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A Message From the CEO

RLACEI Retirees: Let The Celebration Begin

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

It's been a long time coming. And I couldn't be happier to say:

Welcome,
RLACEI Members
to the Club!

As two great associations with a lot in common, the City Employees Club and the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) have been friends for a long time. The Club has taken part in many RLACEI official events over the last decade, and we've sponsored door prizes, tee prizes, attendance prizes, entertainment, and so on.

In the same way, here at *Alive!*, we've worked really hard to promote RLACEI news and activities. We've published the RLACEI's monthly retirees column for much of that decade, put together now by **Ed Harding**, **Michael Karsch** and **Mary Beetz**. We've published the winners of the annual **Phil Skarin** poetry contest, as we do in this issue. RLACEI's **Hal Danowitz** has written his great travel column for us for many years. RLACEI and the Club have been unofficial partners for the nearly 10 years the Club has existed, and for a lot longer than that in the 84-year history of the Club's parent organization, the Los Angeles City Employees Association (LACEA).

It was time to make it official.

I have a feeling that you're really going to enjoy this new arrangement. All RLACEI Members in good standing will receive this newspaper, *Alive!*, as part of your RLACEI Membership, every month. We are your official newspaper now. You'll get lots of RLACEI news in every issue.

If this is your first time reading *Alive!*, I expect you will notice how big, detailed and fun this newspaper is. We take pride in publishing a paper that's not just for City Employees and Retirees, but *about* you, too. We cover your good news. We publish photos of your life events. We put your pictures in the paper. *Alive!* is all about you, and not us. That's the way it should be, and that's the way we've been doing it for years now. Get used to being pampered!

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We take pride in being honest with our Members, so I'll tell you that your automatic Club Membership lasts until May 2013, subject to change. After that, to continue your access to all the great Club benefits, you'll need to contribute the regular membership fee, discounted for Retirees. Currently, that fee is \$2.50 per month, and has been very stable.

Honestly, it's a great deal. Once you experience all the Club benefits and customer service, you will find that our small fee is a bargain and can save you money.

Let me take a moment and thank **Ed Harding**, RLACEI President, and the RLACEI board for their hard work in putting this deal together, and for their confidence in the Club and our products.

This is normally the part of my column where I mention other important stories that we're covering this month. We have some great things for you to read, trust me, but I've run out of room! Our news about welcoming the RLACEI Members was too important to shorten. I'll resume the usual content next month.

So, welcome, RLACEI Members. In the words of Humphrey Bogart from one of my favorite movies, and probably yours, too, this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

JOHN

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While *Alive!* was photographing this month's cover shot near City Hall, Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, was driving to his office. He recognized us and greeted us in his usual, passionate way. Hello right back, Tom! – Ed.

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— Ralph Burgess, October 2011

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— Sarah Roper, October 2011

The Club's claims service "is excellent. Everything was done in a timely manner, and I felt like I was being cared for. I was really impressed with the card that the City Employees Club sent me. Overall, I am really happy with the services and feel grateful. It is great. The best part about it is the direct deposit services. It helped me a lot during my difficult times."

— Kim Stacey, October 2011

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

— Ed.

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Club-Exclusive Party at Knott's Made Red a Double Happy Fan

Two years ago I treated my grandchildren to a day at Knott's, and it was an unbearably hot July day with thousands of camp groups. In Camp Snoopy, they waited in the heat 30 to 45 minutes for three- to four-minute rides. The children were baking in the sun. However, I could not convince them to step out of line. All I could do was monitor their heat level and give them plenty of water. They took in three rides that day!

Thank you so much, City Club, for the awesome private party held at Knott's Berry Farm on Friday, May 11! Just to witness the excitement of my grandchildren as they ran to each ride at Camp Snoopy, in the cool of the evening and with no waiting lines, well, it made me a happy fan of the Club and Knott's. This evening truly made up for our last experience! Oh by the way, they took in all the rides several times that evening.



– Red Medina,
Public Works/Contract Administration,
and “a very pleased
Club Member and granddad”

I would like to thank the Club for making the Knott's Private Party available to Club Members. My family and I enjoyed the night. It marked one of our most memorable events together. Who thought that I could get my 70-year-old mom to ride the Xcelerator with my son?! She loved it.

We look forward to attending more of these special events. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

– J. Smith, Rec and Parks

Reading *Alive!* Every Month Makes Mary Rose Feel That

Hi boys! Hey, I came across a great quote the other day and thought I would share it with the millions of *Alive!* readers out there. Here it goes, “People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel.” I just love this one, especially since every time I read *Alive!*, I “feel” alive.

Thanks so much for making my later years so memorable and enjoyable. I look forward each month for my copy of *Alive!* with much anticipation. Behave!

– Mary Rose Wilkens,
Retired, Library

Hi Mary Rose, in terms of feeling alive, you always return the favor, making us feel

good about all our hard work of publishing this newspaper every month. Keep on feeling, and keep on writing in. – Ed.

You Heard Right, Mabel: RLACEI to Receive *Alive!*

My hearing has never been that wonderful, but I did hear the news that the Club and RLACEI are joining forces, where RLACEI members will now receive *Alive!*? It is about time!

The Club's newspaper is a gem like never before seen. There are so many fun and uplifting stories in there that it brings smiles to my husband and me every time we sit in our patio in the morning with our coffee. We look forward to seeing more of our long-time friends from the City and the DWP.

– Mabel Greenhorne,
Retired, Library

Corrections:

- In our cover story last month (“Getting It Wright,”) we made two errors. First, on the cover, we published the incorrect first name of Kevin Jew, Sr. Management Analyst II, Public Works/Project Restore, and great Club Member. Kevin, we sincerely apologize for our error.
- Secondly, on page 7, we gave an incorrect title for Deborah Weintraub. She is the Chief Deputy City Engineer.
- In last month's “People We See,” we inadvertently ran the incorrect photos with the text. That has been corrected in this month's installment.

- In the December 2011 *Alive!*, we published an incomplete story on the General Services MVP awards event; we neglected to include some winners. That has been corrected in this month's republishing of the story. Thanks to Jon Walters, Club Member, for letting us know.
- And finally, in our tribute to mothers last month, due to a processing error, we failed to publish one entry, from dedicated Club Member Lori Kwiatkowski. Her entry is included in this month's Father's Day tribute.
- *Alive!* regrets the errors and thanks our Club Members for their understanding.

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS ANSWER THE Question OF THE MONTH

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

Who's your favorite TV Dad?



“Fred Sanford, Sanford and Son.”
– Victor Armijo, Housing, 12 years of City service, Club Member



“Dexter Morgan, Dexter.”
– Ashley Johnston, Rec and Parks, 4 years of City service, Club Member



“George, The George Lopez Show.”
– Gracie Madrid, LAPD, 14 years of City service



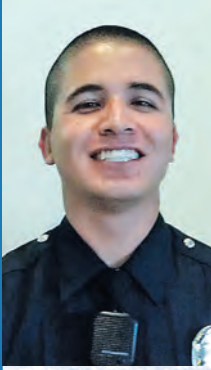
“Reginald Vel Johnson, Family Matters.”
– V Seeram, Instrument Mechanic, 4 years of City service, Club Member



“Homer Simpson, The Simpsons.”
– Jonathan Caldera, DWP



“Jerry Russo, The Wizards of Waverly Place.”
– Ricardo Jimenez, Airports, 10 years of City service



“Julius, Everybody Hates Chris.”
– Officer Isaac Burciaga, General Services, 5 years of City service



“Phil, Modern Family.”
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“Our welcoming of all the retirees from RLACEI into the Club is an agreement between two great associations,” says John Hawkins,



Club CEO. “As most retirees know, we’ve been meeting all of you and sponsoring your events for the better part of ten years. It’s about time we made it official.

“I’m a big fan of Ed Harding (RLACEI President) and the RLACEI. So come on in and take advantage. Enjoy the newspaper; keep up with your Retired City friends; and buy some tickets in the Club Store or online. It’s time to celebrate.”

The delivery of your own copy of *Alive!* will continue indefinitely. The other great benefits (tickets, insurance, events, etc.) are yours for the next 12 months. After that, you must join the Club at the reduced rate for Retirees to continue receiving the wide-ranging Club benefits.

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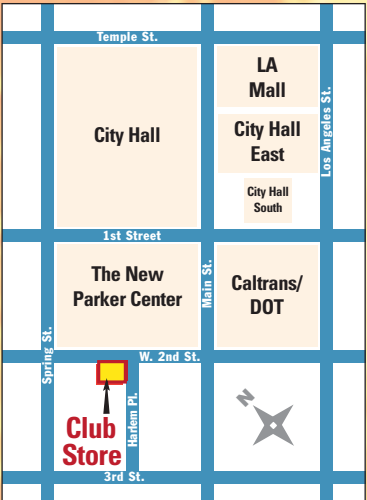


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The Club at last year's RLACEI general meeting.



The Club at the 2005 RLACEI general meeting.



The Club at the 2006 RLACEI general meeting.



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THE *ALIVE!* CONVERSATION



Ed Harding
President, RLACEI

ED HARDING: I was a Clerk in the Repair Department of Street Maintenance. My job was to buy parts for the mechanics. I knew everything about automobiles. Before the City, I worked for Chrysler Motors. During the model-year changeover, the factory shut down completely. I was a new father with a young wife and no income coming in because they shut the line down. That was in 1946.

My dad had worked for the City's Street Maintenance department and he says, "Well, why don't you go to the City Hall and apply for a job."

So I went to work for them there. And I was only there for a little bit before I started taking exams, and I became a mechanic repair on the little diesel tractors.

Did you retire from Street Services?

ED: I did. I was in charge of the Street Maintenance division.

When did you retire?

ED: I retired Jan. 9, 1981.

What most impresses you about the City Employees Club of Los Angeles?

ED: John Hawkins.

You've seen the City Employees Club now for ten years. What else do you like about the Club?

'A Feather in Our Hat'

Alive! It's great to be talking to you about this big moment, Ed. First, tell us, what was your first position with the City?

ED: I had a call the other day. A lady says, "I need insurance for my daughter. I remember when I retired, LACERS sent me somewhere and it was \$1,000 a month for my daughter." And so I said, I know the right place to go, so I sent them to the Club.

And then, a man called about two hours later and asked me the same thing, that he wanted insurance for his daughter. Knowing the Club can handle requests like that is a handy thing for me because I can tell them what to do, where they can get it.

The Club is a good match for you.

ED: I think so, yes. The City Employees Club is like a breath of fresh air. You know what you're doing.

We've been coming to your meetings and have been taking pictures and talking to your retirees for many years.

ED: And bringing nice door prizes.

Yes, absolutely.

ED: We need professionals at our meetings. Our members want to see more than us. We want more depth, and the City Employees Club helps in that.

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At the Club Store, from left: Ed Harding, President, RLACEI, and John Hawkins, Club CEO.





RLACEI Retirees:

Welcome to the Club!

No Markups - No Surcharges

The Club Offers the Cheapest Tickets in the City

Don't be fooled by others! The Club is the ONLY association in Los Angeles to offer the cheapest tickets in the City. The Club is constantly in search of new savings to benefit it's 20,500+ club members every day.





More Tickets at - www.CityEmployeesClub.com

RETIREES: Enjoy These Great Member Benefits

As a member of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles, you'll enjoy these amazing benefits:

The Alive! Newspaper

Your own personal edition of *Alive!*, delivered to you each month. (Sent to all RLACEI members in good standing). Stay connected to RLACEI, and to all your Retired City friends, read about exciting City projects, take full advantage of free *Alive!* classifieds, and much more.



Full Club Membership

Through May 2013, full Club Membership*, including:

- The cheapest tickets in the City
- Great Club apparel and gifts
- Group-rated insurance products for purchase
- Club-exclusive events
- E-mail notices about upcoming events and promotions
- Access to Club Website
- And much more!

* After May 2013, members must join the Club and pay the regular (reduced) rate for City Retirees to retain Club benefits.

For more information, contact the Club:

- talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- www.cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452



City Employees Club of Los Angeles
Celebrating the Lives of City Employees

THE ALIVE! CONVERSATION

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It helps to have professionals there who can answer questions.

ED: You bet your life!

What do you like about *Alive!*?

ED: *Alive!* shows people from different departments. I worked for the City for 34 years, and I'm still interested in what the City is doing. And that's what I like about the *Alive!* that they talk about certain departments. My wife worked for the Fire Department, and she likes to look through it to see what's happening in the Fire Department.

The RLACEI is the largest group of retired City employees in the City. And for your members to have a monthly publication that publishes who retired, who passed away, what special achievements took place, what are the messages from the different heads of the different retiree associations – you, Ed, or Lee Kebler from Fire and Police Pensions, or Delores and Vince Foley from the DWP Retirees Association – that's a very strong product.

Our vision is to celebrate the lives of City Employees, whether they're active or retired. I think it's a fantastic relationship for both of us. Perfect.

ED: It's a feather in your hat and a feather in our hat.

Ed Harding, President, RLACEI, buys tickets with no surcharge at the Club Store. Serving him is Megan Debolt, Club Store Services



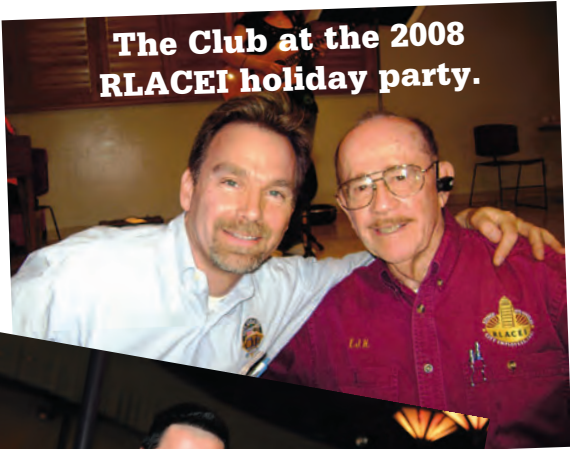
It's the joining of two great organizations that deserve each other because we both do things right. And we care about the active and retired employees a lot.

What do you think is the great value of your members receiving *Alive!*?

ED: It's the best way of communicating with them. Instead of us writing a letter to 9,000 employees, all they have to do is pick up a newspaper, and they know the next thing on our agenda. It's a matter of communication. It's an easy way to communicate with our members.

Thanks, Ed. It's going to be good to work together.

ED: Thank you, John.



THE CLUB

Deadline June 29 for Mukai Scholarship

Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. ***Deadline is noon, June 29, 2012.***

Pick up your application for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship at the Club Store, or download an application today! The Club's scholarship program is named after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai.

The 2012 Mukai Club Scholarship Program is now accepting applications.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, June 29, 2012.

Each recipient will receive a stipend of \$500.

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2012.

"The Club is all about excellence, and we

love recognizing that quality in our Club Members and their families," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "The Club Scholarship Program reflects that commitment.

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants. We expect this year to be every bit as good."

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, or download an application at: www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible. We look forward to giving back."

- Eligibility requirements:**
- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
 - The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2012. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2012 are eligible.
 - Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service, and financial need.
 - Sixteen (16) scholarships are expected to be awarded, in equal amounts of \$500 (each).
- Deadline: Applications must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 29, 2012. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
 - Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
 - Club Store and Service Center address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
 - Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Send questions to: scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com

**WELCOME
PLACE
MEMBERS!**

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NEWSBRIEF

STAYING HEALTHY AT TERMINAL ISLAND

Story by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor; Photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On April 17, Public Works/Sanitation held a wellness fair for its employees at the Terminal Island Reclamation Plant. It's important to stay healthy!

Employees were invited to visit the vendors and learn more about the services and benefits available to them.

We're glad the Club could be there to support this event! Thanks to Loretta Arnold for inviting us.

Anthony Gafare, Building Repair Supervisor, 13 years of City service, Club Member.



Loretta Arnold, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years of City service, Club Member.



Paul Boyer, Wastewater Operator I, 24 years of City service, Club Member.



James Hadley, Plumber, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



Opening June 15, 2012, fun is speeding ahead at the Disneyland® Resort so plan for days and nights to take it all in. Two exciting parks filled with world-class attractions and entertainment including **Star Tours – The Adventures Continue**, **World of Color**, **Fireworks** and **Mickey's Soundsational Parade**. Plus the new Cars Land is racing your way this summer at the re-imagined **Disney California Adventure® Park**! It's 12 acres of high-octane fun just like in the Disney•Pixar movie, *Cars*. The Happiest Place On Earth just got happier!

For easy ordering of all specially priced Disneyland® Resort Theme Park tickets, go to www.cityemployeesclub.com and click on "Club Store" or call Rachael Brecher at (888) 777-1744.

Disneyland
RESORT

All attractions and entertainment are subject to restrictions and change without notice. Children 2 and under are admitted into the Theme Parks for free. Tickets are shipped Priority U.S. Mail. Pickups and overnight shipping available. NO returns or exchanges. Tickets are valid through December 31, 2012. Each day of use constitutes one full day of use. Tickets may not be sold or transferred for commercial use. Subject to capacity, restrictions and change without notice.

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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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The Caribbean



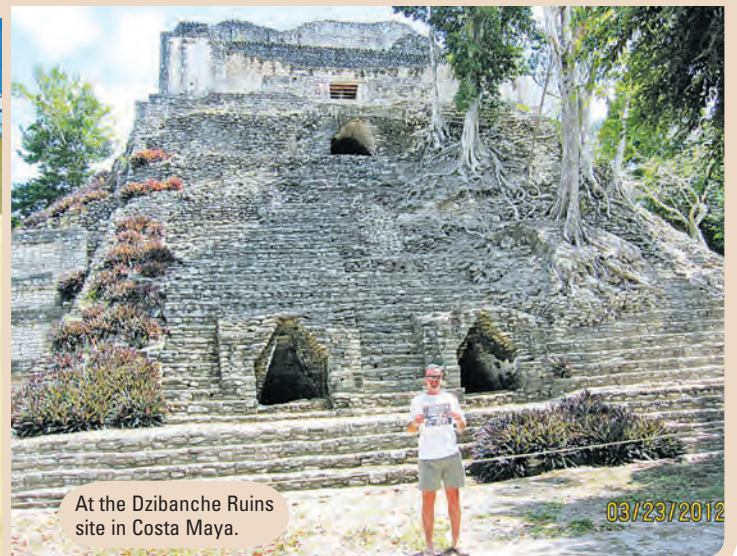
On the balcony of the *Celebrity Solstice* in the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. port with seven other ships.



The bay in Roatan, Honduras.



Ready to go on dune buggies in Cozumel.



At the Dzibanche Ruins site in Costa Maya.

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Germany



"Here are photos from a trip last week to Hamburg, Germany. I was traveling with a delegation from the National League of Cities, having discussions with German officials on sustainability, and my photographer was none other than Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member. It was a great trip, and we made good contacts with our other delegates and our German counterparts."

