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Our Fire Dept. shines during the recent slew of alleged arsons. On the cover, an LAFD Firefighter helps puts down a blaze during the New Year holiday.

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A Message From the CEO

# A Blanket Statement: Club Members Care

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

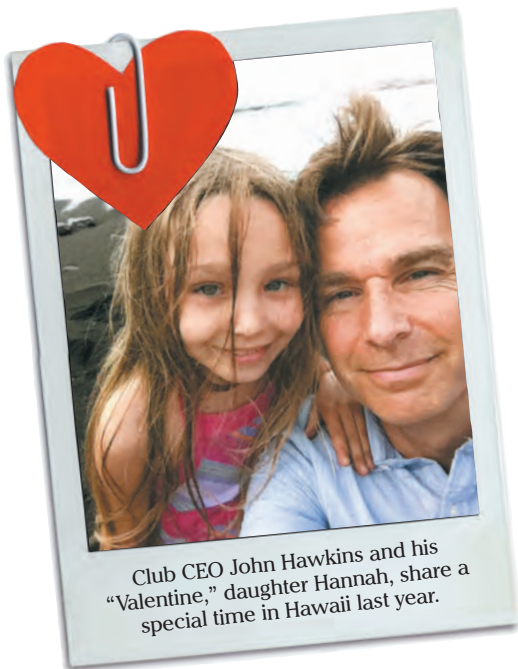
Thank you, thank you, thank you... for reminding me we live in a world where people care.

In last month's *Alive!*, when we first published the idea of helping keep our street residents warm over the winter – our "Blanket the City" project – we hoped you would respond, and help us. But we didn't know. You never can know for sure.

Well, respond you did. As of press time, we've received more than \$600 in donations, to go along with the amount the Club has also dedicated to this effort. That's just awesome, my friends. We're going to keep blanketing the City this month, and it will return next year to do it all over again.

We often hear that we live in an impersonal world, that we're too isolated in our own lives to let the plight of another get to us. But here we have real proof that it's not true. So, thank you again. It's an honor serving you, our Club Members.

And now, back to our regularly scheduled program! There's a lot going on in this month's issue of *Alive!* First there is one of my favorite features every year – the valentines! Have you sent yours in? Why not? Consider sending one in next year.



And speaking of valentines, I'm sure you saw there on the front page, the Club's awesome discount on See's Candy. We here at the Club know how much you love this benefit. Every year I hear from guys, "Oh no, not Valentine's Day. I forgot to get her something!" or "I'm out of ideas," or other excuses. I'm a guy, obviously, and I'm telling you, here's your chance to pick up a nice gift! Everybody loves See's Candy. C'mon, men, take care of business. Keep her happy! And you won't find See's Candy at a better price. We here at the Club are looking out for you, so take advantage.

Meanwhile... were you as impressed as I was, watching the news reports over the holidays about the unbelievable string of what the fire department is calling arsons? These were really destructive, but more impressive was how strongly the LAFD took action to protect us, to guard the City. You guys are heroes, for sure! Special thanks go to **Juan Guerra**, a photographer who contributes to *Alive!* from time to time, for capturing these photos of the intense firefighting that was going on. We're happy to bring you Juan's photos and feel like you're part of the action.

Do you know there are lots of ways to stay up-to-date with the Club's great deals, benefits and discounts? First, visit our Club Website ([www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)). Second, become a friend on Facebook (log onto Facebook, and search for City Employees Club). Finally, sign up for our e-newsletter. It contains hot and late-breaking specials that sometimes can sell out before they hit *Alive!* See the back page for details.

Enjoy your February, enjoy Valentine's Day, and smile a little bit, knowing that the world is a better place because of the Club, and the generosity of its Members.

**JOHN**

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— Barry Southall, June 2011

"The [claims] service was excellent because you were there for many questions in my time of need. Thank you so much. The book *[The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]* was a great deal of help, after the death of my loved one."  
— Jerlene Cheadle, April 2011


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— Felipe Alacar, April 2011

The Club provides "excellent services. Thank you for your heartfelt expression of sympathy. My family appreciates all the work you have done facilitating everything for us. The book *[The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]* made me cry. It reminds us that life is like a tree – it's very fragile, and at any moment we can go without notice from this earth."  
— Nenita Alacar, April 2011

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# Letters to the Editor

Tell us what you think! [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## LETTERS OF THE MONTH



### Club Members 'Blanket the City' With Support for This Project

"Blanket the City" is a beautiful idea. I shared this with my children when *Alive!* came to the house because I want them to know that seemingly small and passing thoughts can turn into wonderful things and touch a lot of people. They want to give too!

As always, I am awed by the City Club staff's creativity and imagination, and turning these fantastic concepts into reality.

– Terry Carter, LAPD, Club Board Member

Count me in. Where do I send my check? Thanks!

– Anonymous Club Member

I would like to make a contribution to your "Blanket the City" campaign. Please let me know where to send a check, how to make it out and so on. Thanks!

– Anonymous, Library Dept

I want to say thank you to the Club for helping the homeless during the cold nights in L.A. I am sending a check to help with this project. You are lighting a candle in a scary and dark world. Some people face an unimaginable challenge just living day to day. We need heroes like you because it gets us thinking about volunteering in our community.

Bravo.

– Wanda Lechlinski, Los Angeles

I have to confess that when I worked for the City I would see the homeless on the street, and I really was not moved because I saw it every day. I guess I became cold and cynical, but now I think differently. Some of these people could only be one paycheck away from having a warm place to stay and a hot meal. I feel ashamed of myself for not doing more, so you could say I am trying to make up for it through your efforts.

I don't mind if you print this. Maybe some City employee who feels the way I used to may rethink about donating.

Happy New Year!

– Anonymous Club Member

Thank you for sending me the information on how to contribute to the "Blanket the City" project. You should receive my check this week.

The interviews of the homeless people that you publish in *Alive!* do a great job of humanizing our homeless problem in a very personal and dignified manner. Each life story is interesting and unique, and the articles remind me to donate to our local shelters and try to help out in any way I can. I hope that my contribution to your project will help to bring some warmth and comfort to those who are out in the cold this winter.

– Erika Tiedge

*These Club Members all made a significant donation to the Club's "Blanket the City" project. Join the cause! See page 34. – Ed.*

### Lupe's Coloring Contest Gets Four Boys to Work Together

Thanks to Lupe Medina for such a wonderful idea [*the Club Coloring Contest, held every third month or so*]. I have four boys, and they all love Legoland. Over the holidays we all colored our drawings for your contest, and what fun it was. It was truly a blessing to have all four brothers sitting down and working on the same project (the teenager is still working on his!).

Thank you again!

– Christi Reusch

*You're welcome, Christi! Here's a shoutout to the great Lupe Medina, who coordinates each and every coloring contest along with her many other administrative duties at the Club. Feel free to drop by the Club Store and say hi. – Ed.*

## FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE Question OF THE MONTH

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

### What does the Super Bowl mean to you?



From left:  
 "The game, and the food."  
 – Raul Luevanos, Rec and Parks  
 "The food."  
 – John Ruiz, Rec and Parks  
 "The party."  
 – Eric Calhoun, Rec and Parks



"The commercials."  
 – Will Oka, Transportation



"The food."  
 – Claudia Martinez, Library



"Friends and food."  
 – Phillip Galindo, Rec and Parks



"It's a time for people to gather and let loose for their favorite team. A friendly rivalry."  
 – Ian Gray, Public Works



"The game."  
 – Johnny Avila, Gardener/Caretaker

"Commercials."  
 – Francisco Autran, Gardener/Caretaker



"It's more important to spend time with family and friends, enjoying good eats."  
 – Capt. Jorge Figueroa, Animal Services



"It's about the game!"  
 – Ron Moore, Safety Officer, Airports/Ontario



"The party."  
 – Jay Lopez, Transportation

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Note: The Club Store will be closed Feb. 20 in honor of President's Day.

Contact Your United Agencies Reps (888) 801-5522

Rosa Calderon, Personal Insurance Agent

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# LAFD



North Hollywood, Dec. 31, 2011



North Hollywood, Dec. 31, 2011



Sun Valley, Dec. 31, 2011



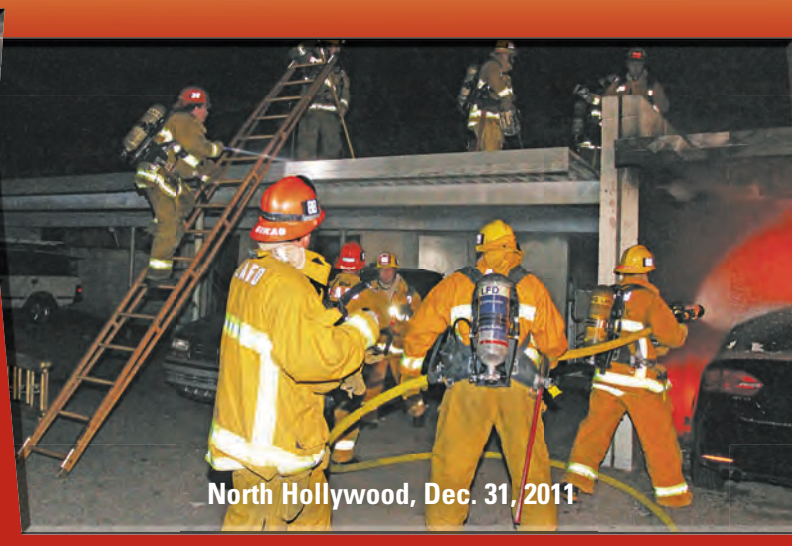
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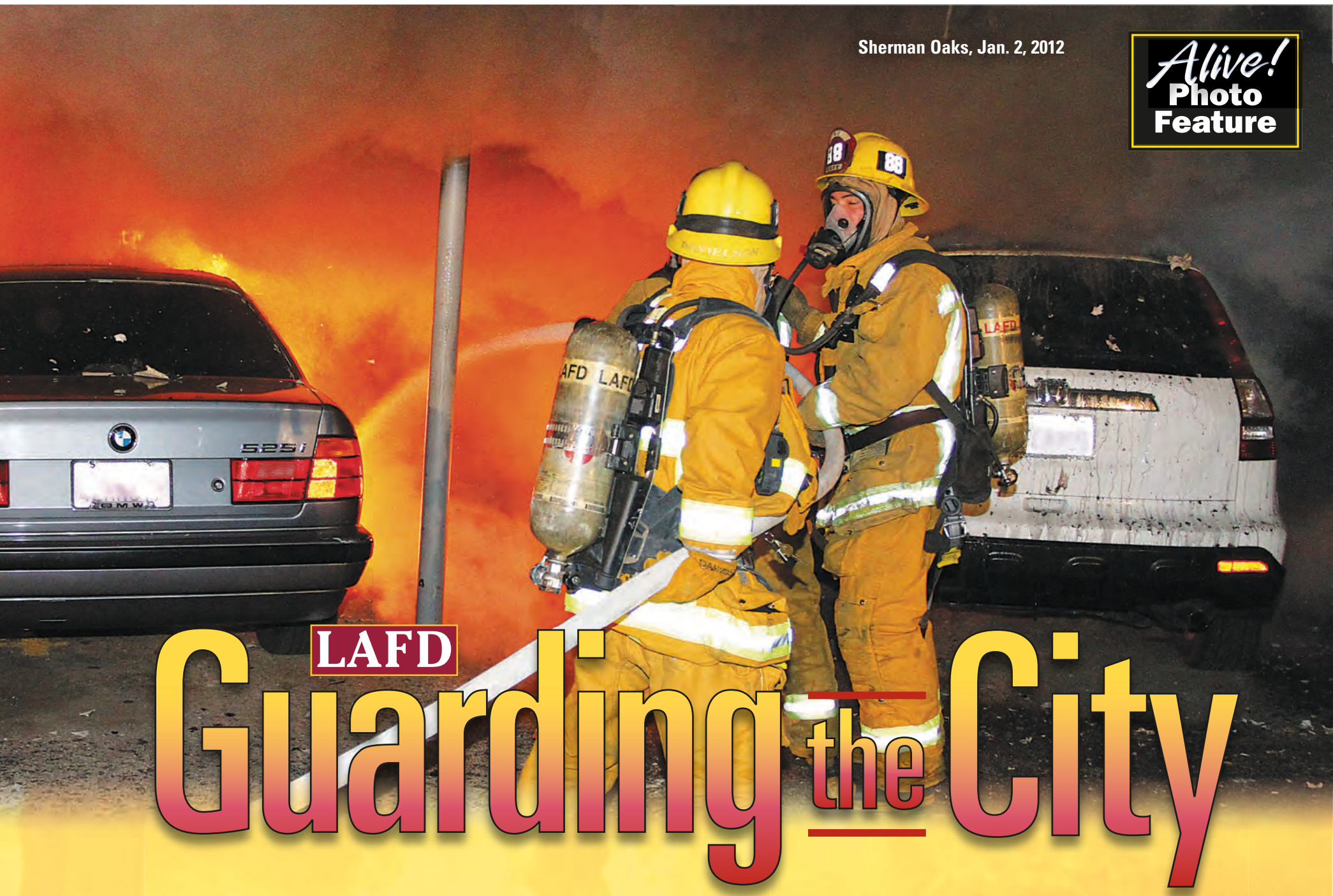
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Sherman Oaks, Jan. 2, 2012

Sherman Oaks, Jan. 2, 2012

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# LAFD Guarding the City

■ The LAFD shines during the recent slew of alleged arsons.

*Photos by Juan Guerra*

When a string of odd fires turned into what seemed like an intentional onslaught, the LAFD got busy and put them down. The more the fires came – some 52, according to the LAFD, over just a few days on and around New Year’s Day – the more the Fire Dept. responded.

Arson investigators worked around the clock to find the cause and stop the string.

The work of the investigators culminated in the arrest of a suspect in the early morning hours of Jan. 2. The case against him is continuing at press time.

Meanwhile, the Firefighters were heroes, scrambling to extinguish the fires and minimize the damage. There were no fatalities.

The aftermath of the Hollywood area arson fires continues to tax 19 Investigators from the LAFD Arson/Counter-Terrorism Section, according to LAFD spokesman Brian Humphrey.

**Details**

During the early morning hours of Dec. 30, a series of 17 car/structure fires developed; five in West Hollywood and 12 in Hollywood. Following

this series of fires, a Joint Arson Task Force comprised of the LAFD, LAPD, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, the District Attorney’s Office, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was assembled.

In the early evening hours of that same day, and through the early morning hours of Dec. 31, 16 additional vehicle/structure fires occurred; four in Hollywood, 11 in North Hollywood, and one in Sunland. An additional car fire occurred in Burbank.

That evening, eight additional car/structure fires occurred: six in Hollywood and two in West Hollywood.

During the early morning hours of Jan. 2, 11 additional car/structure fires occurred; two in West Hollywood, two in Hollywood, and seven in North Hollywood.

This string of fires has resulted in one firefighter and one citizen injury; there have been no fatalities to date.

The entire City Employees Club thanks the men and women of the LAFD and the other agencies that worked diligently to keep us safe.

**Chief Brian L. Cummings commented:**



Chief Brian L. Cummings

“First and foremost I would like to thank the men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department and also the members of our allied Command who worked tirelessly alongside us. But most importantly I would like to thank the people of Los Angeles for giving us the team, tools and training to get the job done.

“Your firefighters minimized the impact that these horrendous acts had on our community through their coordinated efforts at the scene of 52 separate fires over a four-day period. The valiant efforts of your firefighters limited the loss to less than \$3 million and ultimately prevented the loss of a single life.

“From the very first fire on Dec. 30, when we first determined what we were facing, the Los Angeles Fire Department along with the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff’s Department, the District Attorney’s Office and Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives began working around the clock to apprehend this arsonist and insure the safety of our community. We are grateful for the trust and support of the public.”



North Hollywood, Dec. 31, 2011



Hollywood Hills, Jan. 2, 2012



North Hollywood, Dec. 31, 2011



# CLUB SPORTS

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

## CLUB LEAGUES:

### Softball

The next coed softball season begins in July. Now is a good time to think about forming your team. Meet new friends or play against your buddy from the other department. This is one of the most unique leagues for its sponsorship. The Club pays for team jerseys, umpire fees, and trophies. This adds up to a wallet size of dollars saved. Contact the Sports Dude at [sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com), or (800) 464-0452.

### Basketball

The current Club Basketball League is coming to a close. Check the Club Website for the complete schedule and standings.

### Running

Please contact the Sports Dude or visit the Club Website for more information on races.

# Club Soccer: Kickin' It!

■ The Club begins a new soccer league. Get in on the action!

Interested in playing soccer? Do you have a group of players that wants to play?

The Club is looking to open a coed league — five men with two women per team. It will be seven players versus seven in this league.

Rec and Parks/Municipal Sports has the following fields available (these are options; the Club won't be using all these parks at once, at least not for now):

- **Griffith Park Soccer Field**  
3401 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027
- **Rio De Los Angeles State Park**  
1900 N. San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90065
- **Salesian High School**  
960 S. Soto St., Los Angeles, CA 90023
- **Hansen Dam Recreation Center**  
11770 Foothill Blvd., San Fernando, CA 91340 (upper fields/field No. 3. Enter on the Foothill Boulevard side of the Recreation Center)
- **Mar Vista Recreation Center**  
11430 Woodbine Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066
- **John Ferraro Soccer Complex**  
(near the L.A. Zoo in Griffith Park)



Games will be played on Monday nights – games are tentatively scheduled to start on April 2.

The Club will pay for jerseys and referee fees for each game played.

There will be media coverage, trophies and food at the championship game.

As always, players must be Club Members, or must join the Club to participate. Contact the Sports Dude at [sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com), or (800) 464-0452.

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AIRPORTS

# New Officers

Airport Police welcomes two new officers.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member;  
Photo by Officer Darius Lewis

Two police recruits joined the ranks of the Airport Police on Dec. 30 following their graduation from the LAPD Academy at Elysian Park.

The new officers are Juan Arellano and Jimmy Mercado, both from academy class 7-11 led by Airport Police Drill Instructor Adela Lopez. Lopez has been solely assigned to the Los Angeles Police Department Academy since early 2010. This is the second class under her leadership since her appointment and her first class with Airport Police graduates.

Arellano was selected class vice president by his academy peers and was also voted as top recruit for academics. Mercado was voted top

recruit in physical training.

Both officers were sworn in by (then) Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno after the graduation ceremony. Chief Centeno said, "I am very proud to be a part of ensuring the continuation of this very honorable profession by swearing in these two new police officers. This is a day they will remember forever." This was the last graduation ceremony for Chief Centeno, pending his retirement in late February. Attendees of the ceremony included Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security Arif Alikhan, Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Capt. Carolyn Smith, Lt. Mario Patrick, Sgts. Daniel Romo and Loretta Jones, and a host of other Airport Police personnel.



From left: Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno, Officers Juan Arellano and Jimmy Mercado, and Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security Arif Alikhan.

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# REST INSURED



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

## Gone With the Wind

We don't get much "weather" in Southern California, so the media always makes a big deal of what we do get. Therefore, we tend to get a bit jaded by seeing newscasters reporting live about "Storm Watch 2012" while standing next to a large puddle on the corner of Reseda and Burbank Boulevards.

But if you live in the San Gabriel Valley, the windstorms that hit this year were really big news.

Buildings were blown apart, power was disrupted and more than \$50 million of damage was caused. Some neighborhoods were hit especially hard, and many people went for days without any electricity.

### Some of the questions that we received were:

*Am I covered if a tree falls on my roof during a storm?*

Yes, you are covered. Your homeowners policy covers damages to the roof and the removal of the tree.

*During a storm, a tree falls but does no damage to my property. Am I covered for the cost of removing the tree?*

Shrubs and trees are covered for losses due to vandalism, theft, and fire. However wind damage to trees is not covered in homeowners policies. It will be your responsibility to remove the tree. The cost to remove the debris is covered by your policy, but it is subject to your deductible, which is usually more than the cost of the removal.

*What if the tree falls onto my neighbor's yard and damages their house or car?*  
Your homeowners policy provides liability

coverage for any property damage (or bodily injury) that you are responsible for. If a tree (or any item) comes from your yard into your neighbor's yard and causes any damage, you would be covered by your homeowners policy.

*What happens if a falling tree damages the fence between my neighbor and myself?*

While fences make for good neighbors, they do not make for good insurance claims. Most homeowners are surprised to find out that your insurance policy covers only 50 percent of the fence between you and your neighbor. The logic is simple: You are both equally responsible for the fence.

Fifty-fifty. This can cause some grief, especially if you pay for 100 percent of the repairs to the fence. But this is tried and true common law, and your homeowners policy follows the law.

