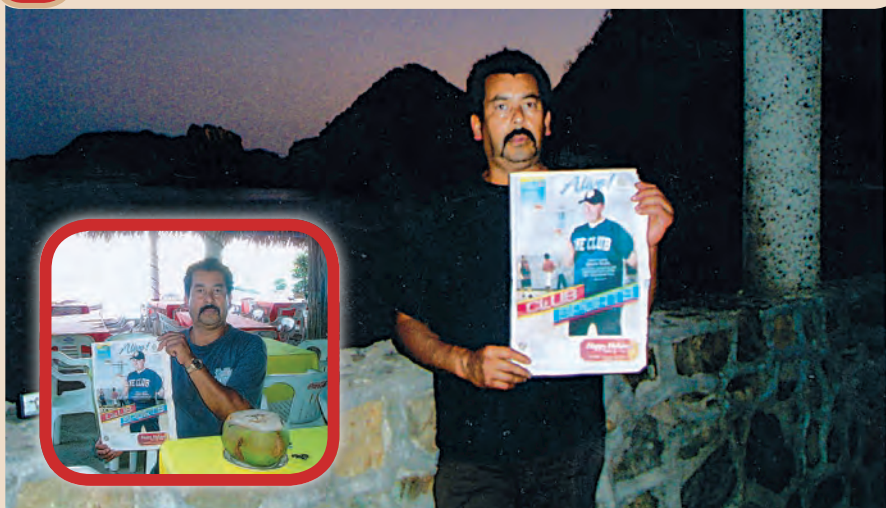
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When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print. We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!



A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

6 Mexico



"This year, I went on vacation to Mexico and I visited Barra de Navidad, which is part of the coastline of Jalisco. It is a very beautiful place, and the beaches are very clean with many places to fish and eat tasty foods, including coconuts."
 - Fernando Meza, General Services

7 California



The adventures of **Mike Boyd, Public Works/Sanitation**, continue in Palm Springs at the 26th annual Ueckers Cup golf tournament with **Gary Taylor, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation**; **Mike Boyd**; and **Benjamin Ruvalcaba, CLARTS**.
 08/11/2012

8 The Caribbean



"I'm here on the islands of St. Kitts and St. Lucia, two of the six islands that we visited on a cruise family vacation."
 - George Estrada, DWP/Substation Operations

9 California



"At our favorite spot on beautiful Coronado Island. Beautiful beach front digs... relaxation city!"
 - **Michael Mack, Public Works/Sanitation**, and **Debra Mack, Building and Safety/CEB**

10 New York

Betty Smith, LACERS, visited New York with her daughter, Melissa, and grandkids, Kevin, Aniah and Tiana. (Photos by Patricia Bateman.)



"I took my *Alive!* newspaper everywhere I went," Betty says.

"Visiting the 911 Memorial in New York."



CLEOPATRA
 THE EXHIBITION

DON'T MISS THE ONLY WEST COAST APPEARANCE OF CLEOPATRA - FEATURING THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF CLEOPATRA-ERA ARTIFACTS FROM EGYPT EVER ASSEMBLED IN THE U.S.

California Science Center ON DISPLAY NOW - DEC 31, 2012

Club Member Discount Prices



Adult \$15⁰⁰
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 You're saving 25% off the regular adult admission of \$19.75

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Tickets ordered through the Club must be redeemed at the California Science Center's box office on the day of your visit. Admission tickets are timed for entry into the exhibit at 15 minutes intervals.

LAFD

Ranger, taking a break during an *Alive!* photo shoot in February 2010.



Remembering Ranger

One of the world's best urban search and rescue dogs, Ranger, passed away Aug. 25. He partnered with LAFD Inspector/Paramedic Deresa Teller, Club Member.

Some information courtesy the Search Dog Foundation

On Aug. 25, the LAFD and the United States lost one of its best urban search and rescue dogs, Ranger, who died from cancer. His leader, Inspector/Paramedic Deresa Keller, LAFD and USAR California Task Force One, and others were at his side.

After his training through the Search Dog Foundation and achieving Advanced FEMA Certification, Ranger and Deresa deployed to a deadly mudslide in La Conchita and to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike. Calling on his boundless energy and great "bark alert" – the bark sounded when finding a live victim – Ranger always performed with excellence. Ranger, a border collie, grew to be one of the best urban search and rescue dogs in the nation.

As Deresa tells it: "Ranger was an incredible Search Dog, and that was his true passion in life. When he would search a rubble pile for a test or training in front of people who had not seen him before, they would always ask me, 'Where did you get this dog?' and 'Do you breed any more?'"

"When we would travel by plane and Ranger would wear his Search Dog vest, he would often go and smell certain people's luggage. Of course they would ask me, 'What does he search for?' I would tell

them he searches for drugs! The looks those people would get were sometimes priceless, but I would let them suffer for only a few seconds before telling them that he loves cats and they probably had a cat that helped them with their carry-on luggage. Laughter quickly replaced the stares and the person-in-question would say that their cat(s) love to sit in their luggage.

"Ranger had a special bond with my 19-year-old daughter, Jesa. Jesa was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was eight.

Ranger became part of our household when Jesa was 10. I was divorced at that time and on the nights Jesa stayed at my house, Ranger always slept in her room. Even though Jesa was very aware of the diabetes



Deresa Teller, Inspector/Paramedic and Team Supervisor, with Ranger.



Deresa Teller, Inspector/Paramedic and Canine Coordinator, rewards Ranger with a tug-of-war toy.

and would wake up if her blood sugar started to drop during her sleep, Ranger would start jumping on and off her bed. She knew if that was happening she needed to get up, check her blood sugar and get a snack. Talk about an amazing boy!

"Ranger's last day was filled with some of his favorite things. A short walk with mom, a little direction control, some 'bunny vision' – he was actually let in with the bunnies instead of watching from the outside – and a trip to the duck park.

"We will certainly miss this fantastic dog. He was a great partner and friend."

Alive!
Feb. 2010



Ranger on duty during a training exercise.

Ranger



Walking on your hands!



Valerie Covington, PSR III, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



The potato sack race.



From left: Guests Natja Vargas, Dominic Vargas and Leslie Vargas with Lt. Gloria Vargas, 30 years of City service.



Children play on the huge inflatable water slide.



Julia Cesena, Sr. PSR, 15 years of City service, Club Member, with daughters, Erica and Gwendolyn.



Augie Loya, PSR II, 18 years of City service, Club Member, with daughter, Gabby.



Miguel Estrada, PSR III, 8 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Alda, and children, Miguel and Karla.



Lt. Gloria Vargas, 30 years of City service, and Dominic Vargas try out the paddleboats.



Paul Russo, PSR, 10 years of City service, and his wife, Dorothy.



Leslie Allen, PSR III, 27 years of City service, Club Member, with her family: Tyler, Isaiah, Tyler, and Shavontae.



Raffle prizes!



Nicole Hamilton, PSR II, 4 years of City service, Club Member, with her husband, Anthony.



Diane Boose, PSR, 22 years of City service, Club Member, with her son, Maurice.



From left: Mae Ford, PSR, 20 years of City service, Club Member; Julia Cesena, Sr. PSR, 15 years, Club Member; Diana Montano, PSR, 6 years, Club Member; and Norma Montano, PSR, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Bob Lehnen and his wife, Debbie Willits, Retired, Sr. PSR, 31 years of City service, Club Member; and Deby Herdrich, PSR II, 10 years, Club Member.



Emily Zavala, PSR II, 5 years of City service, Club Rep, with her daughter, Lora.



Sylvia Robinson, PSR III, 17 years of City service, Club Member, with her family.

LAPD Picnic at Calamigo's

**Police Dept. 911
operators host annual
summer picnic.**



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman,
Club Counselor

On Aug. 19, LAPD's Communication Division held its annual picnic at the beautiful Calamigos Ranch in the hills near Malibu. Employees and their families brought tents and blankets to lie on the grassy field as well as toys and sports equipment for further entertainment.

Activities included sliding on a huge inflatable water slide, using paddleboats, playing volleyball, swimming in a pool, and playing numerous kid's games including a water balloon toss and potato sack race.

A hearty barbecue lunch was served consisting of ribs, chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, watermelon and rolls. Unlimited popcorn, popsicles and soft drinks were also available. A DJ and raffle drawing for prizes topped off the very fun and successful picnic!



Susanna Robinson, PSR III, 15 years of City service, Club Member, with husband, Eric, and children D'Artagnan and Eryka. Not pictured: Adonis and goddaughter Piper.



From left: Jeff Ramsey, Refuge Collection Operator II, 24 years of City service, with his son; and Anthony Watson, Refuge Collection Operator II, 24 years, Club Member.



Officer III
Kristin Traynor,
22 years of City
service.



It's swim time at the Calamigos pool.



Lt. Vic Dennis, 29 years of City service, Club Member.



Margaret Sinclair, PSR III, 6 years of City service (back row, in gray) with her family.

THIS MONTH AT THE

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Salt Marsh Open House

Sunday, October 21
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Join CMA educators and volunteers to learn about the Salinas de San Pedro wetlands habitat at Cabrillo Beach by using binoculars and microscopes to observe live animals. Visitors can view the birds of the marsh, learn about native plants and observe the changes in the tides.

(310) 548-7562
Free. Parking: \$2

Support the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium!

Consider joining the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

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LIBRARY

Szabo Is New Top Librarian

John Szabo is the City's new head of the vast City Library system.

John Szabo has been appointed to the top post of City Librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library. Szabo will oversee the department's Central Library, 72 branches, 900 employees and \$113 million budget. The Los Angeles Public Library serves four million people, the largest population served of any library in the United States.

"John Szabo is uniquely qualified to lead our City's renowned library system into a new era of innovation, expanded services and enhanced accessibility," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "We conducted an intensive national search for the right leader for the Los Angeles Public Library, and John Szabo exceeded all the criteria. With his experience, leadership and vision, we will develop the 21st century's premiere public library system to benefit all Angelenos."

Mayor Villaraigosa has tasked the new City Librarian with restoring hours at libraries (two nights per week and Friday mornings at every library) and initiating a strategic planning process to ensure that the Los Angeles Public Library continues to be the national leader in innovative library service.

"It is an immense honor to lead the Los Angeles Public Library, and I am thrilled at the opportunity to serve the residents of this great city," Szabo said. "Angelenos love their libraries, and I eagerly look forward to working with the Mayor, City Council, Library Commission, staff and supporters to deliver innovative and comprehensive library services of the highest quality. At a time when public libraries are

busier than ever, it is extremely exciting to provide services that address critical needs and that are so essential to the diverse communities we serve."



John Szabo

Szabo comes to Los Angeles from Atlanta, where he served as the Director of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System since 2005. During his tenure in Atlanta, he led the development of the Library Building Program funded by a \$275 million bond referendum approved by 65 percent of voters. This building program will build eight new libraries, expand two libraries

and renovate 23 libraries. Szabo has championed innovative library services that address critical community needs in areas such as health disparities, workforce development, adult literacy, school readiness and emergent literacy for preschoolers.