— **Michael R. Christensen**, Deputy Executive Director/Development, Harbor

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Missouri



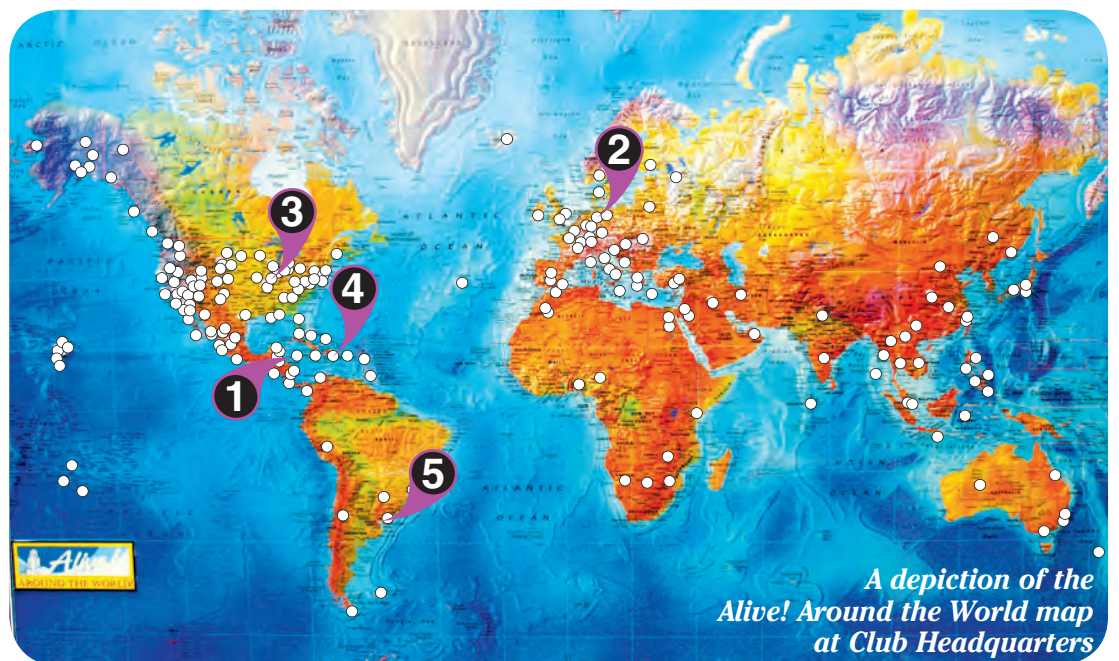
Here's *Alive!* editor **John Burnes** in Lambert International Airport, St. Louis. The airport had just completed a \$30 million renovation after a tornado hit the airport last year, breaking many of the windows you see in the background and causing much more damage to the infrastructure. Even some planes were damaged. (Check it out on YouTube.)

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

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

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The Caribbean



"I took a Caribbean cruise and visited Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; and Yucatan, Mexico, to see the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza."
- Jackson Jang, LAPD Scientific Investigation Division

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South America



Here's Pablo Ninofranco, Harbor, Retired, in South America.



CLUB CRUISE

AUGUST 14, 2013

14-DAY CRUISE

FJORDS, HIGHLANDS AND IRELAND

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

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

3rd /4th guest sharing a cabin pay \$899
Government Fees are from \$254.27 per person
Air Transportation is additional

**Club Members
Get \$1,000
Shipboard Credit
by Booking Early!**

(Must make a desposit before August 31, 2012 to get your \$1,000 credit)



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

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

Payroll deduction for this cruise is now available to all active City and DWP employees. Call the Club today to get started - (800) 464-0452

HOUSING

Goodbye, Melvin

Chief Inspector Melvin Plummer retires after 25 years of City service.

Colleagues, friends and family held a retirement party for Melvin D. Plummer, Chief Inspector, who retired from Housing after 25 years of City service.

The event was held April 19 at Housing's south regional office in the City, near Torrance.

Melvin began working for Building and Safety in 1985 after being employed by the County of Los Angeles as a Building Engineering Inspector. Plummer shortly thereafter began his quick ascent within the City, first as a Building Mechanical Inspector, then to Sr. Building Mechanical Inspector. In 1990 he became a Building and Safety Satellite Office Manager. In 2002, he was promoted to Principal Inspector, Housing, then to Chief Inspector in 2003.

Mr. Plummer is also an Assistant Professor at Pasadena City College.

Congratulations on your career, Melvin. Have a great retirement.

Special thanks go to David Whitehurst, Principal Inspector, Club Member, for his assistance.



The retirement cake.



From left: Melvin Plummer, Retiree, with Scott McGill, Chief Inspector.



From left: Christy Kelly, Sr. Housing Inspector; Mel Plummer, Retiree; and Albert Romero, Sr. Housing Inspector.



From left: Housing Inspectors Aydin Akbarut and Victor Armijo.



From left: Mel Plummer, Retiree; and Ron Cunningham, Principal Inspector.



From left: Marcel Nichols, Housing Inspector; Pedro Gonzalez, Clerk Typist; and Kornel Lelea, Housing Inspector.



From left: David Whitehurst, Principal Inspector; Mel Plummer, Retiree; and Michael Gregerson, Sr. Housing Inspector.



Mel Plummer, Retiree (center), with Ruth Hayles and Malcolm Bennett, both from International Realty and Investment Property Management.



SEEN Around Town

By Jennifer Shackelford
Club Application Coordinator

Ennis House

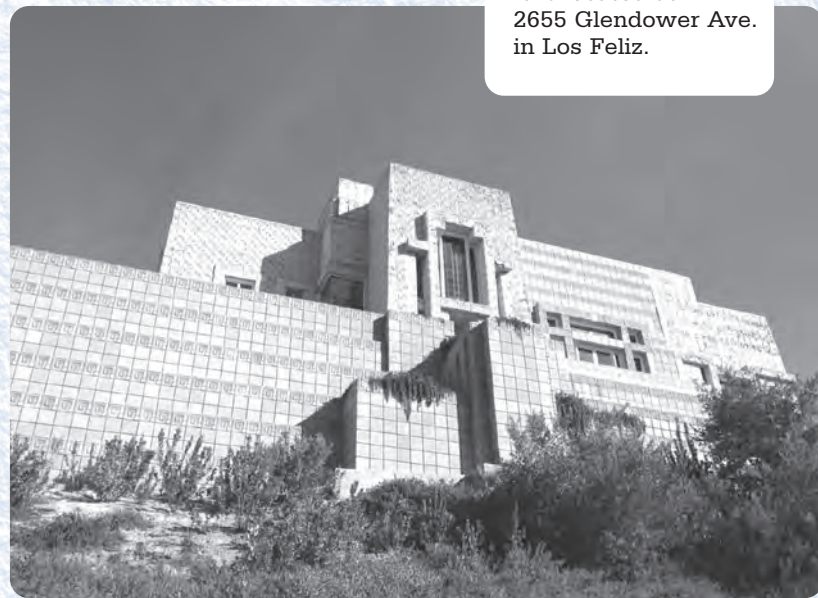
In 1933, the Ennis House was the original *House on Haunted Hill* and in 1982 it was Harrison Ford's apartment building in *Blade Runner*. Able to look at once completely ancient and thoroughly modern, it has been in more than a dozen films and had bit parts in shows from *Buffy* to *Twin Peaks*.

Built in 1924 for Charles and Mabel Ennis, it is the fourth and largest of Frank Lloyd Wright's textile block buildings. An imposing structure, it is built of interlocking concrete blocks in the Mayan Revival style, which was popular in the 1920s and '30s.

Damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake, the house is under new ownership and undergoing a multimillion-dollar restoration. Once the restoration is complete, there is hope that public viewings will return and the world behind the walls will be revealed. For now, we must be content with the view from the street. But what a view!

Ennis House is designated a city, state and national landmark.

It is located at:
2655 Glendower Ave.
in Los Feliz.



CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK



Here's a group posing from Rec and Parks, from left: **Josh Tinajero**, Craft Assistant, 2 years of City service; **Marco Perez**, Craft Assistant, 2 years; and **Phil La Rouche**, Carpenter, 4 years, Club Member. *Note: Josh, Marco and Phil are merely posing for the camera, and are not actually operating the machinery. They are meticulous about safety precautions during normal operations.*



Fire Station 4 firefighters taking care of their station! From left: **Matt, Mike, and Nema Mortazavi**, Club Member.

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



Don and Maria Fritts.



Marty Adams, Director of Water Operations, who was Linda's boss.

So Long, Linda

Linda Matute retires from the DWP after 43 years of City service.

Coworkers, friends and family held an open house for Linda Matute, Club Member, who retired from the DWP after 43 years of City service.

Linda has been a member of the City Employees Club since 1993.

Many people came to wish Linda the very best as she retires. Many came dressed in Mardi Gras masks and beads, as it was symbolic of the event, being a celebration rather than an exit. Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, stopped by to wish Linda farewell as

well.

Congratulations, Linda, on a great City career. Enjoy your retirement!

The Club thanks Rosemary Nunez for her assistance.



Sharon Moore, Club Member.



From left: Gale Harris and Chris Reinhart.



Leland Gong and Maryann Pierson.



Gary and Helen Baccok.



Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



Justin Matute, son of Linda Matute, Retiree.



Mildred Cadiz, Club Member.



Bassam Abou-Chakra.



Melinda Rho, Club Member.



Diana Salas, Club Member.



Jane Rector, Club Member.



Belinda Crawford, Club Member.



Nelson Mejia, Club Member.



David Pettijohn.



Sol Aumentado.



Mohammed Beshir.



Julie Riley.



Dante Santiago.



Jamal Safa.



Lillian Reese.



Richard Kaltenberg.



From left: Francis Cordova; Sue Chudy, Club Member; and Helen Olivares, Club Member.



Annette Flores, Club Member.



Vivian Flores.



Debra Turner, Club Member.



Rosemary Nunez, Club Member.



From left: Kathy Macias, Marilyn Smith, Arlene Rodriguez, and Vivian Flores.

LAPD, LAFD

Dealing With Autism

Police, Fire Depts. and County Sheriff learn how to deal with those with autism.



Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

Officers, Firefighters and Deputies from the County Sheriff's Dept. attended a symposium on how to approach a situation with someone who may be autistic.

The symposium was held April 26 at the LAPD's Ahmanson Recruitment Training Center.

Multiple breakout sessions introduced the different scenarios that they may confront. There were lots of great opportunities for interactive learning.

Then, the kids arrived for lunch and were teamed up with an Officer, Deputy or Firefighter. The kids' afternoon included a keepsake photo, "Officer Simon Says," demonstrating how to follow instruction.

Police cars and Fire engines were there for the kids to see what it was like to sit inside, and they enjoyed Dodger Dogs for lunch.

Special thanks go to Rashall Sanchez, Club Member for her assistance.



"Shirts and Socks," where participants put on the shirt, wear socks on their hands, and try to button/unbutton the shirt with urgency.



Officer Anita Stieglitz, Secretary, LAPD Autism Support Group, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Robert Von Voigt, President, LAPD Autism Support Group, 29 years.



Emily Iland, Autism Society; and Det. III Charles Dempsey, Officer in Charge, 22 years of City service.



From left: Officer Vickie Nguyen, 16 years of City service, Club Member; Jenny Pierre, Volunteer Trainer with Awareness in a Box; and Sr. Lead Officer Adriana Munguia, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Cmdr. Bob Green, 22 years of City service; and Sgt. Laszlo Sandor, 23 years.



"Clear as Mud," where participants get directions that may not be interpreted the same way (i.e., "put your hands where I can see them" vs. "put your hands above your head").



"Write It Right," where participants place a Post-it note on their forehead and write their name on the note.



Communication Devices – different ways in which to communicate (i.e. "Point to what you mean").



Dep. Jeanette Freeman, 26 years of County service.



"Phrase and Rephrase," where participants speak a phrase, then repeat the phrase with the same meaning but take out the words that have the same letter (i.e. all the words with an "s" in them).



From left: Michael Siegel, Awareness in a Box; and Roy Ortiz, Sr. Mgmt Analyst I, PTE, 22 years of City service and 12 years with the County, Club Member.



Sgt. Andrea Lucie, 22 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer III Aaron Blackburn, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Rashell Sanchez, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 12 years of City service, Club Member; and Luann Pannell, Director of Police Training and Education.

One more for Mother's Day

Due to an unfortunate error, *Alive!* did not publish the following message for Mother's Day in our May issue. We deeply regret the error, and we thank great Club Member Lori Kwiatkowski for her understanding.

– Ed.



"Mom – Happy 75th Birthday and Happy Mother's Day! You are such a blessing in my life! I love you!!"

– from Lori Kwiatkowski, Fire Department, Retired



For Dan Hibma, LAFD: "Happy Father's Day, Dad. Have a great day!"

– love, Emily and Jake



"A little girl needs her daddy to love her with manly charm, to soothe her when she's hurt, and keep her safe from harm. A woman needs her father just to be aware, he'll always be there for her to sustain her and care. You were all these things, Dad. I hope that you can see how much I treasure you; you mean everything to me. Forever in my heart."

– from Leonor Garcia



"My father survived a childhood battle with polio and a host of problems resulting from that illness. He is now 70 and in poor health, but he is happy and strives to live each of his days without fear or regret."

– from Michael Anderson, Club Information Technology Manager



For John Hawkins, Club CEO: "Thanks for making everything so fun! You are the best dad in the world!"

– from Hannah, Isaiah, Noah and Kelley



"Father, you left way too soon, but what you gave your children will always be remembered and appreciated. You gave me the opportunity to receive a great education and learn the things to be a good person. I get to share those experiences and pass them on to the next generation. Father's Day is a day to say thank you, because you never have left."

– from Martín D. Chavez, Harbor, Club Board Member



For my Father, Moses Norwood: "My father is 83 years old and still does not miss a party! I love you, Daddy!"

– from Janice Norwood-Waller, Transportation



For my Father, Rafael: "To the wisest and strongest man I know and to whom I proudly call my father. You are a great man. Happy Father's Day, and I love you. Para mi Papá, quién es un hombre fuerte y lleno de sabiduría. Feliz Día de los Padres!"

– from Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations



For my Father, Vincent: "Dad, thanks for being the father you are. We have learned so much from your example, and we wouldn't change you one bit, even if we could. Happy Father's Day!"

– from David Muraoka, LAPD, Retired, Club Board Member



"We would like to wish our wonderful father, Jose Beltran, a happy Father's Day and a happy birthday! He has helped and sheltered us all, and we will continue to make him proud. We love him very much."

–from Karla, Joshua and Luis



"Happy Father's Day. I hold you with my righteous right hand, I love with a lasting love."

– from the son-in-law and baby grandson of Pleasant Williams, LAPD

Club Member Special

Cheer for your Favorite Team

www.CityEmployeesClub.com

\$26 Reg. \$40 **Dodgers** [Preferred Field Box Section Seating]

Sun 6/17 - Dodgers vs. White Sox - (Fathers Day Sports Bag & Postgame Catch)

Wed 7/4 - Dodgers vs. Reds - (4th of July Fireworks)

Sun 8/5 - Dodgers vs. Cubs - (Snapback Cap)

Mon 9/3 - Dodgers vs. Padres - (Labor Day \$1 Dodger Dogs)

Sat 9/29 - Dodgers vs. Rockies - (La Gran Fiesta/Viva Los Dodgers)

\$34 Reg. \$48 **Angels** [Terrace All Star Section Seating Behind 3rd Base]

Sun 6/17 - Angels vs. Diamondbacks - (Fathers day Oven Mitt and Pot Holder)

Sat 7/7 - Angels vs. Orioles - Kids Albert Pujols Jersey

Sat 8/11 - Angels vs. Mariners - Kids Angel Lunch bag

Sat 8/18 - Angeles vs. Rays - Kids CJ Wilson Backpack

Sun 9/23 - Angeles vs. White Sox - Team photo and Fan Appreciation Day

Tickets Available at Club Store

Limited quantities available and seating is first come first served basis as determined by Club store staff.

www.CityEmployeesClub.com



For Naty Solo, DWP: "You're the most awesome father and husband. We love you."
– love **Marlene, Naty III, Audrey, Nathaniel and Claire**



For Ricardo Jimenez: "Hey Daddy, happy Father's Day. Just wanna say that I love you."



For Bobby Harris, DWP: "Our father, our teacher, our guide, our friend! We are so lucky to have you! We love you Dad! Happy Father's Day!"
– from **Diontré, Nikaela, and Dashaun**



"Happy Father's Day and happy retirement to our DAD, Captain Tom Lambert! After 35 years of service to the City of LA, you deserve a long and happy retirement. We love you!"
– from **Andy and Tim**



For Jesse Ruidera, DWP: "Thanks for being our mentor, for always helping us with our homework and for being supportive with our other activities. You're an awesome dad! Happy Father's Day! Love lots."
– from **Bri and Cady**



"Daddy, although you are a man of few words, you have a way of saying what needs to be said when and how it needs to be said. Thank you for your continued support and unconditional love. We love and appreciate you. Happy Father's Day!"
– from **Your daughters, Shannon and Ivy**



"My son, Corey, is currently a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force in Alaska. I couldn't be more proud of him. Along with his wife, Melissa, he is raising three of my ten grandchildren. He is a better father than I ever hoped to be. Love you, son. Happy Father's Day."
– from **Russell T. Harris, Public Works/Sanitation**



"To the best dad in the universe... I love you! From your little girl."
– **Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor**



"Dad, wish you were still here with us! Love you! Miss you!"
– from **Katie and David**

Happy Father's Day!

Here are the personal messages sent to *Alive!* by some very loving and grateful children who wanted to pay tribute to their dad.



"Happy Father's day to my brother, Franco, Chief Petty Officer with the US Navy. He's pictured with my nephews Ryan, Dillon and Christian."
– from **Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager**



"I love you Daddy so much! Thank you for being my Dad."
– from **Mikala**

"I love you a lot. You take me places that are fun."
– from **Noah**



"Dad, thank you for your service in the Army's 66th Counterintelligence Corps, and thanks for being one hell of a Dad!"
– from **John Hawkins, Club CEO**



"Dad, I love you! Happy Father's Day!"
– from **Cecilia Talbot, Club Claims Manager**



"Pa (Larry Lieswald, Retired), we love your weird sense of humor and your old way to do things. Happy Father's Day. Love you."
– from **Brian and Aubrey**



"Happy belated Mother's Day to my mom, and Happy Father's Day to my dad. Together they are celebrating their birthdays in June."
– from **Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager**



For John Hawkins, Club CEO: "Hey Dad, you're the best! Love you."
– from **Noah**



"Dad, there were so many things you did for me when I was too young to realize just how important they were, the sacrifices you made without saying a word, the ways you taught me, encouraged me, and guided me. You did so many things for me that I can't begin to count them all. But now I can see how much they helped me grow, and I love you for every one of them. Happy Father's Day. – Princess"
– from **Phyllis Ninofranco, Harbor**



"You're a great dad and we love you very much. All our love."
– from **Andrew, Daniel and Olivia**



"To my husband, Steven, the best dad ever!"
– from **Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor (Steven is pictured with sons, Kevin and Matthew)**



"Happy Father's Day to the best dad! Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for all of us girls and our children. Love always, Charlie's Angels!"



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins,
Club CEO

WIN A
\$25 TARGET
GIFT CARD



“*Poltergeist!* Or maybe just a really riveting episode of *Sesame Street*. It was a once-in-a-lifetime moment courtesy of an Olympus E-M5. I know I’ll never get this shock (ahem!), shot again.”

– **Dominique Daito, LAPD**

John's comment: Brilliant shot, Dominique! From the lighting on her hand to the depth of field... a miracle shot!