*Can I make a claim if my power goes off during a storm and all the food*

*in my refrigerator or freezer is spoiled?*

Most likely no, but some insurance companies have exceptions. Some special homeowner policies do cover spoiled food. If your policy doesn't, you can add food spoilage coverage for an additional premium.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about what we can do for you, would like to know what it would cost to buy your insurance through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

Or stop by the Club Store on Thursdays and meet our staff in person and get a free quote for your homeowners or auto insurance.



## Be safe and have fun!

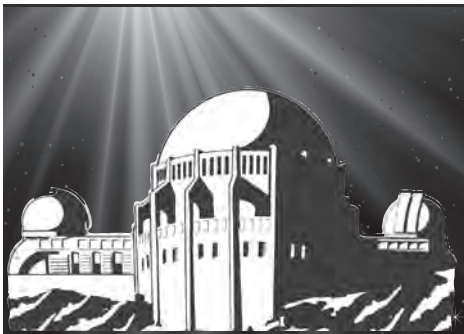
### About United Agencies

United Agencies is the Club's partner 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](http://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](mailto:jgelineau@unitedagencies.com), and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.



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Feb. 25:

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Information:

[www.griffithobservatory.org/pstarparties.html](http://www.griffithobservatory.org/pstarparties.html)

### GENERAL SERVICES

## Farewell

Coworkers host farewell event for Custodian Supervisor Erving.



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

Custodial staff gathered Nov. 18 at City Hall to wish Sr. Custodian Supervisor Takeishir Erving farewell. Takeishir has transferred to Airports and will be missed by her fellow colleagues. Her co-workers put together a grand feast and enjoyed their last day with some music.

Takeishir will be missed, and the Club wishes her success in her future endeavors!

Thanks to Alma Mayes, General Services, for her assistance.



From left: Sanjuana DeLatorre, Custodian, Club Member, 4 years of City service; Josefina Raya, Custodian, Club Member, 6 years; Takeishir Erving, Sr. Supervisor Custodian, Club Member, 7 years; Maria Rodriguez, Custodian, 10 years; Edith Arnold, Custodian, Club Member, 10 years; Iris Matheny, Custodian, Club Member, 10 years; and Alma Mayes, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member, 12 years.



From left: Arturo Campa, Custodian, Club Member, 7 years of City service; Clinston Thompson, Custodian, Club Member, 10 years; Ron Hardie, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member, 22 years; Pablo Colmenares, Custodian, Club Member; and Milton Harrell, Head Custodian Supervisor, Club Member, 14 years.



Ms. Alma Mayes Team.



Edith Arnold, Custodian, Club Member, 10 years of City service; and Takeishir Erving, Sr. Supervisor Custodian, Club Member, 7 years.

### GENERAL SERVICES

## Cook's Just Desserts

David Cook retires from General Services after 22 years of City service.



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

At 82 years old, David Cook is retiring.

On Dec. 2, custodial staff gathered to wish David "Mr." Cook a farewell. The event took place in Van Nuys.

David Cook made many friends throughout his 22-year career with the City. He started in the Civic Center and retired from the North District.

You can tell he takes pride in his work and enjoys completing his daily duties. David Cook loves everything associated with cowboys and considers himself to be one. He enjoys activities like Oktoberfest and looks forward to spending time painting and singing Karaoke now that he is retired.

Congratulations to Mr. Cook. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

Special thanks to Jarmine Bailey, Club Member, for assisting us.



From left: Jarmine Bailey, Custodial Supervisor, Club Member; Retiree David Cook, Custodian, 22 years of City service; and Dan Ortiz, Head Custodian Supervisor, Club Member.



From left: David Cook, Custodian, 22 years of City service, with his driver, George Alcaraz.



Retiree David Cook, Custodian, 22 years, displays his certificate of commendatory resolution; and Loretta Quenon, Director of Custodial, Club Member.



From left: Larry Blackman, Custodian, Club Member, 5 years of City service; William Keogh, Building Maintenance, Club Member, 8 years; James Hinton, Custodian, Club Member, 14 years; Alphonso Word, Sr. Supervisor, Club Member, 15 years; Clarence Brumfield, Sr. Supervisor, Club Member, 24 years; Rene Herrera, Custodian, Club Member, 8 years; and (seated) David "Mr." Cook, Custodian, 22 years.



Chef Larios and the Far Bar's Don Tahara in front of the Far Bar in Little Tokyo downtown.

**NEW  
Club  
Benefit!**

# Have an Appetizer On Us!

**Club's Discount King arranges for a free appetizer deal at Far Bar downtown. Dig in!**

*Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing*

Attention all Club Members who are downtown: Welcome to the coolest new Club benefit – a free appetizer (see restrictions) at a trendy restaurant downtown.

The restaurant is the Far Bar, 347 E. First St. in downtown's historic Little Tokyo district.

"This building has a historic tie to the City of LA," said Don Tahara, owner of the Far Bar. The building housing the restaurant opened in the early 1900s and has hosted a number of culturally significant establishments. The neon sign on the outside of the Far Bar – "Chop Suey" – is of historical significance, and the building is a National Historic Building.

"Historically, many City Employees came here for lunch and dinner over the years. We want to re-introduce our restaurant to City Employees.

They can come here and capture its historical significance."

"We're two blocks from City Hall, and near the Police Dept.'s new building," Don continued. "It's very convenient. Little Tokyo is one of the focal points for the Civic Center. And we do have a fine menu of Pan-Asian foods here. We have a bar with a rotating menu of 30 to 35 beers daily, including one of the largest collections of Japanese craft beers.

"It's a good place for City Employees to come after work and enjoy."

The Far Bar and the Club are partnering to bring you this special deal – an appetizer combo of Ming's Wings and Wasabi Fries. The coupon in this issue of *Alive!* is redeemable after 3 p.m. every day, and it expires Feb. 29. **See page 44.**

So don't wait!

## CLUB BENEFIT



**The Far Bar  
347 E. First St.,  
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## NEWS BRIEF

### THREE PORT PRIZES:

On Dec. 14, the Port of Los Angeles has earned three prestigious engineering and design awards for Wilmington Waterfront Park, a 30-acre green space that has become a community icon since opening in June.

The Port received the 2011 Project of the Year Award by the Southern California Chapter of the American Works Association (APWA). The Port, along with consultant team Sasaki Associates, Inc., also received the 2011 Best Project Award in the Landscaping/Urban Planning category by *Engineering News-Record (ENR) California* magazine.

In addition, the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) has announced it will honor the Port of Los Angeles and Sasaki Associates, Inc. with the 2012 Merit Award in Engineering Excellence.

"These three prestigious awards from such highly respected organizations is a testament to the effort by both the Port and Sasaki Associates to design a world-class urban park," said Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the many Wilmington residents who led the effort to build a park the community would cherish for generations. Together, we have succeeded."

Wilmington Waterfront Park is designed to serve as a buffer between Port operations and adjacent residences. The park's 16-foot high slope along the south border serves as a noise barrier and offers elevated views of the Port from a new El Paseo Promenade.

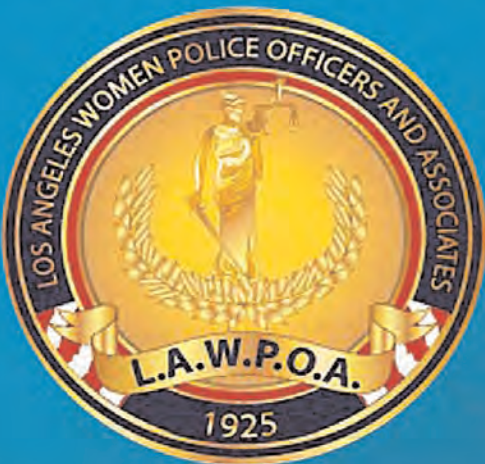
The park is a 30-acre landscaped area with gentle slopes, lawns (grass and artificial), trees, bike paths, walkways, benches, water features, pedestrian bridges, restrooms, elevated observation points, a public events plaza, children's playground, barbecues, and a picnic grove.

Construction of the park began in 2009 and was completed last June at a cost of \$55 million.

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American Public Works Association (APWA) is the professional association of Public Works leaders throughout the United States and Canada. The Southern California Chapter covers Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, and there are more than 1,400 members in the chapter. The chapter's awards program recognizes public agencies for their outstanding projects and programs, and shares the wealth of good ideas. For more information, visit [www.southernca.apwa.net](http://www.southernca.apwa.net).

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# BE MY CLUB



# Valentine

Love is in the air at the Club! Thanks to all who chose to share their love here in Alive!, and happy Valentine's Day to all who are in love, or hope to be soon!

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

"Happy Valentine's Day to Camile Murray, my wife, friend, and love."  
- Vincent E. Murray, Airports



"Happy Valentine's Day, Corey! I love you very much."  
- Always, Sarah



"To the love of my life."  
- Jackie I. Causillas, Club Counselor

"You are an amazing husband, best friend, father, and the love of my life. There is no other man I'd rather wake up to than you. I love you with all my heart!"  
- Elena



"Happy St. Valentine's Day to a wonderful husband and father, Farhad Dormani. Thanks for all you do for us! We love you."  
- Sharon, Kian Matthew and Megan Parisa Dormani



"I thank God for my husband. I'm so blessed to experience something real - love! I love you."  
- Your Valentine, Lady Hampton



"Pa, we would like to wish you a very Happy Valentine's Day. We love and miss you. We can't wait until July so we can see you in Nebraska. Love you."  
- Brian and Aubrey (for Larry Lieswald, Club Member)



"Your feet will bring you to where your heart is."  
- an Irish proverb

"Dearest Dearbh, 2012 is going to be sweet! Thanks for changing my life."  
- John



"To my little Hawaiian princess: having you as my daughter makes every day a Hawaiian Day. Love you forever and ever."  
- Daddy



"Linds, I love you more every day, and am looking forward to the next 10 years together!"  
- Bob Hill, DWP



"Bobby, I will forever be thankful to God for gifting me with you. You are not just my husband, you are my best friend. I know I can always count on you. I love you so much!"

- L'keva Harris, LAPD (Bobby Harris works for the DWP)



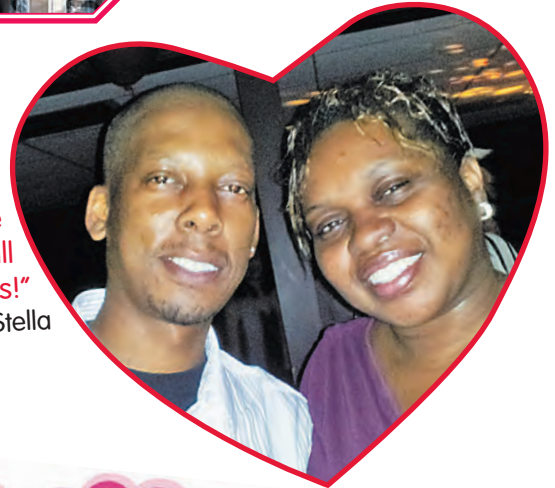
"Dearest Kathy, thank you for always being my best friend. I love you, Angel Jr., and Aden with all my heart! Let's make more wonderful memories in 2012. Happy Valentine's Day!"

- Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

"To the best daddy [John Kauffman] in the world! Happy Valentine's Day! I love you!"  
- Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor



"Still my Valentine after all these years!"  
- Jonathan & Stella



"To another wonderful year with the best husband in the world. I appreciate everything you do to ensure each month is filled with fun, love, family, and friends. My love for you continues to grow each and every day! I love you!"

- Katherine Taylor, Transportation



"Kelley, every day with you feels like our very first date 17 years ago - and what an awesome feeling that is! Love you forever."

- John



"Thank you Pooh-Pooh for 14 wonderful years of marriage. Love, Pooh-Pooh."



To Isabella Bernaldo, "I Love You Like a Love Song. Your adoring Papa."  
- Rodney Bernaldo, Public Works

(Note: Isabella is the shorter girl. Selena Gomez is not involved in this Valentine wish. - Ed.)



"Jacqui, you make all my dreams come true! Especially buying me a Mini Cooper Clubman for Xmas! Our love is for forever and always!"

- Iver Dreben



Happy Valentine's Day to Vivien Quintana Flores  
- from Robert Flores, DWP



Dear Marie, So many beautiful memories... so many special moments...so many reasons to love you even more. Happy Valentine's Day!

- David



# Steam Plant Grads

DWP trains another group of steam plant assistants.

Story and photo courtesy Joe Navarrete, Maintenance Trainer, DWP, Club Member

Congratulations go to the Steam Plant Assistant Class 119: Julio Alfaro, Adil Faraz, Amir Jalil, Herman Go, Octavio Luna-Garcia, Maxx Skoulphong, and Daniel Rogers.

The graduation took place Dec. 16. Steam Plant Assistants (SPAs) are the corner-

stone of Steam Generation, from which all Generation personnel start their careers. They are the men and women in the stations who work with equipment that produces electricity for the citizens of the City of Los Angeles.

The SPAs are trainees for the three journey-level crafts in the stations. For Operations, they are the eyes, ears, and hands of the Steam Plant Operators. They maintain the equipment, per-

form daily checks and inspections, and perform the tagging and isolations of equipment for repair. For Instrumentation and Maintenance, they are assistants helping the Instrument Technician and Steam Plant Maintenance Mechanics with preventative maintenance, repairs, and overhauls.

Prior to an assignment at one of the four In-Basin Generating Stations, the SPAs are required

to pass the Steam Plant Assistant Candidate Evaluation Class. The nine-day intensive instruction covers boilers, gas and steam turbines, fuel systems, primary auxiliary, supplementary station mechanical systems, electrical theory, generator and electrical systems, with numerous examinations and technical drawings each day.

Congrats to the class!



From left: Octavio Luna-Garcia, Daniel Rogers, Adil Faraz, Julio Alfaro, Amir Jalil, Maxx Skoulphong, and Herman Go.

## NEWS BRIEF

### IT'S KEELY FOR LACERS:

On Jan. 19, Michael F. Keeley was nominated by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to serve on the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) Board of Administration was confirmed by the Los Angeles City Council on January 11.

Keeley was an adviser to Mayor Villaraigosa from 2007 to 2010. Prior to that he served as a Los Angeles Deputy Mayor in charge of the City's general fund budget during Mayor Richard Riordan's administration. After leaving City service he continued to work closely with Mayor Riordan on the Mayor's initiative to revise the Los Angeles City Charter, passed by the voters in April 1999.



Keeley began his legal career as a Fellow at the Center for Law in the Public Interest before joining Riordan & McKinzie. Upon leaving the City, Keeley established a private legal practice. For nearly a decade he has worked with Excellent Education Development (ExED), a Los Angeles-based non-profit where he managed ExED's New Markets Tax Credit program, which has invested more than \$100 million in charter school facilities in low-income Los Angeles County neighborhoods.

Keeley has volunteered for a number of local commissions, serving as Chair of the Los Angeles Redistricting Commission for LAUSD in 2001, and as commissioner for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Keeley graduated from the University of Notre Dame, and received his law degree from the University of Michigan. He is a member of the State Bar of California and the American and Los Angeles County Bar Associations.



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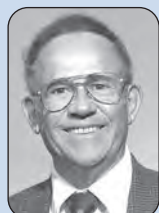
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If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

#### Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 709.

#### RLACEI Upcoming Events

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

- April 12:** General meeting, 1 p.m., Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.
- June 7:** RLACEI Golf Tournament, Alhambra Golf Club
- Aug. 9:** Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles
- Oct. 4:** Annual corporation meeting and elections, 1 p.m., Friendship Auditorium
- Dec. 6:** 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 360 E. Second Street, second floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. 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.

#### DWP Retirees Association



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### LARFPA

#### LA Retired Fire, Police Association Awaits Info on Pensions



By Lee Keebler,  
*LARFPA Director*

Now that we have enjoyed the great holiday celebrations put on by the employee organizations and had the opportunity to make and break our New Year's resolutions, it's time we returned to the real world to see what's happening.

First, we will be hosting our general meeting at 10 a.m. March 7 at Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. We will have coffee, donuts, and sandwiches with great guest speakers (Fire Chief Brian Cummings in March) and relevant information on the status of our Pension and Association. Next, our general meeting and annual barbe-

cue is scheduled for June 4, also at Grace E. Simons Lodge. There will be more information in our spring newsletter.

We were hoping to be able to let our retirees know the actuarial status of their pension fund, but the report normally accepted and approved in November has been delayed by the mayor's request to change assumptions in the 2010 actuarial report because of an increase in health care contributions by the active members of the system. We hope the 2011 actuarial report will be available by the end of January, and we'll have some indication of what may be occurring with funding and the health subsidy for the coming year.

Along with our local problems, Gov. Jerry Brown is trying to make our state number one in many other areas. We are the number-one state in population, and we are looking forward to being number one in sales tax, income tax, and corporate tax if his tax proposal passes in the November election. And if we don't look out, he may even try to make us number one in property taxes.

That's it for now, looking forward to seeing you at one of our meetings.

*Editor's note: These opinions expressed here do not necessarily represent the views of Alive! or the City Employees Club.*

### RLACEI

#### States Looking to Limit Pension Plans



RLACEI  
*Legislative Report*  
by Michael Karsch

"Pension Reform Initiatives: As reported earlier, there are two ballot proposals not yet in circulation aiming to reform pension plans in the public sector in California. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) reported at the end of December that these proposals by the California Pension Reform group may wind up increasing costs on the government agencies. A labor coalition, Californians for Retirement Security, called them 'sloppily drafted and extreme.'

"One of the initiatives would put all future government hires into 401(k)-style plans instead of the defined benefit retirement guarantee

by employers. The other one would institute a hybrid of defined benefit for a lower percentage of a given pension, combined with a contribution program like the 401(k). The LAO notes that savings would not be realized for many years since the proposal is only for new hires. Investment planners for the existing pensions would see a reduction in their cash flow as new hires gradually take over the working membership of the pension fund. The hybrid plan would hike government costs by more than \$1 billion per year to cover pension costs of current and past employees. And government may feel compelled to offer higher salaries to new hires to offset the reduction in promised pensions.

"In New York State, the Retired Public Employees Association, repre-

senting 40,000 members, has sued the state for a rollback of the 2 percent increase in what retirees pay toward the cost of medical care. Currently the retirees pay 10 percent of the cost of health insurance, and 25 percent for family coverage. The governor has proposed a 2 percent increase.

"The New Hampshire legislature is considering eliminating that state's retirement system's defined benefit plan, and replacing it with a defined contribution plan.

"In a case from Orange County (California), the State Supreme Court has ruled that certain retirees' medical benefits are vested and thus protected from employer-sought reductions. The ruling hinges on how county ordinances or resolutions are written relative to the County's retirement system."

#### New Retirees: Joining RLACEI Is Worth It



By Ed Harding,  
*RLACEI President*

"Christmas and New Year celebrations are now memories.

"I was invited to attend the Retired Fire and Police Christmas party at the Sportsman's Lodge. They charged their retirees and their friends \$10, and 430 retirees showed up. We charge our retirees nothing (zero), and we are lucky if 200 show up.

"On Jan. 9, we had our first 2012 business meeting. Attending was our new appointed Director, Clifford Cannon. He retired after 31 years of employment with the City. See Mary Beetz' column for more information on Clifford.

"I have noticed that a large number of our new retirees are not joining our organization, the Retired Los

Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI). I don't know if they are not reading the materials we provide for LACERS to hand out to all new retirees, or that retirees do not know who we are. All RLACEI Board Members and Directors are retired City Employees.

"RLACEI is the only organization that represents Retired City Employees. You might say that "we are one," working together, achieving major improvements in our retirement system, including but not limited to:

- an elected Retiree to the Retirement Commission to represent us and to protect our Financial Interest and benefits;
- annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA);
- maintaining a strong health insur-

ance program, including a subsidy for the retiree and their dependents;

- Medicare Part B reimbursement for retirees with both A and B;
- a retired dental insurance program subsidy;
- continuation of a health subsidy for the surviving spouse;
- an increase of death benefits to \$2,500;
- a hearing aid and eyeglass program; and
- an increase in the monthly check for large COLA bank holders.

"Please become an RLACEI member – help us protect our benefits.

"In closing: 'May your troubles in the New Year be as short-lived as your resolution.'"



# The Best Years



Evelyn in Plaka.

## Retiree Hotlines

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.