He also initiated "eCampus," a robust online learning environment with virtual courses, career readiness resources, live tutoring and other lifelong learning tools. Szabo has advocated for initiatives that foster and celebrate diversity including the renovation and expansion of the Library's Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History and the establishment of LGBT archives.

In addition to his leadership of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, Szabo serves as Director of Quality of Life Services for Fulton County with responsibility for the Department of Arts and Culture and the Fulton County Cooperative Extension Service.

Szabo is active in professional and community organizations. He serves on the Executive Board of Urban Libraries Council and the OCLC Global Council. He is a member of the External Advisory Board to the University of Michigan's School of Information.

"John Szabo brings a wealth of experience to this position," said Board of Library Commissioners President Dr. Tyree Wieder. "He is a national leader in the library profession and has the skills necessary to lead our great library forward in its mission to serve the diverse communities of Los Angeles."

REC AND PARKS

A Whale of a Volunteer Opportunity

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium seeks volunteers for its whale-watching program.

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is looking for enthusiastic volunteers college-aged or older to act as naturalists on whale-watching trips and provide whale lectures at schools.

Beginning Oct. 2, Whalewatch training classes will be given in the John M. Olguin Auditorium at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. through the end of March. Upon successful completion of training, volunteers will be officially certified whale watchers to share information about gray whales and other marine life.

Beginning the day after Christmas, the volunteer naturalists will sign up for a schedule of whale-watching boats departing from local landings in Redondo

Beach, Long Beach and San Pedro, as well as on-site visits to school classrooms.

The Cabrillo Whalewatch program is co-sponsored by the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter. The Cabrillo Whalewatch volunteer training classes are free. The only requirements for volunteers are an interest in the ocean and whales, the desire to learn, and the ability to share their knowledge with others.

The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks with support from FRIENDS of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Information: Larry Fukuhara, Program Director, at (310) 548-7562 x223.

REC AND PARKS

Victorian Mourning

Banning Museum to host lecture on Victorian mourning.



als practiced by the American people during the Victorian era. There will be a question and answer session after the lecture along with a walk-through of the Museum's Victorian Mourning Exhibition. The Mourning Exhibition in the Museum runs Oct. 27 through Nov. 18.

Admission to the event is free for Friends of Banning Museum members and children under 12. Fee for non-members is \$5. Information: (310) 548-2005.

Friends of Banning Museum presents a lecture on "Victorian Mourning" Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Banning Museum, 401 East "M" St. in Wilmington. The lecture will start at 10 a.m. in the historic carriage barn.

The lecture will explore the social practices, superstitions, mourning attire, jewelry and ritu-

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a non-profit organization whose mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."

WPCCU

High-Level Volunteers Needed

Water and Power credit union looking for committee supervisors.

Water and Power Community Credit Union is looking for candidates who are interested in serving on WPCCU's Supervisory Committee. As a member, one of your main responsibilities would be to oversee and monitor the integrity and security of the credit union's financial health. A background in finance or accounting is helpful but is not a requirement. If you would like to learn more, contact Gerard Watson, (213) 367-8178.

History Comes *Alive!*

~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Hynda Rudd
City Archivist (Retired) and Club Member



Sister Cities

LA reaches out to the world through its quietly effective Sister Cities program.

From Hynda –

Dear Readers, please welcome this month's guest columnist, Eddy Feldman. He's a good friend, is an expert on Los Angeles and its past, and has written for *Alive!* before. I know you will enjoy his observations as much as I do.

– Hynda

By Eddy Feldman

Most of us don't usually have any impact on the relationships of our own country with any of the other countries on this planet. These relationships are usually initiated, developed and maintained by our nation's chief executive and his professional diplomats within the State and Defense and various other departments. As mere people – members of the community, rarely we do not have the opportunity to become involved in organized, sophisticated and positive ways directed to bringing about a more peaceful and fruitful society.

President Dwight D Eisenhower in 1956 sought to change this when he convened a White House conference on "citizen diplomacy" – that is, people-to-people contacts (with assistance from local governments) that encourage participants to promote peace through forming international partnerships that factor in economic development, cross-cultural exchange and global cooperation. Thus was born the sister cities movement, where a group of individuals in a city in the United States interested in these goals would strike up a meeting with a mirror image group in another country. However, in Los Angeles in spite of the 53 years of existence of the Sister Cities program, the benefits it produces are neither well known nor fully appreciated.

In 1959, the City of Los Angeles, with its wide diversity of population, numerous international contacts and ever-present energy, jumped aboard with Nagoya, Japan and Eilat, Israel as our first sister cities.

Avak Keotahian of the Chief Legislative Analyst's office described the selection process of a sister city in a 2006 memorandum:

"In selecting a sister city for Los Angeles, various criteria of suitability are used such as: similarities with Los Angeles (e.g., is there a harbor, are there economic and cultural exchange possibilities), the presence of a sizable community in Los Angeles of persons whose

original origin is in the proposed sister city, whether there is a dedicated group of persons willing to raise funds and work on the sister city program on a volunteer basis. Most importantly, it is necessary to determine that the proposed sister city already does not have a sister city relationship with any other city in the United States. Sister Cities International, the national organization which coordinates sister city programs, has a policy to not recognize, with rare exception, more than one sister city relationship between a foreign city and a city in the U.S. The City of Los Angeles also adheres to this policy."

Sister cities are established by City Council resolution. The programs for each sister city are operated by citizen committees whose appointments are confirmed by the City Council.

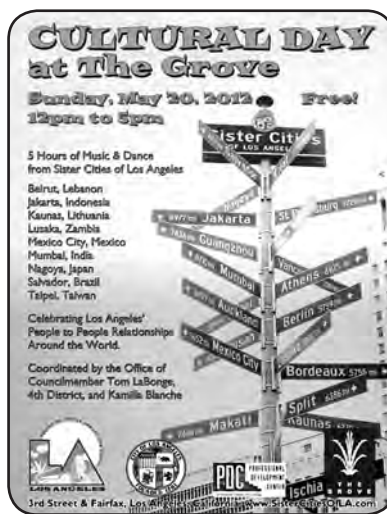
As the City of Los Angeles has so many sister cities currently (25 at last count) it is necessary to have a local coordinating body – in this case, Sister Cities of Los Angeles, Inc., which was incorporated in 1992. The Chairperson for many years and at present, is Fourth District Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, spearheads the City's Sister Cities program.

The City does not provide any funding for its Sister Cities Program other than annual dues paid to Sister Cities International. All sister city committees do their own fundraising. The sister cities are listed here:

- Athens, Greece (Feb. 10, 1984);
- Auckland, New Zealand (1971);
- Beirut, Lebanon (June 20, 2006);
- Berlin, Germany (June 27, 1967);
- Bordeaux, France (May 26, 1964);



A poster from last month's Sister Cities celebration at the Grove.

- Busan, South Korea (April 5, 1971);
- Eilat, Israel (June 18, 1959);
- Giza, Egypt (Nov. 21, 1989);
- Guangzhou, China (Dec. 6, 1981);
- Ischia, Italy (Nov. 8, 2006);
- Jakarta, Indonesia (Dec. 24, 1990);
- Kaunas, Lithuania (June 20, 1991);
- Lusaka, Zambia (May 7, 1968);
- Makati, Philippines (Jan. 28, 1992);
- Mexico City, Mexico (Dec. 11, 1969);
- Mumbai, India (June 1, 1972);
- Nagoya, Japan (March 31, 1959);
- St. Petersburg, Russia (Dec. 8, 1989);
- Salvador, Brazil (April 26, 1962);
- San Salvador, El Salvador (Jan. 26, 2005);
- Split, Croatia (June 9, 1993);
- Taipei, Taiwan (May 18, 1979);
- Tehran, Iran (May 26, 1972, suspended);
- Vancouver, Canada (June 23, 1986);
- Yerevan, Armenia (Feb. 23, 2007).
- There are also two Friendship Cities: Lodz, Poland, and London, U.K.

About the Author

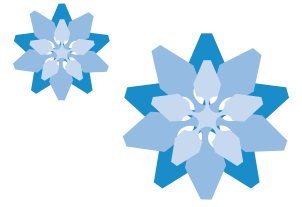
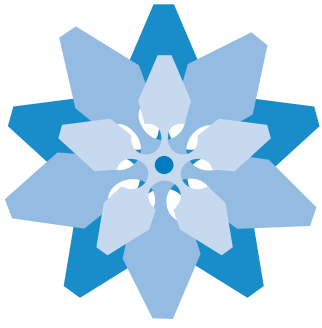
Eddy S. Feldman, 92, is a retired attorney in Los Angeles. He has been involved in many legal issues at the local, state and national levels. From 1947 to 1974, Eddy had managerial positions with the Furniture Manufacturers Association of California, becoming the Managing Director of what became the current Los Angeles Mart. From 1961 to 1975, Mr. Feldman served as member and president of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Arts Department Commissioners, precursor to the Cultural Affairs Department. He is a member of the Los Angeles City Historical Society and wrote the 1972 book, "The Art of Street Lighting in Los Angeles," which is still available (used) on Amazon.com



As might be expected, some of the committees are more active than others. Some, like Auckland, Beirut, Berlin, Bussan, Guangzhou and St. Petersburg, have their own Websites and carry on elaborate programs promoting international peace, trade and cultural exchange. Others have periodic celebrations that recall the pleasures (or pains) of the home country and raise funds to carry on the good work. Public officials of sister cities invariably visit City Hall in association with their sister cities committees and are especially recognized by the City Council. Technicians vital to governing are welcomed by their twinned cities' staffs as well as by their sister cities committees.

On Sept. 27, 2001, Sister Cities of Los Angeles held its annual Gala Celebration at the Gilmore Adobe at the Farmers Market at Third and Fairfax honoring the Consular Corps of Los Angeles and Stelle Feuers for her many years of leadership service to the organization. The latest annual Gala Celebration was held last month at the Farmer's Market. The event recognized several Sister City anniversaries – the 50th anniversary of the program with Salvador, Brazil; the 45th anniversaries with Busan, Korea, and Berlin, Germany; and the 40th anniversary with Mumbai, India.

In a recent interview, Councilman LaBonge expressed a personal reason for his enthusiasm in energizing our sister cities program: "Basically, I want people to be self-starters and figure it out themselves, and raise money and help expose other people to this program. You know, raise money to bring children, young adults here! Student exchanges! Professional exchanges! Help people, like we were helped. Somebody helped me when I was traveling in Europe 30 years ago, so I go out of my way to try to help somebody now."



