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Sharie Abajian leads  
a Sunset Walk June  
30 in Griffith Park.



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A Message From the CEO

Between  
the Ground  
And the Moon

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

*Alive!* editor **John Burnes** had been planning it for about six months. And when he invited Club staffers to come along, it sounded like great fun. And it was!

"It" was our participation in the monthly Sunset Walks, a joint effort between the Park Rangers and Griffith Observatory, both of which are part of Rec and Parks. The walks are becoming a big hit – starting out less than two years ago with a dozen participants, and now measuring anywhere up to about 150. The night we went there were a good 100 people participating.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. The Club – and just about the rest of the world, it seems – is a big fan of **Dr. Ed Krupp**, the awesome Director of Griffith Observatory, and a Club Member. So a couple of years ago we started running a monthly Observatory event reminder in each issue. In writing that one month, Burnes noticed a new event, the Sunset Walks that are scheduled each month during the full moon, so we began including them in the paper. Separately, each August we like to run something called "Summer in the City," a feature that takes readers outdoors to enjoy events or services hosted by the City. Last year we focused on the open-water lifeguards at Cabrillo Beach. For this year, Burnes put two and two together and set up a feature on the Sunset Walks. He put the word out to the *Alive!* staff and other Club Members to come along (and enticed *Alive!* designers **David and Marie Jamgotchian** to join the fun) ... he cleared it with Dr. Krupp ... and then enlisted Sr. Park Ranger **Sharie Abajian** and **Dr. David Reitzel**, Astronomical Lecturer at the Observatory, to give us an interview. (A special shout-out to **Kevin Regan**, Club Member, the Rec and Parks Assistant General Manager who encouraged the Park Rangers and Griffith Park to work together on something. They did indeed!)



At the Sunset Walk June 30, from left: Isaiah, Kelley, Hannah and John Hawkins, Club CEO; Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian; Angel Gomez Jr.; Juilian Ruiz; and Aden, Kathy and Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales.

We had great fun, as you can see in the photos and text from our journey June 30, and even managed to learn a thing or two. Nature, even in an urban setting like LA, can be an amazing thing, if only we stop to notice it. Here's your chance, Club Members, to do just that. It's easy and fun!

The walks highlight the gem of a spread we have in Griffith Park, even when it's bone dry. But they also highlight the gems we have in City employees interacting with the public. The Park Rangers lead frequent nature walks, and Griffith Observatory welcomes throngs of people. They are serious assets to the City, and putting them together on this is already paying off big-time.

There was an added benefit to us on this walk – we got to catch up with popular Park Rangers **Ernie Ybarra** and **Russell Brown**, who have graced our pages several times and helped us cover a story or two. We learned that Ranger Ernie is retiring in September. Congratulations on a great career, Ranger Ernie, and thanks for all the times you've helped *Alive!* deliver a strong story.

So it's August; I invite you to spend lots of family time, as I'm doing. When you spend these last remaining weeks of summer walking in Griffith Park or other City facility, thank your fellow City employees for all the work they do behind the scenes to make sure your day is fun and memorable – for the right reasons.

Go out there and make some summer memories! See you next month.

JOHN

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Summy Lam, the Club's Director of Marketing, fights for position (in the deep front) as he photographs Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian and Bill Gruenberg, Museum Guide, Griffith Observatory, during the June 30 Sunset Walk.

*Alive!* Cover Picture





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— **Mitizi Ueda, April 2015**

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— *Ed.*



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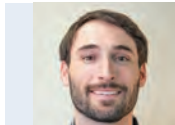
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# Letters to the Editor

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### The City Is Harboring Some Great Engineers

Great story on the Harbor with Bijan Roboubi, Marco Sanchez and Adrienne Fedrick on the cover ("Giving Berth," July issue). That terminal redevelopment project is so massive and has taken much of the minds in the City to make it an amazing piece of City history that will change the course of modern cargo ship handling. I applaud all the employees involved who made this possible.