**City Employees Retirement System:** (213) 473-7200

**RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines** (800) 678-4145

• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Cliff Cannon	Ext. 715
• Hal Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Gary Mattingly	Ext. 702
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
• Tom Stennock	Ext. 708
• Michael Wilkinson	Ext. 712
Questions:	Ext. 0
RSVP:	Ext. 701

**DWP Retirement Plan Office** (213) 367-1722

## RLACEI:

### Officers

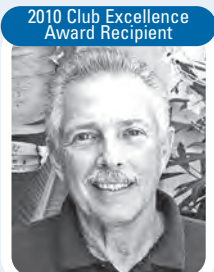
- Mary Beetz: Publicity Chair
- Cliff Cannon: Director
- Hal Danowitz: Secretary/Treasurer
- Edward Harding: President
- Michael Karsch: Treasurer
- Kenneth Spiker: First Vice President
- Tom Stennock: Second Vice President

### Committee Chairpersons

- Mary Beetz: Publicity
- Hal Danowitz: Bylaws
- Americo Garza: Picnic, Holiday Party and Installation
- Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating
- Helen Salgado: Membership
- Phil Skarin: Parliamentarian
- Ken Spiker: Legal and Legislative
- Tom Stennock: Audit
- Tom Stennock and Phil Skarin: Golf

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- Mary Beetz
- Americo Garza
- Michael Karsch
- Neil Ricci
- Helen Salgado
- Phil Skarin
- Michael R. Wilkinson



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

# Onto Capri

**Hal and Co. begin their 28-day cruise from Europe to Singapore.**

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.

As we pick up the story, we were anchored in the port of Sorrento in southern Italy.

Our tour to Capri was scheduled for 7:45 a.m., so we had to be in the tour lounge by 7 a.m. We ordered breakfast for 6:30 a.m. We got to the lounge on time, but the Italian authorities were late in clearing the ship, so we started late. This port is the only one where

we used tenders, and with the wind blowing at 30 knots, it made for a bumpy ride to the dock. We met our guide, who looked like either Ben Kingsley or Howie Mandel, depending on who you asked, at dockside. We boarded a hydrofoil to take the 25-minute ride to Capri. Even in the choppy water the ride was almost smooth. Capri is an island in the Tyrrhenian Sea 8 miles from Sorrento on the south side of the Gulf of Naples. It has been a resort since the time of the Roman Republic.



There were 24 people on our tour, which made it very crowded on the small bus that we took from the dock to the town of Anacapri, the highest point of the island. We visited the Villa San Michele, which was built around the turn of the 20th century, by a Swedish physician on the ruins of the Roman Emperor Tiberius's villa. The gardens have panoramic views of Capri town and its marina, the Sorrentine Peninsula and Mount Vesuvius. After a short shopping break, we boarded the bus for the ride to the town of Capri. We visited the Garden of Augustus and then had lunch at the Hotel La Residenza, which was one of the better tour lunches we have had. After more shopping time, we took the cable car down to the marina to take the hydrofoil back to Sorrento,



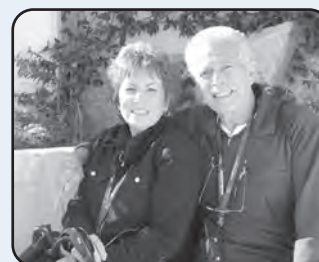
Evelyn at the lookout in Capri.



The Parthenon.



Don is a very good bartender.



Hal and Evelyn at Villa San Michele.



Looks like Howie Mandel to me.



## For Retired Club Members

### RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:



"Life After Retirement: I am sure you are going to enjoy this letter from a Retired family RLACEI member.

**"Jack Ward writes:** 'Just a note about a fellow City employee retiree and dear friend Paul Barquin. Paul will be 90 years old on Feb. 5 and will be celebrating his

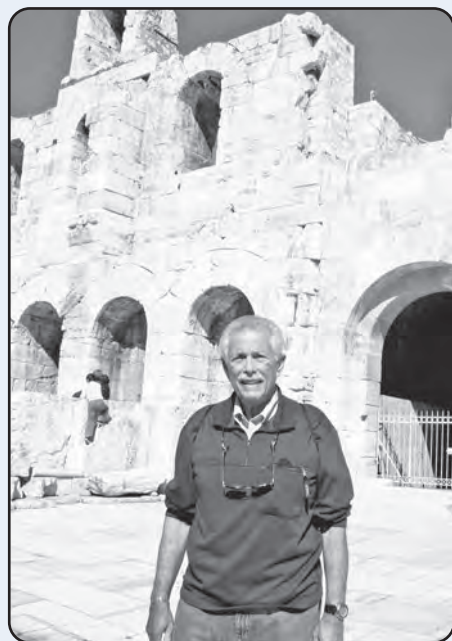
birthday in a nursing home in Torrance, where he has been living for the last couple of years.

"Paul and I worked in the Port of Los Angeles for the Port Warden's Division for many years. Paul also worked in the Harbor Commission Office. For many fellow City employees who remember Paul, and would

care to send him a card, I know he would be delighted to hear from you! Thank you.

Send it to: Paul Barquin, 23536 Evalyn Ave., Torrance, CA 90505-4514.'

"Thank you, Jack. I will send him a card and I know that our retired family members will do the same."  
– Mary Beetz



Hal at the Acropolis.

fast. By early afternoon things had calmed down.

Bridge has started with a lesson that morning, and we played duplicate that afternoon. Being the first time on the trip, it was a little disorganized.

That night was formal dress and after dinner we watched the show called Stardust, a singing and dancing performance of oldies but goodies. The songs were from the 1940s through Elvis. It was fun.

In the morning we docked in Piraeus, the port for Athens. Athens is the capital and largest city of Greece. Athens dominates the Attica region and is one of the world's oldest cities, as its recorded history spans around 3,400 years. We booked an "Athens on Your Own" with the ship, where the bus from the ship dropped us near the Acropolis and picked us up about 6 hours later.

Our first stop was the new Archaeological Museum (€5; at the time we were there the euro was about \$1.40), which is a good starting point for our visit to Parthenon. The Parthenon is a temple on the Athenian Acropolis, Greece, dedicated to the Greek goddess Athena, whom the people of Athens considered their virgin patron. Its construction began in 447 BC, when the Athenian Empire was at the height of its power. It was completed in 438 BC, although decorations of the Parthenon continued until 432 BC. It is the most important surviving building of Classical Greece. The Greek Ministry of Culture is currently carrying out a program of selective restoration and reconstruction to ensure the stability of the partially ruined structure. After the visit to the museum, Don and Myrna went on their own as they were here 30 years ago. Quote of the day from Myrna: "I'm not paying €12 to see a pile of rubble I've seen before."

Evelyn and I paid the €12 each and climbed to the top. It was a beautiful day, with clear skies, and in the high 60s, with no rain in sight. The view is 360 degrees of the City of Athens and the surrounding area. The ruins are beyond words; there is restoration going at most of the sites. There are areas where large number of marble and other carved stone sections are stored waiting for fitting back into one on the temples.

Here we started to see dogs sleeping along the pathways and in general almost anywhere.

These dogs were all over 50 pounds each. Some had collars and later we found out they have radio transmitters in them. Athens seems to have the unique situation of having many thousands of dogs (one article on the internet reported 15,000 of them before the 2004 summer Olympics) that appear to be in good health, are fed and are just about everywhere.

After our climb down, we walked the short distance to the old town of Plaka, a 19th century shopping district. Plaka is the old historical neighborhood of Athens, clustered around the northern and eastern slopes of the Acropolis,

and incorporating labyrinthine streets and neo-classical architecture. Plaka is built on top of the residential areas of the ancient town of Athens. It is known as the "Neighborhood of the Gods" due to its proximity to the Acropolis and its many archaeological sites.

We had lunch at a small cafe and then walked the shopping area to buy some souvenirs.

Our guide on the bus spoke about the ongoing demonstrations, but we didn't see any. When we talked to Don and Myrna, they did see some on the taxi ride back to the ship.

The next day we docked in Kusadasi, Turkey, where we were to visit Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, depending on which list you use.



Evelyn helped put the pieces back at the Parthenon.

where we caught the last tender to the ship.

The ship sailed at about 4:30 p.m., heading to Athens. The next day was at sea, and Athens was the day after that.

This trip we didn't try to sneak booze on board, but bought it from the ship. It was more expensive, but easier. So we had cocktails in Don and Myrna's cabin before dinner.

At dinner, the missing couple showed up. They were from New Hampshire; the husband was born in Ireland and the wife from England. They fit well with our group.

We decided to see the show, which was Dan Hagger (singer/jokester). We sat in the front row, which I knew was a mistake when I became part of his act as a member of the Jordanaires, who were Elvis' backup singers. I got very good reviews for my performance.

At about 4 a.m., the winds reached about 50 mph and the ship was like a cork in the ocean. At some point the captain got on the public address to assure everyone it would not go on forever, although all the doors on decks that have access to walking areas like the promenade deck were not accessible until about 1 p.m. Not many people showed up for break-

"Anthem Blue Cross and SCAN prescription coverage is no longer available at Walgreens. Effective Jan. 1, LACERS Members enrolled in Anthem Blue Cross or SCAN (Senior Care Action Network) plans are no longer able to fill prescriptions at Walgreens pharmacies or their sister stores, Duane Reade, Happy Harry's, and Option Care. Walgreens terminated its contract with Express Scripts Inc., Anthem Blue Cross and SCAN's pharmacy vendor.

"Anthem Blue Cross and SCAN members may switch to another pharmacy that contracts with Express Scripts, including CVS, Rite-Aid, Ralphs, and Target. To find a participating pharmacy near you, call Express Script's voice-activated phone system at (877) 885-3409.

"To transfer your prescription from Walgreens to another pharmacy, you may:

- Bring a prescription bottle to the new pharmacy and the new pharmacy will transfer your prescription for you;
- have Walgreens call your new pharmacy to transfer your prescription; or
- see your doctor to receive a new prescription and bring the new prescription to a participating pharmacy.

"Your pharmacy benefits remain the same at your new pharmacy, and your medications are still covered by Anthem Blue Cross or SCAN.

"For more information regarding your Anthem Blue Cross or SCAN pharmacy benefits, please see your 2012 LACERS Health Benefits guide or visit [www.LACERS.org](http://www.LACERS.org) and select Retired Members, Publications, Health Benefits Guide.

"Meet Our New RLACEI Director, Clifford

Cannon: Clifford Cannon retired after 31 years working for the City – 10 years with the Data Service Bureau as Sr. Systems Analyst and 21 years in the Controller's Office as Fiscal Systems Specialist II. After retirement, he was employed as District Director for Congresswomen Juanita McDonald, 37th Congressional District. His professional involvements include: a 20-year Board Member for the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union; a member of the Los Angeles Board of Deferred Compensation Administration; a board member of California State University Dominguez Hills Foundation; a former Carson Planning Commissioner (1989-2006); and a former Board Member of Carson Dominquez Family Shelter for Battered Women.

"He is married with two sons and three grandchildren. Welcome, Clifford, to RLACEI!"



By Mary Beetz,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

## LACERS Update

*Special Holiday Party Section*

# The City Parties!

## Part 2

All across the City, you celebrated the holidays. And *Alive!* was there!

Here in February, *Alive!* continues its coverage of the City Social Season 2012, with stories and photos from Club staff... and sent in by you, too.

And don't forget to check out all the photos online!  
Go to: [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)  
(You'll need a password to login.)

*Happy New Year!*

**It's an annual *Alive!* tradition!**



From left: Don Celia, GIS Specialist, 10 years of City service; Carlos Cuellar, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Cuong Fan, GIS Specialist, 5 years; Sammy Wong, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Muriel Gue, Sr. Management Analyst, 5 years; and Janos Szaktila, GIS Specialist, 13 years.



From left: Paul Garcia, Clerk Typist, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Sandra Vides, Clerk Typist, 10 years, Club Member; Pam Halpin, Clerk Typist, 6 years; Elaine Trujillo, Clerk Typist, 3 years; Sylvia Mendoza, Sr. Clerk Typist, 18 years; Estela Urzua, Sr. Clerk Typist, 18 years, Club Member; Michelle Chan, Sr. Accountant, 1 month, Club Member; and Teresa Tse, Accountant, 30 years.



From left: James Wolfe, Sr. Systems Analyst, 22 years of City service; Chief Brian Cummings; and Winston Song, Programming Analyst, 20 years, Club Member.



From left: Elizabeth Torre, Personnel Analyst, 4 years of City service; Samantha Hanzy, Personnel Analyst, 2 months; Sandy Lai, Personnel Analyst II, 5 years; Tashema Russell, Records Specialist, 4 years; Zina Abram, Sr. Clerk Typist, 12 years, Club Member; Laura Triner, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 2 months; and Cynthia White, Sr. Personnel Analyst II, 6 years.

## LAFD Administration

*Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor*



The entire Administrative Services Bureau of the LAFD gathered Dec. 7 to celebrate the holiday season! Their event was held at the Sheraton at Macy's Plaza downtown.

This Club sponsored event, and it was filled with reindeer ears and holiday sounds. There was an excellent buffet and a prize-filled raffle.

*Thanks to Jennifer Corona, Club Member, for inviting us.*



Joe Ward-Wallace, Retired Firefighter, 9 years of City service, Club Member.



Capt. Rick Godinez, Club Member, says a prayer before the raffle and buffet begin.



Jennifer Corona, Club Member, event coordinator.



From left: Kurt Sato, Director of Systems, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Mariana Rivera, Sr. Managing Analyst, 13 years; Bob Yan, Senior Systems Analyst, 13 years; Daisy Quan, Secretary, 10 years; Sue Hynh, Systems Analyst, 4 years; James Wolfe, Sr. Systems Analyst, 22 years; Winston Song, Programming Analyst, 20 years, Club Member; and Linda Wu, Systems Analyst, 1 year.

# The City Parties

## Port Police K9 Unit

Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

The K9 Unit gathered together for a toy drive held Dec. 9 at McCormick and Schmick's Grill in Anaheim. The department enjoyed live music performed by Tristen Ramos, Joe Khoury, and Jake Hawkes, son of Lt. Ken Hawkes.

In the mist of it all, Capt. Nixon was presented with a group photo of his unit as a form of appreciation. Lt. Ken Hawkes, Club Member, was also presented with a special gift. Congratulations to the unit for a job well done!



From left: Lt. Ken Hawkes, 22 years of city service, Club Member; Sr. Lead Officer William Wyocham, 12 years; and Sgt. Dan Dayton, 9 years, Club Member.



From left: Guest Sylvia Sele; Officer Maria Hernandez, 29 years of City service, Club Member; and Elizabeth Carrillo, Management Analyst, 9 years, Club Member. Bottom: wife, Georgetta Marbach, son, Nick Marbach, 15 months; and Officer Nick Marbach, 5 years, Club Member.



The Port Police K9 Unit.



From left: Alfred Moya, K9 Officer, 4 years of City service, Club Member; K9 Officer Tony Reitz, 14 years, Club Member, and his wife, Annette; Vianey Moya, wife of Officer Moya; and Samantha and Sr. Lead Officer William Yocham.



From left: Officer John Legaspi, Police Officer 1, 3 years of City service, Club Member; and Sandra and Officer Andrew Sklarsh, 3 years, Club Member. Bottom: K9 Officer Keli Baldwin, 5 years; and Sgt. Jerome Niles, 6 years, Club Member, and his wife, Rachel.



Top, from left: Michael Chen, K9 Officer, 3 years of City service, Club Member; Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, 6 years, Club Member; and Lloyd Suh, K9 Handler, 3 years, Club Member. Bottom: Diana Flores, wife of Ismael Flores; Joseph Arthur, K9 Officer, 4 years, Club Member; and Rebecca Suh, wife of Lloyd Suh.



From left: Lt. Ken Hawkes, 22 years of City service, Club Member; Capt. Leon Nixon, 17 years, Club Member, and his wife, Sue; Lt. Titus Smith, Club Member; and Lucy and Sgt. Dan Dayton, 9 years, Club Member.

From left: Robert Lee, husband of Karina Chow, Programmer Analyst, 8 years of City service; daughter, Chelsea, 8; and son, Matthew Lee, 6.



From left: Randy Lastrapes, husband of Kathie Allen, Airport Development Group, 1 year of City service; son, Kenneth, 12; and stepson, Christian, 7.

From left: Edgar Lopez, Security Officer, 13 years of City service; his wife, Gina; son, Ethan, 5; and son, Evan, 1.



From left: Manuel Castro, Custodian, 6 years of City service, Club Member; guest, Jose Ferman; Tiana, 4; and Dayanava Cloyd, 2.



From left: Son, Matthew, 5; Don Martinez III, Relamper, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and son, Gabriel, 7.



From left: Guest Carlos, 3; granddaughter, Jania, 5; and Ernest Richardson, Mechanical Helper, 13 years of City service.



From left: Nephew, Jalen II; Tracie Edwards, Sr. Management Analyst, 26 years of City service; son, Jordan, 13; nephew, Dailen, 4; and son, Delano, 4.



From left: Daughter, Crystal, 14; Raul Rosales, Garage Attendant, 9 years of City service, Club Member; wife, Mirna; Ivette, 17; Viviane, 9; and Robert, 4.



From left: Fidel Avila, Window Cleaner, 14 years of City service, Club Member; with guest, Adriana Salazar; son, Michael, 15; and niece, Camille Singleton, 9.



From left: Daughter, Isabella, 1; and Victor Rodriguez, Fleet Supervisor, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



Michael Aubin, Mechanical Helper at LAX, 10 years of City service, Club Member; with his daughter, Sophia, 21 months, and wife, Malou.

## LAX

Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

LAX employees held a family holiday celebration Dec. 3 at Mulligans Family Fun Center in Torrance.

The event was for children and adults alike. Employees enjoyed face painting, miniature golf, go-karts, and much more. Santa Claus came to visit and had pictures taken with all the children. It was great to see all the children's eyes light up as they raffled more than 10 bicycles, Mario Brothers, Nintendo Wii and even an iPad 2! It was truly Christmas in Torrance.

Special thanks to Jimmy Sparks and Kelly Arthurs.

Aiafano Ropati, Custodian at LAX Terminal Eight, 8 years of City service, Club Member, with his son, Braden, 4.



# The City Parties



From left: Sharon Fares, Systems Analyst, 12 years of service; Donna Erie, Secretary, 20 years of service, Club Member; Linda Brown, Accounting Clerk, 22 years of service, Club Rep

Kelly Arthur, Sr. CT, 8 years of City service, Club Member and Ken Moses, guest



Betty Myles, Intermediate Clerk at DPSS, LA County, 30 years of service.



Regence with her spouse AAE President and Club Member Jimmy Sparks.



Maria Vizcarra, M&C Helper, 14 years of City service; and Jose Martinez, Plumber, 27 years.

Fred Sandoval, M&C Helper, 24 years of City service, with his wife, Lucy.



Margaret and Harold Sloat, Sr. Electrician, 16 years of City service.

Tyrone Jessamy, Airport Maintenance Superintendent, 11 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Shaundala.



At the souvenir and raffle drop off are Genny Santiesteban, Secretary, 25 years or service, Club Member and Celia Lockwood, CID Events.



From left: Dennis and Susan Roth, Sr. Management Analyst II, 27 years of City service; and Brian Zingg, a guest, and Julie, daughter of Susan Roth.



Francis and Cynthia Lewis, Secretary, 26 years of service.



Donald Lee, AC Filter Crew Leadman, 23 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Jean.

## Association of Airport Employees

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero

The Airport Dept. chapter of the Association of Airport Employees (AAE) rang in the New Year with a bash at the Sheraton Hotel in Cerritos. The party had a casino theme. There was also karaoke, a toast at midnight, and food.

Special thanks to Jimmy Sparks, AAE President, Club Member, and Linda Brown, Club Rep.



Joseph and Sharon Fares, Systems Analyst, 12 years of City service.



Milton Jewell, MMA at DWP, 9 years of City service, Club Member, with his wife, Elaine.



Back from left: Andrea Parris and Christen Jackson. Seated: Sharon Payne, Retired Sr. CT, 37 years of City service, Club Member, and her husband, James; and guests Marlene Taylor and George Hewett.



Mark and Luzelena Kalfell, Custodian, 10 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Luz Jimenez, Custodian, 4 years of City service; Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, 10 years of service, Club Member; Laronda Echols, Real Estate Associate, 13 years of service, Club Member.



Chris Sparks, Custodian Supervisor, 26 years of City service, with his guest, Alicia Seabrook.



Rod and Sherell Palmer, Sr. Clerk Typist, 23 years of City service.

## Street Lighting Goes to School

Photos by Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor

On Dec. 15, Public Works/Street Lighting performed its annual delivery of toys to the Lockwood Avenue Elementary School.

Employees of the Bureau collect and contribute toys. Bureau managers coordinate with

school faculty to arrange delivery of the toys at the Lockwood campus. Toys were delivered to the school, and then faculty reviews the gifts and divides them by age and gender. Faculty distributed toys appropriately to classrooms. More than 350 toys were collected at press time. The goal was to collect at least 600 toys, enough for each student, by the time of delivery.