Life's Important Moments



New Members

Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

Airports

Keith Bowers
Angela Cox
Tanya Lewis-Davis
Corey Schultheis

Building and Safety

Jenny Ayala

City Attorney

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Francis Seale

Rec & Parks

Rebecca Lara

Omar Martinez
Edward McAlister
Michael Botello
Ruth Buenafe
Paulina Darett
McKinsey Hadley
Georgina Munoz
Francisco Polk
John Wong

Transportation

Felicia Fair
William Halvenson
Krissey Huff
George Nocifore
Jesus Serrano
Victor Yang
Carolyn Spottsville
Kenny Welch

Retired

Reginald Jackson
Myrtle Jeffers
John Martinez

DWP

Nathan Emanuel
Walter Graffious
Jimmy Jaramillo
Francisco Meza
Rodolfo Ramirez
Paul Reina

Other

Alex Moran
Benny Acosta
Salvador Arredondo
Nader Aswad
Lionel Brady
Andrew Bravo
James Campbell
Juan Cardenas
Travis Carmona
Jason Contreras
Jose Cortez
Corey Crockerham
Wesley Crunk
Helen Daniels
Stan Deichen
Jose DeSantiago
Teofilo Esquivel
Shannon Glover
Isaac Gonzalez
Manuel Gutierrez
Gary Hardy
Ryan Harrison
Michael Heredia
Eric Hopkins
Justin Janes
Richard Ladnier
Wendell Lagarde, II
Matthew Lauro
Gabriel Lope
Mauricio Lopez

Andrew Lotfi
Abel Macias
Gwendolyn Martin
Dorothy Marzet
Roberto Meza
Jesus Montano
Florence Moreno
John Mosgrove
Morgan Myers III
Constantino Palmoutsos
Llonatan Quiros
Jesus Ramirez-Gonzalez
Jeremy Raphael
Alante Rawles
Alan Rawles Jr.
Paul Reyes
Eduardo Rios
Miguel Rodriguez
Jorge Rodriguez
Miguel Rojas
Martin Sanchez
Francisco Sanchez
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Jorge Suarez
Steve Taylor
Christina Todd
Tyrone Woods
Brian Ziliotto



Military

Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Special Achievements

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy

The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Insurance 101

Attention City Employees: October is Open Enrollment month for City Flex benefits! If you need to make any changes to your benefit election, contact City FLEX by the end of October.

Below is a list of insurance jargon you'll most likely run into when reviewing your coverage and hope it offers clarification to understanding your policies. A big factor in understanding your insurance coverage is to comprehend the lingo that insurance companies often use.

Premium: amount of money charged for your insurance coverage.

Insurance: a type of risks management used primarily to protect against the risk of an uncertain loss. Insurance is defined as the reasonable transfer of the risk of a loss from one entity to another, in exchange for payment.

Insurer is a company selling the insurance; the insured or policyholder, is the person buying the insurance policy for which an insurance policy is issued.

Beneficiary: the person who will receive the money or other benefits after the death of the insured. I always recommend a backup beneficiary – the contingent or secondary. For instance, many City Employees will list only one beneficiary such as their spouse or parent, so it's best to know that when you add a secondary beneficiary, benefits will be received only by the secondary if the primary beneficiary and the insured pass away together.

Claim: A formal request to an insurance company

asking for a payment based on the terms of the insurance policy.

Policy: A contract between the insurer and the insured, known as the policyholder.

Certificate of Coverage: this documents serves to provide evidence of your insurance policy. Typically, this document contains the specifications of the insurance policy.

Indemnity: to compensate or replace loss. In property and casualty contract, the objective is to restore an insured to the same financial position after the loss that he or she was in prior to the loss but the insured should not be able to profit by damage or destruction of property, nor should the insured be in a worse financial position after a loss. In life insurance the situation is totally different because the payment to the beneficiary of the insured can place the beneficiary to a much better financial position at the death of an insured than he or she was in prior to the death. Our Long Term Care policy pays a monthly indemnity so you receive the full amount of benefits you applied for, not the reimbursement amount.

Elimination Period: The time that must pass after filling a claim before policyholder can collect insurance benefits, also known as a waiting period.

Underwriting: A risk assessment handled by the insurance carrier usually done before the policy is issued. It's the process of identifying and classifying the degree of risk represented by a proposed insured. In my experience, I have seen insurance companies request the applicant's medical records dating back the past 10 years depending on the medical condition, and decisions can take weeks.

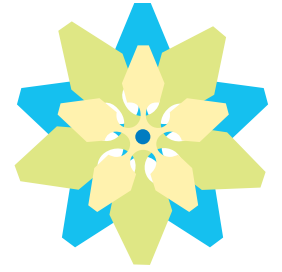
Rider: Not to be confused with a backseat driver – in the insurance world, this word identifies an add-on coverage purchased separately from the basic policy and provides additional benefits that can sometimes have additional costs. For instance, we allow riders on our Group Term Life insurance to add additional benefits to cover their dependents for life insurance, called a Dependent Life insurance rider.

If you would like further clarification on any terms I have covered or one that I have not identified, feel free to contact me via phone or email or swing by to say hello to me while you are getting your tickets at the Club Store.

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com



Share your moments!



Did you get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Weddings

Have a photo of a recent wedding? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Bryan Sarfaty and Cori Johnson, June 2 in Moorpark. Bryan graduated magna cum laude from Moorpark College and Cal State Los Angeles in criminal justice. Cori graduated from Moorpark College and Cal State Northridge in education. Bryan's stepmother is Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, LAPD/Communications. "Ron and I love them both very much and are extremely happy to have Cori join our family!"



Kurt and Allison Garcia, June 17 aboard the Queen Mary. Both work for the LAPD.



Jennifer Manjarrez and Chris Borden, July 14 at the Neighborhood Church in Palos Verdes, with a reception at Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro. They enjoyed a 12-day honeymoon in Spain.



Luis Manjarrez and Eduvigis Victor, Aug. 9 in Waikiki Beach, Hawaii. They continued their honeymoon in Hawaii.

Jennifer and Luis are two of the children of Vanessa Manjarrez, Executive Administrative Asst., Harbor.

Births

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Jasmine Kaitlyn Parra, born Aug. 17 to Armando and Janelle A. Parra in San Dimas. Both parents work for the DWP.



Jacob, born Aug. 10 to Jonathan and Monica Manjarrez. Jacob is the grandson of Vanessa Manjarrez, Executive Administrative Asst., Harbor.



Lamar Alexander Williams, born July 3. He's the son of Det. Martin Williams, LAPD/HBK Division, and Sally Najar-Williams. The photo was submitted by proud Uncle John Craig, PSR III, LAPD/Communications, and Nina Christina Craig, PSR II, LAPD/Communications. John and Nina are Club Members.

Graduations

Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Bryan Sarfaty graduated from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. Academy in May. He is completing his field training in Simi Valley and has a long career ahead of him. His stepmother is Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, LAPD/Communications, and Club Member. "Ron and I are very proud!"



Sonia Romero-Fuentes, Customer Service Representative, DWP, earned her Master's degree in business administration in June from the University of Phoenix. She says she owes her success in education to her loving family.



Denise Serrato graduated from Fordham University in New York City in May. She received her Master's degree in clinical social work. She was hired by a Catholic organization shortly before her actual graduation and plans to stay in New York for a couple of more years. Denise is the daughter of Rose Serrato, Sr. Property Officer, LAPD, and Andres Serrato Airports. Both are very proud parents.

In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

Active

Holloway, Erwin, Public Works, 28
Reyes, Victor, Rec and Parks, 4
Russo, Edmund, DWP, 30
Villanueva, Luis, Rec and Parks, 8

Retired

Arce, Rustico, Library, 13
Bauer, Donald, DWP, 21
Beasley, Mervyn, General Services, 27
Berry, Frank, Public Works, 21
Blake, Geraldine, DWP, 38
Bledsoe, Bennie, DWP, 31
Calish, Eugene, DWP, 34
Ceja, Paul, Public Works, 39

De La Rosa, Willie, DWP, 37
Diemer, William, CDD, 17
Ginsling, Sylvia, City Clerk, 13
Glass, Eardeal, Public Works, 40
Gordon, William, DWP, 36
Hall, Edward, DWP, 41
Jenkins, Stephen, Planning, 10
Kaminski, Alexander, Public Utilities and Transportation, 10
Kane, Millard, DWP, 25
King-Friedel, Mary, Transportation, 18
Klein, Gary, City Planning, 27
Letcher, Willis, Public Works, 9
Lewis, Willie, DWP, 26
McVicar, Darrell, DWP, 35

Mellow, Leonard, DWP, 28
Mendez, Gaspar, Rec and Parks, 13
Mills, Robert, Rec and Parks, 27
Moore, Jackie, General Services, 20
Morita, Yoshiye, Building and Safety, 31
Mosman, Donald, Harbor, 8
Nishida, Kazuo, Harbor, 15
O'Bard, James, Public Works, 37
Picascia, Ralph, General Services, 28
Pochmara, Linda, DWP, 25
Port, Arnold, General Services, 19
Puckett, Tillman, DWP, 33
Ruiz, Edmundo, Rec and Parks, 15
Samonte, Ramon, Airports, 10
Sanchez, Frank, LAPD, 27

Savage, James, DWP, 39
Sawdon, John, Public Works, 21
Segall, Bernard, DWP, 32
Standifer, William, DWP, 29
Starnes, John, DWP, 31
Stelmach, Theodore, Public Works, 26
Suda, Miwako, DWP, 39
Thompson, James, General Services, 30
Torquero, Florvivo, General Services, 29
Walker, Patricia, DWP, 39
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John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins,
Club CEO

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"The mother/daughter pair is my daughter's best friend, Lovelle, and her godchild, Nylah. Nylah is always sooooo serious, but mom, Lovelle, lovingly looks on as I'm encouraging her to smile for the camera. No luck!"

– **Cherlyn Harrison, DWP**

John's comment: What a cute photo! The look in Lovelle's eyes and the bewilderment in Nylah's is so enchanting! A one in a million shot, Cherlyn!



"Here's a hummingbird feeding in flight I captured around our house's backyard. This little cute bird is amazing. It can fly backward, sideways, up and down, and it hovers in midair like a helicopter. Photographing hummingbirds is a real challenge as they are small and very fast."

– **Hung Nguyen**

John's comment: Holy Toledo, what a beautiful photo – you captured its striking colors and beauty like none I've seen before. Amazing!



"This is a picture of my grandson, Jonah, zip-lining for the first time on the Fremont in downtown Las Vegas."

– **Charlie Garcia, Public Works**

John's comment: Where were zip lines when I was a kid?! Great shot, Charlie!



"'The Lone Cypress Tree.' This photo was taken this summer on our vacation in Monterey, Calif. The famous lone cypress tree is my favorite scenic viewpoint in 17-Mile Drive, Pebble Beach. This tree is more than 200 years old and has stood the test of time; it's very symbolic!"

– **Rhys Pilapil, DWP**

John's comment: What I like the most about this photo is the depth of field, or bokeh. The shrubbery in the foreground gives this a three-dimensional feel, and the decision to go with black and white adds a haunting element. A wonderful shot, Rhys!

"'More cheap tickets please!' My wife, Ann, places her monthly order for movie tickets."

– **Ken Kochakji, Retired, Transportation**

John's comment: Yes, more cheap tickets please... in fact, how about the cheapest in the City! Thanks, Ann, for this "Picture Perfect!"



RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, **please send the full, original digital file yourself**, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

Angel's *Be Alive!*

Bryce Canyon National Park – Utah

Hello again, everyone!

Wow, do we have an adventure for you this month! We traveled outside our Golden State, through the Silver State (Nevada), across the north tip of the Grand Canyon State (Arizona) and continued up to a gorgeous place named after a Mormon pioneer, Ebenezer Bryce. Do you know our destination yet? We went to Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah. This place is *amazing!* My wife, Cathy, and I always said, "When the boys are old enough we should go to Bryce Canyon." So, now that our boys are 11 and 9, it was a good time to go. The trip was absolutely worth the wait! Bryce Canyon became a national park in 1928. Small by National Park standards, the 56.2 square miles of Bryce Canyon National Park occupy the eastern edge of the Paunsaugunt Plateau in south-central Utah. The park is not a canyon. Rather, it is a spectacular series of more than a dozen amphitheaters, each of which is carved at least 1,000 feet into the limestone of the Paunsaugunt Plateau.

Day Hikes:

The easiest trail is the half-mile (one way) section of Rim Trail between Sunset and Sunrise Points. Other sections of the Rim Trail (which extends 5.5 miles between Fairyland and Bryce Points) have steeper terrain. The Fairyland Loop (8 miles round trip), Peekaboo Loop (4.8 or 5.5 miles round trip), Queen's Garden (1.7 miles round

trip) and Navajo Loop (1.5 miles round trip) trails wind down through the rock formations along steep grades. The Peekaboo Loop Trail also serves as a horse trail.

We stayed in Bryce Canyon for seven days. If you ever seen the movie *Cars*, that is what Bryce Canyon resembles. We began our first hike of the trip, Navajo/Queens Trail, the most popular trail recommended by a friendly Park Ranger. If you start at the Queen's site and hike down, it is gorgeous; however, when you get to the other side coming back up the Navajo side, you will be going up some very, very steep switchbacks, that was the most difficult section of the trail.

On the last day, we hiked this trail one more time, and this time we started on the Navajo side and walked down the switchbacks and back up on Queen's trail. That was so much easier. Nonetheless, there were amazing views either way. This place is breathtaking!

We rented ATVs right outside the Canyon and took a few hours riding in the area next to Bryce Canyon to see all of nature's beautiful trees and landscapes.

On another day, we took a horseback-riding tour for a half-day that we had set up in advance. We were given a short safety class and told not to be alarmed, that each horse was going to walk very close to the edge of the trail. The instructors joked and said this was so we could get a good look over the edge!

The tour used horses and mules; they were all very beautiful and well-kept animals. We loved the horses and

Bryce Canyon National Park

Highway 63
Bryce Canyon, Utah 84764
Coordinates: N37°34.99968,
W112°13.00188

Highlights: Spectacular views, hiking, horseback riding, and stargazing.

Programs/Activities: Park rangers and volunteers conduct interpretive activities, including hikes, walks, geology talks and evening slide programs from late spring through early fall. Check at the park visitor center or Bryce Canyon Lodge for daily schedules.

Food: There are only three or four places to eat, so make sure to stop by "The Pines."

Operating Hours: The park is open 24 hours every day of the year, although the Lodge is open April through October. There may be temporary road closures during and shortly after winter snowstorms until plowing is completed and conditions are safe for visitor traffic. Road maintenance may require brief closures of individual areas at other times.

Fees: \$25 per car (currently).

Other Local Attractions:

- 5 miles from scenic flights, helicopter and plane tours
- 10 miles from Grand Staircase-Escalante
- 87 miles from Zion National Park

Best Option:

Best Option: From Los Angeles take the 210, 10, or 60 east to 15 north toward and past Las Vegas. Continue going north; you will pass through Arizona. Continue north on 15 until exit 95 for UT-20 toward US 89 Panguitch/Circleville. Turn right onto UT-20 east, then turn right onto US-89 south. Turn left onto UT-12 east. Turn right onto UT-63 south. Bryce Canyon is located in south-central Utah, approximately 85 miles northeast of Zion National Park.



Angel Jr., Angel and Aden wait for the park shuttle by the visitor center.

mules. Everything was so relaxing; I felt bad for all the people hiking, but hey we already did our hiking. This was one of the best experiences on the trip.

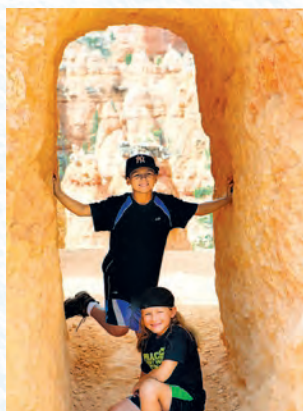
This was one of the best *Be Alive!* adventures to date. If you ever get a chance to visit Utah, I would recommend this area. Bryce Canyon rocked!

Of course, in a place this big with this much sun, always bring plenty of water, sunscreen and some snacks. Please send me your photos to agomez@cityemployeesclub.com

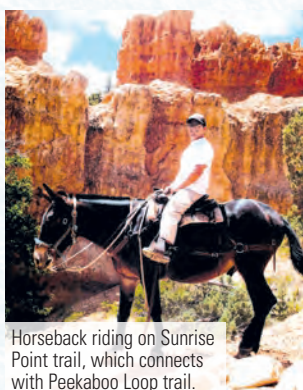
**As always, *Be Alive!*,
Angel**



Near the waterfall next to Mossy Cave off Highway 12 just north of Bryce Canyon National Park. From left: Angel Jr., Angel and Aden with Alive!



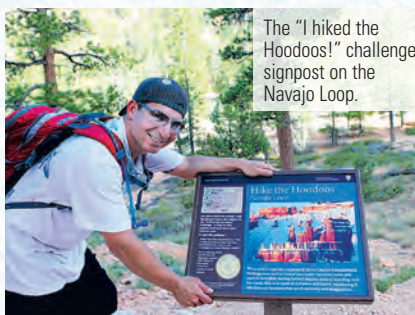
On the Fairyland Point trail, Angel Jr. and Aden enjoy some shade.



Horseback riding on Sunrise Point trail, which connects with Peekaboo Loop trail.



In front of National Park entrance, Kathy and Angel are enjoying the trip.



The "I hiked the Hoodoos!" challenge signpost on the Navajo Loop.



Riding an ATV just outside the park. Aden loves ATVs.



On the Queen's Garden trail, Aden, Kathy, and Angel Jr. In front of the Hoodoos.

Harbor Health Fair

Port aims to keep employees healthy by hosting fair.



From left: Edcon Lacuesta, Engineer, 12 years of City service, Club Member; and Marvin Nationalesta, with InterCoast College.



Irma Flores, Custodian, 3 years of City service; Elgin Norris, Equipment Mechanic, 18 years, Club Member; and Tracy Boehm, Gardener, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: Esperanza Martinez, Student Worker, 3 months of City service; and Phyllis Ninofranco, Clerk Typist, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Mimi Gutierrez, Civil Engineer, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Kathleen Brozee, with Young Living Company.



From left: Brian Correa, Civil Engineering Associate, 8 years of City service; Amando Parrero, Accounting Clerk, 26 years; and Marie Gutierrez, Risk and Insurance Assistant.



From left: Kevin Ferrell, Roofer, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Felix Santacruz, Roofer, 8 years, Club Member.



Peter Ouk, Construction Division, 19 years of City service.



Sgt. Robert Myers, Motor Unit, 23 years of City service, Club Member; and Jackie Aguilar, with Generation Wellness Company.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On Aug. 22, the Port of Los Angeles held its annual Health Fair for all employees. The event theme was, "I Love Living Healthy."

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., employees could participate in free health screenings, which included tests for measuring body fat, body mass, blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose levels, metabolic rates, and bone density. Dental, vision, and massage booths were also set up, offering information as well as relaxation. A free lunch of a chicken wrap, trail mix, and frozen yogurt was also provided.

The 2012 Harbor Health Fair came to a close with a silent raffle, where numerous door prizes including sporting goods, fitness gear, movie tickets, and gift cards were given away.



Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Port Police, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Sgt. Jonathan Octeau, Port Police, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Maj. Glenn Twardy, Port Police, 17 years, Club Member.



From left: Marco Sanchez, Civil Engineering Associate, 5 years of City service; and Francisco Zinkewich, Civil Engineering Associate, 1 year.



Long Nguyen, Civil Engineering Associate, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Monique Rodriguez, Professional Student Worker, 3 years of City service; Jisell Rodriguez, Professional Student Worker, 1 year.



From left: Denise Obrien, Clerk Typist, 7 years of City service; Valeska Calero, Accounting Clerk, 12 years, Club Member; and Renee Little, Executive Administrative Assistant, 34 years.



From left: The Club's Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor; Martin Chavez, Human Resources, 28 years of City service, Club Board Member; and the Club's Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services.



From left: Robel Afewerki, Civil Engineer, 20 years of City service, Club Member; with Elaine Ruggiero and Anise Goldfarb with Harbor Community Clinic.



From left: Eunice Lee, Engineer, 6 years of City service; and Phoebe Hoang, Engineer, 5 years.



From left: Dory Boyd, Maintenance and Construction Helper, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Delfin Octoman, Building Operating Engineer, 7 years, Club Member.



Steve Baker, Assistant Director, HR, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Phyllis Yogi, Sr. Management Analyst, 24 years, Club Member.

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HARBOR

Get Cracking!

Harbor hosts 13th annual Lobster Fest.



Story by Michael Anderson, Club Information Technology Manager; Photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

The creatures came ashore by the thousands, with giant claws and hard chitinous shells. The denizens of the Port of Los Angeles were overwhelmed. The only hope, the only thing that could save the LA Harbor were steam pots and lobster bibs, hot butter and coleslaw.

Port Police, LAFD, Transportation and Harbor employees were all at the scene to witness the carnage. Everywhere could be heard the cracking of red shells and the devouring of delectable tender lobster meat.

Thousands of Angelenos flocked to the Harbor on the weekend of September 14-16 for the 13th annual Lobster Festival to consume plentiful fresh lobster flown in directly from Maine. Surrounded by numerous musical acts, sword-swallowing pirates, Hawaiian dancers, vendors of all types and hungry patrons, the lobsters never stood a chance.

But beware, the hoard of sea monsters will return again next year. Your presence is necessary to safeguard our city. Come early to beat the traffic and find good parking.

Special thanks go to Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, for the recommendation to attend the Lobster Festival. Your name came up several times during the weekend; they love you at the Harbor!



From left: Batt. Chief Ray Gomez, LAFD, 34 years of City service, and Firefighter Doug Lewis, LAFD, 12 years.



From left: Officer Al Garcia, Port Police, 25 years of City service, Club Member, with Officer Justin Sepe, Port Police, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Regina Pacheco, Harbor, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Eunice Zordilla, Harbor, 7 years, Club Member; and Renee Decker, Harbor, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Jose Alvarez, Port Police Cycle Unit, 5 years of City service, Club Member, and Officer Aaron Smith, Port Police Cycle Unit, 5 years, Club Member.