– Jerry Kyle, General Services



### Lucretia Has Finally Reached The Day to Show Off Her Son

My husband and I always read *Alive!* I enjoy it very much. I was waiting for the day when I could submit my son's graduation picture and now it's happened. I am so excited. Thanks again!

– Lucretia Hudson, wife of David Roy Jones Sr., Retired, DWP

### With a Name Like That, No Wonder He Enjoys Softball

I am looking forward to the start of the softball season! I can't wait to get started and see the stress releasing from the faces of the players after a hard day of work. Let the games begin, and may the Enforcers take the title again in 2015! Let's go for two in a row!

– David Ortiz, Transportation

### Jamie and Family Are Headed North – With Club Discounts

We are so excited for summer fun with the kids, and it just got so much better with the new ticket deals in Northern California. You see, we have family up there and now we can save at Raging Waters in San Jose! We might even check out iFly San Francisco. Thanks, Club!

– Jamie Galdy, LAFD

### Just Writing This Headline Is Making the Editor Hungry

I have never written to the Club before, but I have to this time after making Chef Larios' Cilantro Lime Rice with Sautéed Almond Shrimp. That was such a delicious and easy-to-make recipe. I can't believe how good it came out and to the surprise of my husband, too! We especially liked the simple but intense flavors in the rice. Who knew that rice could taste this good! Our hat's off to you, Chef, for a fine creation.

– Julie McDaniels, LAPD

## Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Club VP of Operations  
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Fellow Club members answer the Question of the Month

### "How do you relax after a long day at work?"



"Singing. I dress as Elvis and sing. I also head out to senior citizen events once a month and try to make them happy with my Elvis-singing persona."  
– Ramos Flores, Civil Engineering Drafting Technician, DWP, 3 years of City service



"That's easy: being with good company and family."  
– Carlos Robles, Motor Sweeper Operator, Public Works/Street Services, 16 years of City service



"A Hennessey and a cigar does it for me every time."  
– Langston Phillips, Truck Operator, Public Works/Street Services, 10 years of City service



"Taking a spin on my motorcycle."  
– Joe Crenshaw, Supervisor, Public Works/Street Services, 30 years of City service



"Hanging out with my family."  
– Ben Toliver, Light Truck Operator, Public Works/Street Services, 26 years of City service



"Working out at the gym."  
– Troy Dolloile, Street Services Supervisor II, Public Works/Street Services, 32 years of City service



"Ocean fishing!"  
– Kenneth Boone, Public Works/Street Services, 26 years of City service



"Starting my day super early and getting to work to plan the day keeps me stress free and relaxed."  
– Gilbert Narvez, Acting Supervisor, DWP, 25 years of City service



"A cocktail. Preferably tequila."  
– Roberta Logino, Motor Sweeper Operator, Bureau of Street Services, 14 years of City service

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Airports

# Brian Bids Adieu



Sgt. Brian Johnson, Retiree.

**Sgt. Brian Johnson, Club Member, retires from Airport Police.**

Sgt. Brian Johnson, Airport Police/Ontario, retired with a celebration on May 22. The party was held at Lucille's at Ontario Mills. After joining the City, Sgt. Johnson worked at Animal Services before becoming a Special Officer in what came to be called the Los Angeles Airport Police. He also became a Field Training Officer before becoming Sergeant. He was the only officer

to work at all four airports – LAX, Palmdale, Van Nuys and Ontario. He also teaches at the University of Phoenix. "The City is a good place to work," he said. "It has great benefits and a retirement program. Live and be happy." Sgt. Johnson plans to travel the entire United States and is looking forward to fishing and eating lobster in Maine. Congratulations on your City career, Sgt. Johnson! Special thanks go to Alicia Spicer, Clerk Typist, Airport Police, for her assistance.



Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations, presented the coveted Club retirement plaque to Sgt. Brian Johnson for his City service.