“I did not have to go far to get this shot – this hummingbird incubating its nestling was on a tree in front of the North Main Street yard, DWP. I say incubating its nestling because I saw the mother hummingbird last week collecting nectars on the adjacent tree. It then hovered and pointed its beak in the middle of the nest in a feeding motion. I find myself checking them out regularly and will continue to do so until the nest is abandoned.”

– **Rhys Pilapil, DWP**

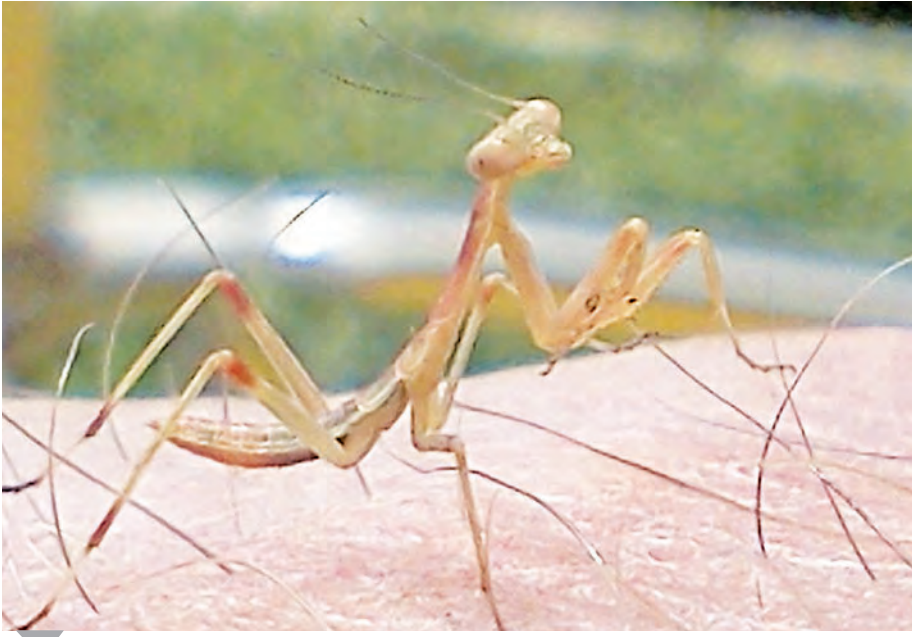
John's comment: Rhys, the detail of this shot is National Geographic quality, not to mention how you captured the vibrant color of the foliage. Good work!



“This picture shows a close-up of one of the role players at the recent Renaissance Faire in Irwindale. This guy played the role of a knight bloodied (simulated) after a brutal game of jousting, which ended in a sword fight with the other competing knight. He was just getting ready to move to another location so the audience could take pictures of him when I took the shot. I thought it was a dramatic shot with his intense facial expression and blood stains on his face and armor.”

– **Glenn Abellanosa, LAPD**

John's comment: Holy Toledo, not only is the detail simply amazing but the background is so perfectly juxtaposed! Nice work, Glen!



“A baby mantis stopped by to say hello, while doing some irrigation work at the Van Nuys Fly-A-Way. And yes, that is the hair on my arm!”

– **Mike Aubin, Airports**

John's comment: Mike, the detail of this little guy is amazing!! Nice macro shot!

RULES:

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



“I like taking my teen's picture when he's not looking or posing. This was taken on a cloudy day in Manhattan Beach.”

– **Cecille Consebido, Public Works**

John's comment: Fantastic! I too try to get candid shots of my teenager, Noah. I have to be sneaky because as soon as he sees my camera (or phone) he runs. Good shot, Cecille!



“This picture was taken on Mother's Day with my cell phone. It's of my son, Jacob, 7, catching, with our dog, Sadie, joining in on the fun.”

– **Marina Castaneda, Building and Safety**

John's comment: This could be a painting Maria, it's so colorful and surreal! Thanks for sharing. It's definitely a Picture Perfect!

No. 49 in a series.



{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

AGE: "I'm 46."

BIRTHPLACE: "Los Angeles."

FAMILY: "Eight brothers and three sisters."

PARENTS MARRIED OR DIVORCED?
"Not married."

MILITARY SERVICE: "No."

EDUCATION:
"I made it to ninth grade, but then I went to jail. I was caught throwing bottles at the cops."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:
"I can't think of any, to be honest. Praise Jesus I don't remember much. Oh wait, I do remember my mom telling me that she hated me."

RELIGION: "Jesus Christ."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
"I stay in a housing project when I can."

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?
"I had three friends die recently because of drugs."

FAVORITE PLACE IN LOS ANGELES: "Broadway."

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?
"I was a chicken worker in County Jail."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Laurel and Hardy*."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Lucille Ball."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Starbursts."

FAVORITE FOOD: "I'll eat anything."

HIS STORY:
"My downhill slide all started when I was 10. One of the teacher's aides at my school took me to a Dodger game and had me try some weed. After that I was hooked. My dad kept some weed in a shoebox. I used to steal from him. Then I started drinking, and from there I started on PCP. At 15 I was hooked on PCP. Then coke, crack and then heroin. To be honest, I simply started hanging around the wrong people when I was 10 or 11. I also hung around gangs, too. I hope tonight my mom will let me stay with her in the projects. I found Jesus and I'm now clean and sober."

The Club gave Steve a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.

The interview took place April 13 at Fourth and Broadway downtown. Note: Due to an *Alive!* error, our May "People We See" placed the correct text with the incorrect photos. This month's, and next month's, entries will now be correct. We apologize for the error. — Ed.

Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.

Meet Steve.

Buckets and Blankets!

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

Buckets and Blankets is produced in cooperation with the **Club Angels** program and **Cre8tive Solutions** — Fred Fowlks and Sue Manzo, LAFD.

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

jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com or
agomez@cityemployeesclub.com



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{ 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. }



Metro, Mounted and former Mounted Officers gather 'round to celebrate!



From left: Det. III Robert Espinoza, Retired, 25 years of City service; and Officer III Rudy De Leon, Retiree, 37 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer III Jeff Alley, Metro, 18 years of City service; Sgt. II Steve Weaver, Hollywood, 19 years; and Officer III Jay Nam, Metro, 17 years.



From left: Brian O'Hara, K9 Unit, 29 years of City service; Jeff Miller, K9 Unit, 23 years; and Officer III Karen Bidle, Mounted Unit, Retired, 22 years.



From left: Sgt. Terry Keenan, 24 years of City service; Officer III Sean Mulford, 19 years; and Officer III Joe Nepomuceno, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer III Mario Cardona, 15 years of City service; Officer III Sal Flores, 15 years; and Officer III Robert Olmos, 15 years.



From left: Officer III Kevin Scott, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer III Thomas Willers, Metro, 12 years, with his son, Kaden, 3.



From left: Officer III Joe DeLorenzo, 29 years of City service; Officer III Russ Vincent, 23 years; and Officer III Joe Diaz, 18 years.



From left: Officer III Miguel Dominguez, 12 years of City service, with his wife, Nora; and Officer III Andy Pederson, Metro, 26 years.



From left: Officer III LaSalle Culpepper, Metro, Charlie Platoon, 16 years of City service; Officer III Sandra Sanchez, Metro, 10 years; and Officer III Andre Rainey, Metro, 14 years.



From left: Officer III Trey Baskett, Mounted, 16 years of City service, with his wife, Ruth; and Officer III Kevin Grogan, 20 years.



From left: Sgt. II Dino Duran, Metro, 22 years of City service; Officer Pat Kouri, Retired, Horse Trainer, 35 years; Officer Gary Copeland, Mounted, Metro, 18 years; and Sgt. II Gil Pinel, Hollywood, 24 years, Club Member.



Sgt. James Huett, SW, 14 years of City service, with his sister, Elizabeth Huett.



From left: Officer III Scott Brown, Metro, 28 years of City service; Thanh-nha Dunkle, Management Analyst II, Metro, 31 years, Club Member; and Officer III Jim Quinlan, Metro, 30 years.



From left: Sgt. Darvin White, Retired, 29 years of City service; Wendy Metzger, Animal Care Technician, 5 years; and Sgt. Greg Wells, IA, 26 years.



From left: Officer III Auston Price, 28 years of City service, Sgt. II Emada Tingirides, OSB, 17 years, Club Member; Capt. III Phillip Tingirides, Southeast, 32 years; and Officer III Nhut Huynh, K9, 17 years.



From left: Officer Alicia Alcantar, 25 years of City service; and Maria Perez, Sr. CT, 12 years.



From left: Sgt. Malcom Collier, Metro, former Mounted, 19 years of City service; and Sgt. Michael Harrington, Hollywood Entertainment District, 21 years.



From left: Sgt. II Larry Wehage, Retired, 33 years of City service; and Sgt. Don Keith, Retired, 35 years.



From left: Officer III Roger Johnson, Metro, 17 years of City service; and Officer III Art Aguirre, 25 years.



From left: Officer III Lou Huett, Mounted Unit, Retired, 31 years of City service; and Officer III Ray Nonora, Metro, 20 years.



From left: Capt. John Incontro, Metro, 33 years of City Service, Club Member; Officer Matt Bennyworth, 25 years, Club Member; Officer Bob Valdez, 22 years; Officer III Ricky Mendoza, 14 years, Club Member; and Officer III Heath McElwee, 13 years.



From left: Officer III Charles Joh, 17 years of City service; Officer III Dave Keortge, 18 years; Officer III Vanessa Keortge, 18 years, Club Member; and Sgt. Damian Velasco, Metro, 17 years.



From left: Officer III Sig Lo, 16 years of City service; and Officer III Nhut Huynh, K9, 17 years.

LAPD Rudy Retires

Officer Rudy De Leon retires after 37 years of City service.



Story by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

Congratulations to Officer Rudy De Leon II, Club Member, as he retires from the LAPD after 37 years of City service!

Family, friends and co-workers gathered at the Saddle & Sirlain Club in Los Feliz May 2 to help celebrate. A fabulous buffet dinner was served, and accomplishments, awards and recognitions were displayed. What a great career!

Officer P3+1 De Leon spent much of his career in the LAPD's Mounted Unit. He is the son of the late Capt. Rudy De Leon, who was the LAPD's first Latino commanding officer.

Special thanks to Officer III Ron Terrazas for inviting the Club to cover this event.



From left: Officer III Ron Terrazas, 29 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer III Rudy DeLeon, Retiree, 37 years, Club Member.



Joining Rudy in his celebration are his son and his girlfriend, sisters in law, granddaughter, grandsons, two daughters, and his wife, Maria, of 35 years.

**RLACEI Retirees:
Welcome to the Club!**

For Retired Club Members

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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, *RLACEI President*
www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703
or via e-mail: rlacei@verizon.net

Change of Address?

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

RLACEI Upcoming Events

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

- June 7:** RLACEI Golf Tournament, Alhambra Golf Club
- Aug. 9:** RLACEI Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles
- Oct. 4:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 1 p.m., Friendship Auditorium
- Dec. 6:** RLACEI holiday party, noon, Friendship Auditorium

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 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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2010 Club Excellence
Award Recipient



Ed Harding

By Ed Harding, RLACEI President

“With this issue, all our members of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) will receive *Alive!* instead of *El Pueblo*. Please call me and tell me what you think of the change in newspapers. This is very important to me.

“When Larry Jones was President of RLACEI almost 20 years ago, he made everyone show their RLACEI membership card before a lunch ticket was issued. Therefore, we plan to do the same. Bring your membership card to all our events. If you

have lost it, call Helen Salgado at (800) 678-4145, ext. 713. She will check her membership list and issue you a new one.

“On June 7 we expect a record crowd at our 34th annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament, with a great lunch and lots of raffle prizes to our golfers. August 9 is our Picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge at 1025 Elysian Park. Cris & Pitts will furnish a great buffet lunch. Don't forget to bring your membership card – it is good for lunch for you and one guest. The City Employees Club and our Directors will give many, many raffle prizes.”

RLACEI

Alive! Is Now the Paper for RLACEI



Michael Karsch

RLACEI Legislative Report by Michael Karsch

“California Pension News: The California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) is the state's second largest pension fund (the other is CalPERS, which covers most other state and local government systems, but not the City of Los Angeles) and reported in April that its unfunded liability increased 13 percent, according to an actuary's report. The unfunded liability increased by \$8.5 billion for a total of \$64.5 billion for the 12-month period ending last June 30. This is reportedly due to poor investment returns, which averaged 5.5

percent over the last 10 years, significantly less than the assumed rate of 7.5 percent. This means that participating employers (the school districts) will have to pay significantly more into the CalSTRS fund. CalSTRS has repeatedly asked the governor and legislature for more funding.

“When we think of severe cuts in pensions, much of it is imposed on future hires. Our readers wonder about recent increases in how much employees must pay into their pension funds, or into their post-retirement benefits, namely medical care. Recent news reports in Los Angeles County show how far severe cuts can go, but these specific ones are unlikely to affect our readers. The City of Vernon is the subject of an audit of

CalPERS, which focused on two-dozen active, inactive and retired employees. Where CalPERS can find instances of improper reporting by the city to the pension fund of how much an employee was paid, there is grounds to review that person's pension and perhaps reduce it. Such a finding by CalPERS is subject to appeal. Some of the targeted employees were erroneously classified as public safety when they were in fact not so classified by state standards. Others were incorrectly enrolled and received additional years of service credit for which they were not entitled. And yet another employee, an elected official, was convicted of perjury that could result in the forfeiture of years of service.”

LARFPA

Pension Commission OKs 7 Pct. Health Subsidy Rise



Lee Kebler

By Lee Kebler, LARFPA Director

There's good news: The Fire and Police Pension Commission finally approved a 7 percent increase in the health subsidy for our retirees. This isn't as much as the more-than 9 percent increase that premiums for health insurance increased this year, but it helps keep the out of pocket expense down.

The board also appointed Bill Raggio as the interim General

Manager of the Pension System, pending mayoral and Council approval for his permanent appointment. Bill was the unanimous selection at the end of the testing process.

As the past Asst. General Manager of the Pension Division, he will bring experience and continuity to the System. He will do an excellent job.

There wasn't a majority vote for the election for the next term of the active Firefighter on the Board. The top two vote getters,

L. Scott Gibbons and incumbent Ruben Navarro, will have a runoff for the position in May.

I hope you have your reservations for the June 6 barbeque at Grace Simons Lodge. I'd like to see you there, and if you need any more information, call the office at (888) 288-5073.

On June 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., there is a great event, the Heroes Air Show at Hansen Dam.

Most of all, don't forget to vote on June 5.

RLACEI Retirees:
Welcome to the Club!

Best
Years

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 LAFCU. 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 Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Michael Wilkinson	Ext. 712

Questions:	Ext. 0
RSVP:	Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

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2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Time and Trivia, and Then Dubai

Hal and Co. continue their 28-day cruise from Europe to Singapore. Part six.

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.

That morning the wind was much lighter and the seas were calm. The temperature was in the low 80s, and I was by the pool. Evelyn took a yoga class, and when she came by here she looked like she had a good workout. We had two more days at sea before we reached Dubai.

At that point we were in the Gulf of Aden, not quite out of pirate territory. The level of security on the ship made it obvious just how seriously this threat was taken. Crewmembers patrolled the exterior deck areas 24/7 wearing vests that indicated security. Although we didn't see any evidence to indicate pirates, the security watch was comforting.

Evelyn and I played trivia. We lucked out – we played on a team that was smart, and we won. It was nice to finally claim victory. We wanted to win for the bragging rights, not the prize.

After lunch, Evelyn decided to take a nap and I was by the pool waiting for afternoon trivia, now that I was on a roll. The weather had turned overcast and the winds were now blowing at a good pace.

We decided to attend Friday Sabbath services, more to see which passengers were Jewish. It was a nice service conducted by a man from Brentwood, who I met last week by the pool. The ship's bakery made a pretty good challah (braided egg bread).

After the service, we stopped in for drinks at the suite cocktail party with a

couple who played bridge and also attended the service. They lived in West Palm Beach, but were transplants from Chicago.

Evelyn and I and Myrna and Don decided to have dinner in the Bistro, the buffet that turned into a sit-down restaurant on sea days for dinner. It offered a basic menu, and it allowed guests to be more flexible with timing on dining. You can order there anytime from 6 to 11 p.m.; it was a change from strict second seating. We were going to go to the show after dinner, but Evelyn and I both had head colds, so we went back to the cabin. I think we caught the cold on the bus to Petra, but with so many people around, you never know. We hoped to recover quickly. At least with both of us under the weather at the same time, she couldn't blame me for infecting her.

There were white caps on the water, and the ship was rocking a bit more than usual. Evelyn went to the bridge lesson and I was in the Tahitian Lounge writing the blog and reading.

The process was that I write the basic information and then Evelyn fills in the color, so the interesting details are coming from her, as is the correction of my spelling.

Our trivia team added a lady from Whittier, and she was a good player, but we still came in the middle. It was amazing how much useless information there is, especially when you add the trivia from other countries.

We had lunch in the British pub, which is set up in the steakhouse. We all had fish and chips. It was okay. Next time I want to try the steak and kidney pie.

Don and Myrna played bridge, Evelyn took a nap, and I attended the port talk on Oman. There wasn't much to see, and the souk (the general term for market) is closed from 1 to 4 p.m. We docked at 1 pm and had to be back on board by 6:30 p.m. The ship informed the souk that we were to be in port and hoped that some shops would open up. The tours weren't much, and there was a "free" shuttle bus to take us to the old town. I didn't know why we couldn't dock early; Dubai is only a short distance from Muscat (Oman).

The next day we reached land after



six days at sea. We arrived in the port of Dubai at about 7 a.m; it is the largest natural harbor along the Emirates' coast.

The United Arab Emirates, formed in 1971, is made up of seven emirates, of which Abu Dhabi and Dubai are the best known. Abu Dhabi is the capital.

Most of the buildings were completed in the last 15 years. The skyline was a combination of tall buildings, each with unique architecture. The tallest building in the world is here, the Burj Khalifa, at more than 800 meters tall. Our tour included a visit to the tower and a trip to the 124th floor, the observation floor.

Our tour began with a drive from the port to the Mall of the Emirates, the largest shopping mall in the Middle East. It featured indoor skiing (Ski Dubai), with a chair lift, and there was a large play area for children, including a sled run. The temperature was kept at about 32 degrees, and after paying an admission you got parkas and gloves along with whatever equipment you needed for your chosen snow activity. By the time we left, there was a long line of women and children waiting to get in.

Our first stop was Starbucks (the mall has three) so Evelyn could get a mug that has the name UAE to add to her collection. I missed getting one in Egypt by disobeying the first rule of vacation shopping – if you like it, get it, because you won't see it again. If they won't bargain, buy the damn thing if you want it. I checked on eBay later, and the mug I could have purchased for \$25 (which I thought was high) was \$50 on eBay. Evelyn still hasn't forgotten!

This mall had every store you would ever need or want – all of the best top-end designers and shops, and all the chains like H&M and Forever 21. The food courts – and there were at least two – had every American fast food provider

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For Retired Club Members

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For more information,
contact the Club:

- talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- www.cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452

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- Great Club apparel and gifts
- Group-rated insurance products for purchase
- Club-exclusive events
- E-mail notices about upcoming events and promotions
- Access to Club Website
- And much more!