Faculty members served the staff from Street

Services punch and cookies during the delivery process.

Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations also delivered 50 toys on behalf of the City Employees Club for this cause.

Street Lighting distributes toys to Lockwood Elementary School annually as part of its ongoing effort to support the local community and bring holiday cheer to deserving students. Public Works

has a nearly 20-year relationship with Lockwood Elementary as an adopted school. Street Lighting has conducted the toy distribution intermittently for more than 10 years. Approximately 550 students currently are enrolled at Lockwood Elementary.

Thanks go to Richard Lee, PW Public Affairs Office, and Division Manager and Street Lighting Electrician Supervisor III Christian L. Mosman.



Christian Mosman, Street Lighting Electrician Supervisor III, is a firm supporter of this annual event and stands among the hundreds of toys that were delivered for the Lockwood students.



Back row, from left: Hugo Monroy, Assistant Street Lighting Electrician; Heinz Roesner, Sr. Storekeeper; Ed Ebrahimian, Director, Bureau of Street Lighting; Christian Mosman, Street Lighting Supervisor III; Sylvester Fuentes, Electrical Craft Helper; Mark Burton, Assistant Street Lighting Electrician; and Robert Gomez, Assistant Street Lighting Electrician. Middle: Gabriel Dunkle (son of Street Lighting Electrician Jeff Dunkle); Ramon Cano, Maintenance and Construction Helper; Ramiro Munoz, Street Lighting Electrician; Ramon Leriget, Electrical Craft Helper; and Michael Stiles, Street Lighting Electrician. Front: Ray Loll, Warehouse and Tool Room Worker; and Principal Andrea L. Donahoo, plus five of her staff.



From left: Ed Ebrahimian, Director, Bureau of Street Lighting; Ray Loll, Warehouse and Tool Room Worker; and Christian Mosman, Street Lighting Electrician Supervisor III.

# The City Parties

From left: L'Keva Harris, Crime Scene Photographer, LAPD, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Alicia Diaz, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 12 years, Club Member; and Lupe Becerra, Sr. Typist Clerk, LASD, 6 years.



From left: Carlos Flores, Network System Admin II, 1 year of service, LASD; and Norm Thomas, Photographer III, 18 years of City service, LAPD, Club Member.

From left: Kristina Takeshita, Criminalist, 16 years of City service, LAPD; Nick Sanchez, Criminalist III, 15 years, LAPD, Club Member; and Samantha Tosch, Criminalist, 3 years, LAPD.



From left: Ruben Flores, Supervising Criminalist, 10 years of service, LASD; Jill Licht, Sr. Criminalist, 5 years of service, LASD; Stephan Schliebe Sr., Criminalist, 30 years of service, LASD; and Joseph Cavaleri, Sr. Criminalist, 12 years of service, LASD.



From left: Dyna Sao, Criminalist, 1 year of City service, LAPD; Warren Loomis, Retired Supervising Criminalist, 37 years, LAPD; Joe Hourigan, Chief Forensic Chemist, 27 years, LAPD; and Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, 25 years, LAPD, Club Member.



## SID: LAPD and Sheriff's Dept.



From left: Lewis Bolf II, Supervising Criminalist, 27 years of service, LASD; Jack Schweizer, Facility Manager, 22 years of service, LASD; and Francine Segura, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service, LAPD.



Back, from left: Tatiana Garcia, Supervising Criminalist, 12 years of City service, LAPD; and Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, 25 years, LAPD, Club Member. Seated: Crystal Wysong, Criminalist, 21 years, LAPD; Sabine Eichmann, Criminalist, 4 years, LAPD.



From left: Jeff Thompson, Chief Forensic Chemist I, LAPD; Debbie Alonzo, Clerk Typist, 14 years of City service, LAPD and Susan Rinehart, Criminalist III, 17 years, LAPD, Club Member.



Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

The LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division (the "CSI" people) held a joint holiday luncheon with the County Sheriff's Dept., which shares the facility on the campus of Cal State Los Angeles.

The luncheon took place Dec. 14.

Santa made an appearance. Everyone gathered together and took part in bringing different main course, appetizers and desserts. Raffle prizes were also handed out. The lucky winner went home with a 32-inch TV as the grand prize.

Thanks go to Sue Brockbank and Maria Garcia, both Club Members, for their invitation.



From left: Sheilah Morris, Operations Assistant II, 11 years of service, LASD; Alice Rodriguez, Secretary, 25 years of service, LASD; Mia Mejorado, Operations Assistant I, 10 years of service, LASD; and Sondi Watkins, Operations Assistant I, 31 years of service, LASD.



From left: Corinna Jiang, volunteer; Danny Gonzalez, Administrator Assistant, CSFI; Gordon Lee, Graphic Designer, CSFI; Rose Ochi, Executive Director, CSFI; Santa; Cora and Harley Sagara, Training Director, CSFI; and Joanna Law, Criminalist, LASD.



From left: Kristin Venegas, Lab Tech, 4 years of service, LASD; and Tiffany Ormelas, Sr. Criminalist, 4.5 years of service, LASD.



Santa with Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, 25 years of City service, LAPD, Club Member.



Standing: Olivia Acuna, Secretary, 18 years of City service, LAPD. Seated, from left: Marleen Caudillo, MA II, 10 years, LAPD; Maria Garcia, Sr. Clerk Typist, 30 years, Club Member, LAPD.



Back: Dean M. Gialamas, Crime Lab Director, 12 years of service, LASD. Seated, from left: Mary Keens, Sr. Criminalist, 11 years of service, LASD; Anny Wu, Sr. Criminalist, 7 years of service, LASD; and Joanna Law, Sr. Criminalist, 2 years of service, LASD.



From left: Catherine Navetta, Supervising Criminalist, 20 years of service, LASD; and Erin Trujillo, Assistant Director, 28 years of service, LASD.



# The City Parties



Firefighter Jorge Miranda-Lopez, Club Member, assists in demonstrating the fire hose.

Capt. Rick Godinez, new Club Member, and Santa Claus on the way to Murchison Elementary.



Approaching all the screaming kids.

Waiting to see Santa.



Here comes Santa!



Dolores Mission's third-grade class with Fire Station 2 personnel.



Firefighter Daniel Cortinas assists in demonstrating the fire hose.



Capt. Rick Godinez, Club Member, gets attacked with hugs by all the kids!

Mr. and Mrs. Claus with Firefighter Abraham Carreto, new Club Member.



## Fire Station 2



From left: Firefighters Patrick D'Arrigo, Contreras, Michael Seiser, and Abe Carreto pose with the kids in front of the rig.



Happy Holidays!



Firefighter Mario Targoni, Club Member, assists in demonstrating the fire hose.

Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

How often do you show up at a Fire Station and run into Santa and Mrs. Claus? Not that often, but on Dec. 15, it happened.

Fire Station 2 was getting ready to surprise Murchison Elementary School with Santa to hand out toys. We drove from Fire Station 2 over to the school. Pulling up to 1,000 kids screaming Santa was a sight to behold. After greeting all the children, we made our way in to the "toy store"

(a converted auditorium), where Santa handed out toys and took pictures with the kids and the Firefighters.

Once all the toys were handed out, we headed back to the Fire Station, where we were greeted by the entire third-grade class from Dolores Mission. It was amazing to see all these kids so enthralled in what the station had to offer, including getting a chance to spray the fire hose! All in all, it was a beautiful day!

Thanks to Capt. Rick Godinez, Club Member, for his assistance.



From left: Firefighters D'Arrigo, Contreras, and Michael Seiser with a happy child.



Hello Murchison Elementary.



Merry Christmas!



The "toy store."



Fire Station 2 presents.

Saying hello to our Los Angeles City heroes! (I mean Firefighters.)



Firefighter Velasquez assists in demonstrating the fire hose.

Murchison Elementary volunteers.



Firefighter Contreras assists in demonstrating the fire hose.



Fire Station 2, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and the principal!



# The City Parties



From left: Steven Truillo, Instrument Mechanic, 22 years of City service; John Ellico, Mechanical Helper, 3 years; Hoang Nguyen WO III, 30 years; Jubian Tutor, Power Shovel Operator, 30 years; Tom Eatmon, Retired 30 years; and Jeff Campbell, Retired, 30 years.

Vijai "V" keeps the party going with his DJ skills.



From left: Lance Thibodeaux and family, Environmental Engineering Assoc., 6 years of City service; Robert Nobregas, Electrical Craft Helper, 10 years; Lydia Pallares, Clerk Typist, Library, 5 years; Sam Pollares, Treatment Operator I, 8 years.



From left: Mikky Kim; Muyung Kim; Kevin Kim, Management Assistant, 4 years of City service; Abel Medina, Painter, 5 years; and Jose Garcia, Carpenter, 4 years.



From left: Paul Blakenship, TI Electrician, 25 years of City service; and Raymond Renteria, Electrician Supervisor, 30 years.



From left: Veretta Everhart, Sr. MA II, 24 years of City service; Meehan Oh, Sr. MA II, 11 years; and Seung Oh, Environmental Engineer, 22 years.

## Terminal Island



Story and photos by Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor

Public Works/Sanitation's Terminal Island processing plant held its Christmas party Dec. 14 at the Ports O' Call restaurant in San Pedro.

There was good food, great gifts, and games. Employees, family and friends enjoyed the party.

Thanks go to Shirley Crawford and Vijai Seeram for their assistance.



Shirley Crawford and the beautiful Christmas tree.



From left: Keith Gawith, WWTM 21 years of City service; Bob Bates, Sr. Mechanic, 25 years, with his wife; Loretta Arnold; Lori Logan, Lab Tech, 22 years; and Terrence Montgomery, Sr. WWTO, 27 years.



Ports O' Call in San Pedro.



From left: Karl Breitenstein and sons, WW Supervisor, 27 years of City service; and Winston Chang and his wife, Warehouseman, 10 years.



Testing your Memory, one of the games employees enjoyed at the party.



From left: Sandy O'Guinn, Gardner, 9 years; Kelly Scrivens, Pipefitter, 16 years; and Faye Kenoli, Retired, 24 years.



From left: Loretta Arnold, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years of City service; Vijai Seeram, Instrument Mechanic, 3 years; Roshan Aflaki, Plant Manager, 20 years; and Reggie Taylor WTOI, 3 years.



From left: Mark Uster, Custodian, 22 years of City service; James Hadley, Plumber, 22 years, with his daughters; and Alice Gavourel, Store Keeper, 15 years, with her family.



From left: Wes Stoddard, Waste Water Mech., Retired, 32 years of City service; Mike Cutas, Contract Administrator, 10 years; and Daruish Dejan, Lead Chemist, 21 years.



Shirley Crawford, Sr. Clerk Typist, and Henry Ayala, Pipefitter, 24 years.



Kids have fun with a bean toss game.



Vijai "V" with family.

# The City Parties



From left: Vanessa Quijada, Sr. Clerk Typist, 11 years of City service; Gilbert White, Sr. Painter, 25 years; Martha Lopez, Security, 4 years; Kenneth Jeong, MA I, 10 years; Raul Arroyo, Painter, 5 years; Maribel Gomez, MA, 10 years; and Yolanda Mitchell, Accounting Clerk, 10 years.



A gourmet buffet included a roast beef carving station.



From left: Pete Sierra, Wastewater Treatment Mech. II, 25 years of City service; Ernie Flores, Sr. Plumber, 17 years; Dave Patron, Plumber, 10 years; Robert Bustamante, Plumber, 3 years; George Hortiveros, Bldg. Mech. Engr. II, 28 years; and Jason Lam, Sheet Metal Worker, 3 years.



From left: Maurice Smith, Clerk Typist, 2 years of City service; Bryan Johnson, Environmental Engineer Assoc., 8 years; Rob Tabora, MA II, 14 years; Lynetta Johnson, Sr. Clerk Typist, 10 years; Mark Moshlak, ACI, 6 years; and Rodriz Jennings, PAII, 7 years.



From left: Amelito Bibosa, AC Mechanic Supervisor, 21 years of City service; Margie Oliva, Sr. Clerk Typist, 10 years; Tracy Duffia, Clerk Typist, 4 years; Cheryl Downey, Safety Engineer, 6 years; Mary Anthony, Sr. Typist, Retired; Marcus Lyons, Acting Sanitation Mgr. I, 25 years; and Mike Girouard, Power Shovel Operator, 9 years.



From left: Ollie Veasey, Wastewater Manager II, 25 years of City service; Darla Veasey, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years; Mihrain Sarkisian, Wastewater Manager III, 37 years; Varouj Abkian, Asst. Director, 31 years; Steve Fan, Plant Manager, 28 years; and Michele McManus, Administrative Div. Manager, 35 years.



From left: Gregg Kushiner and guest, HTP Maintenance, 20 years of City service; Efrain Gonzalez, Sanitation Wastewater Manager, 30 years; Karen Ingalla, Sanitation Manager, 27 years; Chuck Turhollow, Sanitation Wastewater Manager III, 30 years; and Bahram Roshanian, Wastewater Manager II, 25 years.



Hyperion Employee Association, from left: Eric Russell, Julie Jacobs, Meloni Nelson, and Nick Terrell.



From left: D. Rockett, CSA Supervisor, 8 years of City service; John LaDouleuu, Electrician; Ivan Moore, Custodian; Major Pree, Custodian; Ronald Breda, Custodian; and Carl Woodpard, Heavy Truck Operator.



Story and photos by Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor

On Dec. 15, Public Works/Sanitation's Hyperion Treatment Plant celebrated the holidays at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester. The event featured great food, raffles with prizes that included cash, and a singing gift of "This Christmas" by Meloni Nelson, Hyperion Employee Association.

## Hyperion



Meloni Nelson gifts the attendees with a beautiful rendition of "This Christmas."



From left: James Watson, Delivery Driver, 12 years of City service; Lester Christian, Equipment Supervisor, 25 years; Stacey Brown, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years; Danielle Mayes, Acctg. Clerk I, 26 years; Mary Taylor, Principal Clerk, 16 years; Robert Haskins, MA; Stephanie Lucas, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years; and Julius Hibler, Sr. Electrician.



From left: Peter Fogler, Wastewater Treatment Mechanic I, and wife; Kim Byous, ECH, 6 years of City service; Damon Rowe, Custodian, 5 years; Steven Otero, Custodian, 5 years; Guy Williams, Custodian, 23 years; and Marc Howard, CSA, 24 years.



From left, Event Coordinators: Meloni Nelson, Lasonia Smith, Nick Terrell, Eric Russell, Julie Jacobs, Rhonda Paul, and Mark Carradine.





# The City Parties



Carlos Baldenegro, Civil Engineering Associate III, 18 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Anna.



Sgt. Michael Patterson, 13 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Diane.



Darryl and Diane Walker, Sr. Clerk Typist, 27 years of City service.



Steve Salas, Laborer, 10 years of City service, and his wife, Rosie.



From left: Officer Robin Jackson, 34 years of City service; Tracy Zuliani, Transportation Planning, 12 years; and Michael Booher, guest.



Club Members Jessica Bautista and Vanessa Guillen.



Rafael Diaz, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Mariana.



Patrick Zois, Plumber, 3 years of City service, and his wife, Natalia.



Martin Lovato, Electrician, 8 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Daryl.



Jackie Powell, Laborer, 5 years of City service, Club Member, and Gina Thompson, guest.



Guests Jacob and Megan Street with party-goers.



James McAfee, Painter II, 3 years, Club Member; Chris Canlas, guest; and Linda Gardner, wife of Keith Gardner.



Waymond Banks, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 12 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Cynthia.



Stacey Hashimoto, Management Analyst II, 10 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Sandra Hashimoto.



## Harbor



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas

The Harbor Dept. held its annual holiday party Dec. 17 at the Elks Lodge in San Pedro.

This year the Port held a prom-themed holiday party. Guests arrived in their gowns and suits with corsages and boutonnieres. The employees were able to take photos during the social hour, just like they did back in high school. They all enjoyed a nice dinner, dancing, and raffle prizes.

At the end of the night, after all the votes were tallied, the prom king and queen were announced. Congratulations to Queen Vanessa Guillen and King Michael Hooher!

*Special thanks to Vanessa Guillen and Jessica Bautista for their assistance.*



Prom King Michael Hooher, and Prom Queen Vanessa Guillen.



From left: Rodney Bolton, guest; Cynthia Ruiz, Deputy Executive Director, 8 years of City service; and Michael Christensen, Deputy Executive Director, 5 years, Club Member; and his wife, Lisa.



Lily Rios, guest, and Officer Aldo Morales, 11 years of City service, Club Member.



Marco Sanchez, Civil Engineer, 4 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Yajaira.



Maurice Jacobs, Construction Equipment Service, 13 years of City service, Club Member, and Monica Jacobs.



Melissa and Arley Baker, Sr. Director of Communications, 7 years of City service.

# SWOOSH!

Mountain High, Snow Valley, Snow Summit  
Passes at a Great Club Discount

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# The City Parties

The "Green Team" wins the Money Booth competition.



Competition on the Wii between Norma Lucero, Food Services, 10 years of City service, and Dennis Rivelli, Food Services, 2 years.

An air hockey matchup between (from left) Pouria Abbassi, General Manager, and Phillip Hill Asst. GM and COO.



From left: Cristine Villorante, Exec. Admin. Asst., 21 years of City Service, Club Member; Drena Hills, Exec. Admin. Asst., 30 years, Club Member; and (in back) Rachel Griffin, Exec. Admin. Asst., 35 years.



From left: Latina Smith, Accounting Clerk, 10 years of City service; Stella Flores, Director, Special Events, 8 years; and Adria Ybarra, Marketing Analyst, 11 years, Club Member.



Kristin Soohoo, PR Assistant, 2 months of City service, taking a swing at the piñata.

Back, from left: Teresa Gomez; Justina Paque, Club Member; Agnes Ko; and Lara Tasjian. Front: Magdalena Alvarez, Maria Taylor, Adriana Sanchez, and Vladimar Reyes.



Front, from left: Casandria Smith, MA II, 14 years of City service; Michael McCarthy, Principal Clerk, 28 years; and Donna Jean Irving, Mgmt. Analyst, 6 years, Club Member. Back: Derek Young, Sr. CT, 10 years; Meredith Gaines, CT, 1 year, Club Member; and Maria Reyes, Project Assistant, 22 years, Club Member.

## Convention Center

Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

The Convention Center celebrated the holidays Dec. 20 with a game theme. As they say, "it's all fun and games"! SkeeBall, ping-pong, air hockey, Wii, raffle prizes and a swing at the piñata were included. And, nobody's ever too old for a visit with Santa. He was definitely checking his list!

Tacos, rice, beans, and more were served for lunch, including a great assortment of desserts. The event was a great way spend time together and celebrate the season.

*Thanks to Adria Ybarra for inviting us to cover this event.*

Maria Reyes, Project Assistant, 22 years of City service, Club Member and Santa.



From left: Maria Lopez, Parking Attendant, 4 years of City service; and Irma Villagomez, Parking Attendant, 4 years.



From left: Tae Lee, Sr. Accountant, 5 years of City service; Bert Zabala, Auditor, 12 years; Robert Davis, Accountant, 6 years, Club Member; Carlos Torres, Cost Accounting, 25 years, Club Member; Ligaya Bandayao, Sr. CT, 11 years; and Dawit Gebremeskel, Accountant II, 5 years.



Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Facilities Division, Club Member.



Denise Bell, Event Service Manager, 25 years of City service, refills the money booth.



From left: Amber Leslie, Secretary, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Pouria Abbassi, General Manager; and Adria Ybarra, Marketing Analyst, 11 years, Club Member.



Ping-pong players ready to play are (from left) Donnell Sanders, Painter, 5 years of City Service; Thomas Turner, Plumber, 11 years; Mario Sanchez, Sr. Carpenter, 4 years; and Art Rios, Light Equipment Operator, 25 years.



Alejandro Garcia, Painter, 2 years of City service, tries his hand at SkeeBall.



Pictured with Santa are (from left) Agnes Ko, Sr. Mgmt Analyst, 23 years of City service; Donna Jean Irving, Mgmt. Analyst, 6 years, Club Member; and Gail Owsley, Clerk Typist, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Christian Espinosa, Parking Attendant, 1 month of City service, and Ernie Narbona, Parking Attendant, 1 year, having fun at the Police Trainer arcade.



From left: Rachel Romo, Scheduling, 4 years of City service, Haydee Villasenor, Scheduling Coordinator, 1 year; Alejandra Romo, Payroll, 7 years; Eloisa Hernandez, Accounting Supervisor, 10 years; and Blanca Tlafench, Food Services, 7 years.