From left: Assistant Chief Brian Walker, 21 years of City service, with Sgt. Brian Johnson, Retiree.



From left: Capt. Tyrone Stallings, Airports, 28 years of City service, with Sgt. Brian Johnson, Retiree.

*At the retirement party for  
Sgt. Brian Johnson, Airport Police/Ontario.*



The Club

# Thanks, Members!

**The Club hosted Member Appreciation Day July 2.**

Free chips and soda ... raffles, prizes and giveaways ... and the chance to hang out with all the Club Counselors in one place: That was the second annual Club Member Appreciation Day, held at the Club Store July 2. More than 300 people dropped by to share the fun of being a Club Member. It was a great day to be a Club Member! Prizes included Club water bottles, Club badge holders, Club hats, tickets (movie tickets and tickets to SeaWorld, Legoland, Hurricane Harbor and Raging Waters). Club Members play a big part in in how the Club celebrates the lives of tens of thousands of City employees. The Club greatly appreciates all of its Members, and honored them at this summer event. To the many who came we say thanks, it was great to see you ... and we'll see everybody again the next go-round!

**The Club Store was filled with fun, food, giveaways, prizes and sign-ups during Club Member Appreciation Day July 2.**



*Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing*





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DWP

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations



# Reese Retires

**Lillian Reese retires from DWP after 42 years of City service.**

An open house was held July 1 for Lillian Reese, Clerk Typist, who retired after 42 years of City service.

"Thank you to everyone who supported me during these wonderful years at DWP," she said. "May you all be blessed."

Mark J. Sedlacek, Utility Services Manager, was the event host. Lillian was presented with the following awards:

- A proclamation from the City
- A certificate from the DWP board and management
- The IBEW Local 18
- The Water and Power Employees Association, and
- The Water and Power African American Association.

Upon her retirement, Lillian plans to travel and return to school for ministry. Congratulations on a great career, Lillian. The Club wishes you all the best in your retirement!

The Club thanks Mark Sedlacek and Donna Fama, DWP, for their assistance.



Lillian Reese, Retiree, Clerk Typist, 42 years of City service.



Mark Sedlacek, Utilities Services Manager, presents Lillian with the mayor's proclamation.



From left: Ann Marie Dela Riva presents and recognizes Lillian Reese with a certificate from the Water and Power Employees Association.



The Club's VP of Operations, Robert Larios, speaks and congratulates Lillian on her retirement.



From left: Donna Fama of the Administrative Services Group Office of Sustainability and Economic Development presents a gift from co-workers to Lillian.



Lillian Reese was presented with a certificate recognizing her retirement by the board of directors from the Water and Power African American Association.



Lillian Reese's retirement open house committee, from left: Nydia Hall, Club Member; Darlene Sternquist, Club Member; Lillian Reese; and Shilp Gupta.



Maria Sison-Roces presents the DWP Board and Management Certificate to Lillian Reese, Retiree.



The family of Lillian Reese, from left: Yolandria Reese, daughter; Stacey Williams, daughter; Lenard Williams, son in law; Clint Reese, husband; Lillian Reese; Mary Gardner, sister in law; Laquisha Shaw, daughter; and Renell Shaw, son in law.



Airports

# New Officers

**Airport Police welcomes five new officers.**

The Airport Police graduated five new officers on July 10. Officers Gary Chen, Jason Flores, Zachariah Pierini, Jesse Rodriguez and squad leader Pedro Shin were sworn in after graduating from the LAPD Academy. The graduation ceremony was held at the LAPD Administration Building downtown.

Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian Walker conducted the officers' swearing in. He welcomed the officers to the Airport Police family and thanked their families for supporting these young men and ensuring their success. Assistant Chief Walker told the new officers, "It is my honor and pleasure to swear-in five new officers as the newest members of the Los Angeles Airport Police. I know you worked hard and were committed during your training in the academy, and I have the utmost confidence that you will maintain that same work ethic and commitment throughout your career's in law enforcement."