* After May 2013, members must join the Club and pay the regular (reduced) rate for City Retirees to retain Club benefits.

34th Annual
Retirees Invitational
Golf Tournament



The 34th Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a “Shotgun Start” at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$65 for R.L.A.C.E.I., City Club and All City Employee Benefits Service Association members (\$75 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with their check payable to **“R.L.A.C.E.I.” by May 25th** to: Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.

2012 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Amount Included \$ _____ \$65 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Employees Club Members. (\$75 for all others)
Luncheon: \$25

Make checks payable to **R.L.A.C.E.I.**

NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

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(check all that apply)			
Name			
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4. _____	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Reservation deadline: Friday, May 25th. Mail completed reservation form and check to:
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For Retired Club Members

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS

BY MARY BEETZ

Jack-Leroy Clemens, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation, reports: "Retiree life is treating me well! Here I am with my fellow retirees and best friends. It's opening day at Thompson Falls (Montana) golf course."

From left: Jim Boward, Jack-Leroy Clemens, Loren Manderscheid and Larry Young.



Sue Clark, Retired, General Services, reports: "Try to enjoy nature once in a while and look up in your trees. You may be surprised at what you might find. This is my residence squirrel who hangs out around my house. I was sitting outside with my morning cup of coffee watching him chow down on a pine cone breakfast. It took him five minutes to turn the pine cone into what looked like a corn cob."

Show Us Your Grandkids!

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

Here's how:

1. Make sure to have the permission from their parents. If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.
2. Photos with you in them are better... but if not, that's okay, too.
3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them – their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
5. Digital photos are best! Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Print photos can be sent to:

Grandkids
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 W. Second St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(800) 464-0452

If you want the print photo returned, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back.



LACERS Update

By Mary Beetz, RLACEI Publicity Chair



"Death Notification of a LACERS Member or Beneficiary: Please contact the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) upon the death of a person receiving LACERS monthly retirement allowance, continuance, or survivorship at (800) 779-8328. This person may have been a:

■ Retired City Employee

- Surviving spouse of a retired City Employee
- Surviving domestic partner of a Retired City Employee
- Any other dependent receiving a continuance or survivorship benefit.

"Be prepared to provide the deceased's full name and social security number. LACERS staff will contact the deceased member's listed beneficiaries for more information and documents.

"Other Organizations You May Want to Contact:

- Social Security Administration – Death or survivor benefits may be available: (800) 772-1213; (800) 325-0778 TTY
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs – If the deceased was a veteran, death or survivor benefits may be available: (800) 827-1000
- City of Los Angeles Deferred Compensation Program – the deceased may have an account: (888) 457-9460; (888) 466-0381
- City Employees Club of Los Angeles – a life insurance policy may be on file: (800) 464-0452
- All City Employees Benefits Service Association – a life insurance policy may be on file: (213) 485-2485
- Los Angeles Federal Credit Union – the deceased may have an account: (213) 484-864; (877) MY LAFUCU (695-2328)

"Stay in Contact: As always, I am interested in what retirees are doing in their retirement years, and what Retirees would like to read in the newspaper. Any comments, suggestions, or ideas are welcomed. Pictures are also welcomed, too:

Mary Beetz
Publicity Chairman
Mbeetz4841@aol.com

Retirees Question of the Month:



"A 1972 Datsun 510."
– Anita Olea, Personnel,
Retired in 1980



"A 1936 Ford."
– Tony Alvarez, General
Services, Retired in 1990



"A Datsun roadster, a
Fairlady, in red."
– Dorothy Tamashiro,
Controller's,
Retired in 2002



"A 1957 Chevy."
– Phillip Orland, Rec and
Parks, Retired in 2010



"A 1955 Ford (in 1960)."
– Jerry Olea, Airports,
Retired in 2010

What was your first car?



"A Chevy."
– Carol Takafuji, ITA,
Retired in 1996



"A Toyota Corolla."
– Beverly Anderson,
LAPD, Retired in 2010



"A 1950 Ford."
– David Nix, ITA, Retired
in 2010



"A 1960 Simca."
– Dennis Harding, Public
Works, 2005



"A Chevy."
– Bob Cutler, Public
Works, Retired in 1996

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and then some. Everyone took dollars without a problem. The exchange rate was 3.65 AED to the dollar.

After we left the mall, our next stop was the Mall of Dubai, where the Burj Khalifa is. It claimed to be the biggest mall in the world, and it featured an aquarium and all of the same stores at the Mall of the Emeritus and, if you can imagine, even more.

The elevator ride to the observation floor of the Burj Khalifa took exactly 60 seconds. There was no sensation of speed, but my ears popped. Half of the observation floor was outside, and the view was of course outstanding. We stayed about 25 minutes and then took the ride back down. While we were waiting for our group, I bought a “light” Coke for 6 UAE. The price wasn’t a surprise, but the surprise was the “pop top lid” – I hadn’t seen one of those in years. We had to wait a while for our bus due to a flat tire.

Our next stop was for pictures of the Burj Al Arab, the only seven-star hotel in the world. Built on an artificial island, the hotel took the shape of a sail of a boat. You cannot go into the hotel unless you are a guest or have a reservation for lunch, dinner, or high tea. It features 220 two-story suites, ranging from about 300 square feet to more than 2,000. Next time I will make reservations for high tea, at about \$120 per person, and get a better look. Nothing like keeping out the riff-raff.

Our last stop was a mosque that, although closed to us, did have a women’s prayer room. It was one of the largest in the area.

Dubai is very interesting and oil rich, trying to build an economy to maintain itself



once the oil is depleted. More than 75 percent of the population is expats who are here on work visas. The locals are taken care of with free housing and medical and education. There is very little crime and the streets are very clean. Nothing is old; even the old souk is new.

Dubai has become a haven for the very wealthy, as there is no income tax and no sales tax. However, to do business you must have a 51 percent partner who is native born, and there appears to be fees and licensing costs for just about everything.

We got back to the ship around 2:30 p.m. and stopped by the stores in the cruise terminal. I bought two key chains to get rid of my UAEs.

We were hungry, so we headed to the buffet, which means we wouldn’t be eating much for dinner.

After our naps, we sat on the balcony as the ship set sailed for Oman. We saw the port pilot leave the ship, which was interesting. The sun was setting and the reflection of the sun on the buildings made the skyline look like a fairytale city, which just maybe is what Dubai is.

We played bridge until 9 p.m. and then decided to go to the buffet for a snack. We found that the buffet was closed and the bistro was open. The problem was the menu was the same as our last visit (Don and Myrna’s third time with same menu). It seemed that they offered three different menus, which they rotate. We just haven’t been with the right rotation.

Today was Halloween, and many of the passengers and crew were dressed in costumes. Evelyn wore her witch’s hat, which she never leaves home without.

More next month.



Ski Dubai.

For Retired Club Members

REC AND PARKS

Banning Ad-Dresses Fashion

The Banning Museum to hold special historic lecture on Victorian attire and etiquette.



Story courtesy Juliette McAllister, Banning Museum

The Banning Museum is offering City residents the chance to learn about Victorian style.

The museum’s third in a series of historical lectures, titled “Victorian Attire and Etiquette,” is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sat., June 23 at the museum, 401 East M St. in Wilmington.

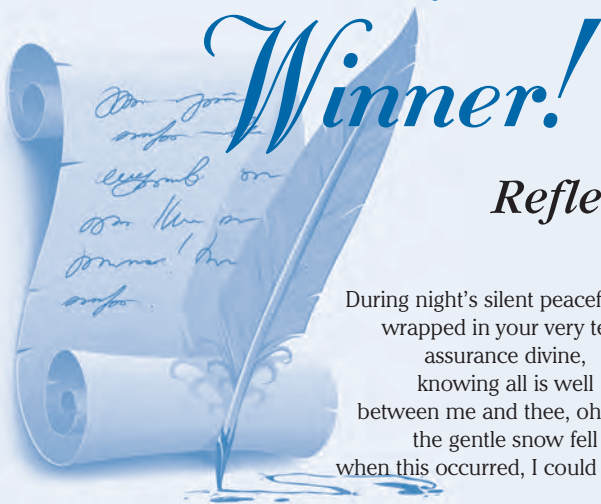
“Victorian Attire and Etiquette” will be presented in three segments. Segment one features models wearing Victorian-era fashions that would have been worn for dinner parties, balls and afternoon tea from 1865-82. In segment two, attendees can learn



about the proper etiquette between a man and a woman, with a question-and-answer session afterwards. Session three’s models will be wearing Victorian-era fashions depicting the years 1883-1899.

This event is free to Friends of Banning Museum members and children under 12. Admission for non-members costs \$5, and no RSVP is required. For more details about this event or The Banning Museum, please contact Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005. Information on the Museum can also be found at www.the-banningmuseum.org.

Phil Skarin Poetry Contest



Phil Skarin, longtime RLACEI leader, has run a poetry contest for a number of years. The current contest is named for him. Phil commented, “It was a very hard decision to make, and I thank everyone for participating.”

Reflections About Snow Through a Window

By Marcella Butler, Tulsa, Okla.

During night’s silent peaceful rest,
wrapped in your very test,
assurance divine,
knowing all is well
between me and thee, oh God;
the gentle snow fell
when this occurred, I could not tell!

Through your infinite mercy
I awakened to see
that this, indeed, had come to be
so softly yet persistently,
silently yet victoriously
as an enemy stealing into a camp.
Imposing, challenging,
subduing, conquering
covering everything!
A fresh white blanket
chilling and damp!

As I peered through the window
through hazy morning eyes,
so much to my surprise,
the snow was most assuredly there
like the snow white crown
that now adorns my hair.

This reminded me of the porcelain crown,
snow, that you have sprinkled
upon and around a majestic mountain peak
holding your secrets, oh God,
and wisdom we seek,
the strong as well as the weak,
standing in quiet assurance
against the expanse of blue
in majestic strength representing you!
I am, now, white-headed too!



And, as the snow-crowned mountain
proudly stands against the sky,
everlasting God, so do I!
I, too, withstand the elements of time
softly, gently, quietly, patiently,
through insistently and triumphantly!
as you mold and shape the mountain and me,
we travelling yet prevailing.
(having survived the storms of time)
Rest in your caring so very sublime!

During night’s silent rest
I, wrapped in your very best,
assurance divine
knowing all is well
between me and thee, oh God:
The gentle snow fell.
When this occurred, I could not tell.
But just as the snow shall melt away
revealing green and flowers one day,
when birds and children come out to play,
“Praise God” is all that I shall say!
For all things will appear anew
as welcomed as the morning dew.
So shall one day I’ll come to be with you
and see the snow from a different view!
This will be just the beginning
of my “new Life’s Story.”

Then my crown of white shall be exchanged
for a radiant brand new crown of Glory!
then, no more snow and no more nights
but days shall be forever bright
illuminated by the radiant light
of our blessed Savior and Risen Lamb.
These reflections remind me
of who and whose I am!

RLACEI

The Club at the Spring Meeting

The major announcement: **RLACEI members are going to be receiving *Alive!***



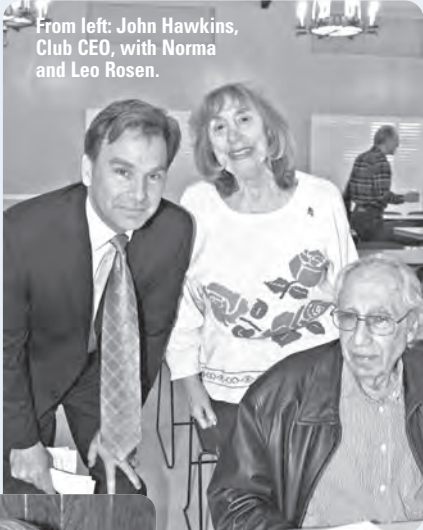
Story by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations

As it has for many years, the Club had a strong presence at the RLACEI annual spring meeting, held April 12 at the Friendship Auditorium.

We met longtime friends of the Club, and we met lots of new friends, too!

We also asked RLACEI members to answer fun questions, and to send in photos of their grandkids. We love family photos in *Alive!*

The Club is happy to be the official newspaper of the RLACEI, and we look forward to lots of RLACEI member participation.



From left: John Hawkins, Club CEO, with Norma and Leo Rosen.



Phil and Mariam Skarin.



Mary Beetz, Personnel/Medical Services, and *Alive!* contributor, Retired 2009.



Irving Leemon, General Services, Retired 1999.



Manuel De La Cruz, Public Works, Retired 1987.



Shirley Tan, Controller's Office, Retired, 2009.



Dan Baldridge, Street Maintenance, Retired 1990.



Bebe Jacobsen, LAPD Behavioral Science, Retired 2003.



Harriet Montier, Retired 1995.



Wilma Rebbe, LAPD, Retired 1970.

Cmdr. Brown, Leadership Grad

AIRPORTS

Airport Police Commanding Officer Dana Brown graduates from LAFD Leadership Academy.

Story courtesy Airport Police; Photos by Madelein Flanagan, Airport Police

Airport Police Commanding Officer Dana Brown, who oversees the agency's Administration Section in the Office of Support Services, recently graduated from the LAFD's Leadership Academy. She was elected the class speaker by her fellow graduates.

The LAFD Leadership Academy is based upon a military leadership curriculum with case studies specific to the fire dept.

LAFD Asst. Chief Andrew Fox described Commanding Officer Brown as "absolutely the best candidate we have so far." Dana Brown received a standing ovation for her remarks, in which she challenged classmates to "lead others to new heights."

"I am extremely proud and fortunate to have Dana as a member of our Airport Police family," said Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams. "Her contribution to establishing standards that serve to benefit the division is commendable."



Airport Police Commanding Officer Dana Brown delivers the commencement address.



Airport Police Commanding Officer Dana Brown (right) is congratulated by LAFD Asst. Chief Andrew Fox.

Welcome, Arlene!

FALEO

Club Counselor gets rare honor to join Filipino-American law enforcement association.



The FALEO LA Board, from left: Airport Police Officer III Peter Trance, 12 years of City service, Club Member, and President, FALEO LA; Airport Police Officer Jordan Espiritu, 6 years, Club Member, Sergeant of Arms of FALEO LA; Officer Arldwin Flores, LAPD, 14 years, Club Member, and Treasurer, FALEO LA; Christian Buado, Investigator for California DMV, and Director, FALEO LA; the Club's Products Manager, Arlene Herrero; Officer II Benjamin Llamas, LAPD, 5 years, and Secretary, FALEO LA; Officer II Christian Costales, LAPD, 4 years, Club Member, and Sergeant of Arms of FALEO LA; and Airport Police Officer Will Lara, 4 years, Club Member, and Director, FALEO LA.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On Feb. 23, the Board Members of the Filipino-American Law Enforcement Officers (FALEO) honored the Club's very own Products Manager, Arlene Herrero, by making her an honorary member of the association and appointing her on the Board as "Sunshine Director." (The Club's Noelle Kauffman is also a member of the association.)

The event took place at the Sheriff's Dept. Stars Center Academy.



Officer Arldwin Flores, LAPD, 14 years of City service, Club Member, and Treasurer for FALEO LA, swears in the Club's Arlene Herrero.

According to its mission statement, FALEO was incorporated in 2008 "to promote fraternal relationships and cultural awareness amongst all members (Sworn and Non-sworn) in law enforcement. To that end, FALEO is committed to supporting cultural, educational, recreational, and charitable services within our Communities." The association has two chapters- San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Congratulations, Arlene! And special thanks to FALEO for this honor.



Airport Police Officer III Peter Trance, 12 years of City service, Club Member, and President, FALEO LA, welcomes the Club's Arlene Herrero to the association.

National Dispatchers Week 9-1-1 9-1-1 9-1-1 9-1-1 9-1-1



From left: Capt. Justice; Chief Charlie Beck; Wanda Williams, Administrative of the Year 2011, Club Member; and Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.



From left: Augie Loya, PSR II, 18 years of City service, Club Member; and Ken Yasaki, PSR III, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Justice; John Phillips, Sr. PSR II, Club Member and 2011 Supervisor of the Year recipient; Chief Charlie Beck; and Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.



From left: Dan Basilgo, PSR III, 16 years of City service; and Maisha Parnell, PSR III, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Angelica Benitez, PSR II, 4 years of City service; and Lori Powell, PSR III, 14 years, Club Member.



From left: Quincy Mirage, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Dorian Burrus, PSR II, 11 years.



From left: Olivia Sandoval, PSR II, 4 years of City service; and Aileen Kellough, PSR II, 8 years, Club Member



Seated: Annie Auzenne, Sr. PSR II, 34 years of City service, Club Member; and Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member.

National Dispatchers Week LAPD

Both LAPD call centers celebrate those who take and handle the City's 911 emergency calls.



From left: Commander Andrew Smith, 23 years of City service, Club Member; and Adam Timm, PSR II, 9 years, Club Member.



Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

The City celebrated National Dispatchers Week April 8-14, and both the Metro and Valley call centers participated.

The Club donated prizes, aiding in the Grand Prize for all the watches. The Club was on hand for the Metro Communications Open House.

LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, Councilman Dennis Zine and Police Administrator III Rhonda Sims-Lewis were on hand at the PM watch roll call to award the following honors: Supervisor of the Year 2011 to Sr. PSR II John Phillips; Administrator of the Year 2011 to Wanda Williams; and (not pictured) 2011 Humanitarian of the Year to Kimberly Calloway.

Special thanks go to Angela Rodriguez, Janelle Williams, Lt. Vic Dennis, and Howard Tien for their assistance.



From left: Ardon Manuel, PSR II, 20 years of City service; Irany Daniel, PSR II, 15 years, Club Member; and Mari Price, PSR II, 16 years.



From left: Torrie Perkins, PSR III, 24 years of City service, Club Member, and John Phillips, Sr. PSR II, 30 years, Club Member.



From left: Carlos Mejia, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Sharon Dormitorio, PSR II, 8 years, Club Member; and Evelyn Perez, PSR II, 4 years.



From left: Todd Austin, Sr. PSR, 12 years of City service; and Tia Teixeira, PSR II, 10 years.



Ana Pugliese, PSR II, 4 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Maria Coronado, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member; and Angelina Ortega, PSR III, 13 years, Club Member.



John Craig, PSR II, 9 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Angel Gomez, Club's Director of Sales; and Paul Gonzalez, PSR II, 9 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Police Administrator III, 28 years of City service; Howard Tien, Sr. PSR I, 12 years, Club Member; and Arlene Herrero, the Club's Products Manager.



Stephanie Shelling, PSR II, 13 years of City service, Club Member.



Leslie Allen, PSR III, 27 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Maria Moreno, PSR II, 8.5 years of City service, Club Member; Tenecia Sims, PSR II, 7 years, Club Member; and Moran Kim, PSR II, 4 years, Club Member.

9-1-1 EMERGENCY DISPATCH

THIS MONTH AT THE



Griffith Observatory

June 5:

View the Transit of Venus

The transit of Venus occurs when the planet Venus passes directly between the earth and the sun. During the transit, Venus will appear as a small black dot on the face of the sun.

The next transit of Venus won't occur for another 105 years! No transit of Venus has been visible from Los Angeles since Dec. 6, 1882.

No one should ever look directly at the sun or Venus in the daytime without proper protection. The telescopes available for free viewing of the transit at the Griffith Observatory will be equipped with proper filters.