Having fun playing air hockey are Matthew Fitzgerald, Personnel, 11 years of City service; and Annette Anderson, Payroll Supervisor, 31 years.



From left: Juan Lopez, Setup, 4 years of City service; and Michael Figueroa, Setup, 7 years.



With Santa is Gina Maio, GS Rep, 8 months.

# The City Parties



Larry Fukahara, Program Director, Rec & Parks, 30 years of City service, makes omelets.

From left: Margo Kennedy, Club Rep since 2002; Carolyn Craft, Program Assistant, 1 year of City service; Rob McCrackett, Outreach Instructor; and Jaime Donohue, Outreach Instructor, 2 years.



From left: Leslie Paoletti, Educator; and Esther Nah, Educator.



Ed Mastro, Exhibit Director, cooks breakfast to order.



From left: Julianne Passarelli, Exhibits Curator; and Chris Brodie, Outreach Manager.



From left: Diane Alps, Program Coordinator, 11 years of City service; and Sara Lesser, Outreach Instructor, 1 year.



## Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations



It's the supervisors' turn to serve the staff at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's annual Christmas breakfast. This year's edition was held Dec. 21 at the aquarium in San Pedro.

The supervisors served breakfast, including omelets, waffles, and pancakes. The food was brought in by staff. There were also Christmas presents.

It was the 21st annual holiday breakfast for Cabrillo. Thanks go to Margo Kennedy, Club Rep, for assisting us.



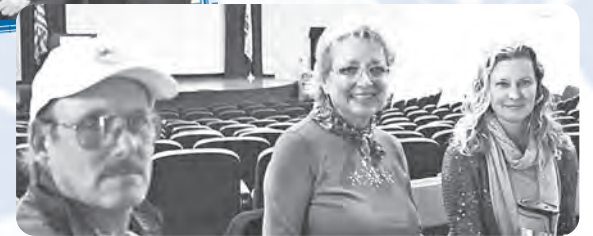
From left: Mark Mariscal, Superintendent, Rec and Parks, 30 years of City service; and Mike Schaadt, Director, Rec & Parks, 22 years.



From left: Paula Moore, Director for Friends; Katie Wood, Development Manager, 1 month of City service; and Nanele Baker, Development Associate, 1 year.



From left: Evie Templeton, Design Illustrator; and Matt Christophson, Programs Assistant.



From left: Chuck Koch; Juliette McAllister, Clerk Typist, Rec & Parks, 9 years of City service; and Andrea Piwetz, Whale Watching Coordinator.



Lt. Bennie Ellis, 31 years of City service.



Sgt. Martha Sevilla, 10 years of City service, dishes it out (delicious food, that is).



From left: Traffic Officer II Brandi McCorry, 15 years of City service; Sgt. Yolanda Barnes, 10 years; and Traffic Officer II Celia Apodaca, 14 years.



From left: Traffic Officer Durward Brooks, 25 years of City service; Traffic Officer Rafael Garcia, 15 years; and Traffic Officer Gerald Moultrie, 23 years.

## South Parking Enforcement

Story and photos by Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor



Transportation's South Parking Enforcement division held a celebration of the holidays Dec. 21. The party featured delicious homemade food by Rosetta Moore and contributions by other employees.

Special thanks to Sgt. Yolanda Barnes and Lt. Bennie Ellis.



Traffic Officer II (and chef) Rosetta Moore, 22 years of City service.



Front, from left: Traffic Officer II Joyce Walker, 22 years of City service; Traffic Officer II Brandi McCorry, 22 years; and Traffic Officer II Celia Apodaca, 22 years. Back: Traffic Officer II Rosetta Moore, 22 years; Traffic Officer II Tracey Simmons, 15 years; Sgt. Yolanda Barnes, 10 years; Traffic Officer II LeAnn Ashley, 23 years; Traffic Officer II Kim Rayford, 16 years; and Traffic Officer II Dorothy Sullivan, 23 years.



Laurie Simmons, Sr. Clerk Typist, 11 years of City service, with her daughters Lacey, 10, and Ashley, 12.



Traffic Officer II Thomas Scranton, 23 years of City service, gets his "grub on." He's pictured with his sergeants and lieutenants.



Sgt. Sedrick Moore, 22 years of City service.



Sgts. Martha Sevilla, 10 years of City service, and Yolanda Barnes, 10 years.

From left: Traffic Officer II Rosetta Moore, 22 years of City service, and Traffic Officer Aaron Gray, 15 years.



From left: Traffic Officer Phillip Hall, 23 years of City service, received a letter of accommodation for his role in keeping order and helping to keep traffic in order at the Kids Choice Awards in April 2011. With him is his son, Benicio, 3.

# The City Parties



From left: Jaron Lee, son of Walter Lee; Gilbert Garcia, Acting Supervisor II; Marco Montano, Equipment Mechanic, Club Member, 3 years of City service; Milton Gomez, Supervisor, Clt Ron Lew, Equipment Mechanic II; and Hector Meza, Auto Body Builder and Repair, 4 years

## General Services Tire Shop



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas

General Services' Seventh Street Tire Shop held its holiday brunch for employees and families on Dec. 21.

Great food was enjoyed along with balloons, games and a Santa Claus visit as well. More than a dozen gifts were raffled.

Thanks to all for attending! And thanks, too, go to Milton Gomez, Club Member, for his assistance.



Jim Hughes, Equipment Mechanic, Club Member, 25 years of City service, with his grandson, Omar Gonzalez, 4 years old.



The Jimenez family, from left: Victoriano Jimenez, Tire Repairer, Club Member, 9 years of City service, and his wife, Enedina, granddaughter, Sophia, 10 months; daughter in law, Yazmin; grandson, Manuel, 4; and son, Jose, 14.



From left: Justine Mejia, granddaughter, 9; Lydia Chagolla, Clerk Typist, Club Member, 8 years of City service; daughter, Diana Mejia; and granddaughter, Jade Mejia, 7 years of City service.



From left: Kris Goolsby, Acting Equipment Superintendent, Club Member, 27 years of City service; Toni Roberson, Sr. Clerk Typist, 22 years; Ron Lew, Equipment Mechanic II; and Dave Wilson, Retired Equipment Superintendent.



From left: Officer Hector Graciano, General Services, 15 years of City service; Traffic Officer II Coralia Iraheta, 10 years; Traffic Officer II Manny Ortiz, 9 years; Traffic Officer II Luis Hernandez, 10 years; Traffic Officer II Johnny Raxton, 9 years; Traffic Officer II Marco Hernandez, 10 years; Traffic Officer II Ron Haywood, 10 years; and Traffic Officer II Art Ledezma, 10 years.

Raffle and prizes were given out.



From left: Marvin Portillo, 23 years of City service; Sgt. Christopher Olson, 12 years; Artin Voskanian; and Sgt. Kevin Morris, 27 years.



From left: Traffic Officer Liff Onyekew, 15 years of City service; Traffic Officer Robin Gregory, 24 years; Traffic Officer Latisha Vargas, 11 years; and Traffic Officer Tanisha Boyd White, 11 years.



Doing the "Wobble."



From left: Traffic Officer Joe Richard, 9 years of City service; Traffic Officer Koko, 9 years; Traffic Officer Markus Anderson, 9 years; and Traffic Officer Robert Glover, 9 years.



From: Traffic Officer II Tonique Brittenum, 15 years of City service; Sgt. Aliana Martinez, 23 years; Sgt. Kenneth Poma, 31 years; Lt. Melinda Contreras, 31 years; Sgt. Hsiune Stephen, 24 years; and STS Cheryl Lloyd, 25 years.



From left: Sgt. Diana Armijo, 23 years of City service; Sgt. Edmund Cordova, 26 years; Lt. Cheryl Johnson, 25 years; and Capt. Devon Farfan, 26 years.

## Parking Enforcement

Story and photos Tanya Edwards



The Hollywood Transportation parking enforcement officers know how to throw a great party in celebration of the holidays. They held their annual holiday gathering Dec. 15.

The event included delicious home made food, raffles and dancing.

Thanks go to Robin Gregory, Traffic Officer, for the invitation.



From left: Traffic Officer Emmanuel David, 12 years; Lt. Iral Turner, 23 years.



From left: Traffic Officer II Barbara Woo, 5 years; Traffic Officer II Roylan Brown, 3 years; Traffic Officer Aaron Marsh, 3 years; Traffic Officer II L. Johnson, 5 years; Traffic Officer II Nona Slater, 6 years; Traffic Officer II Jim Byard, 6 years; and Traffic Officer II Carmelle Brown, 10 years.



From left: Traffic Officer II Miguel Villarreal, 5 years of City service; and Traffic Officer II Andre Smith, 4 years.

# The City Parties



From left: Tracey Zuliani, Transportation Planning Associate, 12 years of City service; Chris Torres, Gardener, Club Member; Arlene Herrero, City Employees Club Product Manager; and (seated) Christine Pina, Office Services Assistant, 6 years, Club Member.

From left: Julie Huerta, Communications Administrative Officer, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Martha Torres, Jessica Bautista's mom (a.k.a. "Tamale Mom"); and Jessica Bautista, Management Aide, 16 years, Club Member, HDEC Treasurer.



David Libatique, Sr. Director of Government Affairs, 1 year of City service, Club Member.

From left: Willie Dockery, Maintenance Laborer, 9 years of City service, Club Member; Kendell Henderson, Maintenance Laborer, 8 months; Gerald Hall, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years, Club Member; and Stephen James, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years.



From left: Molly Campbell, Deputy Executive Director, 24 years of City service; and Rose Kinoshita, Sr. CT, 28 years, Club Member.



From left: Homero Bosso, Communications Manager, 28 years of City service; and Kevin Sun, Program Analyst, 5 years, Club Member.



From left: Kurt Ramirez, Survey Party Chief I, 27 years of City service; Jamil Fernandez, Land Survey Asst., 5 years, Club Member; and Charles Preston, Field Engineering Aide, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., General Manager, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Kelvin Wei, Program Analyst, 18 years; and Desmond Huang, Systems Programmer, 24 years.



Back, from right: Justin Hargrove, Mechanical Helper, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Terry Walsh, Laboratory Technician, 7 years, Club Member; Bill McQuain, Heavy Equipment Mechanic; and Efen Huitron, Mechanic, 10 years, Club Member. Front: Mike Norris, Equipment Mechanic, 17 years; Ed Norris, Equipment Mechanic, 13 years; and Herman Cervantes, Equipment Mechanic, 15 years, Club Member.



Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Club Member, shares holiday greetings.



From left: Albert Robles, Carpenter, 21 years of City service, Club Member; Frank Vockeroth, Sr. Carpenter, 25 years; and Martin Lovato, Electrician, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Kevin Ferrell, Roofer, 3 years of City service, Club Member; Ed "Mundo" Little, Roofing Supervisor, 15 years; Lester Brand, Roofer, 5 years, Club Member; and James Bozarth, Sr. Roofer, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Barb Garrett, Analyst, 20 years of City service; Petty Santos, Sr. MA II, 16 years, Club Member; and Sabrina Barri, Management Analyst, 11 years.



From left: Regina Grant, Port Police, 30 years of City service, Club Member; John Holmes, Operations, 5 years; Tim De Moss, EMD, 21 years; and Sharon Tattel, Engineering, 8 years, Club Member.



From left: Manny Esparza, Survey Party Chief, 20 years of City service, Club Member; Virgil Torres, Land Surveying Assistant, 21 years, Club Member; Krzysztof Weretka, Field Survey Assistant, 4 years; and Robert Holme, Survey Party Chief, 20 years.



From left: Jimmy Uchimiya, M&C Helper, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Rick Mizuhara, Survey Assistant, 20 years, Club Member.

Vanessa Guillen, CT, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Rene Fregoso, AC Mechanic, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Tyrone Jessamy, AC Supervisor, 11 years, Club Member.



From left: Mark Jackson, Sr. Gardener, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Kenyatta Harmon, Gardener, 12 years; and Angela Falls, Sr. CT, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Renee Little, Executive Admin. Asst., 34 years of City service; Lorraine Hillyer, Financial Analyst, 5 years; and Julie Yano, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, 9 years.

From left: Matt Prideau, SPAII, 7 years of City service; and Luis Zamudio, SPA II, 1 year, with his wife, Brenda, and son, Luis, 2.

## Harbor C&M



Mario Saborio, Management Assistant, 14 years of City service.

Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

A "small, intimate" group of 350 got together Dec. 22 for the Harbor Construction & Maintenance's annual holiday breakfast. There was nothing small about it – 240 pounds of calamari were prepared and served (a 20-year tradition), with homemade tamales and of course, bacon, eggs, potatoes, and muffins.

Lots of raffle prizes were handed out, and employees enjoyed time with their co-workers. Congresswoman Janice Hahn, formerly City Councilwoman for the Harbor area, also attended to share holiday greetings.

Thanks to Holly Carlson for inviting us to cover this event!



From left: Chris Patrizio, Machinist, 3 years of City service; and Sylvia Gordon, Pile Driver, 5 years.



Back row, from left: Juan Vega, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Maria Garcia, Division 130 Custodian, 12 years, Club Member, with her husband, Fred. Front: Mario Garcia, Maintenance Laborer, 5 years, Club Member; Fran Lamangan, Crime Analyst, Port Police, 4 years, Club Member; Adelynn, Maria Garcia's daughter; Rene Melo, Principal Clerk, 20 years; and Hector Elizondo, Laborer, 1 year, Club Member.



Arlene Herrero, City Employees Club Product Manager, with Maurice Jacobs.



Far right: Justin Hargrove, Mechanical Helper, 5 years of City service, Club Member, with his mom, Gwyn, and daughter, Caitlynn.

# CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK



Repairing a fire hydrant at Second and Spring Street downtown are, from left: **Tommy Gibbs**, Water Utility Worker, 14 years of City service; and **Vernon Chesterton**, Sr. Water Utility Worker, 8 years.



**William Flowers**, Airport Maintenance Supervisor, 27 years of City service, Club Member, supervises Airport custodial operations in Terminal 4 and the Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX.



Here's a photo of Rec and Parks employees working on an irrigation system near the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. From left: **Traci Rubner**, Sr. Gardner, 9 years of City service; and **Frank Holmes**, Irrigation Specialist, 1 year.



**Brandon Brookman**, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, Street Services, 4 years of City service.



**Langston A. Phillips**, Public Works/Street Services, Club Member.



These employees work in the Transportation coin room. They are responsible for counting the revenue taken in from the City's parking meters. They are, from left: **Stanley Barr**, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years of City service; **Elvin Galindo**, Sr. Transportation Investigator, 23 years; **Larry Ortiz**, 12 years; **Aida Martinez**, 8 years; and **Sabrina Peters**, 11 years.

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

## THIS MONTH AT THE

Feb. 4-5, 18-19:

# Weekend Tidepool Walk

12:30 – 2 p.m.

CMA's Education Staff conducts tours of the Point Fermin State Marine Park. Attend an informative slide show in the John M. Olguin Auditorium, then come along on the naturalist-led ramble on the rocks to see animals in their natural habitat. Outdoor clothing and sneakers advised. Young children must be accompanied by adults. Reservations required for groups.

This is a free event open to everyone.

**Fee:** Free  
[www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org](http://www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org)

# Cabrillo Marine Aquarium



## REC AND PARKS

# A Banning Valentine

**Banning Museum to host luncheon and tea with Valentine theme.**

Friends of Banning Museum will hold its seventh annual Valentine's *Tea & Tunes* on Sat., Feb. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. This popular event will take place at The Banning Museum, 401 East "M" Street, in Wilmington.

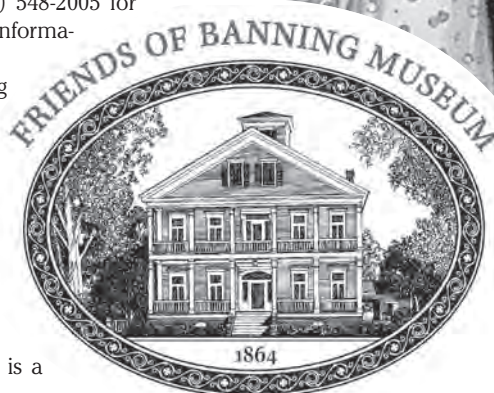
Those attending Valentine's *Tea & Tunes* will enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day with an elegant light luncheon and a special selection of teas. A presentation, "The Language of Flowers in Victorian Times" by Rosarian Gloria Leinbach will kick off the luncheon. Live entertainment will be provided by award-winning harpist and recording artist Shawna Selline. Complimentary tours of the Museum, Red Cars Exhibit, new transportation exhibition and special exhibition assembled especially for this event will follow the program.

Reservations are required for Valentine's *Tea & Tunes* and space is limited. The cost is \$50 for Friends of Banning Museum members and \$60 for non-members. Please call Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005 for reservations or for further information.

Friends of Banning Museum is a nonprofit corporation founded to develop the historic Banning Museum. Our mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education, and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."

The Banning Museum is a

facility of Rec and Parks and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum.



To my Valentine

# Investigating Chili

**Police Dept.'s Scientific Investigation Division hosts a chili cookoff fundraiser.**



Martie Pastor, Criminalist, LAPD, 4 months of City service; and Mary Keens, Sr. Criminalist, 11 years of County service.



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

The Club's very own Chef Larios helped judge the recent chili cookoff, hosted by the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division. The fun event was held Nov. 15 at the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center on the campus of Cal State LA.

The City's SID shares space with the County's forensic science unit. Employees of both units were welcome to enter the contest.

The event raised funds for the division's entry in the Baker to Vegas footrace rally, held each April.

Many contestants battled for first place in the traditional and all chili categories. First place winner was Joanna Law, L.A. County Sheriff's Office; second place went to Sue Brockbank, Club Member.

Thanks to Meiling Cabral and Sue Brockbank, both Club Members, for helping us produce this article.



Bonnie Gulley, Sr. Criminalist, 4 years of County service.



Gregory Hadinoto, Sr. Criminalist, 6 years of County service.



Joana Law, the "All Chili" first-place winner with Chef Larios.



Iris Cruz, Sr. Criminalist, 4 years of County service; and Ken Sewell, Supervising Criminalist, 25 years.



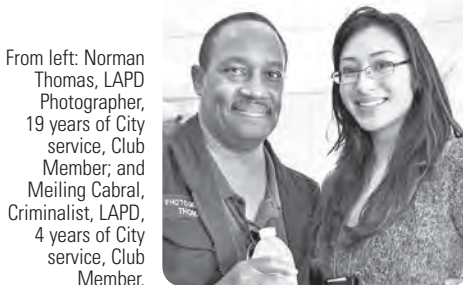
From left: Sue Brockbank, Supervising Criminalist, LAPD, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Angela Bittroff, Criminalist I, DNA Serology, LAPD, 7 months of City service.



"Team Dead Hot Chili Peppers" was, from left: Michelle Acevedo, Forensic Identification Specialist, 13 years of County service; Marisela Rowles, Forensic Identification Specialist, 22 years of County service; and Sonya Villa, Forensic Identification Specialist, 15 years of County service.



The chili cookoff judges.



From left: Norman Thomas, LAPD Photographer, 19 years of City service, Club Member; and Meiling Cabral, Criminalist, LAPD, 4 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Leslie Thompson, Sr. Criminalist Specialist, 3 years of County service; and Joanna Law, Sr. Criminalist Specialist, 2 years.



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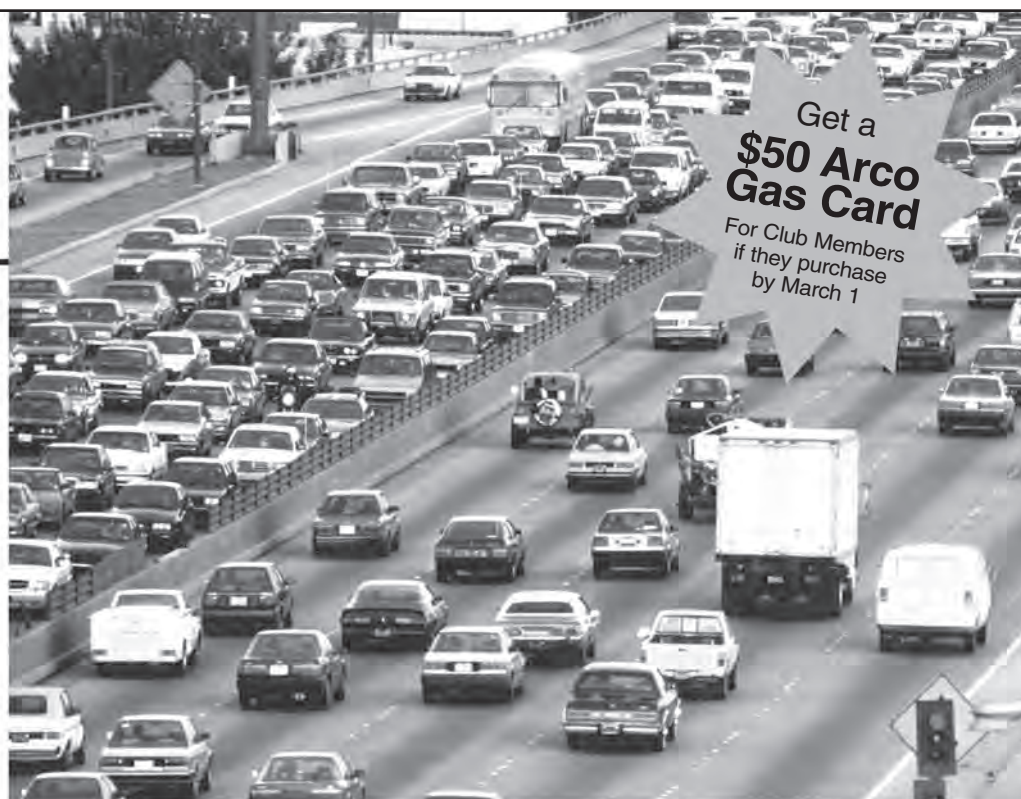
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# It's a Coloring Contest!