The class of 39 officers trained for six months. The five new Airport Police officers will next complete a six-month Field Training Program specific to airport law enforcement under the guidance of a field training officer before being assigned to Patrol Services Section.

Congratulations to the new Officers!



From left: Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian Walker swears in Officers Jason Flores, Jesse Rodriguez, Pedro Shin, Zachariah Pierini and Gary Chen.



From left: Airport Police Officers Jason Flores, Jesse Rodriguez and Pedro Shin; Airport Police Assistant Chief Brian Walker; and Officers Zachariah Pierini and Gary Chen.

Story by Officer Rob Pedregon, Airport Police  
Photos by CSI Officer Shawn Smith, Airport Police

Zoo

## Latino Heritage Celebration Weekend

Sept. 26-27 weekend, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Story courtesy Zoo  
Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo

# Celebrating Latino Heritage

**The L.A. Zoo plans to offer a weekend in honor of Latino Heritage Month.**

The events are planned for the Sept. 26-27 weekend, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Festivities will highlight the diversity of Latin American cultures and animals native to the Americas. Among the activities are crafts, zookeeper close-ups, and live performances, including traditional music and dance.

The Latino Heritage Celebration Weekend is free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$19 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$16 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$14 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under 2. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

The Los Angeles Zoo is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Free parking is available.

**For additional information, contact (323) 644-4200 or visit [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)**



At last year's Latino Heritage Weekend at the Zoo.

Council

# A Heartfelt Goodbye

**Mayor, City Council give final sendoff to Mr. L.A., Tom LaBonge, as he leaves office.**

Photos courtesy Council District 4



Tom LaBonge says the Pledge of Allegiance as Councilman one of his last times.



Then-Councilman Tom LaBonge (center/left) and Mayor Eric Garcetti.

On June 23, Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City Council bid their goodbyes to Mr. L.A., Tom LaBonge, Club Member, at the end of his long City career.

Tom LaBonge, with nearly 40 years of City service, including stints as Councilman, was termed out of elected office July 1. *Alive!* published a last long interview with him earlier this year.

Mayor Garcetti and Councilmembers used the occasion to tell their favorite Tom LaBonge stories. He told his own story about working for then-Mayor Tom Bradley, and how Bradley used his own hands to solve problems rather than delegate. That was also a characteristic of LaBonge's.

LaBonge's 14-year career as City Councilman began in 2001, when he ran successfully to fill the 4th District seat after Councilman John Ferraro died. LaBonge had held the same job until being termed out, getting re-elected three more times.

Goodbye, Tom!



Tom LaBonge accepts a proclamation from the City Council.



Tom LaBonge with his family – wife, Brigid; son, Charles (white shirt with dark collar) and daughter, Mary-Catherine (striped shirt).



His former staff say goodbye to Tom LaBonge.





**Public Works**

# Rowden Retires

**Jesse Rowden retires from Street Services after 30 years of City service.**

A celebration was held June 26 was held for the retirement of Jesse Rowden, Motor Sweeper Operator, who leaves the City after 30 years of service. The party was held at Street Services' Bay Harbor Maintenance Area on Denver Avenue. He plans to travel, get fit and spend time with his grandchildren. He leaves all City Employees with these words of advice: "Stay positive and stay healthy!" Congratulations on your career, Jesse, and here's to a rewarding retirement. Special thanks go to Gilbert Narvaez, Acting Supervisor, Club Member.



The Rowden family, from left: Tyler Johnson, grandson, who attends Cal State Northridge; Alicia Nichols, daughter; Chalee Jones; Cynthia Rowden, wife; Jesse Rowden, Retiree; Chera Johnson; and Myle Barrera, granddaughter.



From left: Kenneth Boone, Motor Sweeper Operator, 26 years of City service; Raymond Fields, Retired, 35 years; and Jesse Rowden, Retiree.



Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations, presents Jesse Rowden, Retiree, with the coveted Club retiree plaque.



Henry Starks, Retired, and his wife, Lois.



Michael Cox, Street Services Superintendent, 26 years of City service.



From left: Tim Shelton, Supervisor, 31 years of City service; and Jesse Rowden, Retiree.



From left: Todd Slaughter; Joe Crenshaw; Henry Starks; Ben Toliver (slightly in back); *unknown*; Jesse Rowden; and Gilbert Narvaez.



Jesse Rowden, Retiree, stood next to a Motor Sweeper truck for the last time as an employee. Congratulations, Jesse!



From left: Gilbert Narvaez, Acting Supervisor, 25 years of City service; Jesse Rowden, Retiree; and Roberta Longino, Motor Sweeper Operator, 14 years.



Jesse Rowden, Retiree, spoke to those at the retirement celebration and thanked them for their support.



Kenneth Boone cooks fried fish.

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Homeless Shelter Blaze

A fast-moving fire destroyed a North Hollywood homeless shelter May 4, 2014, displacing 29 people, most of them children, and cutting off a crucial lifeline for hundreds of needy people in the San Fernando Valley. Sparks from a fire in an adjacent pallet yard spread to the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, 13422 Saticoy St., about 12:30 a.m., authorities said. The multi-alarm fire was knocked down at 1:55 a.m. but then flared up sporadically for more than an hour. There were no injuries reported.

In addition to the facility's residences, the warehouse hub for the mission's three thrift stores was also destroyed, authorities said. The blaze also destroyed the mission's food preparation area, where 42,000 meals were put together each year, and its fleet of vehicles, which provide meals and mobile showers to 1,700 people each month.



Juan Guerra,  
Photographer



Harbor



Poster courtesy Harbor Dept.

# Get Cracking!

**Harbor to host 16th annual Lobster Fest.**

The annual Lobster Festival, one of the Port of LA's biggest social events of the year, is more than just lobster. It's turned into a multi-attraction event, with top indie bands, an army of food trucks (some of them famous), and lots of great food other than lobster.

But it's the lobster directly from Maine that attracts most of the attendees.

This year's Lobster Festival is set for Sept. 25-27 at Ports O'Call Village on the LA Waterfront. There will be free rides on the Red Car all weekend.

Admission to the festival does not include the cost of food.

For food prices, go to: [lobsterfest.com](http://lobsterfest.com)

The Lobster Festival is an official event of the Port of Los Angeles.

**Lobster Festival**  
**Sept. 25-27**  
**Ports O'Call Village**



Public Works

# All in the Family

**Son honors mom at her retirement party.**

Steve Rodriguez spoke and honored his mom, Geraldine M. Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Works, at her retirement party May 28 at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park.

Geraldine's retirement party was captured in last month's *Alive!*

*Congratulations again, Geraldine, and nice job honoring your mom, Steve.*



**Geraldine Recognized in Larios in the City**

— SEE PAGE 11

Steve Rodriguez and his mom, Geraldine Rodriguez, Retired, Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Works.

# Rest Insured

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

## Pool Safety

The California drought may have affected whether or not you're using your backyard pool (if you have one). But if you're using yours, here are some important things to know.

Too often at this time of year you hear tragic stories about people accidentally drowning in backyard pools. If you are considering adding a pool to your yard, or you have one already, here are some things to consider.

### Pools and Insurance

All pools—from a simple above ground kiddie pool to an aquatic extravaganza—can be dangerous and need to be properly insured and comply with local safety standards.

According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 3,200 people drown each year. Among children ages one to four, most drowned in residential swimming pools. Most of these young children had been out of sight for less than five minutes and were in the care of one or both parents at the time.

If you plan to buy or build a pool, the Insurance Information Institute suggests that you:

#### Contact Your Town or City

Each town will have its own definition of

a "pool," often based on its size and water depth. If the pool you are planning to buy or build meets the definition, then you must comply with local safety standards and building codes. This may include installing a fence of a certain size, locks, decks and pool safety equipment.