Here in Los Angeles, Venus will first cross in front of the sun's disc at 3:06 p.m. and will continue to move across the disk.

TIME: Noon - 10 p.m. COST: Free!

Information: www.griffithobservatory.org/exhibits/special/Special_Event_Transit_of_Venus.html

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PUBLIC WORKS

Sanitation Food Drive

West Valley Yard hosts drive for area food bank. The Club pitches in, too.



Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

On April 16, the West Valley Sanitation Yard held a food drive for a local charity.

Employees at West Valley solicited donations of non-perishable foods, so that the West Valley Food Bank could replenish its shelves following the Easter holiday. Collections included soups, rice, beans, pasta, canned fruits and vegetables.



The containers overflow with donations.

Club employees also contributed to this worthy cause by doubling what the Sanitation employees were able to collect. Families are always in need, and it was a great way to help make a difference!

Special thanks to Brian Sibert, Refuse Collection Truck Operator and Club Member, who was instrumental in coordinating the logistics of donations. Great job, Brian!



From left: James Moore, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Victor Moran, Refuse Collection Supervisor, 22 years, Club Member; and Julio Cruz, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years, Club Member.

AIRPORTS

Welcome New Officers

Airport Police graduates two from LAPD Police Academy.



At the graduation ceremony, from left: Officers Ivan Cornejo and Craig Cdebaca.

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

Two new police recruits joined the ranks of Los Angeles Airport Police on April 20, following their graduation from the LAPD Academy Class 11-11 at Elysian Park.

The new officers are Craig Cdebaca and Ivan Cornejo. They were sworn in by Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams at

the graduation ceremony. Also attending the ceremony were Airport Police Capt. Latasha Wells-Amerson, Sgts. Daniel Romo and Joe Espita, and other Airport Police personnel.

"We are very proud to have new additions join the Airport Police family," Chief Hyams said.

The Club congratulates new Officers Cdebaca and Cornejo.



From left: Officer Craig Cdebaca, Club Member; Chief Michael Hyams, and Officer Ivan Cornejo, Club Member.

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INSURANCE

BY JEFF GELINEAU

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

Insuring Your Little Deuce Coupe

With summer here, classic-car owners are taking their beloved vehicles out for a little cruise down to the beach. If you've got an old car that is dear to your heart, you'll want to make sure that you have it insured properly.

Classic car insurance companies can offer superior coverage at lower premiums and can provide other benefits specifically tailored to collector cars. Policy options often include repair shop of choice, roadside assistance with guaranteed flatbed towing, and coverage for spare parts and tools.

The main difference between a specialty classic car insurance company and a standard auto insurance company is the type of policy offered and how the policy accounts for a vehicle's value. Guaranteed (or agreed) value coverage is typical for most companies specializing in classic car insurance, while a traditional auto policy writes an actual cash value (ACV), or stated value policy.

Guaranteed value coverage means that you and the insurance company agree upon the car's value at the time the policy is issued, and that value will not be depreciated in the case of a total loss. An ACV or stated value policy will potentially depreciate the car's value, reducing the amount of the claim. This difference is particularly important because most classic cars appreciate in value over time, while most modern cars depreciate.

Coverage Considerations

Here are some tips to consider when selecting insurance coverage for your classic car.

Are you passionate about your car? Many collector-car owners have an emotional connection to their automobiles. Perhaps their classic is a family heirloom or the first car they bought as a teenager. There is often a sentimental value far greater than the actual dollar value. If so,

you will want the best protection available for something that you truly cherish.

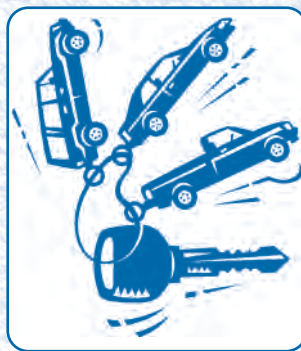
It is important to accurately value the vehicle when seeking a classic car insurance policy. Speak to a representative at a classic car dealership or consult a price guide. There are a number of classic car price guides available to research current market values, including Hagerty Price Guide, NADA, and Old Cars Price Guide.

Buy a policy from an insurance company that deals exclusively with classic cars. They understand the unique needs associated with older, collectible vehicles and will usually save you money. Because specialty insurance companies recognize that the risk for loss is far less in a classic car than in a regular-use vehicle, the premiums are often much lower.

Also, look for a company that handles claims in-house. An in-house claims department makes for more efficient claims handling and ensures that the person handling the claim has experience with the unique needs a collector car may require during the repair process.

Roadside assistance should include flatbed towing. Classic-car owners are six times more likely to experience a breakdown than a claim. There are many types of roadside assistance programs available along with insurance policies, but make sure a guaranteed flatbed tow truck is included to fully protect your vehicle. Flatbed towing is one of the safest ways to transport a car because all wheels of the towed vehicle are off of the ground.

Always keep a classic car insured. Many people mistakenly assume that their homeowner's policy will cover the full value of their vehicle when it is in their garage. It is important to maintain coverage even if the vehicle is at a shop or in storage and not being driven. In the event of fire or theft, you will have to absorb the entire loss if the vehicle isn't covered.



Be safe and have fun!

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

Have a question?

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

HARBOR

Carlton Calls It A Career



The presentation of Resolution, from left: Edward Carlton, Retiree, Club Member, and his supervisor, Chuck Smith, Mechanical Repair General Supervisor, Club Member.



From left: Bill Olson, Retired, Oil Gauger; and Joe Moreno, Retired, Plumber.



From left: Phil; Edward Carlton, Retiree; and David.



From left: Sylvia Gordon, Pile Drivers, Club Member; Ronald Degler, Electrical Mechanic; Richard Macias; and Brad A. Moreal.



The presentation of the sprinkler head clock, from left: Edward Carlton, Retiree, Club Member; Curt Anderson, Sheet Metal Worker, Club Member; and Shaun Keen, Sheet Metal Worker, both from the HVAC shop.



From left: Holly Carlson, Club Member; Dave Chrisman, Retired, Club Member; and Emma Gonzalez, Retired, Club Member.



From left: Rafael Diaz, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; and Sergio Barboza, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member.



From left: Andres Herrera, Roofer, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Jim Bozarth, Sr. Roofer, 12 years, Club Member; Mark W.; Ed "Mondo" Little, Roofer Supervisor, 12 years; Les Washington, Div. 153, Club Member; Marco Santa Cruz, Roofing; Les Brand, Div. 153, 6 years, Club Member; Phillip Sandoval, Painter, 27 years; and Mario Magana, 6 years.

Edward Carlton, Club Member, retires from the Harbor Dept. after 39 years of City service.

Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

On April 16, a lunch reception was held for Edward Carlton, Plumber Supervisor, Harbor, and Club Member, after 39 years of City service.

The reception was held in the garden area of Berth 161 in Wilmington.

Here's a resolution, prepared for his retirement:

"Edward began his career with Public Works in 1975 as a Plumber, and he transferred to the Harbor Department in 1978 as a Plumber, was promoted to Sr. Plumber in 1988, and then to Plumber Supervisor in 2000 in recognition of his excellent leadership skills and knowledge.

"Edward has been recognized many times by the Executive Director of the Harbor Department for perfect attendance, he has been a huge asset to the Construction and Maintenance Plumbing Shop throughout his time at the Harbor Department. His consistent work habits helped save time and materials as well as showed pride in his work. He has performed well in new situation and emergencies, as well exhibiting excellent communication skills with the public and fellow employees. He has shown his dedication to safety and to good leadership of his fellow coworkers by inspiring others to improve their work efforts.

"Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Edward Douglas Carlton for his outstanding service to the City and Port of Los Angeles, and extends to him and his family its best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come."

Congratulations, Edward! Enjoy your much-deserved retirement.

The Club extends a special thank-you to Gary Striker, Division 137 and Division 131, for his assistance.



Presentation of a commemorative lighthouse to Edward Carlton, Retiree, Club Member, and Jim Morgan, Director, Construction and Maintenance, Harbor.



The presentation of Harbor Dept. Employees Club gift: Edward Carlton, Retiree, Club Member, and Natalie Valenzuela, Secretary, Construction and Maintenance, and HDEC Representative, Club Member.



Edward Carlton, Retiree, with his birthday cake.



A leather jacket was a gift from the Plumbing Shop.



Bill and Ruby Chistiansen, Retired.



The presentation of the Golden Plunger Award, from left: Chuck Smith, Mechanical Repair General Supervisor, Club Member; Edward Carlton, Retiree, Club Member; and Joe Maldonado, Manager, Operations and Maintenance, Club Member.



From left: John Gloster Jr. Equip. Operator, 38 years of City service; Leo Cabrera, Retired; Kenneth Henderson, Street Services Worker III, 26 years, Club Member; Employee Henderson; David Abbie, Power Shovel Operator, 34 years; Michael Kuykendall, Maintenance and Construction Helper, 21 years, Club Member; Danny Ponce, Heavy Truck Driver, 12 years; Larry Duke, Equipment Operator, 13 years, Club Member; Kendell Henderson, Maintenance Laborer; and John Humphrey, Equipment Operator, 23 years, Club Member.



The presentation of the Cooper Pipe Lamp, from left: Edward Carlton, Retiree, Club Member, and Armando Godinez, Mechanical Helper, Plumbing Shop, Club Member.



From left: Rico Ruiz, Ocean Blue; Manny Ramirez, Environmental Div., 23 years, Club Member; and Ron Dere, Ocean Blue.



From left: Juile Bond, Wharfing I, 25 years of City service; Richard Loreuzuna, Wharfing I, 32 years, Club Member; Tish Loreuzuna, HR Director, 32 years, Club Member; Rudy Christiansen, Wharfing, Retiree; Linda Vigil, Asst. Chief Wharfing, 41 years, Club Member; Diane Boskovich, Chief Wharfing, 35 years, Club Member; Jennifer Mosher, Asst. Chief Wharfing, 31 years; and Jeanette Argentin, Wharfing II, 38 years.



The presentation of the beer stein, made from copper pipes, from left: Steve Karsten, Plumber; Edward Carlton, Retiree, Club Member; and Joe Trujque, Welder, PEM Shop, Club Member.



From left: Daniel Garica, Sr. Clerk Typist, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Frank Albers, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II, 31 years, Club Member; Rebecca Sanchez, Clerk Typist, 5 years; and David Areyan, Student Professional Worker, 4 years.

Results of

Baker to Vegas: A (Hot) Race for the Glory



Club sponsors five City teams in annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup race.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor;
Photos by Arlene Herrero; Fitz Mora; David A. Gomez; and Angel Gomez, Club Sales Director

For stamina, dedication and physical fitness, there's nothing like the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. And that time came again to the desert April 21-22.

This amazing foot race is an annual event for public safety organizations throughout the world. The relay race is a 120-mile, 20-stage foot race between Baker, Calif., and Las Vegas and is considered the "Super Bowl" of law enforcement and the champions are the best, in terms of physical fitness and logistics the police world has to offer. The race was created by and is managed by the Los Angeles Police Rotary and Athletic Club, and the City Employees Club is grateful for their leadership.

This year was the Club's eighth covering this amazing event. The Club sponsored five teams (teams 116, 140, 153, 168 and 271): the Port Police, LAPD Emergency Services Division (Bomb, K9

and Force Investigation Division) and Transportation, which again joined forces with General Services Office of Public Safety. Two new teams sponsored by the Club were the Airport Police (LAX) and LAPD Jail Division.

"Each year the race grows, and with 270 teams from the law enforcement community around the world, this year's race proved to be the biggest Challenge Cup Relay ever," according to race coordinator Chuck Foote. By noon, the temperature rose to more than 107 degrees, with the asphalt temperature reaching more than 130 degrees.

Airport Police entered in the "mixed" category, with a team consisting of five women and 15 men. This is the first year Airport Police Security Officers participated, placing ninth out of 50 teams in their category and finishing in 17 hours, 1 minute and 57 seconds, incurring no penalties. For their first time in seven

years of entering, they were able to bring home a mug, a kind of race trophy. Overall the team placed 81st out of 270 teams. "I am exceptionally proud of the teamwork, persistence and determination demonstrated by the members of our organization in achieving success in this race under very adverse conditions," said Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams.

Overall, four teams sponsored by the Club came home with a mug. Congratulations to all the teams, including the four teams that mugged (Airport Police, Jail Division, Transportation/General Services, and Port Police). "One of our runners suffered heat exhaustion, [which] brought our race journey to an end. But we will return next year stronger and more determined than ever," said Officer John Long from the LAPD Emergency Services team.

Overall Winners:

The LAPD Team took first place in the Open Category, finishing the race in 13 hours 7 minutes 33 seconds, knocking last year's winner, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. Countywide team. It truly was an LAPD year, as LAPD Women's Team also took first place in the women's category.

Congratulations to all who participated in this amazing event (including the support teams), and special thanks go to the following for their assistance: Officer Alex Castillo, Officer John Long, Lisa Pallares, Sgt. Jim Katapodis, Chuck Foote, Officer Tony Adler, Milan Romero, Dawn Eck and Sgt. Mike McComas.

RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING

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Team 115: LAPD Pacific Station.



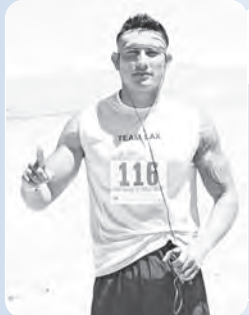
Team 98: LAPD Major Crimes.



Off they go with the asphalt recorded at 120 degrees.



Port Police Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Leg 1 Runner, Club Member, with his wife, Jessica.



Team 116: Airport Police (LAX).



Team 42: LAPD Training Division.



Team 110: LAPD Van Nuys Station.



Team 42: LAPD Training Division.



From left: Dawn Eck, Sr. MA, 26 years of City service, Club Member, Leg 10 runner and B2V Jail Division Team Captain; Capt. David Lindsay, Leg 5 runner, 25 years, Club Member; and Sgt. II Scott Engedal, 77th Jail Division, Club Member.



With Team 160: Sr. PSR Anita Yang, Club Member, runs the 4.2 miles of leg 3.



Sgt. II Scott Engedal, 77th Station, Club Member, running for LAPD Jail Division.



With Team 271 (LAPD Emergency Services): Officer Robert Cervantes, Leg 3 runner, Club Member.



the Big Race



Team 114 (U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security) with Team 271 (LAPD Emergency Services).



With Team 140: Port Police Officer Angelo Cumpian, Club Member.

GO
GO
GO!...



Sgt. Kevin Burke, FID, Leg 1 runner, 12th year race participant, Club Member.



Officer III Miguel Jimenez, LAPD Training Division.



Traffic Officer II Luis Hernandez, Leg 1 runner, Club Member, participating in his 10th race.



Team 42: LAPD Training Division.



With Team 160: PSR III Dan Basilgo, LAPD Communications.



Team 117: LA City Attorney.



Team 103: LAPD Harbor Sharks.



With Team 160: PSR II Autumn Kohoutek, Club Member, at the 6.1-mile point of her run.



From left: Randy Yang, Old Blue Runner; Anita Yang, Sr. PSR, Club Member; and Jeanie Whited, Anita's mom.



Team 241: LAPD South Traffic Division.



Team 116: Airport Police.



Team 234: LAPD West LA.



LAXPD From left: Officer II Josh Casanova, first-year runner, Club Member; Officer III Mike Manahan, support ("Catcher"), Club Member; and Officer II Ka Man Fan, Leg 5 runner, Club Member.



The Club was there!



With Team 168: Detention Officer Myung Kim, 27 years of City service.



With Team 168, from left: Officer Andrew Kang, 2 years of City service, and Sgt. Alex Bautista, Club Member, 16 years.



With Team 128, from left: Arturo Catano, nephew; Roy Ortiz, Sr. Management Analyst I, 22 years of City service, with his wife, Linda; and Edna Contreras, "favorite sister."



With Team 168, from left: Detention Officer Bryan Mendoza, 5 years of City service; and Sgt. Alex Bautista, 16 years.

THE
HOME
STRETCH



Officer Marissa Frial, LAPD Women's Team, Club Member, after returning from knee surgery, crosses the finish line and shares the moment with LAPD Chief Charlie Beck.



With Team 171: Police Chief Charlie Beck.



Team 56: LAPD Women's Team.



With Team 160: Leg 19 PSR II Lourdes Varas, Club Member, quickly makes her way to the final leg.



With Team 140: Port Police Ybarra, Club Member.



Team 128: LAPD Retired Old Blue.

BAKER TO VEGAS BAKER TO VEGAS



With Team 168: Dawn Eck, Sr. Management Analyst, Club Member, 26 years of City service; and Sgt. Mike McCombs, Club Member, 9 years.



With Team 204, from left: Officer Travis Vasquez, 3 years of City service; and Officer David McCarthy, 1 year.



With Team 26: Sgt. Pete Enciso, 23 years of City service.



Team 153: Transportation/General Services.



Team 168 LAPD JAIL Division "They brought home the Mug!"



With Team 116, from left: Officer Jacqueline Zambrano, 2 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Elmer Quevedo, 4 years, Club Member.



With Team 255: Kathy Keelin, support ("Catcher"), and Tom Kim, Analyst, 5 years.



With Team 140, from left: Det. Byron Culbertson, Club Member, 6 years of City service; Officer Roberto Ramirez, Club Member; Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member, 31 years; Officer Tyler Hellinga, Club Member, 5 years; Sr. Lead Officer Alex Castillo; and Officer Stacey Creech, Club Member, 5 years.



Team 104: LAPD Central City Area.



Team 234: LAPD West L.A. Area at the finish line.



Team 178: LAPD Topanga Area.



Team 89: LAPD Wilshire Area.



With Team 186: Sgt. Roland Broussard, 17 years of City service; and Michelle Lew, support ("Catcher").



With Team 153: Transportation/General Services Team Chief Gary Newton, Club Member.



Team 241: LAPD South Traffic Division.



Team 168: LAPD Jail Division.

BAKER TO VEGAS BAKER TO VEGAS

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From left: Lt. Ed Trahan; Sgt. Harold Evans; K9 Officer Jerome Evans, Club Member; Sgt. Sam Pittman, Club Member; Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams; Dana Tipton, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years of City service, Club Member; and Stella Belgarde, Clerk Typist, 5 years, Club Member.



With Team 114: LAPD Metro Black Officer III Rudy DeLeon, Club Member.



Team 86: LAPD West Valley Area.



With Team 117: A member of the LA City Attorney Team crosses the finish line



With Team 168: Officer Melo, Club Member running for LAPD Jail Division, was all smiles after crossing the finish line.



The LAPD Department Team takes first place overall.



Team 98: LAPD Major Crimes.



With Team 103: LAPD Harbor Sharks Capt. III William Hayes.



Team 42: LAPD Training Division.



Team 115: LAPD Pacific Area.



From left: Officer III Tony Adler, Club Member; Sgt. Jim Katapodis; and Retired Sgt. Dave Weltz, 21 years of City service.



Team 114 LAPD Metro Black together to show their support for their runner P3+1 Rudy DeLeon, Club Member.



With Team 140, from left: Christine Pina, Clerk Typist, Club Member, 7 years of City service; Officer Miguele Fagins, Club Member, 5 years; Det. Roberto Redondo, Club Member, 6 years; and Mary Ramos, Clerk Typist, Club Member, 7 years.