# for Adults!

## GROWN-UPS, GET YOUR CRAYONS OUT!

It's time for another Grown-up Coloring Contest! Why let your kids have all the fun? The prize: a \$50 Target gift card. So get coloring, and have fun!

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Job title and department with the City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PLEASE PROVIDE

Club Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Send Entries to:

Club Coloring Adult Contest  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
120 W. Second Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### Rules of the Club's Adult Coloring Contest:

- Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
- All responses must be completed by the person indicated: no ringers (including your children!)
- Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
- 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.

## THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON







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## PUBLIC WORKS

# Training Day

Hyperion hosts a training day for area collection systems personnel.



Story and photos by Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor

A collection systems training event was held Nov. 3 for wastewater collection facilities including Public Works/Sanitation, L.A. County Sanitation Departments. The event was hosted at the Hyperion Wastewater Treatment Plant by CWEA (California Water Environment Association).

The event offered attendees the opportunity to meet local sewer system managers and professionals, vendors specializing in collection equipment, and of course the Club, which was on hand to meet and greet. There were training events, classroom informational sessions and hands-on seminars, not to mention a nice catered lunch.

Thanks to Bernard Rogers Wastewater Manager, Wastewater Collection Systems Division, for his assistance.



Combination machines (trucks), which clean and vacuum out waste systems.



From left: Rick Pearce, Fernando Gonzalez, and Jose Gonzalez of Los Angeles County Sanitation learn the benefits of County Club membership by Angel Gomez, the Club's Member Services Manager.



From left: Mihran Sarkisian, Hyperion Assistant Plant Manager, Club Member, and Bernard Rogers, Wastewater Manager of Wastewater Collection Systems Division.



Dennis Perkins, Wastewater Treatment Specialist I, 20 years of City service.



One of the pieces of collection equipment on display is a transfer pump, used to bypass sewers and pump water and debris.



From left: Robert Benavides, Lead, Public Works/Sanitation, 20 years of City service; Robert Cruz, Maintenance Construction; Lori Weiss, who has been in the industry since 1984; and Jose Flores, Sr. Maintenance Construction, 16 years.



Eric Hall, Guard at Hyperion, 6 years of City service.

# Officers Save A Life

## AIRPORTS

Two Airport Police Officers save the life of a woman.

Story courtesy Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member

Two quick-thinking Airport Police Officers saved the life of a woman who had a heart attack at LAX.

On the evening of Dec. 30, two Airport Police officers rushed to a call of a woman feeling sick at Terminal 2. Little did they know, soon they would be saving her life.

When Officers Robert Mosquera, four years of service with the department, and Thi Tran, two years, responded to the departure level at Terminal 2, they found Etel Martinez, 49, sitting in a car parked curbside. Martinez had collapsed on the sidewalk while walking her sister to a ticket counter inside. Her husband, Aldo Martinez, helped his wife back into their car and called for help.

As the officers were talking to Martinez, she suddenly stopped breathing and had no pulse. Acting quickly, Officer Mosquera began cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) while Officer Tran ran inside the terminal and grabbed an automated external defibrillator (AED). Working together,



the officers used the defibrillator and continued with CPR until Martinez began breathing again. LAFD paramedics then arrived and quickly took Martinez to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

"The quick actions of Officers Mosquera and Tran have given Etel Martinez a second chance at life in the new year," said Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey. "These Airport Police officers were truly her angels." City of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said, "Thanks to the commendable actions of Officers Mosquera and Tran, who quickly responded to a life-threatening medical emergency and effectively used their emergency medical training, a woman who was at LAX is alive today and will be able to enjoy the New Year." Chief of Airport Police George R. Centeno said, "This is great work by two officers who knew what to do at a very critical time. Their quick response and focused actions were truly lifesaving."

Police George R. Centeno said, "This is great work by two officers who knew what to do at a very critical time. Their quick response and focused actions were truly lifesaving."

Alive! congratulates Officers Robert Masquero and Thi Tran for their excellent response.



Attendees line up for a delicious catered meal.



Electric Pumping Plant Operators Pete Cenicerros, Mike Smith, and Rafael Aguiar. All have 6 years of City service.



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

**Blanket the City:** A new Club winter tradition

CLUB MEMBERS: **Help Us**

# Blanket the City!



Brian.

**Club Members are helping us take care of those living on the streets this winter.**

Last month, the Club started a new outreach project – pass out blankets during the winter months to those living on the streets downtown to *Blanket the City*. Since December, the Club has handed out more than 30 blankets.

We first told you about this in last month's *Alive!* Since then, more than 10 Club Members have stepped forward and said, "We want to help." And help they did, donating more than \$500 to the cause. "An awesome response," says John Hawkins, the Club's CEO.

The Club has handed out all the blankets we had, and now we're purchasing more through your generosity.

## Won't you join the effort? Here's how:

- The military-grade blankets cost \$7 each.
- Contribute what you can, and the Club will purchase blankets and hand them out for you.
- Want to contribute? Contact John Hawkins or Angel Gomez, and we'll take it from there:  
[jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com) or  
[agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com)

*Help us Blanket the City*



Victoria.



Thomas wasn't home, so we draped a blanket on his enclosure.



Gail.



David.



Luis.

**30**  
blankets given out to date!!



Martin.

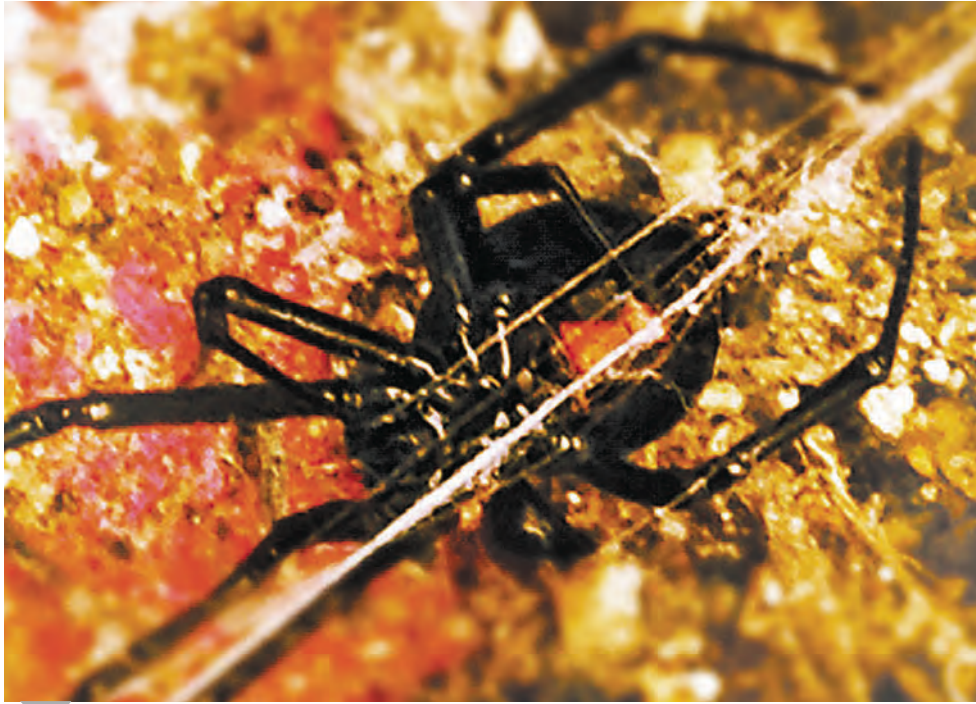
{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Director of Member Services Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }



John Hawkins, Club CEO

# John's Picture Perfect Contest

**WIN**  
**\$25** Walmart  
Gift Card



"This was taken with my iPhone while reading a water meter in the Valley."

– **Christopher Boyd, DWP**

**John's comments:** First of all, I hate spiders, especially black widow spiders. We have plenty of them where I live in the valley, but it's not too often you get a clear view of their hourglass mark. Nice shot, Chris, and keep those gloves on!



"Here are some pictures of the moon setting this morning (approx 6:30 a.m.). It was such a beautiful site that you've probably received similar pictures from other members. I took the pictures from a west-facing window on the 18th floor in City Hall."

– **Susy Radillo Gomez, Payroll Supervisor II, Public Works**

**John's comments:** Susy, what an unusual photo. If I didn't know any better I would think that this was the sun. It's pretty wild how our moon looks so bizarre... isn't Planet Earth amazing!



A photo of Redondo Beach, from **Terry Rose, Mayor's Office**.

**John's comments:** Terry, I've kayaked these pathways many times, but I have never seen them look so beautiful! Good eye and composition!

## 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
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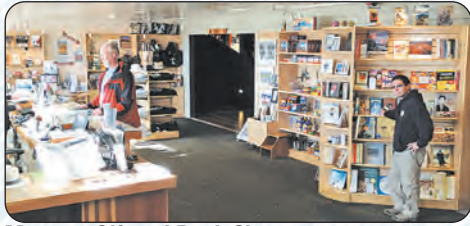


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Valentine's Day!**

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On tour with Ranger Rose Masters. In the background is a list of every Japanese person who lived in the camp.



Mazandar Gift and Book Shop.



Ranger Rose Masters and me in front of the mess hall replica.



The Military Police Sentry Post.

# Manzanar — Inyo, Calif.

## Hello again, everyone!

This month we head to Manzanar National Historic Site, one of the ten camps where more than 120,000 Japanese Americans were imprisoned during World War II. Manzanar is in California's Owens Valley between Lone Pine and Independence, about 230 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

The word *manzanar* means "apple orchard" in Spanish. We did not find any apple trees in the area, but we were told there was one apple tree standing somewhere in the camp area. Sounds like something we need to look into. Let's begin.

## History

Manzanar National Historic Site was established to preserve the stories of the internment of nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II and to serve as a reminder to this and future generations of the fragility of American civil liberties. Relocations recur throughout the history of Manzanar and the Owens Valley. The Paiute and early settlers as well as Japanese Americans all were uprooted from their homes. American Indians began utilizing the valley almost 10,000 years ago. About 1,500 years ago, the Owens Valley Paiute established settlements here. They hunted, fished, collected pine nuts, and practiced a form of irrigated agriculture. Miners and ranchers moved into the valley in the early 1860s and homesteaded Paiute lands raising cattle, sheep, fruit, wheat, and other crops.

The military forcibly relocated nearly 1,000 Owens Valley Paiute to Fort Tejon in 1863. Many Paiute returned to the Owens Valley and worked on local ranches. The town of Manzanar developed as an agricultural settlement beginning in 1910. Farmers grew apples, pears, peaches, potatoes, and alfalfa on several thousand acres surrounding the town.

The DWP began acquiring water rights in the valley in 1905 and completed the Los Angeles Aqueduct in 1913. By 1929 Los Angeles owned all of Manzanar's land and water rights. Within five years, the town was abandoned. In the 1930s local residents pinned their economic hopes on tourism. With the onset of World War II, tourism diminished.

In 1942 the U.S. Army leased 6,200 acres at Manzanar from Los Angeles to establish a center to hold Japanese Americans during World War II. Though some valley residents opposed the construction of the internment camp, others helped build it and worked here. Among these

were a few Owens Valley Paiute, whose own families had been exiled earlier from these lands. (History is courtesy [www.nps.gov/manz](http://www.nps.gov/manz)).

## Our Visit

I was really excited about traveling up to Manzanar. I looked it up online and there is lots of information about this place. I would say it is about two-to-three-hour trip from Los Angeles. When we arrived I thought, is this the place? From the road, I could see only a sign and a guard shack. Hmm.

So, we stopped and took a few photos. However the real treat was in the interpretive center. The building is very low key (from the outside), but once you go inside you will be amazed, with all the information inside. There is a book section, a theater, and lots of photo exhibits. I was really impressed! Amazing!

The rangers and employees in the store were all very friendly. They took time to show us around and answer any questions we had.

I want to thank everyone at Manzanar for the warm welcome, especially Ranger Rose Masters. Thanks, Rose!

A little trivia: Her grandfather was Keith Bright, who was involved in getting this to become a national historic site, which finally happened in 1992.

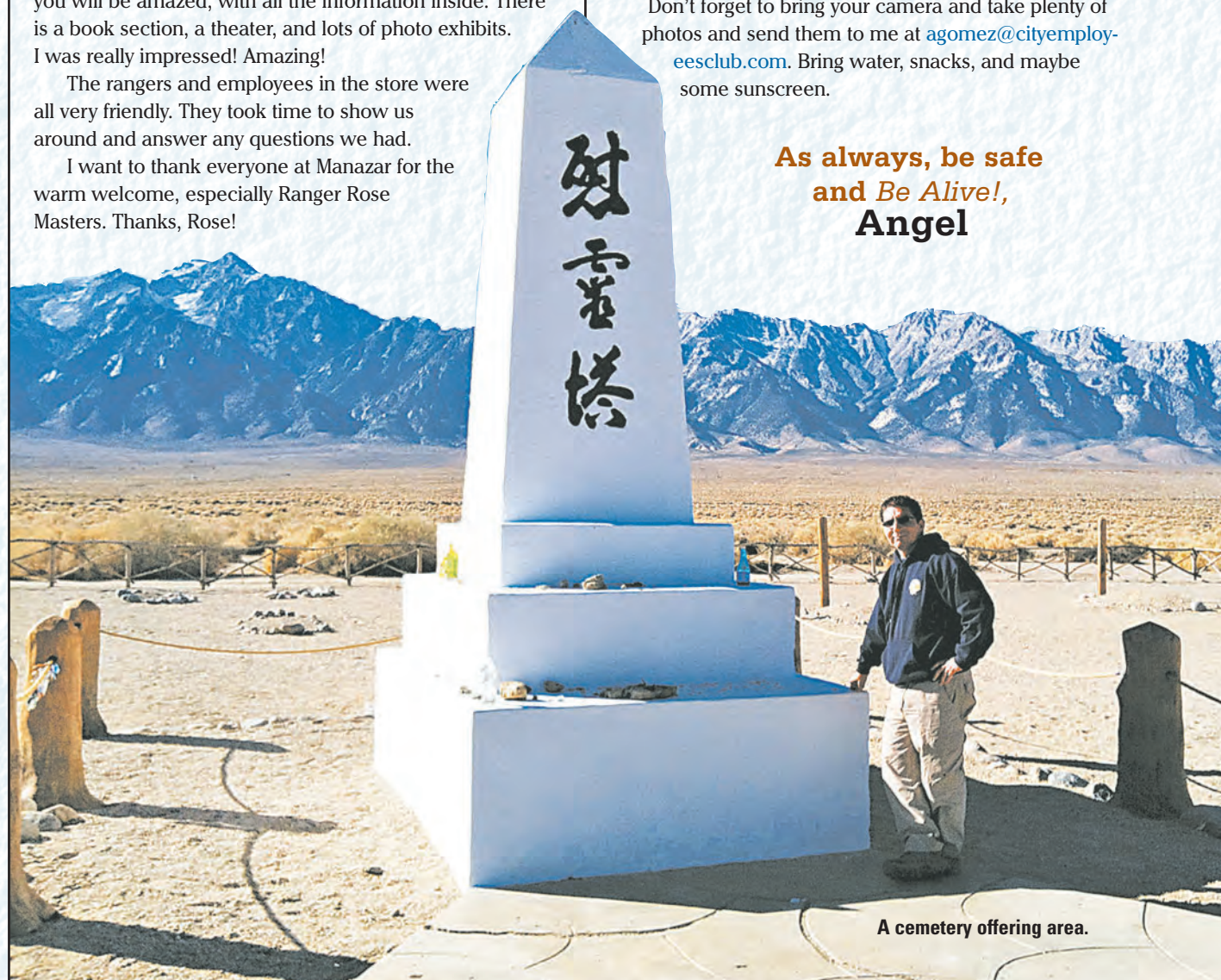
We walked around the area, and Ranger Rose was nice enough to take us on a short tour, then to the kitchen area, which she actually helped put together.

There is a self-guided driving tour, and that is about 3.2 miles long. The signs tell you what was at that location when the camp was operational. The tour is very interesting. There is so much history that you need to stop by, even if it's just for a few moments. There is also a free movie that explains the history about Manzanar. This place is a must-see for everyone.

Please make sure to stop by and tell them City Employees Club of Los Angeles sent you.

Don't forget to bring your camera and take plenty of photos and send them to me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com). Bring water, snacks, and maybe some sunscreen.

As always, be safe and *Be Alive!*,  
Angel



A cemetery offering area.

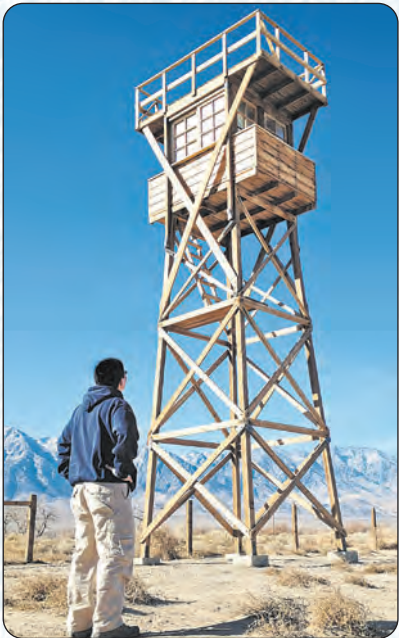
Angel Gomez,  
Club Director of Sales

# Angel's *Be Alive!*

Send your photos to me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com). I would love to see them!



The first Street sign with area description.



A guard tower overlooking the camp.



A model of a Manzanar camp.



Manzanar Information post with the gift shop in the background.



Manzanar Theater ("Remembering Manzanar," a 20-minute movie, plays there.)



Special thanks to John Hawkins, our "Be Alive!" photographer.

## Manzanar National Historic Site

On the west side of U.S. Highway 395, nine miles north of Lone Pine and six miles south of Independence.

The 814-acre site is open every day from dawn to dusk.

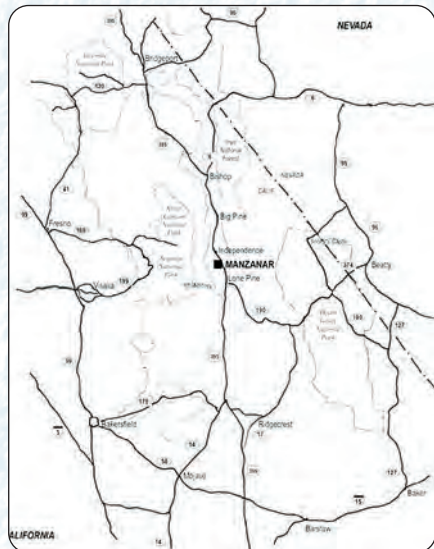
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**DIRECTIONS:** From Los Angeles: Take the Golden State Freeway/I-5 north toward Sacramento. Take CA-14 north toward Lancaster/Palmdale. Remain on CA-14 for 118 miles. Continue on US-395 north for 80 miles. Manzanar is nine miles north of Lone Pine on the west side of US-395.