#### Call Your Insurance Agent

Let your insurance agent know that you have a pool, since it will increase your liability risk. Pools are considered an "attractive nuisance" and it may be advisable to purchase additional liability insurance. Most homeowners policies include a minimum of \$100,000 worth of liability protection. Pool owners, however, may want to consider increasing the amount to \$300,000 or \$500,000.

You may want to talk to your agent or company representative about purchasing an umbrella liability policy. For an additional premium of about \$200 to \$300 per year, you get \$1 million of liability protection over and above what you have on your home. It would also provide added liability protection when you drive.

If the pool itself is expensive, or if you decide to install an in-ground structure, you should also have enough insurance protection to replace it in the event it is destroyed by a storm or other disaster.



### POOL SAFETY TIPS

Here are some pool safety tips you should follow:

- Put fencing around the pool area to keep people from using the pool without your knowledge. In addition to the fences or other barriers required by many towns, consider creating "layers of protection" around the pool, i.e. setting up as many barriers as possible (door alarms, locks and safety covers) to the pool area when not in use.
- Never leave small children unsupervised—even for a few seconds. And never leave toys or floats in the pool when not in use as they may prove to be a deadly temptation for toddlers trying to reach them.
- Keep children away from pool filters and other mechanical devices as the suction force may injure them or prevent them from surfacing. In case of an emergency, know how to shut off these devices, and clearly post this information for easy use.
- Be sure all pool users know how to swim. Learners should be accompanied by a good swimmer. If you have children, have them take swimming lessons as early as possible.
- Don't swim alone or allow others to swim alone.
- Check the pool area regularly for glass bottles, toys or other potential accident hazards.
- Keep CD players, radios and other electrical devices away from pools or nearby wet surfaces.

#### Don't allow anyone who has been drinking alcohol to use the pool.

- Pay attention to the weather. Excessive heat can cause dizziness, which can be dangerous around a pool. And never swim during rain or lightning storms.
- Never dive into an aboveground pool, and check the water depth before plunging into an in-ground pool. Keep clear of the area near a diving board.
- Don't swim if you're tired or have just finished eating.
- In the event of an accident, clearly post emergency numbers on the phone. Keep a first aid kit, ring buoys and reaching poles near the pool. You may also want to consider basic first aid and CPR training

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## Attending a Wellness Seminar Is Very Good for Your Health

RLACEI

**President's Report**  
**By Edward J. Harding**  
**President, RLACEI**

 *Ed Harding*

I wish to thank Alex Rabrenovich, LACERS' Chief Health Administrator, for inviting us (RLACEI) to have a table along with Kaiser, Anthem Blue Cross, Scan, United Health Care, Blue Vision and Delta Dental at the LACERS Well seminar "Men's Health" extravaganza on July 8 at the California Endowment Center. LACERS provided breakfast and lunch. Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci, Mary Beetz and I were at our table and talked to all our retirees. We enrolled new members. Welcome to RLACEI!

More than 200 people attended this event, and we took advantage of the biometric screenings. Richard, my stepson, came along with me. Richard worked for Public Works/Street Maintenance for many years. This biometric screening proved very important. I urge all retirees to attend LACERS' Wellness seminars. They keep you informed on ways to stay healthy, and the biometric screenings will alert you of any abnormality that may need medical attention. It might even save your life. I also would like to thank the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association, Inc. (LARFPA) for their invitation to attend their

annual barbecue picnic June 3 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge at Elysian Park. Mary Beetz and I attended. They served ribs, roasted chicken, green salad, potato salad, pork and beans and all types of soft drinks and coffee. I told Americo Garza, RLACEI Director and Entertainment Chairman, that the menu was great. So it looks like George, owner of Chris and Pitts, is going to have the same menu at our annual picnic Aug. 13 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. Be sure to make your reservations. See you there!