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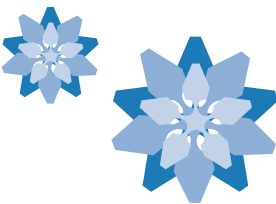
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Life's Important Moments



New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Dorothy Brooks
Fernando Carrasco
Alfred Carrillo
Carlette Colvin
Ivan Cornejo
Mervin Douglas Sr.
Rocky Duarte
Andres Gaspar
Carl Goldsmith
Peggy Griffin
Sam Heard Jr.
Jesus Hernandez
Odessa Johnson
Steve Johnson
Kahlil King Sr.
Thomasina Lewis
Monique Ortiz
Sparkle Penson
Damion Perez
Clarence Tasker
Renauta Thomas
Francisco Trejo
Walter Williams

Building and Safety

Bernardo Perez
Kenneth Ravello

City Attorney

Andrea Bers

City Council

Jason Marua

CDD

David Greene

Controllers Office

Tooi Lui

LAFD

Gary Alexander
Andrew Balandis
Kairi Brown
Adam Cunningham
Ryan Curtis
Juan De La Torre
Mike Denms
Javier Godoy
Johnny Green
Daniel Griley
Joel Guzman
Seishi Kanda
Shannon Lombard
Tai Ma
Eric Morda
Larry Schneider
Marteese Smith
Keith Stewart
Donovan Stoker
Thomas Weng
Michael Young

General Services

Miguel Anguiano
Zewdu Bekele
Jorge Dieguez
Daniel Gage

Nicholas Hess
Roosevelt Lewis
Hector Lozano
Harbor

Housing

Willie Andrews
Victor Armijo
Luisito Caldera
Alan Christensen
Daniel Collins
Dewayne Deas
Robert Galardi
Mark Rude
Chris Tamayo

Library

Vania Arevalo
Anamaria Bermeo
Katie Ferguson
Rebecca Munoz
Denree Neal
Chukwuji Onianwa
Rafael Roque
Rhonda Walker

Personnel

April Flores
Celina Garcia-Ali
James McQueen III

LAPD

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Jorge Alonso

Bryan Alvarado
Richard Arellano
Mkesha Baker
Nvard Barseghian
Earl Battey III
Alexander Bautista
Aaron Blackburn
Gergely Boros
Criag Campbell
Carl Carranza
Alex Castro
Miguel Chilin
Earl Coleman
Dan Cordova
Rafael Cornejo
Christian Costales
Diana Crowder
Holly Daniel
Dale Donckels
Scott Engedal
Teresa Espinoza
Neneki Florence
Monique Garbutt
Manuel Garza
Richard Gaytan
Gary Giesseman
Rosemary Gomez
Leslie Greer-Smith
Lovell Henderson
Jonathan Hernandez
Stephanie Hodgden
Ashley Johnston

Ron Kennedy
David Koeh
Glenn LaCoure
Richard Leon
Jooran Lim
David Lindsay
Anna Lopez
Marlo Lopez del Haro
Ruth Marrero-Mosa
Juan Martinez
Rahshaw McAfee
Victor Mejia
Jose Melendez
Matthew Melo
Bryan Mendoza
Leticia Mireles
Riza Myers
Quincy Nevels
Stanley Oh
Sam Pallares
Mark Pederson
Eliner Penn
Terrance Phillips
Michael Puno
Daniel Ramirez
Francois Reese
Kenneth Ritter
Maria Rivera
Soila Rivera
Shavonne Robinson
Andriea Rodriguez
Valencia Ross

Gabriel Roybal
Michi Slaughter
Marilyn Tarver
Anthony Turner
Lynette Veazie
Raymond Villegas
Kathryn Weigel
Kimberly Welden
Anthony Wiggins

Transportation

Luis Calderon
James Casner
Luciano Meza
Kenneth Nowling, Sr.
DeSean Robinson
Gregory Savelli
Reginald Scott

Retired

Joseph Govea
Joyce Miller
Phillip Orland
Sylvester Warsaw Sr.

DWP

Jennifer Abeleda
Allan Arthur
Yolanda Bolden
Anderson Castaneda
William Dimeo
Valeriu Florut
Ingrid Guembes
Enrique Guerrero

Michael Guzman
Harlen Hunt
Jeronimo Jimenez
Adam Juarez
Anthony Luevano
Adam Macias
Steven McCann
Donovan McDonald
Randy Moyes
Michael Nash
Oscar Padilla
Christian Ramirez
Diana Rocha
Angel Uribe

Other

Douglas Armstrong
Fawad Asmat
Patrick Doyle
Steve Earl
Robert Escalera
Rosalie Garrison
Ralph Geronilla
Michael Gunning
Monica Laurent
Timothy Ochoa
Gerald Peppars
Sandra Raquel
Michael Ross
Victor Sanchez Narave
John Taylor



In Memoriam

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

Active

Barr, Joseph, Airports, 13
Bawayan, James, Public Works, 24
Brisco, Jesse, Transportation, 30
Engelhardt, Jeannine, City Council, 14
Henderson, William, Public Works, 17
Jancu, Julien, City Attorney, 16
Jones, Ben, DWP, 30
Macdonald, Jon, Rec and Parks, 15
Stover, David, DWP, 33

Retired

Beitler, Terry, DWP, 15
Bennett, Julius, DWP, 36

Bonner, Robert, Harbor, 25
Brown, Donald, Public Works, 21
Buffenbarger, V.A., DWP, 12
Canono, Felicissimo, DWP, 26
Cheshire, Sidney, Public Works, 39
Clark, William, DWP, 24
Cuttrell, Jeannette, El Pueblo Hist. Mo., 32
DeGroff, Alva, DWP, 34
Duarte, Tommy, Rec and Parks, 34
Fuller, Donald, Airports, 25
Hammond, Franklin, Public Works, 17
Hansen, Helen, Rec and Parks, 10
Henley, T.J., DWP, 33

Jackson, Calvin, Public Works, 31
Jacobs, Micheal, General Services, 32
Josi, Walter, DWP, 36
Kendrick, Claudell, DWP, 32
Laines, Ernestina, DWP, 30
Loescher, Walter, DWP, 26
Morrison, Eugene, DWP, 42
Mukogawa, Stanley, Airports, 27
Nelson, John, Housing, 39
Okamura, Kiyoshi, Public Works, 32
Paugh, C. Edward, DWP, 34
Phipps, Laurel, DWP, 31
Raquel, Ronald John, LAPD, 29

Robertson, Hobart, Public Works, 28
Rosner, Alice, DWP, 5
Schellhase, Larry, ITA, 34
Seale, Curtis, DWP, 29
Singman, Calvin, DWP, 33
Takemoto, Sam, Airports, 19
Underwood, Raymond, DWP, 33
Vaag, Leo, General Services, 33
Vane, William, Airports, 10
Willauer, John, DWP, 30
Witherspoon, Patricia, DWP, 29
Wolfe, Shirley, Library, 7,

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by Tiffany Sy
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



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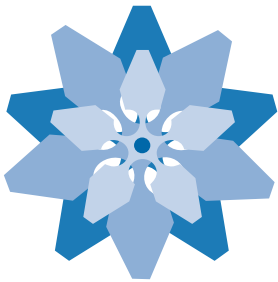
ability plans pay out a monthly benefit, with short-term disability you must choose a set amount of benefit. With our LTD, the benefit payout is a percentage of 60 to 70 percent of your current income tax-free, essentially what your take-home pay is after taxes. Simply ask yourself, if you currently do not have the Club's long-term disability plan, in the event you got hurt or sick, is your income enough for you to sustain your lifestyle? Also, you don't have to use all your vacation time for the Club's long-term disability plan to pay. In fact we encourage you to not use your vacation time. Remember, as a City or

DWP employee, you are no longer contributing to the State Disability Insurance (SDI). Therefore you may not be able to file a claim for SDI. If you would like more details about our group long-term disability insurance and cross compare with an existing short-term disability plan, feel free to contact your Club Counselor or me.

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Graduations

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



Lauren Perry is graduating with top honors from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She plans to attend Cal State Long Beach, majoring in nursing. Her ultimate goal is to continue through her master's degree and become a neonatal nurse specialist. Lauren is the daughter of Valerie Nettles, Housing.



Morgan Monique Bryant is graduating from Cedar Grove High School, Ellenwood, Ga., and plans to attend El Camino Community College in the fall and transfer to a four-year university, studying forensic science. She's the daughter of Kizzy Bryant, Security Officer, DWP.



Diyyah Hamilton is graduating from Hamilton High School and plans to attend college in New York City, studying law. Diyyah is the daughter of Wesslyn Hamilton, City Attorney's Office, and Edward Sparks. "Diyyah, we are so proud of you. You did it!"



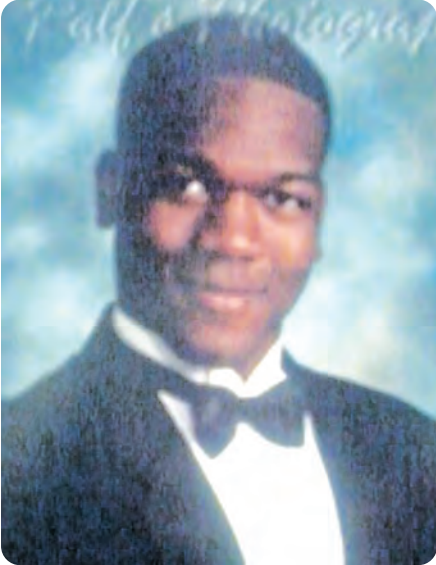
Lesley Jennifer Cornejo, LAFD, is graduating from the University of La Verne in organizational management.

Weddings

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



Alyssa Rose Nunez is graduating June 13 from El Rancho High School. She plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona, majoring in hospitality management. Alyssa is the daughter of Rosemary and Daniel Nunez, DWP.



Quincy Brown is graduating from Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach. He plans to study fire science in college and become a fireman. He's the son of Michelle Brown, Public Works/Sanitation.



Kayla Renee Ramsey is the valedictorian for this year's graduating class at San Fernando Valley Academy. She plans to attend Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., majoring in psychology. She's the daughter of Lisa Ramsey, DWP.



Josh and Jess Salazar, married December 11, 2011. Josh is the son of Mark Salazar, Director of Operations, Animal Services/Metro.

Military

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

Special Achievements

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Births

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Quinceañera

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Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Barbosa, Ricardo	Electrician	Convention Center	20	Jordan-Johnson, Jan	Info Systems Mgr. II	Fire Police Pens.	35	Shao, Shou Yu	Test Engr. Assoc. IV	Harbor	35
Betco, Herminia	Clerk Typist	LAPD	21	King, Aubrey	Physician I	Personnel	17	Shin, Benjamin	Sr. Accountant II	LACERS	22
Bordner, Robert	Equipment Operator	Public Works	32	Kozak, Stephen	Financial Mgr. II	Airports	2	Small, Benjamin	Hvy Duty Eqp. Mech.	Harbor	22
Burton, Mark	Sr. Asst. City Atty	City Attorney	31	Metts, Dennis	Sr. Build. Mech. Insr	Building and Safety	21	Smith, Charlotte Ann	Clerk Typist	LAPD	4
Cook, Suzanne	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Public Works	29	O'Brian, Dennis	Maint. Supv. III	Airports	26	Vo, Tuan	St. Light. Enr. As. IV	Public Works	25
Gallagher, Jeff	Deputy City Atty III	City Attorney	20	Reynolds, David	Supt. of Oper. III	Airports	23	Weerasinghe, Pearl	Chemist II	General Services	24



Bomb and K9 Units, from left: Officer III John Borquez, 23 years of City service, Club Member, with Zoom; and Officer III Lauraine Harrington, 16 years, with Nholan.



From left: Sgt. Teresa Akune, LAPD, 32 years of City service, Club Member; and Judy Durham, Personnel Training Manager, Redondo Beach Police Dept.



From left: Officer III Norma Kirkpatrick, Bomb Squad, 15 years of City service, and Officer III Alicia Cruz-St. James, Training Division.



From left: John Jordan, staff writer for LAPD Curriculum, 3 years of City service; and Jon Roman, Instructor, Training Division, 8 years.



From left: Officer III Gary Copeland, 18 years of City service, with Huckleberry; and Officer III Sean Mulford, 19 years, with Dash.

LAPD Joint Training Workshop

Police Dept. joins with other agencies for training managers workshop.



Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

On April 3-5, the LAPD joined forces with other police departments throughout California for the 2012 training managers workshop and peace officer training workshop. The event spanned out over three days and was held at the LAX Renaissance hotel. The event's agenda included various workshops, a tour of the Police Academy and of course great fellowship.



From left: Officer Oscar Iturralde, 18 years of City service, and Officer III Tim Scully, 22 years.



Shawn Gabre (left), Audiovisual Tech, 6 years of City service, demonstrates how videos are made.



From left: Deputy Chief Terry Hara, LAPD, 32 years of City service; and Asst. Chief Director Sandy Jo MacArthur, LAPD, 32 years.



From left: Chris Hughes, Drill Instructor, LAPD Academy, 25 years of City service; and Roger Forest, Drill Instructor, LAPD Academy, 16 years.



From left: Lance Ordin, Reserve Officer, 10 years of City service, Air Support; and Adam Greenburg, Command Pilot, 21 years.



Sgt. Sam Gong, 22 years of City service, Club Member; Charlette Broughton, Curriculum Designer, Instructional Design Unit, 16 years; and Officer Marlo Lopez del Haro, 15 years.



From left: Michael Skajem, Armorer, 22 years of City service; and Neil Coward, SWAT Element Operator, 24 years.



Deborah Hernandez, Curriculum Designer, Instructional Design Unit, 18 years of City service.



Officer Anita Finner, 18 years of City service, and Officer Tim McRath, 25 years.



From left: Officer III Craig Higa, Hazmat, 12 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer III James Davis, 9 years.

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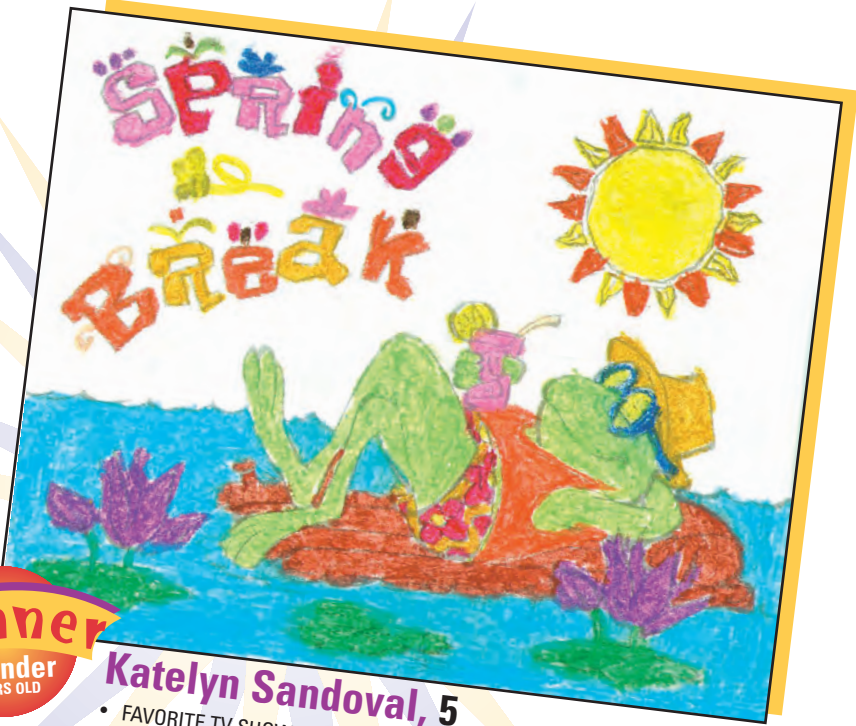
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of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win 4 Free Tickets to the Amusement Park of your choice!



Winner
5 & under
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Katelyn Sandoval, 5

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- FAVORITE SNACK: Carrots with ranch
- BEST FRIEND: Frida and Peyton
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: LEGOLAND, it looks fun and I've never been there.
- PARENT: Daniela Vergara, Rec and Parks



Winner
6 to 7
YEARS OLD

Jamie Lorenzo, 7

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Icarly"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Strawberries
- BEST FRIEND: Diego
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I want to go to Disneyland because I never went there.
- PARENT: Edgar Lorenzo, DWP



Winner
8 to 10
YEARS OLD

Kyla Thomas, 8

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Glee"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Popcorn
- BEST FRIEND: Claire
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I want to go to Disneyland because my mom doesn't have money to go yet. I have never been there.
- PARENT: Nyra Smith, Harbor