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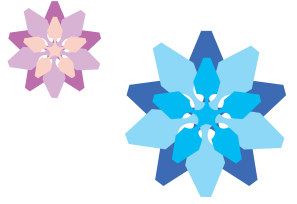
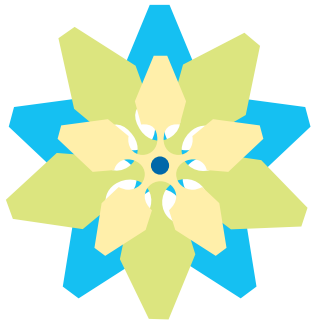
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# Life's Important Moments

## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

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 Aaron Williams

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 Margo Hobbs

**Transportation**  
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 Derrell Minor  
 Jimmy Reyes  
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 Ramina White

## Graduations

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**L'keva Harris** graduated last May with a bachelor's degree in public administration. She plans to pursue her master's degree in public administration. L'keva is a crime scene photographer for the LAPD.

## Births

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**Camila Cruz**, born Aug. 19. Her parents are Patricia and Carmelino Cruz. She's the niece of Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations [and Chef Larios, and the Club Sports Dude, and the Club's Discount King. *[Little Camila has a lot to live up to! – Ed.]*



**Kevin James Leony**, born Sept. 18 to Kevin W. Leony and Mayra Curiel. The proud grandparents, Eric and Katherine Taylor, work for Transportation.

# Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy  
 The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



## Coverage Is No Accident

The total cost of unintentional injuries in 2008 amounted to \$701.9 billion – the equivalent of about \$2,300 per person. That's according to the National Safety Council's Injury Facts, 2010 edition.

The City Employees Club has launched an accident insurance plan to cover the out-of-pocket expenses that are not covered by your medical insurance, including emergency and medical office co-pays, transportation and lodging needs, and taking time off work.

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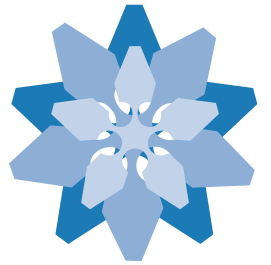
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## In Memoriam

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.

<b>Active</b>	Brannan, Clifford, DWP, 32	Hellman, Alice, DWP, 17	Norseweather, D.L., Public Works, 30
Chien, Carrie, Housing, 4	Brown, Chris, LAFD, 10	Hildebrant, E.J., Rec and Parks, 35	Patt, Richard, DWP, 33
Dale, Richard, Cultural Affairs, 24	Burns, Albert, Airports, 33	Honore, Wilton, Rec and Parks, 34	Rey, Martin, DWP, 16
Landowski, David, DWP, 26	Bushra, Jeanne, DWP, 16	Inglese, Giulio, DWP, 27	Rieger, Jack, Transportation, 30
Ling, Karie, Aging, 18	Chambers, Nadine, Airports, 23	Johnson, Arthur, Building and Safety, 32	Rosenfield, David, Building and Safety, 18
Matyas, Steve, DWP, 22	Cobb, Barbara, DWP, 23	Jones, Eddie, Airports, 14	Russell, Mary Jane, DWP, 11
Munoz, Mayra, Airports, 10	Cook, Lawrence, DWP, 30	Kawamoto, Shigemasa, LAPD, 29	Salas, Vincent, DWP, 23
Johnson, Lisa, General Services, 22	Coombs, John, CAO, 31	Lewis, Norma, DWP, 6	Snyder, Hall, DWP, 30
Pfahl, Mary, Rec and Parks, 9	Daniels, John, Rec and Parks, 28	Lipkowski, Russell, Airports, 25	Stephenson, Odile, Building and Safety, 18
Picou III, David, DWP, 24	David, Frank, DWP, 34	MacDonald, Jack, Public Works, 34	Stumpo, Mary, Transportation, 25
Poon, Lisa, DWP, 26	David, Richard, Planning, 23	Marine, Kerney, Public Works, 29	Sumida, William, General Services, 33
Priestly, James, General Services, 24	Davis, Patricia, LAPD, 7	Martens, Kenneth, DWP, 31	Talbert, Stanley, Public Works, 30
Serrato, Cynthia, Transportation, 13	Dawley, Dennis, Rec and Parks, 17	Martin, Miriam, Transportation, 21	Thacker, Paul, Harbor, 37
Wong, David, ITA, 9	Giampietro, L., Public Works, 37	Martinez, Tony, Rec and Parks, 32	Thompson, Rosaline, Library, 16
<b>Retired</b>	Golomb, Jacob, Public Works, 28	Massengale, Anna, Rec and Parks, 10	Valentin, Doris, Airports, 14
Abad, Lolita, LAPD, 27	Gover, Charles, DWP, 20	May, Beatrice, Rec and Parks, Not Disclosed	Vignaroli, Vincent, Rec and Parks, 25
Andrews, L.C., Public Works, 32	Granado, Lupe, LAPD, 12	McCoy, Larry, Rec and Parks, 36	Villegas, Phillip, Public Works, 30
Barney, Leverne, Public Works, 26	Gray, Doyle, DWP, 20	McDonald, Jenetta, General Services, 25	Wade, Henry, Public Works, 8
Barragan, Moses, Public Works, 26	Greene, Andrew, DWP, 42	Metz, Mondell, DWP, 32	White, Loretta, Transportation, 35
Bennett, Russell, LAPD, 24	Harker, John, Transportation, 2	Montanez, Gus, Housing, 14	Whitehead, Ernie, Rec and Parks, 22
Berry, Leroy, DWP, 32	Harper, Malcolm, Personnel, 12	Morea, Louie, LACERS, 33	Willick, Jack, LAPD, 10
Bicol, Chrisanto, Public Works, 15	Harris, George, Rec and Parks, 22	Murphy, Mildred, Rec and Parks, 12	Woods, Hortense, Library, 29
Bondar, Joseph, Public Works, 28	Harvey, Thomas, General Services, 13	Nelson, Willard, Public Works, 24	

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## Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Baranowski, Joe	-	ITA	42	Gomez, Antonia	Accounting Clerk II	Public Works	30	Richardson, Debra	Animal Keeper	Rec & Parks	9
Behdad, Hamid	Struct. Engr. Assoc. IV	Building & Safety	17	Hajiloo, Mehrdad	Mech. Engr. Assoc. IV	Building & Safety	22	Robinson, John	-	DWP	-
Bell, Michael M.	Shift Supt. Wtw. Trmt. II	Public Works	30	Hansen, Gregory	Street Serv. Supv. II	Public Works	30	Ruvalcaba, Elias	Special Prog. Asst. II	Rec & Parks	4
Bickel, Stephen	Personnel Director III	Transportation	37	Hawes, Vivian	-	DWP	-	Sandorf, Mary C.	Delivery Driver II	Rec & Parks	3
Chaney, Ruth A.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	11	Hildebrand, Bruce	-	DWP	-	Soto, Carlos	-	DWP	-
Ciulis, Paul	-	DWP	-	Iranpour, Reza	Sr. Environmental Engr.	Public Works	21	Staal, Sterling	Port Police Officer II	Harbor	12
Coil, Joyce M.	Airport Guide II	Airports	13	Jolley, Linda	Golf Starter Supv. II	Rec & Parks	19	Stadler, Joe	-	DWP	-
Cole, Belva Diane	Sr. Clerk Typist	Envir. Affairs	20	Kou, Francisco	-	DWP	-	Terrones, Rosemary	-	DWP	-
Corcoran, Kevin F.	Sr. Systems Analyst II	ITA	22	Landon, Mark	-	DWP	-	Uchida, Karl	Communications Elec.	ITA	17
Cosner, Brian	-	DWP	-	Ledbetter, Loretta	-	DWP	-	Weatherman, William	-	DWP	-
Erb, Thomas	-	DWP	-	Lucero, Thomas	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	23	Wolf, Joseph John V.	Sr. Wtw. Trmt. Op.	Public Works	24
Eveland, Burrell	-	DWP	-	Manaois, Merlo	Accounting Clerk II	LAFD	21	Velez, Francisco	Carpenter	LAFD	25
Garrett, Terry L.	Marine Envir. Supv.	Harbor	15	Morales, James	-	DWP	-				
Garza, Frances Ann	Pers. Records Supv.	Rec and Parks	24	Munoz, Patricia Ann	Legal Clerk I	City Attorney	27				

## Reviews by Fellow Club Members

## ENTERTAINMENT

## At the Movies

## • In the cinema

**My Week with Marilyn**

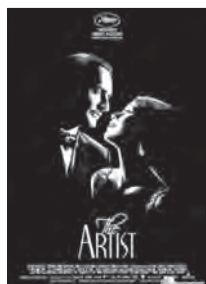
Rated R  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Colin Clark is a young Englishman who lands a production job in Laurence Olivier's film company during the making of the 1957 movie *The Prince and the Showgirl*.

This movie documents Olivier and Marilyn Monroe's interaction, and Clark's infatuation with the American star. Monroe's mood swings, insecurities, and devotion to acting are wonderfully retold in this film gem.

This is one of the most entertaining films of 2011, with excellent acting (Michelle Williams' Monroe is amazing), and amusing storytelling that is both touching and literate. A film this good should not be missed.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**The Artist**

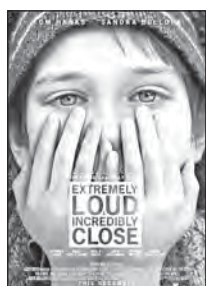
Rated PG-13  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*The Artist* is both the most original and cliché-ridden film of 2011. It is Hollywood, 1927, and silent movie star George Valentin helps a young dancer, Peppy Miller, start a career. As talkies take

over Hollywood, Valentin's career fails, and Miller becomes a star.

What makes this comedy so special is how it is filmed: in black and white, as a silent movie. Sound is added only as the talkies become prevalent. There is a heavy reliance on symbolism, light and shadows, and the expressiveness of the actors. I loved it.

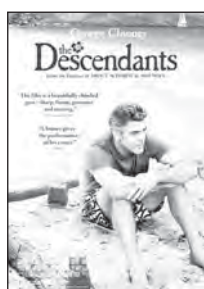
— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close**

Rated PG-13  
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This film showcases the use of historical fiction by coupling the time of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City to the life of Oskar, a fictional young boy who lost his father (Tom Hanks) in the attacks. This boosts the emotional grip it has on the audience – not to mention that the 9/11 attacks are still fresh in the minds of many moviegoers. It's surely a tricky subject to handle but should be catalogued as an important film as it relates to this historical time period in America. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* features an all-star cast with Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, and even John Goodman.

— Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

**The Descendants**

Rated R  
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

George Clooney is the leader of a family descended from Hawaiian kings. He must settle difficult land issues and at the same time deal with his wife, who is in a coma after a boating accident, as well as his estranged daughters. *The Descendants* is depressing and grim, with too few moments of humor to break the dark mood. The two young actresses playing Clooney's daughters are excellent, but Clooney is stiff, wooden, and not convincing as a confused and grieving father and husband. There is some nice Hawaiian music and scenery, but overall *The Descendants* is skippable.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**The Descendants**

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*The Descendants* is a family melodrama that portrays a broken family dealing with tragedy and moving on with their lives. George Clooney stars as a patriarch who is ill-equipped to take over all the parenting responsibilities of his two daughters. His journey around the Hawaiian Islands tries to connect the dots of his family tree and discover some family secrets. The directing allows the actors multiple opportunities to shine.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

**Young Adult**

Rated R  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Charlize Theron plays Mavis, a successful author who returns to her small hometown to attend a baby shower and reconnect with her high school boyfriend to try to find

meaning in her empty life. Her journey is a train wreck, and we cannot look away. Mavis' actions grow increasingly outrageous as she continues to plot and scheme her way back into her ex-boyfriend's life. She meets a social outcast who she treats very poorly, and they form an unlikely duo.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

**Carnage**

Rated R  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*Carnage* is the story of two couples whose meeting to discuss an after-school altercation turns into an exploration of violence, gangs, cell phone etiquette, and responsibility. The script is both self-

referential and darkly comic, with many instances where characters analyze and mock what was stated in a previous scene. The film pokes fun at upper-middle class couples and what they do to "find themselves." The acting is stellar, most notably from Jodie Foster, in perhaps her finest film role to date.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked**

Rated G  
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This animated sequel stars Jason Lee, David Cross, Jenny Slate, Justin Long, and Matthew Gray Gubler. The movie was the continuation of the lives of the chipmunks. There wasn't as much singing and dancing but instead a rescue mission, were they get lost on a desert island. We watched how they survived and how they were rescued.

It's good for the entire family.

— Pat Saucier, DWP (retired)

## Book Reviews

**V Is for Vengeance**

Sue Grafton  
Women's Fiction,  
400 pages  
Penguin

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Kinsey Millhone helps arrest Audrey Vance for shoplifting and feels guilty when Audrey commits suicide, and is then hired by her fiancé to investigate her death. Kinsey uncovers gambling debts, racketeering, crime lords, corrupt cops and on top of that, for Kinsey's 38th birthday, she has two black eyes and a broken nose from being punched in the face. Such a memorable birthday present.

This 22nd novel takes place in 1988 and continues with Sue Grafton's private detective character, Kinsey Millhone, and her adventures of solving crime in Santa Teresa.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

**Explosive Eighteen**

Janet Evanovich  
Women's Fiction,  
320 pages  
Random House

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Bounty Hunter Stephanie Plum's travel from Hawaii to Newark is thwarted when her seatmate is found dead in a Los Angeles layover. The FBI, thugs and psychos are looking for the photograph that her seatmate had with him. Stephanie had seen the photograph. Stephanie must watch her step because there is a killer on her tail.

Meanwhile, Vinnie's temporary bail bonds headquarters catches fire, and Stephanie's arch nemesis, Joyce Barnhardt, moves into her apartment. And Lula falls in love with the largest skip.

This 18th novel in the Stephanie Plum series is dynamite and a must read.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

## On a Screen Near You

## • Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

**Cowboys and Aliens (2011)**

Rated R  
My Score: 0 (out of 5)

It has been said that 2011 was not a good year for movies. Exhibit I in this thesis is *Cowboys and Aliens*, a sci-fi/Western that wastes the talents of Harrison Ford, Daniel

Craig, and Olivia Wilde. Director Jon Favreau has concocted a perfectly unwatchable tale of a spaceship in 1873 Arizona, whose green monsters try to take over the earth. Yes, cowboys and Indians unite to defy the outer-space baddies.

The less said about this cinematic blunder, the better.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Bad Teacher (2011)**

Rated R  
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Cameron Diaz stars as a selfish and insensitive junior high teacher who has been dumped by her wealthy fiancée, and must return to teaching, embarrassed and disgraced. This comedy, co-starring Jason

Segal and Justin Timberlake, has some very funny moments, and with low expectations, it might actually be worth a rental.

Of note is the film's score, some of which is performed by groups like Whitesnake and Judas Priest. The music is fun and manages to keep the movie from bogging down by its numerous gags.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**The Devil's Double (2010)**

Rated R  
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Based on the book of the same name written by former Iraqi Lt. Latif Yahia, *The Devil's Double* is a strikingly vivid portrayal of the life of Saddam Hussein's son Uday, and

the use of his body double, Lt. Yahia. Brutal, violent, and personal, it is one of the best films of the year as a realistic portrayal of this monster. While some parts may be difficult to watch at times, this Blu-ray version and its extras are well worth the discomfort. Dominic Cooper, in particular, deserves an Oscar nod for his performance in this dual role.

— Richard Cardenas, LAPD

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# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



## 'ENGAGEMENT' CHICKEN

I spent some time researching a Valentine's Day recipe, and my interest was piqued by this 'Engagement' Chicken recipe. It is a recipe with a bit of history – or could it be folklore? In any case, it is claimed that the recipe was created by an editor at *Glamour* magazine. The recipe was forwarded to several co-workers, and soon three were offered marriage proposals after making the dish for their boyfriends. The recipe was also published in the magazine, and readers claimed that at least 70 couples were married after the women served their boyfriends the dish.

The recipe itself is very simple to follow, and it seems to hold a nice flavor. The recipe calls for about 1 hour 15 minutes of roasting, but it may take longer if you have a bigger bird.

Please let me know if anyone of you experiences the phenomena of 'Engagement' Chicken and receive marriage proposals! Happy Valentine's Day!

### 'Engagement' Chicken

Makes 4 Servings

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 whole chicken, 4 to 5 pounds
- 1 tablespoon sea salt
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 4 lemons
- 1 tablespoon dill
- 1 sprig rosemary
- 8 to 12 medium-sized rose potatoes
- Approximately 12 stalks asparagus

#### DIRECTIONS:



- 1** Preheat oven to 400 °F. Wash chicken and drain cavity with cold water; let chicken drain and pat dry with paper towel. Pour juice of one lemon all over the outside and inside of the chicken. Do the same with the extra virgin olive oil. Add the sea salt and pepper to the inside and outside of chicken. Prick two lemons with a fork and place them inside the cavity of the chicken.



- 2** Season rose potatoes and asparagus with salt, pepper and olive oil. Lower oven temperature to 350°F and place chicken in roasting pan, with the potatoes along the sides of the chicken. Do not put the asparagus in the pan until the last 15 minutes or they will become mushy. Let cook for about 1 hour and 15 minutes or until meat thermometer reads 180°F. Always insert meat thermometer in a chicken thigh.

#### Cooking TIDBIT

You may use other vegetables to roast along side the chicken.

#### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

##### Dill:

Thought by first-century Romans to be a good luck symbol, dill has been around for thousands of years. This annual herb grows up to a height of about three feet and has feathery green leaves called dill weed, marketed in both fresh and dried forms. The distinctive flavor of fresh dill weed in no way translates to its dried form. Fresh dill does, however, quickly lose its fragrance during heating, so it should be added toward the end of the cooking time. Dill weed is used to flavor many dishes including salads, vegetables, meats, and sauces. The tan, flat dill seed is actually the dried fruit of the herb. Heating brings out the flavor of dill seed, which is stronger and more pungent than that of the leaves. It's most often used in the United States for the brine in which dill pickles are cured.



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- 3** Once cooked to satisfaction, let chicken rest for 10 minutes before carving. Save the juices from the roasting pan and add to a slice of chicken. This is called the "Marry Me Juice." Garnish with parsley, rosemary and even lemon slices. Plate and enjoy!

#### Fun Food Quote:

"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."