Michael Anderson, the Club's Information Technology Manager, with a Lobster Fest pirate. Sorry Michael, no whip is needed to crack open the fresh lobsters, but thanks for contributing to the comical entertainment.



Doors open to Lobster Fest, and the horde enters the Port of LA.



From left: Andrew Benson, Harbor Events Coordinator, 18 years of City service, Club Member, with Officer Jose Alvarez, Port Police Cycle Unit, 5 years, Club Member.



Gerald Travens, LAFD, 37 years of City service with Lithe, a Hawaiian dancer.



Hawaiian dancers formed one of the many entertaining acts of the day.



At a lobster booth: Get your bib on and butter up!



From left: Officer Jane Chiapetta, Port Police, 7 years of City service, Club Member, with Officer Guillermo Lopez, Port Police, 5 years, Club Member.



Officer Andrew Sklarsh, Port Police K-9 unit, 3 years of City service, Club Member.



Officer Logan Braun, Port Police, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



Harbor Dept. information booth receives the visitors.



BY JEFF GELINEAU
Vice President of United Agencies,
The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner



Ten Minutes for Safety's Sake

Safety isn't very exciting. It's not something that you think about often, but when it comes time for an emergency, every minute you spend on home safety pays off. I would like to encourage you to spend 10 minutes right now and review the following.

Pick one, ten or all of the following, and do it right now! It won't be a waste of time!

- Test each smoke alarm in your home.
- Count how many smoke alarms you have in your house. If you do not have one on every level and near sleeping areas, purchase additional smoke alarms.
- Designate an outside meeting place for your family (for example: the mailbox) in case of a fire or emergency.
- Blow out candles before leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Store all matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Post your fire escape plan on your refrigerator.
- Post the Poison Control hotline number, (800) 222-1222, next to your phone.
- Move anything that can burn, such as dishtowels, at least three feet away from the stove.
- Schedule an appointment to have your furnace cleaned and inspected.
- Turn space heaters off before going to bed.
- Put a flashlight in each bedroom.
- Check your holiday decorations – keep breakable decorations out of reach of young children.
- Water your Christmas tree every day.
- Keep your Christmas tree at least three feet away from any heat source.
- Inspect your Christmas lights for signs of damage.
- Purchase a carbon monoxide detector for your home.
- Check www.recalls.gov to see if any items in your home (including cribs) have been recalled.
- Write down emergency contact information for your family and make sure everyone has these numbers.
- Use a fireplace screen.
- Put on safety glasses before any DIY project.

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- Put tools away after your DIY project is complete.
- Pick up one new thing for your family's emergency preparedness kit.
- Purchase a first aid kit.
- Check your home for too many plugs in one socket and fix the problem.
- Never leave food cooking unattended.
- Turn out the lights when you leave the room.
- Unplug appliances that aren't in use (especially in the kitchen).
- Take your hair dryer off of the bathroom counter and store it safely.
- Replace an old light bulb with a new energy-efficient option.
- Remove any extension cords that are pulled under rugs or tacked up.
- Place an escape ladder in an upstairs room that might not have an easy exit.
- Remove any painted furniture that is pre-1978 to avoid possible lead exposure.
- Clean the lint trap and hose on your dryer.
- Check your swing set for sharp edges or dangerous S-hooks.
- Take a tour of your home from your child's perspective looking for hazards.
- Move cribs away from windows.
- Test small toys for choking hazards – if it fits in a toilet paper roll, it's too small.
- Remove all plastic bags from the nursery.
- If you have toddlers, install a toilet seat lock.
- Use plastic instead of glass near the pool.
- Remove clutter from the stairs.
- Hold a family fire drill.

Be safe and have fun!

About United Agencies

United Agencies is the Club's partner in helping members with their home and auto insurance, and related products. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers, and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub. This website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

Have a question?

Is there something about insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me an email at jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

Employee Appreciation Day

Police Dept.'s Ahmanson Training Center honored employees and their families.



Officer Anthony Pack, 17 years of City service, with his son, Anthony, and daughter, Taylor.



Officer Erin Gabaldon, 14 years of City service, with son, Brady.



From left: Commander Stuart Maislin, Capt. Michelle Veenstra, Deputy Chief Terry Hara, and Capt. Martin Baeza presenting the 10-, 15-, and 20-year service pins.



From left: Jeanne Williams, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years of City service, Club Member, with her son, Braelan; and Freneshia Clark, Management Analyst II, 24 years, Club Member.



Monica Lewis, Clerk Typist, 28 years of City service, Club Member.



Alma Garcia, guest, with son, Nathan, showing off his fingerprints.



Officer Michael Tolmaire, 10 years of City service, with sons (from left) Trey, Jonah and Isaiah.



Officer III Mark Horton, with E.V.O.C., 21 years of City service, Club Member, with his son, Bryce.



Officer III Emilio Perez, 19 years of City service, with his daughter, Marilyn.



From left: Rosaelia Palacios, Clerk Typist, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Joy Cawthon, Sr. Clerk Typist Instructor, 9 years, Club Member; and Officer Rhonda Baychue, 24 years, Club Member.



Officer Rebecca Martinez, 7 years of City service, with her son, Anthony.



Officer Mel Hogg, Bomb K-9 Unit, 13 years of City service, Club Member; and Tomy, a K-9 bomb detector.



Firearms Officer Erin Fuller, 15 years of City service, with sons (from left) Josh and Cody.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On Aug. 9, employees of LAPD's Ahmanson Training Center were joined by their families and friends to celebrate Employee Appreciation Day.

Deputy Chief Hara was presented some of the instructors with 10-, 15-, or 20-year service pins.

The event, which lasted through the afternoon, was jam-packed with fun activities, including activities for the kids, an airship fly-over, a K-9 bomb demonstration, finger printing, and tours of the facility.

There were also numerous displays set up outside the facility, including a fit suit demonstration, historical police cars, mounted police, and a DJ playing upbeat tunes.

Breakfast and lunch were provided, and the kids and teenagers were given certificates and goody bags at the end of the day. The bags and some of the contents were donated by the Club. The recipients of service pins:

10-Year Pins:

- Officer III Tim Collins
- Officer III Ricky Santos

15-Year Pins:

- Sgt. Marie Fellhaur
- Officer III Steve Erickson
- Officer III Julio Flores
- Officer III Carla Ford
- Officer III Roger Forest
- Officer III Robert Loya
- Officer III Lance Nielsen
- Officer III Yvette Perrodin
- Officer III Ricky Santos
- Officer III Keith Spencer
- Officer III John Twine
- Officer III Maurice Winet
- Jeb Panyarjun, Management Assistant

20-Year Pins:

- Lt. Dana Berns
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- Sgt. II Andre Louis
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- Officer III Edward Espinoza
- Officer III Sterling Fields
- Officer III Mark Horton
- Officer III Claudia Martin
- Officer III Lance Nielson
- Officer III Daryl Ordone
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- Officer III Maurice Winet

What a successful Employee Appreciation Day! The Club congratulates all those receiving service pins.



Anna Ruiz, Clerk Typist, 30 years of City service, Club Member, with her daughter, Emily.



Det. Amira Smith, 15 years of City service, Club Member, with (from left) his son, Aidan, and daughter, Reily.



From left: Officer III Earl Wright, 24 years of City service, Club Member; Officer III Lisa Herman, 6 years; and Officer III Lloyd Johnson, 19 years.



Danielle Ramirez, Clerk Typist, 4 years of City service, with sons (from left) Daniel and Don Michael.



From left: Capt. Martin Baeza, 23 years of City service; Capt. Michelle Veenstra, 30 years, Club Member; and Commander Stuart Maislin, 33 years.

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SEEN Around Town

By Jennifer Shackelford
Club Application Coordinator



Cole's

There will always be an argument over the originator of the French Dip and over who does it best. Everyone has their tastes and favorites, so this article won't be about the food or the debate.

This is about Cole's itself, the oldest continuously operating restaurant and saloon in Los Angeles. Harry Cole established his restaurant in 1908 at the bottom of the Pacific Electric Building. At the time, this was the tallest building west of the Mississippi. It also housed the main terminal for the Pacific Electric Railway which eventually became the largest electric railway system in the world.

In 1933, when California lifted the ban on beer thus signaling the end of Prohibition, Cole's sold a record 19,000 gallons of beer on the first day! There are also stories about the infamous Mickey

Cohen, a gangster and bookie, who was a Cole's regular from the 1930's till his death in 1976, so you really are walking into history when you take a seat inside. The penny tiles, stain glass and expansive wood bar are shown off best by the warm soft light. It gives one a glimpse into what life may have looked like at the turn of the century.

Cole's was designated a Historical Landmark and a State Point of Historical Interest in 1974. After a million dollar restoration in 2008, it is still going strong.

So, no matter what side of the French Dip debate you fall on, one must agree, Cole's is a wonderful piece of DTLA history.

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Philippine Independence Day

Filipino Association, Council District 13 celebrate the festive holiday.

Photos by Club staff

In commemoration of the 114th anniversary of Philippine Independence, the Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) hosted a celebration in City Hall June 15.

The theme was *"Kalayaan: Pananagutan ng Bayan para sa Tuwid na Daan"* (Freedom, the Accountability of a Sovereign Nation of Responsible Citizenry).

Representatives of Council District 13 presented a resolution to Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, Philippine Consulate dignitaries, Los Angeles Filipino Association

of City Employees (LAFACE) representatives, Filipino elected officials, community leaders, and members of the community.

A reception and cultural presentation was then held in the City Hall forecourt, followed by a vendor's showcase.

LAFACE is the only Filipino-American employee organization in the City of Los Angeles. The association was formed in 1982 and represents more than 2,500 Filipino City Employees. One of the objectives of LAFACE is "to promote the economic, educational, social, and cultural advancement of Filipinos in the community."



The Barkada group from Cal Poly Pomona performs a Filipino fold dance.



Community leaders carry flags.



Tourism Director Annie Cuevas-Lim.



Antoinette Taus sings.



The Barkada group from Cal Poly Pomona dances "Tinikling."



Anthony Paul Mercado sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."



From left: Celebrities Antoinette Taus and Sheila Ferrari Ruesh hosted the event.



LAFACE President Cora Aragon Soriano speaks to the attendees.



LAFACE Board members give a gift to Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon.



LAFACE Board members give an award to Deputy Consul Dan Espiritu.



Philippine Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Jose Huizar, Jaime dela Vega, and Filipino community members.

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Disability Mentoring Day Students & Mentors

All City Departments are encouraged to participate!!



Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

• *In the cinema*

Hope Springs

Rated: PG

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a must-see movie for anyone in a relationship who feels like their life has become routine and is not going anywhere. The casting of Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones is so good it's indescribable; you have to see it to enjoy everyday life and situations lived in true form. Steve Carell is also fantastic.

You will miss the boat if you don't see this.

– Pat Saucier, Retired, DWP

Hope Springs

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones star as a married couple of 31 years whose marriage has become stale. They end up going into intensive therapy with Steve Carell to recapture their love and intimacy.