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT	CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Emma Christopher	21 mo	James Christopher	DWP	Aidan Anderson	9	Curt Anderson	LAHD
Benjamin Ruiz	2	Ignacio Ruiz	GSPD	Jazlyn Canedos	9	Catarino R. Canedos	DWP
Diego Bracamontes	30 mo	Diego Bracamontes Jr.	LAPD	Russell Chen	9	James Hsu	GS Reti.
Kristin McDonald	3	Sharon McDonald	PW	Claudia De Loera	9	Jorge De Loera	RecParks
Jack Christopher	4	James Christopher	DWP	Aresha Echols	9	Charles Echols	Retired
Madison Kuzichev	4	Alfred Kuzichev	LAFD	Kaylee Gabon	9	Audie Gabon	DWP
Omar Reza	4	Guillermo Reza	RecParks	Daisy Garcia	9	Fernando Garcia	LAHD
Brandin Smith	4	Dustin Smith	DWP	Katelyn Lindstrom	9	Jennifer Lindstrom	LAPD
Maddie Barranti	5	Tony Barranti	PW	Samantha Melendez	9	Daniel Melendez	Harbor
Samuel Franco	5	Red Medina	PW	Zachary Oghigian	9	George Oghigian	Gen Serv.
Anthony Hamilton	5	Nicole Hamilton	LAPD	Peter Otoshi	9	John Otoshi	DWP
Geronimo Ibarra	5	Elvia Ibarra	LAPD	Nateya Williams	9	Justinea Allen	Contr.
Michaela Ling	5	Michael Ling	LAPD	London Wright	9	Hope R. Wright	LAPD
Jack Rigney	5	Patrick Rigney	Sanitation	Lauren Zordilla	9	Katie Zordilla	DWP
Lily Rigney	5	Patrick Rigney	Sanitation	Patrizia Abcede	10	Redentor Abcede	LAPD
Christopher Rios	5	Christopher Rios	Sanitation	Marisol Alvarez	10	Louie Alvarez	RecParks
Alana Ruiz	5	Philip Ruiz	LAPD	Danielle Bushey	10	Cathy Bushey	Retired
Logan Swearingen	5	Jessica Swearingen	L.A. Zoo	Michael Carter	10	Terry Carter	LAPD
Nickolas Valadez	5	Jesus Valadez	DWP	Vian DeLaTorre	10	Anthony De La Torre	LAWA
Esther Wong	5	Kidd Wong	Bld & Sfty	Nick Fischer	10	Russ Fischer	DWP
Anthony Amie	6	Lawrence Amie	Sanitation	Magdalena Fletes	10	Raul Fletes	DWP
Kaitlin DeLaCruz	6	Lupe DeLaCruz	LAPD	Kate Gabon	10	Audie Gabon	DWP
Alexa Espiritu	6	Jose Espiritu	Sanitation	Maya Horvath	10	Robbie Horvath	DPW
Isabella Galoostian	6	Raymond Galoostian	LAXPD	Tara Lam	10	Tom Lam	LAPD
Zorianna Garcia	6	Carlos Garcia	DWP	Kelsy Palacios	10	Ed Palacios	LAWA
Sydney Hernandez	6	Eduardo Hernandez	RecParks	Andrea Ramos	10	Guadalupe Ramos	Sanitation
Jade Jordan	6	James Jordan	RecParks	Alexa Rosales	10	Alex Rosales	DWP
Carter Lam	6	Cynthia Lam	LAPD	Tanya Vargas	10	Phillip Vargas	CDD
Daniel Lopez	6	Jose E. Lopez	DWP	Manuel Vasquez	10	Edward Medina	DWP
Coral Nuno	6	Edith Martinez	Standards	Anthony Wiley	10	Lisa Wiley	DWP
Angel Reza	6	Guillermo Reza	RecParks	Tiffany Acosta	11	Gabriel Acosta	DOT
Sophia Rodriguez	6	Monique Rodriguez	Library	Viviana Arredondo	11	Jaime Arredondo	LAZ
Mari L. Rutkowski	6	Johnny Blanco	Retired	Priscilla Fuentes	11	Sonia R. Fuentes	DWP
Raymond Trinh	6	Thai Viet Trinh	Sanitation	Angel Gomez	11	Angel Gomez	Staff
Emily Aragon	7	Jorge Aragon	LAPD	Brooke Gomez	11	David Gomez	LAPD
Alyssa Caton	7	Thomas Caton	DWP	Destiny Hamilton	11	Nicole Hamilton	LAPD
Emma Franco	7	Red Medina	Con-Ad	Josiah Jimenez	11	Geraldo Jimenez	Retired
Krystal Harrell	7	Melanie Harrell	LAX Pol.	Kevin Kohles	11	Chris Kohles	DWP
Ellis McDonald	7	Sharon McDonald	PW	Nathan Lam	11	Peter Lam	Retired
Lorenzo Quirante	7	Maricel Quirante	PW	Lucy Marcial	11	Lucila Marcial	RecParks
Fabiola Reza	7	Juan Reza	DWP	Katerina Plascencia	11	Gustavo Plascencia	City Atty
Elena Vargas	7	Arturo Vargas	Sanitation	Julia Rodarte	11	Manuel Mendoza	Retired
Samantha Walker	7	Robert S. Walker	Fleet Ser.	Jalyn Scott	11	Carol Williams	DOT
Nathan Zordilla	7	Katie Zordilla	DWP	Samantha Barajas	12	Jorge Barajas	PW
Angel Cooper	8	Aracely Galicia	DOT	Edward Estrada	12	Jose L. Estrada	Harbor
Nadia Gallarzo	8	Georgina Tamayo	Housing	Jonah Flores	12	Cheryl Garcia	LAPD
Jaqui Gomez	8	Irma Vega	Retired	Natalia Hernandez	12	Luis Hernandez	DWP
Tyler Green	8	Jennifer Marshall	DWP	Darryinn James	12	Venita James	City Atty
Melissa Gutierrez	8	David Gutierrez	DWP	Emilly Ortega	12	George Ortega	LAWA
Jadyn Johnson	8	Bryan Johnson	Sanitation	Joseph Otoshi	12	John Otoshi	DWP
Kristin Kohles	8	Chris Kohles	DWP	Carina Szabo	12	Ed Jurado	DWP
Raesa Martin	8	Michelle Alvarez	RecParks	Janelle Tse	12	Zasky Tse	LAX
Karis Meade	8	Samuel Meade	LAPD	Jon Valmonte	12	Brillando Valmonte	Gen Serv.
Lyna Medina	8	Edward Medina	DWP	Elizabeth Vargas	12	Arturo Vargas	Sanitation
Mikhail Morrison	8	Michael Morrison	DWP	Andrea Arnold	13	Candice Arnold	PW
Elisa Ruiz	8	Robert Ruiz	DWP	Cameron Chen	13	James Hsu	Retired
Lucy Ruiz	8	Ignacio Ruiz	GSPD	Laura Reyes	13	Alfredo Reyes	PW
Audrey Soto	8	Naty Soto Jr.	DWP	Alissa Vargas	13	Arturo Vargas	Sanitation
Henry Valdez	8	Henry Valdez Jr.	DWP	April Vega	13	Maria R. Conchas	LAWA
Alessandra Zepeda	8	Antonio Zepeda	CDD				



Winner
11 to 13
YEARS OLD

Ashley Orantes, 12

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sponge Bob"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Pizza
- BEST FRIEND: Johana
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Seaworld because I have never been there before.
- PARENT: Sonia Galan, DOT

Look for our next contest
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Compiled by Lupe Medina



Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre



The Groundlings: Orphanage
Sketch Comedy
Fridays and Saturdays, through June 22
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Sketch comedy is most well known due to *Saturday Night Live*, which follows the format of improvisational skits – very loosely scripted. The Groundlings Theatre in Hollywood is one of the most famous improv theatres in the country, launching the careers of many stars, including Phil Hartman, Lisa Kudrow, Kristin Wiig, Kathy Griffin, Maya Rudolph, and Melissa McCarthy. The current run is called *St. Groundlings Orphanage* (we saw “Zombie Apocalypse!”), which was uniformly funny (unlike SNL) and clever. When the movies are so-so and there are only blah reruns on the tube, treat yourself to something different.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Video Gaming

• Videogames online, rental or purchase



Deadliest Warrior: Ancient Combat
Rated M for Mature
My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Be warned: *Deadliest Warrior: Ancient Combat* is not a game for children – at all! [The “M” rating is generally equivalent to an “R” rating for a movie. – Ed.] The amount of violence in this game is somewhat over the top. Severed limbs, decapitations and mangled bloody bodies litter this game at every turn. To make this game even worse, it is one of the most lazily put together games to come out. Even if it were not for the violence in the game, I could not in good conscience recommend this game.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

At the Movies

• In the cinema

Safe
Rated R
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A young Chinese girl is gifted with perfect memory. She is kidnapped and sent to America to retrieve a priceless numerical code, and finds herself pursued by Chinese and Russian mobs, and corrupt NYC cops. An ex-cage fighter (Jason Statham), whose life was destroyed by the gangsters, saves the day. The mayhem and violence of this action thriller never stop. Does any of it make sense? Who cares! Pass me the popcorn!

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

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

Robert Downey Jr. returns as Iron Man in *The Avengers*, along with fellow comic book fighters the Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America, Hawkeye and Black Widow. While this movie has incredible action in the last 45 minutes, I feel they could have easily trimmed an hour from this movie due to a lot of unnecessary conversations among the heroes. It’s definitely a movie to see, though! Rarely have I been to a movie where the *entire* audience laughs out loud at some scenes, and applauds at the end! Amazing special effects. Don’t miss!

– Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

The Cabin in the Woods
Rated R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The Cabin in the Woods is what I would consider a horror movie fan’s dream. From the very beginning, you are made aware that this movie is not what you initially thought it was going to be about, and that makes the movie all the more entertaining. Joss Whedon knows exactly how to elicit the correct response from an audience at the right time. And he adds just a touch of his quirky style of storytelling to remind fans of his why we love his style. In my opinion, it’s best horror movie of the year.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Three Stooges
Rated PG-13
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

The recent release of *The Three Stooges* has me a bit perplexed. There are certainly some hilarious moments in the film, but they are completely overshadowed by some highly inconceivable scenarios that really stretch the limits of one’s imagination – even for a *Three Stooges* movie. I knew that there was going to be some over-the-top issues here, but not so many that it would interfere with the film. On the plus side, all three actors virtually nail their performances of Larry, Moe and Curly directly on the head. Watch this one at your own discretion.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Lucky One
Rated PG-13
My Score: 1 (out of 5)

For the life of me I just can’t figure out why they keep making movies based on Nicholas Sparks books. I am not against the romantic movie in any way, but I expect them to at least be well written, well acted or at the very least convey genuine emotion between the love interests. In my experience, Nicholas Sparks based films have failed to deliver on any of those points on a consistent basis – and *The Lucky One* continues that trend. This film is just another love film for those with low expectations.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

The Raven
Rated R
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The Raven is one of those films that looks absolutely great, is evenly paced for action and intrigue and has an amazing acting by the cast, but somehow fails to deliver a satisfying resolution to the mystery that drives the film. For a majority of the film, it entertains on numerous levels. But as the ending of the film approaches you begin to see where some of the faults in the plot interfere with the overall enjoyment of the film. It is still a good film, but it could have been that much better.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

On a Screen Near You

• Movies via DVDs, downloads and streaming

The Divide (2011)
Rated R
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

The Divide is a post-apocalyptic survival/horror film that asks just how far would some people go to survive. With the constant threat of nuclear fallout, military men run amuck, and the survivors have complete distrust of one another. The emotions in the beginning of the film seem genuine, but as time progresses and tensions run high the film devolves into some kind of sick carnival of freaks, with no clear purpose or idea of what to do next. *The Divide* starts off promisingly enough but can’t sustain the raw emotional dilemmas all the way through.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Texas Killing Fields (2011)
Rated R
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Loosely based on the story of a woman’s body found near Galveston, Tex., the *Texas Killing Fields* expands upon the murder and introduces an element of mystery to the story. The two detectives on the case, played by Sam Worthington and Jeffrey Dean Morgan, experience a number of dramatic events that lead them into a masterful cat-and-mouse game with the killer. Chloe Grace Moretz delivers a remarkable performance that brings the whole murder/mystery together wonderfully. This is a quality mystery flick and has me wondering just why it was not released in theaters, because it should have been.

– Richard Cardenas, LAPD

Book Reviews

Crystal Gardens
Amanda Quick
Paranormal romance fiction, 352 pages
Penguin Group
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Amanda Quick is the pseudonym for Jayne Ann Krentz in the continuing saga of the “Lantern Street” novels. Evangeline Ames was attacked in London and becomes fascinated by the paranormal energy of the Crystal Gardens. She teams up with Lucas Sebastian, the owner of the Crystal Gardens, to find out who murdered his uncle many years ago. Evangeline and Lucas uncover clues and buried treasures, discover secret experiments that were performed by his uncle in the gardens, and unearth buried secrets of the past.

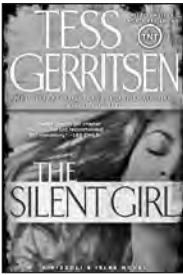
This thrilling novel is great.
– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption
Laura Hillenbrand
Nonfiction, 496 pages
Random House
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

What keeps people going in the most dire and extreme circumstances? *Unbroken* is the biography of Louie Zamperini, an Olympic runner, a World War II prisoner of war, and survivor of unspeakable evil while being held captive in the Pacific. Tales of the mistreatment of POWs may be a little too graphic for

some, but this is a great and inspiring story of nonfiction, told by the author of *Seabiscuit*, in a style more lively and readable than most novels. *Unbroken* is a keeper.

– Lou Loomis, Recreation and Parks



The Silent Girl
Tess Gerritsen
Women’s fiction, 400 pages
Pocket Books
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This novel is based on the characters created by best-selling crime novelist Tess Gerritsen of the TV series *Rizzoli & Isles*. Jane Rizzoli a street-tough Boston police

detective (played by Angie Harmon), and Maura Isles an impeccably dressed medical examiner (Sasha Alexander). Here, Rizzoli and Isles try and solve the murder of a severed hand found on a rooftop; the hand belonged to a red-haired nearly decapitated woman dressed in black. There was a similarity to a case of a murder-suicide at a Chinatown restaurant that left five people dead 19 years ago. A female martial arts master survived the brutal killing but does not want to reveal an ancient Chinese legend that may get her killed. Rizzoli and Isles are at their wits’ end trying to solve this crime.

This suspenseful thriller novel will keep you at the edge of your seat.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

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New Ads This Month!

For Rent: House, 2BD/1BA, Washington/LaBrea area. Newly decorated, nice neighborhood. No pets. Only first mo + security depo. \$1,275/mo. Info @ (323) 766-1876. 6/12

For Rent: 2BD/1BA in 5 unit apt complex. Cozy, located @ 5347 Oakland Street, Los Angeles. Just \$1100/mo. Miranda @ (626) 422-1020. 6/12



Campagnolo Chorus 9 Speed Group Bike Parts: Classic Italian style, 1996 Campy Chorus Road Group. Includes brakes, cranks, bottom bracket, chainrings & ergo shifters. \$500. Contact michelle.mowery@lacity.org 6/12

Cemetery Plot: Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 Double Capacity Crypt Tier-3, \$10,000 OBO. Dennis @ (661) 433-1912. 6/12



Kawasaki Wave Runner: Only \$800 sacrifice. Info @ (323) 401 1547. 6/12

Vintage Schwinn Unicycle: Classic 1960's, in good condition. \$75. Contact michelle.mowery@lacity.org 6/12



Tires: Original 2011 Chevy Camaro

LTStock Tires/Alloy Rims, BF Goodrich Radial T/A P245/55 R18. Used only 900 miles. \$700 cash/OBO. Troy @ (213) 216-3765. 6/12



Fitness: Are You up for a 90 day challenge? If you want to drop some lbs. or build some muscle. We have a program for you with Body visit www.Vi.kimballard.myvi.net/challenge 6/12



2005 Harley Davidson: Custom wheels, lots of chrome, air ride system. \$16K OBO. Info @ (213) 842-2648. 6/12



2011 Heartland-Greystone RV: 32 ft. 5th wheel. Sleeps 3-4, water heater/AC/heater & much more. Plumbing never used & never taken camping. Asking price \$30,500. Sal @ (626) 833-9689. 6/12

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

1988 Mercedes Benz 560 SL: very cool black on black, V8, A/C, automatic, power windows & in great condition! \$16,000 OBO. Connie @ (310) 237-3318. 3/12



2007 V-Star Touring Edition Motorcycle: 48k FWY miles, runs perfect! Black & Chrome, new tires, cover included, gets 45 mpg. \$5,500 OBO. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 3/12

2001 Honda-70 Dirt Bike: Great condition, original owner, serviced annually & well maintained. No clutch, great for beginners. \$700 OBO. Info @ (562) 447-3189. 1/12



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 1/12

2001 Honda-70 Dirtbike: Great condition, original owner, serviced annually & well maintained. No clutch, great for beginners. \$700 OBO. Info @ (562) 447-3189. 12/11



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. 10/11



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. 9/11

Snugtop Camper Shell: Black, was on 6' Toyota Tacoma Bed, carpet kit included. Good condition, \$350 OBO. Info @ (661) 992-4664. 8/11



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. 8/11



Ford Mustang: 98 white convertible, 190,000 miles, mint condition, tan convertible top, \$2500 OBO. Nyra @ (310) 634-6768. 8/11

Tire Chains: Alpine sport SUV & light truck, fits various stock truck rims & tire sizes, easy installation. Used once \$50. Dwain @ (323) 754-8382. 6/11

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 6/11

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. 12/11

Cemetery Plot: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Double Niche 301, Tier H, Redwood Corridor-Sky Rose Mausoleum. Manny @ (562) 695-2677. 11/11

4 Cemetery Plots: Reduced Even More! Rose Hills, \$12K for 4 plots. Info @ (323) 382-2405. 10/11

Cemetery Plot: Ontario Cemetery, Ontario, California. Grave 6, Lot 411, Section Evergreen. \$1500. Sylvia @ (661) 297-0271. 10/11

2 Cemetery Plots: "Garden Of Eden" at Rose Hills Memorial Park, only \$5,800 for the pair including transfer fee! Connie @ (310) 237-3318. 10/11

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 8/11

Furniture



Leather recliner, Thomasville. Price \$150 OBO. Rob @ (626) 827-4386. 5/12



Dresser w/ mirror & 1 night stand. Brand new still in the box, only wanted bed assembly. Email if you want more pictures. Purchased entire bedroom set for \$1500. Asking \$500 for these 3 items. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlez@hotmail.com 5/12



Sofa: Corner Group w/ Ottoman Price: \$450 OBO. Like new, 3 years old, Microfiber. Comes w/ pillows & ottoman. Rob @ (626) 827-4386. 5/12



Vintage 1950's Bamboo Furniture: 5-piece retro-deco set. Perfect for Tiki Room, Man Cave or Palm Springs home. Slip covered w/50's type Hawaiian fabric. Awesome condition, no tears/fading. Sacrifice at \$1,800 must downsize. More pictures available upon request. Nels @ (818) 781-1747. 5/12



Broyhill Dining Set: 48" X 48" glass table top w/ white base & 4 chairs. Originally bought for \$2,000. Great condition. \$700 OBO. Matt @ (818) 807-4254. 2/12

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. 1/12



Massage Chair: Panasonic Pro Elite EP3513CU (Gray) full featured, full body, complete w/arm massage. Less than 10 hours of use in 4 years. Looks and works PERFECT. This chair originally cost \$4995 + tax/delivery. Will sacrifice for \$2250, this is a deal of a LIFETIME! Not a cheap offbrand chair like some you see, it is a genuine Panasonic like the high end chairs you see in Chiropractic offices, Brookstone, Sharper Image & Hammacher Schlemmer. Info @ (818) 312-7530. 12/11

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: 3BD/2BA, gorgeous fully remodeled SFH in Wilmington. \$2050/mo. Stove, dishwasher, w/d combo. Gardener included. Call Lori @ (310) 780-3027. 5/12

For Rent: 2 BD/1.75BA apt. near Chinatown on Cassanova St; Granite, skylight, porch. Near Olvera St., Gold Line. Secured parking. Application process. \$1,300/mo. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 5/12

For Rent: 2 BD/1BA apt, newly remodeled, 1 parking space, no pets, near Frank Hotchkiss LAFD site, on Bernard St. \$1,000/mo., 1 yr. lease. Application process. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 5/12

For Rent: Cozy single family Craftsman House in North Alhambra: 3BD + bonus room/1BA in desirable school district. Spacious backyard, inviting front porch, driveway & garage. Laundry room, fireplace, dining room & new flooring. Sorry, no pets. \$1400/mo + security deposit. Shubingyu2000@yahoo.com 4/12

For Rent: House, 3BD/1BA in East Pasadena. Attached garage, backyard, clean, quiet neighborhood, laundry & refrigerator included. \$1700/mo. Lien @ (626) 660-6457. 4/12

For Rent: Charming House, IBD + Den, 1BA, 1-car garage. Front & backyard w/covered patio. Glendale area of Crescenta Valley. \$1,400. Farah @ (310) 703-2897. 4/12



For Rent: La Mirada Townhome, completely renovated, IBD/1BA. New hardwood cabinets, granite countertops, tile & hardwood laminate. Off 5 Fwy/Valley View, in complex w/many amenities, near schools, parks, markets. App process, 1 year lease min., no pets. \$1,000/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 4/12

For Sale: 10 Acre property in Acton. Ready to build. Grading done. Beautiful 360 views. Utilities available. \$165K. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 3/12

For Rent: 2BD/1BA duplex w/garage, 10 min from downtown. Asking \$1,100 plus deposit. Haro @ (951) 681-0791. 3/12

Household Items



Christian Dior China: 12 place settings, pattern "Casablanca", 5-pieces per setting, unused. \$400 EACH OBO. Christal @ (213) 978-6843. 4/12

Estate Sale: Brand new daybed & bunkbeds w/ mattresses. Like new Maytag stacked washer/gas dryer & portable A/C unit on wheels. Gloria @ (323) 737-5342. 4/12

Gas Stove: freestanding, 20" Hotpoint, white, like new, \$325 OBO. George @ (310) 831-0790. 11/11

Air Conditioning Unit: "New" 3 Ton/10 Seer self contained heating/cooling unit. Gas/Electric. \$1500. Info @ (818) 361-8917 or iokc7@yahoo.com. 8/11

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Thomas Kinkade Art: I have 5 paintings that I need to sell. Canvas paintings various series, 3 mountain scenes, 1 Christmas & flag over New York. Please email chatkatcmahon@aol.com & we will send more information. 5/12



Deluxe Organ: Upright Lowrey Genius Model G-160, w/two 44-note keyboards & 13 pedals. 36"H x 43"W x 23.5"D, 120 lbs. \$800 OBO. Christal @ (213) 978-6843. 4/12

iPad Tablet Cleaner: The "iSlip" & "iSlipTuFF" @ Cooper-Product.com. Free shipping. Available in 13 colors, \$8.95 to CECLA, use Discount Code: CECLA. 1/12

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 rlraros@alumni.usc.edu. 1/12



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. 1/12

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. 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. 12/11

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From left: Aden, Angel Jr., Kathy and me. Hiking is always family fun!