– Virginia Woolf



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**For Rent:** 1BD/ 1BA townhouse, La Mirada. In complex. Parking; new paint. Near restaurants, schools, parks. Application process. \$1,000/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 1172

**For Rent:** 2 BD/1BA apt. near Chinatown. Granite; skylight, porch. Near Olvera St., Gold Line. Secured parking. Application process. \$1,200/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 1172

**For Rent:** 2-level Townhouse in El Monte. Garvey/Peck, close to Fwy10/60. Gated community. 2 balconies. 3BD/2.5BA, 2 car garage + 1 parking space. Provide furniture, w&d. 1 yr lease, \$1350/month. MQ @ (626) 679-3399. 1211

**For Rent:** House, 1 BD/ 1BA, off-street parking, a/c, wood laminate floors, unfurnished. Utilities not included, no pets. \$1100/month. Jerry @ (323)428-7719. 1211

**For Rent:** 3BD/1BA House, patio, detached garage, big backyard, new paint, hardwood floors. Near Imperial & Western. Rob @ (310)534-3028. 1111

**For Rent:** Lancaster beauty. 3BD + Loft, 2.5 BA, large family & dining room, huge backyard, outside pets & SEC 8 OK. Gardner included. Quiet neighborhood. Near Shopping Center & schools. Chasity Taylor @ (661) 886-8303. 1011

**For Rent:** 2 BD/1BA apt, newly remodeled, 1 parking space, no pets, near Frank Hotchkiss LAFD site, \$1,100/month, 1 yr. lease. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 1011

**For Rent:** 2 BD/2BA apt., downtown view, newly remodeled, 1 parking space, no pets, near Frank Hotchkiss LAFD site, \$1,300/month, 1 yr. lease. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 1011

#### Household Items

**Gas Stove:** freestanding, 20" Hotpoint, white, like new, \$325 OBO. George @ (310)831-0790. 1111

**Air Conditioning Unit:** "New" 3 Ton/10 Seer self contained heating/cooling unit. Gas/Electric. \$1500. Info @ (818) 361-8917 or iokc7@yahoo.com. 811

#### Miscellaneous

**iPad Tablet Cleaner:** The "iSlip" & "iSlipTuFF" @ Cooper-Product.com. Free shipping. Available in 13 colors, \$8.95 to CECLA, use Discount Code: CECLA. 1172

**For Sale:** *Spartacus* (1960), *The Fly* (1958) & *From Here to to Eternity* (1953). These films in VHS cassettes are in MINT CONDITION. Still in original plastic wrapper. Info @ (213) 435-8600 or email rlarrios@alumni.usc.edu. 1172



**Casiotone 401 keyboard:** Manual, cover, foot pedal. Mint condition \$200. Specifications, photos at "casiotonecollection.blogspot.com/2009/11/casiotone-401". Song books, Metronome available. Frances Mooney @ (310) 324-3117. 1172



**Antique 1922 Singer Sewing Machine "G" series,** Class 66. Good condition. \$125. John @ (626) 584-1302. 1172

**Childrens Clothes:** Brand new, name brand, cheap! We have nice selection of babies/kids clothes & shoes at great prices- fully refundable if you're not satisfied. You can buy single or multiple items, or purchase in lots to make profits! Go to www.magickidsusa.com and use the discount code mk78827 for huge savings. 1211

**Zumba Class:** \$8 per class. Curves 16000 Paramount Bl Unit A Paramount Bl 90723 (corner of Paramount & Alondra) Saturday's @ 9-9:45am zumbaswag@yahoo.com 811

**Swiss Army Watch:** silver band, \$80 OBO. Carlos @ (424) 212-5473. 511

**Roll-A-Ramp:** 14 feet long, railing 36 inches high w/sturdy railing. 1500 lb capacity. Excellent condition. \$2,000. John @ (661) 946-5937. 511

**Polygraph:** Discount to city employees, www.ldbpolygraph.com 211



**Ganoherma** is often regarded as the King of the mushroom world, mainly because of its healing properties. Now you can enjoy a delicious and healthy drink that not only awakens and refreshes you each day but also provides long-term health benefit as well. (818) 325-5529; www.henrik.organogold.com; henodot@yahoo.com 211

Enjoy ATV & m/c riding in our area but no one to ride with? Making list of families interested in **camping & riding** together. Rick (DWP) @ (805)433-3195 or email: rhinohd@dsxtreme.com. 1210

**Ballroom Dancing:** Beginners, intermediate & advanced. Wednesday's- 7:00pm - 9:00pm The Gallery, 122 N. Market Street, Inglewood 90301. Group workshops too! Contact: Dance instructor/coordinator Erick Weaver @ (310) 351-5303. 1010

**Scenic Flights Over LA:** Fly Ricchiazzi Aviation, LLC over the city of LA for a spectacular aerial tour. See local landmarks such as Downtown LA, Dodger Stadium, Rose Bowl & much more. Based at El Monte Airport (EMT). Reserve today. (818) 415-7253. 910

**Feng Shui onsite consultation:** by retired City employee. American Feng Shui Institute certified report package include rooms, occupants, goals, health, buy/sell analysis. Peter @ (310) 854-8952. 910

**On-site Taco Bars** for your special events. Treat your guests to mouth watering tacos! Info @ (562) 884-6069 for pricing & booking. 910

#### Travel / Timeshare

**Timeshare:** Cancun Mexico. Fiesta Americana, 2BR, silver package. Earns 3500 pts annually. Feet from the sand, 5 minutes walk to town. Serious buyers info @ (562) 447-3189. 1172

**Timeshare:** In Solvang. \$575 for 7 nights for up to 6 occupants. One week, July 1-8, 2012. 2 BD + murphy bd. Kitchen, a/c, ctv, dvd, fp, bbq, dishwasher, w&d, pool, spas + more. Terry @ (818) 769-3382 & pls lv a msg. 1211

**Wyndham Resort Timeshare:** No meeting to attend! 1BD or 2BD, sleep up to 8. Various USA locations including Hawaii, Mexico, Caribbean & more! \$700-\$1400 depending on location and season. Mary @ ma.kay91@yahoo.com or (310) 936-4853. 611



**Vacation rental in Big Bear Lake:** 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact John Long @ (909) 837-8347. 211

**Mountain Lake campground membership:** 2 life time. Paid \$9,000 asking \$4,500 OBO. Details @ (909) 606-5633. 411

**Sunset World Timeshare:** Cancun, Mexico. Sleeps 4 facing ocean. Avail: anytime except weekends of July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year. \$600/7 days Saturday to Saturday. Available starting April. Gina @ (818) 265-5940. 311

### Classified Submission Deadline:

**2/10/2012**

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## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR CLUB MEMBERS

**MEMBERS:** to place your free classified ad

send us your information (25 total words maximum) including your name, item, description, price, phone number or e-mail address.

You can fax to (213) 620-0598 or email to [classifieds@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:classifieds@cityemployeesclub.com)

We'll run your ad in the next available issue on a space available basis. Your ad may be edited for length or appropriateness.

#### Collectibles

**Mint Comic Books:** from the late 60's, 70's & early 80's. Many large runs: Spiderman, Thor & many others, most \$2.50 - \$6 each, a collector's dream. John @ (951) 203-4438. 711

**ESTATE SERVICES** - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Michael @ (626) 592-2929.

#### Wanted

**Wanted:** Used car. Retiree going back to college. Email: [mcibtz@earthlink.net](mailto:mcibtz@earthlink.net). 1211

**Wanted:** 2 BD/1BA or 2BD/2BA pet friendly apt/home/condo in Long Beach/ Lakewood/ Bellflower area. Can pay \$900-1000 per month. Call @ (562)989-7968 & leave a message. 1011

**Wanted:** 35mm slide projector, Kodak Carousel 850 Auto-Focus. Harold @ (818) 892-9328. 711

**I purchase:** Coins, Stamps, WWII Items, Hunting/ Pocket Knives, Trains, vintage tools, Fishing reels & lures. Almost anything old! Collections or single items. Michael @ (909) 592-4332 110

**Vintage stereo/Radio equipment, Receivers.** Marantz, Yamaha, etc. 1975 and older. Call (805) 300-2147 709

**Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes.** I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Cheryl @ (208) 855-2430 or (818) 822-5369.

**Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS,** any age, any size. Mike @ (818)-831-0846.

#### Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

**2001 Honda-70 Dirt Bike:** Great condition, original owner, serviced annually & well maintained. No clutch, great for beginners. \$700 OBO. Info @ (562) 447-3189. 1172



**1950 Ford Custom V-8 Sedan:** Fully restored. New burgundy paint, new chrome, new interior, runs great. \$7,500. Bob @ (310) 833-3714. 1172



**Custom 2004 Harley XLH 1200:** custom chromed pipes & paint, completely tricked out show bike. 27K miles. \$12,000 OBO. Juandessa Johnson @ (310) 213-3321 or tj4bj5@gmail.com 1172

**2001 Honda-70 Dirtbike:** Great condition, original owner, serviced annually & well maintained. No clutch, great for beginners. \$700 OBO. Info @ (562) 447-3189. 1211



**2006 Harley Davidson:** Like new, 1200 Custom Sportster, black cherry, 617 miles. Warranty, original owner, garage stored. Vance & Hines Pipes, lowered struts & clip-on windshield: original parts (pipes and struts) included. Asking \$8,900 OBO, more photos on request. Info @ (562) 884-0675, [divebunie@hotmail.com](mailto:divebunie@hotmail.com) 1211



**2007 V-Star 1300 Touring Edition Motorcycle:** 48k FWY miles, runs perfect! Black & Chrome, new tires, cover included, gets 45 mpg. \$6,000 OBO. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 1011



**1999 Ford CNG police interceptor:** carpool lane sticker expire 2015, 74k miles, v8, ice-cold a/c, average cng prices \$2.05/gge, Riverside price \$1.38/gge. Marcus @ (626) 232-7794. 1011



**Snow Chains:** Brand new for pick-up truck or SUV Never been used, sold truck before I could use them, \$25. John @ (626)757-5341. 911

**Snugtop Camper Shell:** Black, was on 6' Toyota Tacoma Bed, carpet kit included. Good condition, \$350 OBO. Info @ (661) 992-4664. 811



**1975 Dodge Dart Sport:** Great project car, not running but has new Disc brakes, tires & rims. Many new parts still in the box. \$2100 OBO. Greg @ (818) 771-6777. 811



**Ford Mustang:** 98 white convertible, 190,000 miles, mint condition, tan convertible top, \$2500 OBO. Nyra @ (310)634-6768. 811

**Tire Chains:** Alpine sport SUV & light truck, fits various stock truck rims & tire sizes, easy installation. Used once \$50. Dwain @ (323) 754-8382. 611

**2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser 4x2:** White/titan, black interior, auto 5-speed 4.0L V6, like new! 106K miles, LoJack included. \$18,500 OBO. Armando @ (323) 252-7065 or [pk4wiz@sprint.blackberry.net](mailto:pk4wiz@sprint.blackberry.net) 611

#### Cemetery Plots

**Cemetery Lot:** For sale, double lot located in historical Evergreen Cemetery. \$3,000 OBO. Call Betty @ (562) 292-5401, Mary @ (562) 692-8452. Don't wait before it's too late. 1211

**Cemetery Plot:** Rose Hills Memorial Park, Double Niche 301, Tier H, Redwood Corridor-Sky Rose Mausoleum. Manny @ (562)695-2677. 1111

**4 Cemetery Plots:** Reduced Even More! Rose Hills, \$12K for 4 plots. Info @ (323)382-2405. 1011

**Cemetery Plot:** Ontario Cemetery, Ontario, California. Grave 6, Lot 411, Section Evergreen. \$1500. Sylvia @ (661)297-0271. 1011

**2 Cemetery Plots:** "Garden Of Eden" at Rose Hills Memorial Park, only \$7,500 for the pair including transfer fee! Connie @ (310) 237-3318. 1011

**Cemetery Plot:** One plot located at Rose Hills Cemetery, Garden of Affection (across from memorial chapel), asking \$2000 but will negotiate. Info @ (909) 561-3985. 911

**2 side by side Cemetery Plots:** Located Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Veterans Section. Las Cruces, New Mexico. \$2000 each OBO or consider trade. Harold @ hshaw43@charter.net 811

#### Furniture

**Headboard:** Queen size, solid oak 72"H x 65"W x 17"D. Four drawers, 2 lights, plug bar. Missing one mirror. Very good condition. \$175 OBO. John @ (626) 584-1302. 1172



**Bed Frame** with headboard: all wood, two side cubby shelves w/doors & mirror. In great condition. \$180 OBO. Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 1211

# AMC DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LA CITY EMPLOYEES CLUB

## FEBRUARY MOVIE RELEASES

*The Woman in Black* - 2/3

*Chronicle* - 2/3

*Big Miracle* - 2/3

*W.E.* - 2/3

*The Vow* - 2/10

*Star Wars Ep. 1 (3D)* - 2/10

*Safe House* - 2/10

*Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (3D/IMAX)* - 2/10

*Undeclared* - 2/10

*The Secret World of Arrietty* - 2/17

*Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (3D)* - 2/17

*This Means War* - 2/17

*Tyler Perry's Good Deeds* - 2/24

*Gone* - 2/24

*Act of Valor* - 2/24

*Wanderlust* - 2/24



### SAVE UP TO 55% PER TICKET!



## FREE APPETIZER FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Ming's Wings

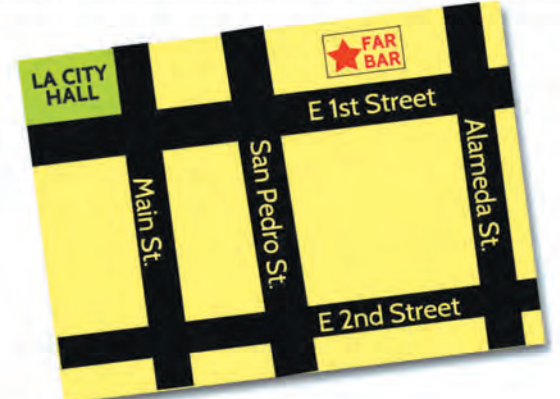
Wasabi Fries



Club Members, bring in this Club Coupon to get a free appetizer! Enjoy 1 FREE plate of the famous Ming's Wings and Wasabi Fries Combo (Redeemable between 3pm - 8pm, Monday - Sunday)

# FAR BAR

www.farbarla.com - 347 East 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012



The Club's Discount King has been working tirelessly in search of the next Club Discount. Working together with Don Tahara, owner of the Far Bar, the Club's Discount King has set up an awesome deal - *All Club Members can now enjoy 1 FREE complimentary appetizer when they visit the FAR BAR with the following coupon.*

## 1 FREE APPETIZER For City Employees Club Members (Ming's Wings and Wasabi Fries Combo)

The Far Bar - 347 East 1st St., Los Angeles, CA 90012



Limit (1) appetizer per member per visit. Dine-in-only. Valid from 3pm - 8pm, Monday - Sunday. Void if copied, purchased, or sold. Offer good while promotion last. Limited to availability. Coupon expires February 29, 2012.





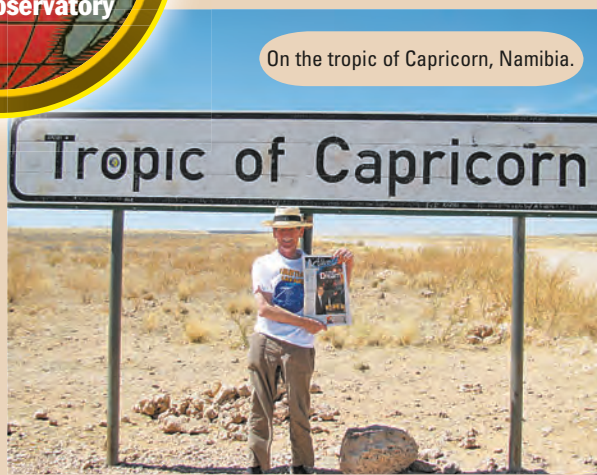
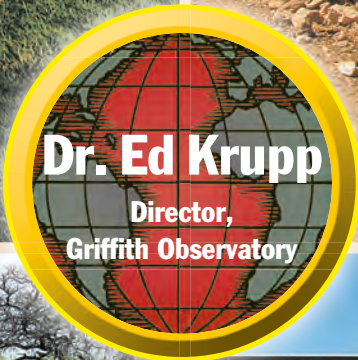
Take the Club with you, wherever you go!



# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



## 1 England & Africa



"I am finally sending a few images from last October's trip to England and Namibia. The return to England was prompted by a conference in Bristol, 'Heavenly Discourses,' at which I presented the closing lecture, a talk called 'Into the Blue.' The trip gave me a chance to visit Stonehenge, Avebury, and other sites to which I had not been back for a couple of decades. New and important work at Stonehenge persuaded me I should have a look around again, and I had after-hours access. Most of the interesting new work is in areas around Stonehenge.

"From England, I continued to Namibia, in southwest Africa, to catch up with a Friends of the Observatory tour of southern skies and African wonders, including the world's largest meteorite, prehistoric rock art, wild animals, giant sand dunes, and more.

"Happy perihelion passage."

– **Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory**

## 2 Azores



Here's **Baron "Mr. B." Greenhouse**, Club Member, in the Azores (Portugal).

## 3 The Caribbean



"Here is a picture of me somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean during my eastern Caribbean cruise right after Thanksgiving."

– **Rodney Bernaldo, Public Works**

### The Alive! Around the World Map at Club Headquarters

## 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](mailto:talkback@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!



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

Visit us online at [www.CityEmployeesClub.com](http://www.CityEmployeesClub.com)



# City Employees Club Store

## Monthly Featured Merchandise

Available Exclusively to Club Members

**Official Los Angeles City Seal Watches**

These solid stainless steel stylish watches are excellent accessories to add to your work attire as well as gifts for colleagues and friends.

- ▶ (A) Men's Stainless - Large Seal - \$65
- ▶ (B) Women's Classic Service - \$64.99

*Selected City Hats*

**\$5**

Reg. \$20

### CLEARANCE ITEMS

Men's City "RL" Watch

**\$15**

Reg. \$39.99

Men's City "AG" Watch

**\$15**

Reg. \$39.99

Men's City "MA" Watch

**\$15**

Reg. \$75.00

City Mug with Color Seal

**\$5**

Reg. \$9.99

LA City Seal Tie Bar

**\$3.50**

Reg. \$14.99

City Fleece Beanie

**\$7**

Reg. \$19.99

### CITY & DWP APPAREL

**\$45**

City Seal Alpine Jacket

**\$12**

LA Hall (Long Sleeve)

**\$9.99**

Its Your City, We Help Run it

**\$12**

DWP Classic T-Shirt

**\$34.99**

Full-Zip Polar Fleece

**\$15**

Classic City (Long Sleeve)

**\$10**

City Seal One Color

**\$12**

DWP Seal T-Shirt

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You don't ever want to hear about a deal that's SOLD OUT! Be the first to hear about some of the most Exclusive Club Deals and Events before anyone else! Join the Club's FREE eNewsletter today!



[www.CityEmployeesClub.com/eNews/Join.html](http://www.CityEmployeesClub.com/eNews/Join.html)

No worries or obligations! We'll be including a removal link in every email we send you so you can opt out any time that suits you.

## Here are some of the Club's previously SOLD OUT events

**Another Club Member Exclusive Discount!**

**IRIS**  
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL  
VIP Seating

Center Orchestra Seats (Rows B, C, and D)

★ **\$99 eNEWS SPECIAL (NO FEES) Club Member Price** (Limited to Post Member)

★ **\$125 + tax** Regular Price

★ **ORDER NOW**

\* All seats are VIP Orchestra Center-Seating and will be distributed on a first come first served basis. Tickets are first-come first-served, subject to availability. Tickets cannot be refunded if sold or issued. \*LIMIT OF 4 TICKETS PER MEMBER (FOR ALL SHOWS COMBINED)-DUPLICATE ORDERS WILL BE CANCELLED-PRICING NOT INCLUDED.

**WICKED**  
A NEW MUSICAL  
THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ  
PANTAGES THEATRE, HOLLYWOOD

**Another Club Member Exclusive Discount!**

Exclusive Club Sections  
**Mezzanine Seats\***  
(Left Center & Right Center)

★ **\$75 (NO FEES) Club Member Price**

★ **\$125 + tax** Regular Price

**Order Now**

\* Tickets are very limited and sold on a first come first served basis. Events are unavailable at the Pantages Theatre. Seats are required to reach Mezzanine level seats. \*WE DON'T CHARGE PROCESSING OR HANDLING FEES \*\* Ticketmaster charges \$2.7/Ticket \*\*\*

Disney PRESENTS PIXAR  
**CARS 2**

**WORLD GRAND PRIX REACTION**  
Kodak

ANOTHER CITY EMPLOYEES CLUB SUMMER SPECIAL

**El Capitan Theatre**  
HOLLYWOOD

**SUNDAY JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
SHOWTIME - 1:00 PM

Experience an all new high octane attraction behind the El Capitan Theatre after your movie this summer and enjoy a day filled with fun and games for the whole family at the CARS 2 WORLD GRAND PRIX!

**CLUB MEMBER SPECIAL**  
ADULT & CHILD ADMISSION  
★ **\$14** (Reg Adult - \$22, Reg Child - \$18)

**BUY**

\*LIMITED 4 TICKETS PER MEMBER

**CHICAGO**  
THE MUSICAL

Pantages Theatre  
Sunday - May 9th  
at 6:30PM

**CLUB DISCOUNT TICKETS!**

**VERY LIMITED TICKETS\***  
**Mezzanine Seats\***

★ **\$38** ★ **\$54**

Center Right (Row J) Side Right (Row B-E)

**ORDER NOW**

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**EXCLUSIVE CLUB EVENT**

**NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 3:00PM**

**Medieval Times**  
DINNER & TOURNAMENT  
CLUB MEMBER EXCLUSIVE EVENT

Includes:  
Food/Meal  
Entertainment  
Tax & Tip

★ **\$19.99** Club Member Discount

**Order Tickets**

\*LIMIT 10 Per Member

**Dodgers** **\$15** Members ONLY (Reg Price \$30)

**eNewsletter Special Promotion**  
As a reward to our eNewsletter subscriber, this deal is for you!

**Sunday Oct 3rd 1:00pm**

**Dodgers VS Diamondbacks**

Brought to you by Ticket Tail & Sports Junkie

**Online Purchase Only\***  
Valid From 1/23 - 1/31

★ **\$15** Order Tickets

\* Reg Member price will be \$30 after this period. Tickets will be mailed to you in a few weeks. \*LIMITED TO 6 TICKETS PER MEMBER. LIMITED TO AVAILABILITY.

**A CHORUS LINE**  
Pantages Theatre, Hollywood  
Sunday, June 13th at 6:30pm

**CLUB DISCOUNT TICKETS!**

Tickets Available Now

Exclusive Club Section  
**Mezzanine Seats\*** **\$49.25** **\$37.25**  
Center Right Left Side

**ORDER NOW**

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**DREAMGIRLS**  
THE MUSICAL SENSATION  
LIVE ON STAGE!

**Club Member Exclusive!** **\$33** Balcony

**\$55** Mezzanine

**Limited Tickets Available**  
**Balcony & Mezzanine**

Ahmanson Theatre  
Friday - April 2, 2010 - 8<sup>PM</sup>

**ORDER NOW**

\* Ticket sales are very limited. First come, first served.