It was like watching a documentary on marriage counseling with the most boring couple ever. If it were not for the last couple of minutes of the movie, I would have rated it a 0! Not only do I not recommend you going to the movie theatre to see this, I don't even recommend you renting it when it comes out on video.

– Gail Seltzer, DWP

The Expendables 2

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The Expendables 2 looks to be the first sequel of many to come for this action-packed franchise. Returning are most of the original stars with a few veterans added like Chuck Norris and Jean-Claude Van Damme. Arnold Schwarzenegger also returns but with a bigger role. This time, the Expendables try to stop arms dealer, Jean Vilain (Van Damme), from selling Russian nuclear material to the highest bidder. Literally all hell breaks loose.

It's hard to criticize the dialogue and plot when the movie's intent was to show the biggest explosions, shoot and kill as many people as possible, and plug in humorous references to the main stars' previous roles. It's just a fun movie for all you hard-core action fans.

– Chuck Beas, DWP

The Bourne Legacy

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie in the series was a little long for me (2:15) and had some parts that seemed to drag, but the chase scene at the end made up for all of that! Jeremy Renner plays the main character. I still think Matt Damon was great in that role, but alas things change! It has a good story line, and great scenes and suspense, but they could have easily cut out a few minutes of this movie. Worth seeing!

– Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

Searching For Sugar Man

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This documentary examines the search for long lost 1970s Detroit musician Rodriguez, and in doing so explores his unlikely popularity in the country of South Africa. The search trail is long and windy, and the film humanizes a rock and roll legend who pursued an unglamorous life well outside of the glare of fame's spotlight. Rodriguez himself is not bitter or regretful, though, as he maintains a Zen approach to his day job as well as his rediscovery. This is a heartwarming, almost unbelievable film that is suspenseful and filled with good music.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

To Rome With Love

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Woody Allen's latest comedy is set in Rome and stars some of the brightest stars in film, including Penelope Cruz, Roberto Benigni, Jesse Eisenberg, Ellen Page and Woody, himself. The intertwining stories, however, are silly comic books, trite, pointless, and flat. The best part of the film is Rome. Picturesque, beautiful, and romantic, Rome is the backdrop for one of Allen's least impressive comedies, ever. My advice: Enjoy this movie as a travelogue. Turn off the sound (listen to an Italian CD as background), and enjoy the scenery. And forget that this is a Woody Allen movie.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Hyperdimension Neptunia Mk2

Rated M for Mature

My Score 4 (out of 5)

Hyperdimension Neptunia Mk2 is a decidedly Japanese role-playing game. That is not a bad thing, but it does limit the type of gamer who will like it. For those brave enough to try it out, though, it does resolve issues from the first game and even manages to make you chuckle and laugh as you play through this adventure. This new PSN release of the PS3 game is a bit more polished, but do not let the cutesy figures fool you – this is a mature game in every sense. This game is definitely not for the kiddies under 15.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Megan Recommends

Theatre recommended by Megan Evanich, Customer Service Associate at the Club Store



Dangerous Corner

J.B. Priestley

Mystery/musical,
Crown City Theatre Co.,
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Dangerous Corner is a new take on an older story, set in the 1960s. It incorporates some popular songs of the time, as well as some that are unique to the musical. This murder mystery uses a ghostly character playing the piano and singing to comment on the happenings of the play and ultimately tell the truth behind the story of his death. The story revolves around sordid affairs, lies, thieves, murder, and suicide, but is also full of laughs, songs, and a genuinely interesting storyline. Ultimately it pushes us to "let sleeping dogs lie"

because lives can be torn apart by the hidden truth.

Small musicals in LA are not always known for their talent, but the cast really shines in *Dangerous Corner*, under the direction of Gary Lamb (the co-artistic director at Crown City Theatre Company). It stars Seth Peterson (recurring/co-star, *Burn Notice*, *Providence*); Jordan Wall (series regular, *The Glades*; guest star, *Harry's Law*); Matthew J. Williamson; Cortes Alexander (Broadway, *Liza's at the Palace*); Libby Baker (costar, *Modern Family*); Carol Goans; Tara Bopp; and Rachel Amanda Bryant.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for senior citizens/students. Information/tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/271513

Book Reviews

Soulless (The Parasol Protectorate)

Gail Carriger

Supernatural/adult fiction,

384 pages

Orbit

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Soulless is a paranormal, Victorian, steam-punk, comedy romance. This mishmash of genres works surprisingly well. Alexia Trabotti has a particular trait that makes her deadly to vampires and werewolves, and it's not her sharp tongue, silver-tipped parasol or strict adherence to manners and etiquette. The characters in this book are very engaging, and the world – a Victorian London where vampires and werewolves are as common as dukes and ladies – is believable. I'm looking forward to the future adventures of Miss Trabotti and company.

– Jennifer Trinidad, LAPD

Criminal

Karin Slaughter

Mystery fiction, 448 pages

Random House

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

While investigating a missing college student, Will Trent, an agent from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, is suddenly taken off the case by deputy director Amanda Wagner. As Amanda and Will are working on other cases, they both stumble upon an abandoned orphanage that has old wounds for both, which took place 40 years ago.

For Amanda it brings back memories of her first investigation as a rookie with her former partner while investigating a brutal murder at the orphanage. And for Will it brings back memories when he was abandoned as a child while growing up at the orphanage.

There is a connection between the abduction of the college student and the murders of prostitutes in 1975, which Will must try to solve.

This suspenseful novel filled with deep dark secrets is a must read for Karin Slaughter fans.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Fireproof

Alex Kava

Thriller fiction,

320 pages

Knopf Doubleday

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Maggie O'Dell, FBI profiler, tries to help locate a serial arsonist setting fires in Washington, D.C. and leaving dead bodies along the way. Maggie tries to avoid Jeffrey Cole, the local reporter who is delving into her private life while reporting on the fires.

The local police believe the fires are being set by a young white male trying to let out his sexual aggression through arson. As Maggie's professional and private lives collide, she must try to find out when the arsonist will strike next before he causes more damage.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Three Weeks With My Brother

Nicholas Sparks and Micah Sparks

Travelogue/memoir,

368 pages

Grand Central

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I love, love this book! It's the best book Nicholas Sparks has ever written, in my opinion.

The book is about the two Sparks brothers taking a trip around the world and in recounting their travels; the reader is taken along for the ride. Between the travel stories, the authors interweave personal stories of them growing up. In sharing the stories, we see and appreciate the man Nicholas Sparks is today. This no-holds-barred memoir is what makes this book unique and well worth the read.

– Marilou Romney, LAPD

Video Gaming

• *Videogames online, rental or purchase*

Persona 4 Arena

Rated T for Teen

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Persona 4 Arena blends together the wonderful characters from the Atlus JRPG games *Persona 3* and *Persona 4* with the fighting game prowess of Arc System Works, which developed the *Guilty Gear* and *BlazBlue* series of games. Not surprisingly enough, the blend is actually a perfect fit into one another, and the fighting system in the game is spot-on. The game is definitely better played with an arcade fighting stick, but standard controllers work just as well. If you are a fan of the *Persona* series or the Arc System fighting games, give this one a go around.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



LINGUINE WITH SHRIMP, GARLIC AND ASPARAGUS

Italian cuisine is my favorite to make when I am home. It feels like home cooking.

When I have a little extra time, I will make homemade pasta instead of buying the dried pasta at the grocery store. It cooks much faster than dried pasta, so care must be taken not to overcook.

For this month, I have made a pasta dish here that doesn't include a tomato-based sauce. Extra virgin olive oil acts as the sauce in this dish, so if you can, get a quality bottle. Email me if you would like some suggestions on brands.

Lastly, although the ingredients and their quantities are listed, please view them as a recommendation. You are free to add more or less of any these ingredients. Some of you may want more shrimp or more olive oil. Italian cooking is all about improvisation, so experiment!

Linguine with Shrimp, Garlic and Asparagus

Serves 4 to 6

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 pound linguine pasta
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine (optional)
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 3 stalks asparagus
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 1/2 to 1 pound medium shrimp (peeled and deveined)
- Pinch of hot red pepper flakes

Cooking TIDBIT

Make sure the pasta is semolina; the ingredient tends to absorb water less than pasta that doesn't have it. Check the ingredients list on the pasta packaging.

[A Cook's Dictionary]



Linguine:

Italian for "little tongues," linguine are long, narrow, flat noodles sometimes referred to as "flat spaghetti."

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Food Quote

"I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'"

– Phyllis Diller

DIRECTIONS:



1 Prepare your ingredients. Wash the asparagus and shrimp. Grate the cheese, mince the garlic and devein the shrimp. Boil the water in a pot and add a tablespoon of olive oil, salt and pepper. Let the seasoned water come to a boil. Then add the linguine and let cook for about 10 to 15 minutes. Do not overcook.



3 Remove the water from the pasta with a strainer. And then add the cooked shrimp to the pan. Mix the ingredients and add more olive oil if the pasta begins to stick. Turn off the heat and let cool. Add Parmesan cheese and dried parsley at the top of the pasta that is on the plate.



2 Place another pan over medium heat and add the minced garlic, diced asparagus, red pepper flakes, shrimp, salt and pepper. Let cook until the shrimp and asparagus have cooked thoroughly. Add a lid to cover the pan to help with the cooking process. Stir occasionally.



4 Plate the pasta on the center of the plate and add some more Parmesan cheese and sprinkle the dried parsley around the plate.



5 Serve and enjoy!

REC AND PARKS

Copper Lace Lecture

Banning Museum hosts lecture on copper lace art.

A lecture on copper lace art is scheduled for Oct. 6 at the Banning Museum in Wilmington. The lecture will begin at 10 a.m.

A master lace maker from Bruges, Belgium will cover Belgian bobbin lace making. Guests will be allowed to examine samples displayed. Her creation of copper lace art includes wall hangings and sculptures. Her work will be in a forthcoming book and will later be in a museum. A question-and-answer session will follow with light refreshments served.

Admission to this event is \$5 and no RSVP is required. For more information about this event or the Banning Museum, call the Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005 or go to thebanningmuseum.org

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum. Friends of Banning Museum is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."

Banning Museum is at 401 E. 'M' St. in Wilmington.



PUBLIC WORKS

Toastmasters Win!

Bureau of Engineering Toastmasters Club hosts humor, evaluation contests.

Story and photos courtesy Pioneers Toastmasters

BOE Toastmaster Members Win Humor and Evaluation Contests.

On Aug. 29, the Public Works Pioneers Toastmaster Club held a humorous speech contest. Contestants included Yukari Iwai from Public Works/Sanitation and Dominic Buenaventura, Elliot Kim, and Warren Liu from Public Works/Engineering.

Yukari Iwai won the club contest with a very entertaining story about mixing up words and phrases in her native Japanese with English words and phrases. For instance, the English word "bimbo" in Japanese sounds like "poor," and the English word "psycho" in Japanese sounds like "the best." Dominic Buenaventura earned second place with a hilarious speech about a Filipino packing company named SBC, which stands for "is busy." Warren Liu explained why polar bears never eat penguins (hint: polar bears live at the North Pole and penguins live at the South Pole) and talked about friendship. He described an "accidental marriage" involving Koreans and Saudi Arabians.