Angel's *Be Alive!*

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales

Send your photos to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. I would love to see them!

Hiltscher Park

— Fullerton

Hello again, everyone!

This month, we travel to Fullerton for a nice hike.

We actually started at Laguna Lake in Fullerton, then took Juanita Cookie Trail and then the Hiltscher Park Trail (by turning slightly right off Juanita Trail). I really like this trail because of its nice size, and the large number of nice homes and trees along the way. If you start at Laguna Lake, you could get about six miles of exercise with a round trip. There's only one thing you have to worry about, and that is the bike riders. Keep your eyes open.

History:

The surname Hiltscher is one of the oldest and one that made its mark on the Fullerton in its earlier days. Patriarch August ran a farm off Orangethorpe Avenue, and his sons operated the Center Meats butcher shop for decades.

August Jr. was a Fullerton council member from 1913 through 1918; Hiltscher Park has a beautiful expanse of trails and trees named for him. His son, Herman, served Fullerton for decades – as a planning commissioner and as a city engineer and administrator, as well as other positions. Hiltscher Photography was a mainstay of the city for more than 40 years until very recently.

Trail:

This trail is a local favorite for bike riders. With its mature trees and marked paths, the trail is devoted solely to trail trekkers. To begin, catch the Juanita Cooke Trail off Valencia Mesa Drive and proceed south. Turn right onto the Hiltscher Park Trail. Cross Euclid Street and continue on to West Valley View Drive. Our starting point, Laguna Lake, is gorgeous – you can fish, jog, hike or just walk around and look at all the birds in the area. There is even an equestrian center nearby. The lake is stocked by the California Department of Fish and Game. I love this place; you have to come by and visit.

Special note: In an ongoing effort to improve the City's trail system, Fullerton has recently installed a signalized crossing at Hiltscher Trail and Euclid Street. This signal is activated by pressing the "walk" button (there is also a button for those riding horses). The wait time is about a minute, similar to the trail crossing at Morelia Street and Bastanchury. Other improvements to Hiltscher Trail are in final design, and will likely be under construction in next spring.

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

As always, *Be Alive!*,
Angel



Above: My son Aden is ready to continue his hike through Hiltscher Park.



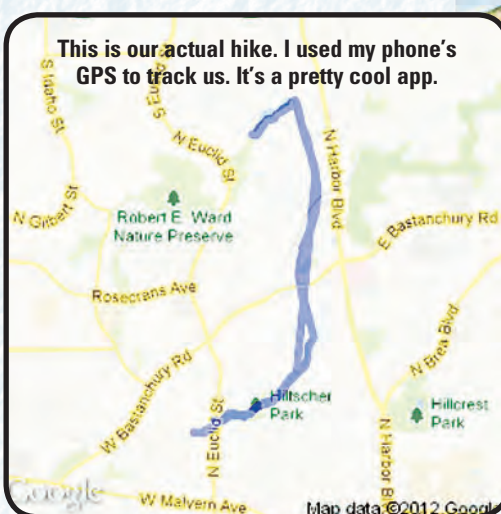
From left: Angel Jr., Aden and Kathy in front of beautiful Laguna Lake.



Above: The starting point at Laguna Lake.



The trail head notice and trail rules.



This is our actual hike. I used my phone's GPS to track us. It's a pretty cool app.

From left: Kathy, Angel Jr. and Aden find a bench on the path a take short break.



Aden says "happy trails!" See you next month.

Hiltscher Park

1002 N. Euclid St. • Fullerton, CA 92832

OR:

Laguna Lake

3120 Lakeview Dr. • Fullerton, CA 92832

HIGHLIGHTS: Laguna Lake, a creek, beautiful trees.

ACTIVITIES: walking, bicycling, jogging, fishing

HIKE DISTANCE: Laguna Lake to Juanita Cookie Trail to Hiltscher Trail, 6 miles round trip

DIFFICULTY RATING: Easy

TRAIL TIME: one to two hours

TRAIL SURFACE: dirt

DIRECTIONS: From Downtown Los Angeles, take the 5 Freeway south. Go east on the 91 Freeway. Exit onto Euclid Street heading north until you pass W. Bastanchury Road. Then you're your final turn onto Lakeview Drive.

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PUBLIC WORKS



From left: Ed Ebrahiman, Director, Public Works/Street Lighting, and Edward Smalley, Director of the U.S. Department of Energy's MSSSL Consortium, at the LED Street Lighting Workshop.

Shedding Light on LEDs

Bureau of Street Lighting's LED achievements are showcased at workshop.

Story and photos courtesy Public Works

Public Works/Street Lighting partnered with the U.S. Department of Energy April 19-20 to sponsor the Municipal Solid State Street Lighting Consortium 2012 LED (Light Emitting Diode) Street Lighting Workshop. The day-and-a-half event was held at the Los Angeles Sheraton Downtown.

Sessions commenced with an overview of the Los Angeles LED Street Lighting Conversion Program, at which LED Energy Efficiency Program details were shared with participants.

Other informational presentations were:

Specifying LED Luminaries Based on Application Design; Tools for LED Street Lighting – What Are They and How to Use Them; Rediscovering the Meaning of Light Loss Factors; Cost-Benefit Analysis of LED Conversion Projects; and Remote Monitoring & Controls.

The bureau also lead an evening site tour of City's LED projects for those in attendance.

Representatives of 30 cities and government agencies, utilities, consultants, energy efficiency organizations, academic and research institutes and other public lighting owners attended the workshop.

Also, as Earth Day observances promoted

the sustainability of the planet, the City's LED Energy Efficiency Program disclosed several key contributions and achievements since it began in 2009.

As of April 20, "The total number of units completed in the LED Conversion Program was 75,000 throughout the City," said Ed Ebrahiman, Director, Public Works/Street Lighting. "Currently, we are reporting an annual energy savings (megawatts) of 32,941 megawatt/hours and \$2,912,433," he added.

Annual CO2 reduction (metric tons) as a result of the program is 19,478 metric tons, with 63 percent energy savings, he reported.



Participants gather at the Public Works/Street Lighting Field Operations Division facility during an evening site tour of City LED projects. The tour was part of the two-day workshop.

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Receiving their group award is the Civic Center Special Events Support Team.



From left: Eric Robles, Director, Special Operations, Club Member; and Robert Larios, Vice President of Operations for the Club.

GENERAL SERVICES

They're MVPs!

General Services honors its 'Most Valued Performances.'



Story by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor;
Photos by Vadym Vasylenko

On Sept. 14, General Services gathered at City Hall to honor individual employees and distinguished them as "Most Valued Performances." These employees are always willing to take on extra assignments and exhibit outstanding leadership. They consistently demonstrate initiative in all aspects of the job. Congratulations to all of them!

The winners included:

- Michael Chee, Sr. Management Analyst I, Club Member
- Jim Files, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic
- Victoria Hobbs, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member
- Renee Mustafa, Sr. System Analyst II
- Group award: Office of Public Safety
- Group award: Central Duplicating Team/Publishing Services
- Group award: Civic Center Special Events Support Team: Eric Robles, Sr. Management Analyst II; Pierre Riotoc, Management Analyst II; Eric Newman, Special Program Assistant II; Christine Chen, Sr. Auditor; Maria Vite, Sr. Clerk Typist; Maria Barajas, Clerk Typist; Noel Cabrera, Labor Supervisor; Benjamin Setiarto, Parking Manager II; Gabriela Vidales, Sr. Parking Attendant I; Roberta Rocha Ayala, Sr. Parking Attendant I; Marisol Landeros, Parking Attendant I; Alex Loaiza, Bldg.

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The Club congratulates the winners, and thanks Eric Robles, Richard Wuerth and Jon Walters for their assistance.



The Most Valued Performance cake.



From left: Tony Royster, General Manager, Club Member; Deborah Ramos, Asst. General Manager; and Renee Mustafa, Sr. System Analyst II.



From left: Angela Sherick-Bright, Asst. General Manager, Club Member; and Jim Files, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic.



Receiving their group award are, from left: Office of Public Safety Security Officer Gennadiy Danilkevich; Chief Gary Newton; Valerie Melloff, Asst. General Manager, Club Member; and Security Officer David Orozco.



From left: David Paschal, Asst. General Manager; and Michael Chee, Sr. Management Analyst I, Club Member.



From left: Tony Royster, General Manager, Club Member; Valerie Melloff, Asst. General Manager, Club Member; and Victoria Hobbs, Custodian Supervisor, Club Member.



Central Duplicating Team/Publishing Services, from left: Johnny Clark, Bindery Worker; Alexia Galaz, Duplicating Machine Operator II; Deborah Ramos, Asst. General Manager; and John Anderson, Duplicating Machine Operator II.

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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



STUFFED TURNIPS

This is the first time I have used turnips in a “Cooking with the Club” column, but make no mistake, turnips are wonderful root vegetables. They are versatile and can be boiled, steamed, mashed, stir-fried, etc. In this recipe, I have boiled and baked them.

I used crab as one of the ingredients of the stuffing, but ground beef can be used as well. This makes a great dish for dinner or an appetizer. It definitely makes for a wonderful Father’s Day dish. All dads will be impressed.

Stuffed Turnips

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 turnips, with flesh scooped out to look like bowls
- 1 scallion, diced
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- Sea salt and pepper, to taste
- Crab meat
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 or 2 eggs, or 1/4 cup egg whites
- 1 cup orzo/couscous mixture
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley

Cooking TIDBIT

If you can find small turnips, use those instead of the large ones as the flavors are sweeter. But if can find only the large ones, it is important to cook them in salted boiling water for 15 minutes.

DIRECTIONS:



- 1** Cut the roots from the turnips, slicing straight so that they can stand up easily. Wash turnips under cold water, brushing them if muddy; don’t peel. Cook turnips in salted boiling water for 15 minutes.



- 2** In a bowl, place the bread crumbs and the scooped-out flesh, and dice finely. Add parsley, diced scallion, crab meat, extra virgin olive oil, and eggs. Add salt and pepper.



- 3** Mix and pack mixture into the cavities of the turnips. Bake in oven for about 60 minutes at 350 F.



- 4** Place orzo/couscous mixture in pan or pot and add chicken stock and let boil. Once boiling, reduce heat to a simmer until chicken stock evaporates.



- 5** Take a plate and add the orzo/couscous mixture at the center like a bed, then place the baked turnip on top. Garnish with dried parsley.

[A Cook’s Dictionary]



Turnip:

Not only is this root vegetable easy to grow, but it keeps well, too. Because of this, turnips have long been popular in Great Britain and northern Europe. The white-fleshed turnip has a white skin with a purple-tinged top. Small, young turnips have a delicate,

slightly sweet taste. As they age, however, their taste becomes stronger and their texture coarser, sometimes almost woody. Fresh turnips are available year-round, with the peak season from October through February. Choose heavy-for-their-size small turnips, as they are the youngsters and will be more delicately flavored and textured. The roots should be firm and the greens (if attached) bright-colored and fresh-looking. Though turnips can be refrigerated, tightly wrapped, for two weeks, they do best in a cool (55°F), well-ventilated area such as a root cellar. Before using, they should be washed, trimmed and peeled. Turnips may be boiled or steamed, then mashed or pureed. They can also be stir-fried, cubed and tossed with butter, or used raw in salads.

Bibliography: © Barron’s Educational Services, Inc. 1995, based on *The Food Lover’s Companion*, second edition, by Sharon Tyler Herbst.



- 6** Serve and enjoy!

Fun Food Quote:

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– Anonymous

CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues
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Games... and a Dodgers Giveaway!

■ The Club Sports 2012 season is full-on now, with basketball and bowling hard at it, and softball and running next up.

Photos by the Sports Dude

Softball

The next coed softball season begins in July. Submit your rosters to the Club Sports Office. Visit the Club Website or email the Sports Dude at sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com for registration forms.

Bowling

League players bowl Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Come by and cheer them on at:

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Running and Fitness Club

Upcoming Races and Competitions:

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Oct. 7: Long Beach Half Marathon	
Nov. 4: Dinosaur Dash 10K	

Basketball

The current basketball season started April 19 at the Expo Sports Center. Many teams have returned to the league, while there are a few new ones, including the LBC Ballers. This is the first team ever comprised of County employees who have participated in a Club sports league.





Dodgers Tickets

Giveaway!



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1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$125.00	\$114.38	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$119.00	\$108.89	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
2-Day 1-Park	Adult \$170.00	\$158.10	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$158.00	\$146.94	X	= \$
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$200.00	\$180.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$188.00	\$169.20	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
SoCal Select Annual Passport	\$269.00	\$255.22	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2012. Valid 170 days.</i>				
SoCal Annual Passport	\$329.00	\$312.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2012. Valid 215 days.</i>				
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$469.00	\$445.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2012. Valid 315 days.</i>				
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking	\$649.00	\$616.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2012. No blackout dates.</i>				
Golf N' Stuff				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.00	X	= \$
All Park Pass: Ventura location	\$20.00	\$15.00	X	= \$
Hurricane Harbor				
General Admission	\$36.99	\$22.99	X	= \$
K1 Speed Racing				
Admit one	\$25.95	\$15.00	X	= \$
<i>This pass entitles the owner to one 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day. Minimum height requirement 4'10".</i>				
Knott's Berry Farm				
1-Day Ticket	Adult \$57.99	\$30.99	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$28.99	\$21.99	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
Knott's Soak City				
Adult	\$32.99	\$23.99	X	= \$
Child (3-11) and Senior (62+)	\$22.99	\$19.99	X	= \$
LA Dodgers				
Tickets: See page 14 for schedule of available games.	 \$40.00	\$26.00	X	= \$
LA Zoo				
Adult	\$14.00	\$11.00	X	= \$
Child (2-12)	\$9.00	\$8.00	X	= \$
Legoland				
Adult	\$72.00	\$55.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$62.00	\$55.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult \$95.00	\$65.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$85.00	\$65.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012. Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</i>				
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction				
Adult	\$25.00	\$12.00	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$18.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				
Magic Mountain				
General Admission (3 and up)	\$59.99	\$31.99	X	= \$
<i>Expires 9/30/2012.</i>				
Medieval Times				
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	= \$
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	= \$
<i>Not valid 12/31/2012.</i>				

Attraction Tickets, continued	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Mulligan's Family Fun Center				
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$23.99	\$16.50	X	= \$
<i>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i>				
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
Orange County Fair: July 13th-August 12th (Wed-Sun only)				
Adult	\$11.00	\$9.00	X	= \$
Child (6-12)	\$6.00	\$4.00	X	= \$
<i>Children 5 and under are free.</i>				
Pirates Dinner Adventure				
Adult	\$56.95	\$32.00	X	= \$
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	= \$
Queen Mary				
Adult	\$24.95	\$19.99	X	= \$
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$10.25	X	= \$
Raging Waters				
General Admission	\$36.99	\$23.99	X	= \$
San Diego Safari Park				
Adult	\$42.00	\$34.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$32.00	\$26.00	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$76.00	\$57.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$56.00	\$42.00	X	= \$
San Diego Zoo				
Adult	\$42.00	\$34.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$32.00	\$26.00	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$76.00	\$57.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$56.00	\$42.00	X	= \$
Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park				
Unlimited Wristband	\$18.95	\$12.75	X	= \$
Sea World San Diego				
1-Day	Adult \$73.00	\$48.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$65.00	\$48.00	X	= \$
Fun Card	Adult \$73.00	\$60.00	X	= \$
Speedzone				
3 Hour Unlimited Pass	\$49.99	\$25.00	X	= \$
<i>Unlimited use of rides and Mini-golf. Expires 1/25/2013.</i>				
Universal Studios				
Buy 1-Day: get 2-Days free!	Adult/Child (under 48") \$77.00	\$69.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2012.</i>				

Gift Certificates

See's Candies				
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$16.50	\$12.50	X	= \$

Shipping & Handling

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

SUBTOTAL						\$
Merchandise						
ITEM:	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL	= \$
ITEM:						= \$
ITEM:						= \$
ITEM:						= \$
ITEM:						= \$
TOTAL (please include shipping)						\$
<i>**Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.</i>						

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Member Information

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

- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
 - DO NOT SEND CASH – ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS.
 - All checks and credit cards have to be issued by the member. Third party checks and credit cards will not be accepted.
- When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated.
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 - **Maximum 12 tickets per event/ theatre/attraction per order.**
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REC AND PARKS

Surf Bard

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea program returns to Pt. Fermin Park in June.



From last year's Shakespeare by the Sea production of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Photo by Mickey Elliot.

Love is in the air, as Shakespeare by the Sea celebrates its 15th anniversary in 2012. The comedy *Two Gentlemen of Verona* and the tragedy *Romeo and Juliet* open at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro in June. Shakespeare by the Sea is partially sponsored by Rec and Parks. Admission is free. The City portion of the program's schedule is:

Two Gentlemen of Verona

■ This swashbuckling love story involves thwarted lovers, heroines in disguise, scene-stealing servants (and their dogs) competing for love and laughs.

■ June 7-9, 21, 23 and 29, Aug. 11; 8 p.m. (7:30 p.m. pre-show)

Romeo and Juliet

■ *Romeo and Juliet*, a timeless romantic drama, is set against a backdrop of feuding families, two star-crossed lovers pledging their devotion and daring to believe that love will conquer all.

■ June 14-16, 22, 28, 30; Aug. 10; 8 p.m. (7:30 p.m. pre-show)

You are invited to bring your friends, pack a picnic and settle in under the stars this summer for Shakespeare's classic comedies. It can get chilly by the sea at Pt. Fermin, so dress accordingly. Bench seating is available, but you are welcome to bring chairs or blankets. Point Fermin Park is at 807 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro.

www.shakespearebythesea.org/



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