In addition, on Aug. 22, the Pioneers Toastmaster Club held an evaluation (speech analysis) contest. Contestants included Yukari Iwai, Jim Quigley from Public Works/Street Lighting, and Dominic Buenaventura and Elliot Kim from Public Works/Engineering. Yukari Iwai won the club contest with a heartfelt and incisive critique of a speech given by club member Ivan Gerson of Public Works/Engineering. Dominic Buenaventura earned second place with his sincere and effective critique of Ivan Gerson's speech, an entertaining story about how an earthquake helped him

locate the headquarters of Satan and how Ivan became a salesman for a new 24-hour fitness club owned by the devil. All of the evaluation contestants enjoyed Ivan's speech content and delivery, but they also recommended that he make the speech a little longer and speak just a little more slowly.

Kari and Dominic will represent the Public Works Pioneers Club and move on to the Area D43 Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contests, which will be held at noon Sept. 25 in City Hall. Kari has decided to focus on the Area humor contest, which made it possible for Dominic to compete in the Area evaluation contest. Guests are encouraged to attend.

Join the Pioneer Toastmasters

Toastmasters International is a non-profit, worldwide organization that helps its members to develop their public speaking and leadership skills. It holds speech contests twice a year in various subjects. Contestants must compete and win at individual club levels before entering subsequently more challenging area-wide contests. The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club belongs to Area 43 of Division D in the Downtown Los Angeles area.

Isn't it time for you to visit your local Toastmasters club? The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club

meets each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. at 1149 S. Broadway in the sixth floor conference room 6004. Guests are welcome. Joining the club is inexpensive, educational and fun. If you have any questions concerning Toastmasters, contact Ivan Gerson at (213) 485-1169 or Dominic Buenaventura at (213) 847-0593.



Dominic Buenaventura,
Public Works/Engineering.



Yukari Iwai,
Public Works/Sanitation.

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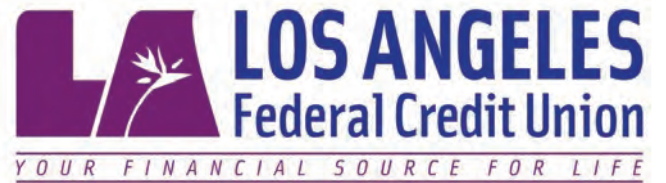
Credit Union Board Elections

**LAFCU seeks nominations to its board.
Deadline: Oct. 12.**

The Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFCU) annual meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 26, in its LA Mall Branch, 201 N. Los Angeles St. downtown. Up for election are Board

office numbers #1, #2 and #3 for three-year terms each. The officials currently holding these offices are: #1 Joe Quan; #2 Jerry Waggoner; and #3 Roslyn Carter-Phillips. If anyone qualifies (Nov. 26) to run against at least one incumbent, then ballots for the next Board of Directors election will be mailed to eligible LAFCU members Jan. 11.

The Board of Directors has the ultimate responsibility for the direction and continued solvency of LAFCU. At a minimum, the Directors meet monthly to evaluate the prior month's results and consider the credit union's future. Board office nominations can be made either by petition or by a nominating committee that is appointed by our Board Chairperson. If you are interested in being considered for nomination and are a LAFCU member, send a résumé of your qualifications to our nominating committee c/o LAFCU's President/CEO Oct. 12. Individuals not nominated who wish to run for a Board office may call the office of LAFCU's President/CEO at (877) 695-2328,



ext. 6309, and arrange to pick up a petition after Oct. 12. Each petitioner needs to secure at least 500 eligible signatures, which equals at least one percent of all individual LAFCU members as of August 2012. Original completed petitions must be returned to a LAFCU branch by 5 p.m. Nov. 26.

At their first meeting after the annual meeting, appointments will be made by the Board of Directors for three-year terms scheduled to expire on our Supervisory Committee (responsible for the internal auditing of LAFCU), and our Credit Committee (responsible for evaluating loan requests). Members interested in serving on either Committee must send a letter of application and information concerning any related experience to LAFCU, Attn: President/CEO, by March 10. Letters of application and résumés of applicants not selected will remain on file for two years for consideration if there is a vacancy. An important consideration and qualification for Board and Committee positions is the willingness to volunteer time to serve LAFCU and its members.



Annual LAFD Memorial Ceremony

Saturday,
Oct. 13, 2012
10:00 a.m.

Los Angeles Fire Museum &
Fallen Firefighters Memorial
1355 N. Cahuenga Blvd.
Hollywood, CA 90028





discount tickets available at LA City Employees Club

october movie releases

- FRANKENWEENIE (3D/IMAX) – 10/5
- SINISTER – 10/5
- TAKEN 2 – 10/5
- PITCH PERFECT – 10/5
- BUTTER – 10/5
- SEVEN PSYCHOPATHS – 10/12
- ARGO – 10/12
- HERE COMES THE BOOM – 10/12
- ALEX CROSS – 10/19
- PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4 – 10/19
- KILLING THEM SOFTLY – 10/19
- THE BIG WEDDING – 10/26
- SILENT HILL: REVELATION – 10/26
- FUN SIZE – 10/26
- CHASING MAVERICKS – 10/26
- CLOUD ATLAS – 10/26



CLUB CRUISE AUGUST 17, 2013

14-DAY CRUISE FJORDS, HIGHLANDS AND IRELAND

The City Employees Club brings you another Member Exclusive event. Set sail aboard Holland America's *ms Rotterdam* as it embarks off Rotterdam, Netherlands on a 14-day cruise across Northern Europe. Enjoy some of the most beautiful and breathtaking landscapes on this amazing Club cruise special.

Price Per Person

Room (Categories)	Reg Rates from	Club Rates from
Inside Room (L)	\$2,579	\$2,399
Ocean View (FF)	\$2,899	\$2,499
Lanai Stateroom (CA)	\$3,799	\$3,699
Verandah Suite (BB)	\$4,999	\$4,999

*3rd /4th guest sharing a cabin pay \$499
Government Fees are from \$254.27 per person
Air Transportation is additional*

Incentives Per Cabin

**Club Members
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(Must make a deposit before December 31, 2012 to get your \$1,000 credit)



For more information on this cruise, please contact our Club Travel Expert

Kristy Adler
Club Travel Expert
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kadler@cruiseandresort.com
Tel. - (888) 652-6400, ext. 101

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Theatre Tickets

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
AMC				
Restricted Tickets	\$13.50	\$6.25	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$13.50	\$7.75	X	= \$
Small Popcorn	\$5.50	\$3.25	X	= \$
Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.25	X	= \$
Movie Pack	\$35.00	\$24.50	X	= \$
<i>Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drink concession and 1 small popcorn concession.</i>				
California Science Center IMAX				
Adult	\$ 8.25	\$6.00	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$5.00	\$4.50	X	= \$
Cinemark Theatres				
Good Any Time	\$10.75	\$7.75	X	= \$
Galaxy Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.00	\$7.75	X	= \$
Harkins Movie Theatres				
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.25	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.75	X	= \$
Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.00	\$7.75	X	= \$
Laemmle Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.00	\$6.25	X	= \$
Landmark Theaters				
Good Any Time	\$12.50	\$8.25	X	= \$
<i>\$1.50 surcharge for use at West LA; \$2.50 for 3-D.</i>				
Pacific Theatres				
Restricted	\$12.50	\$6.25	X	= \$
<i>\$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight.</i>				
Gift Book	\$40.00	\$27.75	X	= \$
<i>2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks, 1 medium popcorn.</i>				
Rave Motion Pictures "Rave 18"				
Restricted Formerly "The Bridge"	\$14.00	\$6.25	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$14.00	\$7.75	X	= \$
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists				
Restricted	\$12.50	\$6.75	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$12.50	\$7.75	X	= \$
Regency Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.50	\$7.25	X	= \$
UltraStar Cinemas				
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$6.25	X	= \$
<i>Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.</i>				

Attraction Tickets

Adventure City				
Adult/Child	\$14.95	\$10.75	X	= \$
Aquarium of the Pacific				
Adult	\$24.95	\$17.25	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$12.95	\$10.25	X	= \$
<i>Expires 11/30/2012.</i>				
Boomer's Family Fun Centers				
All Day Pass	\$24.99	\$16.25	X	= \$
Catalina				
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult \$72.50	\$60.75	X	= \$
	Child \$57.00	\$51.25	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Not valid 5/26-28, 7/3-5, 9/1-3.</i>				
Cleopatra at the California Science Center				
Adult	\$19.75	\$15.00	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$12.75	\$12.75	X	= \$
<i>Child ticket not discounted, must redeem at the box office for timed ticket.</i>				
Davey's Locker				
Whale Watching	Adult \$30.00	\$21.00	X	= \$
	Child \$25.00	\$17.00	X	= \$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult \$40.00	\$30.25	X	= \$
	Child \$29.00	\$25.75	X	= \$
Sportfishing – Full Day	Adult \$69.00	\$56.25	X	= \$
	Child \$55.00	\$47.75	X	= \$
Disneyland/California Adventure				
1-Day 1-Park	Adult \$87.00	\$83.75	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$81.00	\$78.00	X	= \$
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$125.00	\$114.50	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$119.00	\$109.25	X	= \$
2-Day 1-Park	Adult \$170.00	\$158.50	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$158.00	\$147.25	X	= \$
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$200.00	\$180.25	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$188.00	\$169.50	X	= \$
SoCal Select Annual Passport	\$269.00	\$255.75	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 170 days.</i>				
SoCal Annual Passport	\$329.00	\$312.75	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 215 days.</i>				
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$469.00	\$445.75	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. Valid 315 days.</i>				
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking	\$649.00	\$616.75	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2013. No blackout dates.</i>				
Golf N' Stuff				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.25	X	= \$
All Park Pass: Ventura location	\$20.00	\$15.25	X	= \$
K1 Speed Racing				
Admit one	\$25.95	\$15.25	X	= \$
<i>This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day. Minimum height requirement 4'10".</i>				
Knott's Berry Farm				
1-Day	Adult \$57.99	\$31.25	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$28.99	\$22.25	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
Knott's Scary Farm: Sept 21 – October 31st				
Adult	\$60.00	\$35.25 – \$46.25	X	= \$
<i>See Club Website for complete list of dates and prices.</i>				
LA Zoo				
Adult	\$16.00	\$11.25	X	= \$
Child (2-12)	\$11.00	\$8.25	X	= \$
Legoland				
Adult	\$75.00	\$55.25	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$65.00	\$55.25	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Comes with 2nd day free to use within 90 days of 1st use.</i>				
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult \$95.00	\$65.25	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$85.00	\$65.25	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</i>				
Annual Pass	Adult \$179.00	\$169.50	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$149.00	\$139.50	X	= \$
<i>Available through our website only. Pass must be activated within 90 days of purchase. Expiration 1-year from activation.</i>				
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction				
Adult	\$25.00	\$12.25	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$18.00	\$10.25	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				

Only available online through our website as E-tickets

Attraction Tickets, continued

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	
Magic Mountain					
General Admission (3 and up)	\$61.99	\$36.99	X	= \$	
<i>Includes admission to Hallooween events. Expires 12/31/2012.</i>					
Medieval Times					
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.75	X	= \$	
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.75	X	= \$	
<i>Not valid 12/31/2012.</i>					
Mulligan's Family Fun Center					
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$23.99	\$16.75	X	= \$	
<i>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>					
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.25	X	= \$	
Pirates Dinner Adventure					
Adult	\$56.95	\$32.25	X	= \$	
Child	\$37.95	\$27.75	X	= \$	
Queen Mary					
Adult	\$24.95	\$20.25	X	= \$	
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$10.50	X	= \$	
San Diego Safari Park					
Adult	\$42.00	\$34.25	X	= \$	
Child (3-11)	\$32.00	\$26.00	X	= \$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$76.00	\$57.25	X	= \$	
	Child (3-11) \$56.00	\$42.25	X	= \$	
San Diego Zoo					
Adult	\$42.00	\$34.25	X	= \$	
Child (3-11)	\$32.00	\$26.00	X	= \$	
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$76.00	\$57.25	X	= \$	
	Child (3-11) \$56.00	\$42.25	X	= \$	
Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park					
Unlimited Wristband	\$18.95	\$13.00	X	= \$	
<i>Expires 9/3/2012.</i>					
Sea World San Diego					
1-Day	Adult \$73.00	\$58.25	X	= \$	
	Child (3-9) \$65.00	\$58.25	X	= \$	
<i>SeaWorld Price increase 10/15/2012. (Current pricing good until 10/14/2012.)</i>					
Speedzone					
3 Hour Unlimited Pass	\$49.99	\$25.25	X	= \$	
<i>Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf. Expires 1/25/2013.</i>					
Universal Halloween Haunt: Sept 21 – Oct 31st					
1-Day		\$45.00 – \$66.00	X	= \$	
<i>Available through website only.</i>					
Universal Studios					
Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free!					
	Adult/Child (under 48")	\$77.00	\$69.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>					

Gift Certificates

See's Candies				
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$16.90	\$12.75	X	= \$

Shipping & Handling

Tax (only applicable to all merchandise, not on tickets)		X	8.75%	= \$
Tickets: First Class Mail w/ Delivery Confirmation	\$2.99	x	1	= \$
Tickets: Certified Mail (requires a Signature upon Delivery)	\$4.99	x	1	= \$
Tickets: Priority Mail (2-3 Days)	\$7.00	x	1	= \$
Hats, Watches, Clothing, etc. (all merchandise)	\$7.50	(any quantity)		= \$

SUBTOTAL						\$
Merchandise						
ITEM:	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	
ITEM:	= \$					
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TOTAL (please include shipping)						\$

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Member's name		
Home Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Work Phone	
Club Member Number		

- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
- DO NOT SEND CASH – ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS.
- All checks and credit cards have to be issued by the member. Third party checks and credit cards will not be accepted.
- When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated.
- Tickets must be mailed to your home address.
- City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.
- For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.
- **Maximum 12 tickets per event/theatre/attraction per order.**
- Allow 3 to 7 days for delivery.



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 Saturday Nights in October
 5pm - 9pm
 Saturday Night Fireworks!

SAVE UP TO \$30
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All visits must be used before the ticket expiration date.

Discount tickets can be purchased at the LA City Employees Club (888) 777-1744.

LEGOLAND CALIFORNIA RESORT

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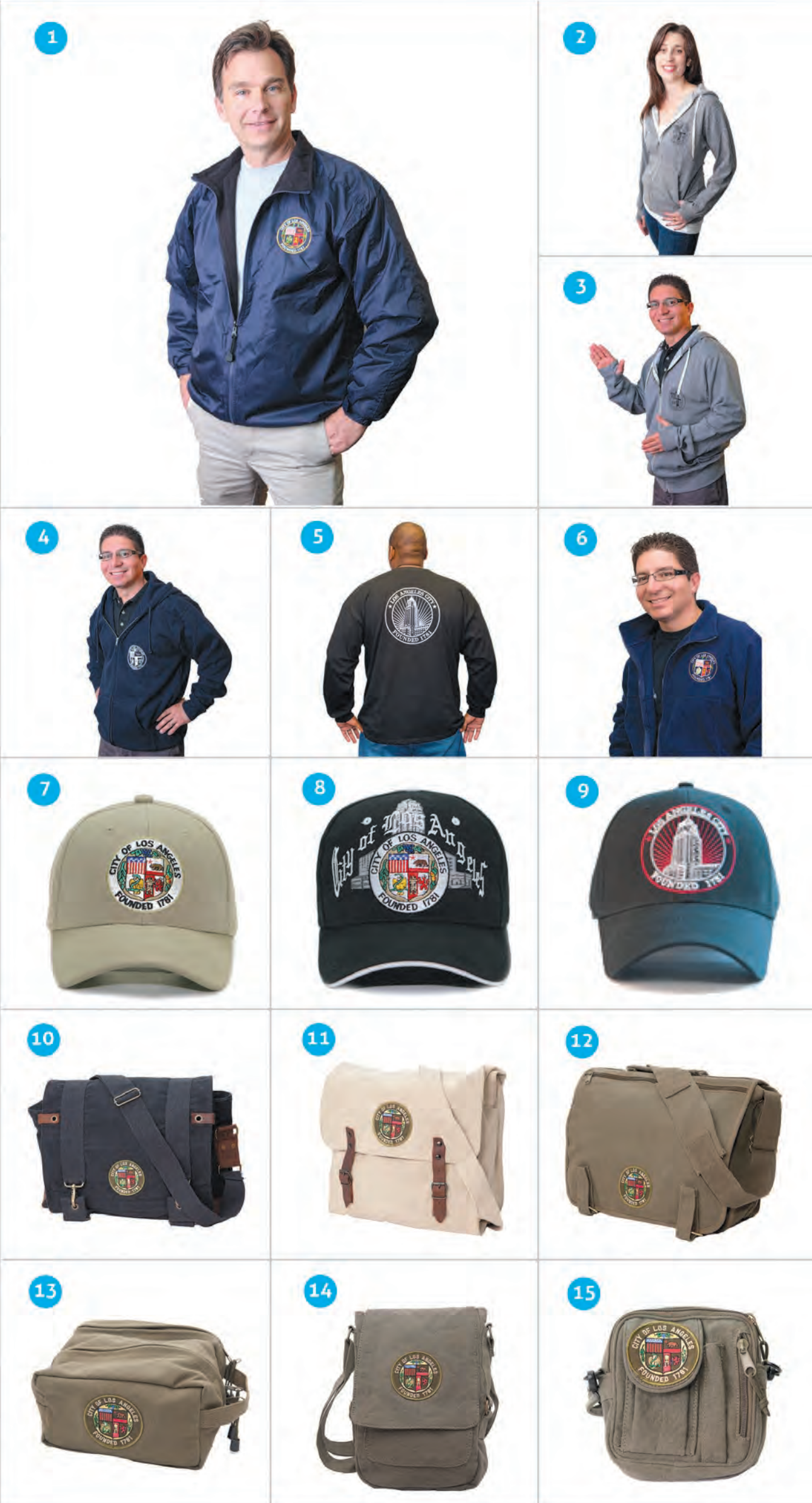
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OCTOBER Product Highlights

The Club Store provides a wide variety of products exclusive to City and DWP Employees.

More Cool Club Merchandise Available at the Club Store

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Available colors in Black, Charcoal, Navy with sizes from Small - XXX Large
\$58.50-Regular | **\$45 Member**
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\$45.50-Regular | **\$35 Member**
- 5 LA Hall One Color T-Shirt Long Sleeve**
(Available in Short Sleeves) More colors and sizes available at www.CityEmployeesClub.com
\$16-Regular | **\$12 Member**
- 6 City Seal Mens Fleece**
(Available colors and Black, Charcoal, Khaki, Navy with sizes in Small to XX Large.
\$45.50-Regular | **\$34.99 Member**
- 7 City Seal Cap**
One Size Fits All - Available colors in Black, Khaki, and Orange
\$11-Regular | **\$5 Member**
- 8 City Seal Cap with Script**
One Size Fits All - Available colors in Black, Khaki, Navy, and Orange
\$11-Regular | **\$5 Member**
- 9 LA Hall Cap**
One Size Fits All - Available colors in Black, Khaki, Navy, and Orange
\$10.40-Regular | **\$8 Member**
- 10 B-15 Pilot Messenger Bag**
Vintage Style Bags with available colors in Olive Drab, Khaki, and Black
\$64-Regular | **\$49 Member**
- 11 Medic Bag**
Vintage Style Bags with available colors in Khaki and Black
\$23-Regular | **\$17 Member**
- 12 Classic Messenger Bag**
Vintage Style Bags with additional colors selection at www.CityEmployeesClub.com
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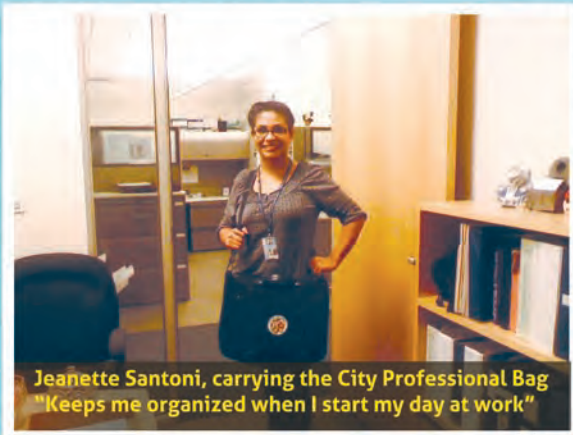


CLUB Action Shot WINNER!



Craig Bissett's 11 month old son, Lucas, wearing LA City Seal Embroidered Onesie

More Member Photo Submissions:



Jeanette Santoni, carrying the City Professional Bag "Keeps me organized when I start my day at work"



Maria Cruz sent in photo of volunteer Edwin Kim sporting City Seal Hoodie and City Seal Computer Bag



Club Members Christian Buado (CA State DMV), Carlos Gonzales (LAXPD), and Christian Costales striking a pose wearing LA City Employees Club's B-Label T-Shirts



YOU CAN STILL BE A WINNER!

Club Action Shot Contest continues through October! Enter your Club merchandise action shot to win a \$100 Target Gift Card!



WIN \$100 Target Gift Card

We want to see you or your family using Club Merchandise in your everyday life so much that we'll be giving away a \$100 Gift Card to Target for the BEST Club Action Shot Photo.

HERE'S HOW TO ENTER TO WIN:

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- 2 Email your photos to info@cityemployeesclub.com
- 3 Indicate your name, address, the product you are using, and a cool tagline of what you're doing with your Club product.

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