## Why LACERS Invests in Private Equity

**LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson**

 *Michael R. Wilkinson*


About a year ago, I wrote a column on how real estate fits into our LACERS investments. This month I will cover another topic that might not be familiar to you, private equity. Private equity refers to investments into private companies or buyouts of public companies, and then turning them into private companies. To ensure that we will always have enough money to support the pension and health benefits, LACERS diversifies, using carefully thought-out plans, to spread investments among different asset classes. The plan uses asset allocation to diversify into stocks, bonds, real estate, real assets and private equity (previously referred to as alternative investments), since the ups and downs (volatility) of each class tends to be on a different cycle. That is,

when stocks are going down, other classes including bonds or real estate may be going up or holding their value. LACERS not only diversifies to invest to its goal of 12 percent of its total assets into private equity, but it also makes several different types of investments so that it is diversified to protect against a downdraft in one type of investment from taking down the entire segment. To put a dollar figure on this (as of Dec. 31, 2014), the plan had a little less than \$1.6 billion in private equity, and it has produced an internal rate of return of 11.34 percent since the strategy was established in 1995. We are pleased that this return is greater than our benchmark of a broad index of US stocks plus three percentage points (10.3 percent). Our private equity consultant, Portfolio Advisors, reported recently that we are invested in nearly 200 partnerships with 101

sponsors and are currently at an asset allocation of about 9.6 percent, which is still short of the 12 percent goal. However, we are adding to our investments each year. Most private equity investments are illiquid, meaning we are locked into a long-term investment, sometimes as long as 10 to 14 years before we can sell the investment. In the early years of an investment, even if the investment is doing well, we are paying more out in contributions (purchasing the investment) than we are getting back in distributions (returns on our investment). However, things are going so well now that LACERS is receiving more in distributions than it is investing, so we have experienced a positive cash flow since 2011, meaning we do not need to sell other assets to make new investments.

## National Pension Trends: Where Is It All Going?

**Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch**

 *Michael Karsch*

Richmond, Cal., is an industrial city with a port, the large Chevron refinery and a hospital, nestled in the northeast corner of the Bay Area. It is also on the verge of bankruptcy. More than 225 employees make

an excess of \$200,000 a year including benefits, the most well known of them a Fire Captain with an employment package of \$509,000, according to the *Contra Costa Bee*. Moody's lowered the city's bond rating from A-1 to BAA-, thus making it more expensive to borrow money and receive credit from vendors. Their unfunded obligations amount to \$446 million. City leaders continue to vow to get a balanced

budget, but that has eluded them since 2010. The newspaper has urged firing the city manager for the last ten years, hiring an outsider as a new manager, reforming the police and fire departments with their excessive salary and benefit packages, lowering overtime use, reforming the housing department, which has been under investigation by the FBI, etc.

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**National Pension Trends: Where Is It All Going? (Cont.)**

The third largest city in the country, Chicago, along with the state of Illinois, have been grabbing a lot of headline attention for their budget problems. The latest (July 1) news is that the Chicago Public Schools made a full teachers' pension payment of \$634 million, at the last minute on June 30. This reportedly will trigger \$200 million in spending cuts, reported by Reuters. Supposedly 1,400 jobs will be impacted, according to a school district source. Mayor Rahm Emanuel and School CEO Jesse Ruiz will propose a reform plan to handle the tight budget for the schools in a few days. The school system for the city faces a \$1.1 billion hole in its next budget.

Despite the dismal news about Richmond and Chicago, the states throughout the nation have been successfully addressing their serious pension problems, including those of cities running their own pension systems, according to a report by NBC News. "Nearly every state since 2009 enacted substantive reform to their retirement programs – including increased eligibility requirements, increased employee contributions, and reducing benefits, including suspending or limiting cost-of-living increases," said Alex Brown, research manager at the National Association of State Retirement Administrators. Forty-five states have cut in one way or other their pension ben-

efits, with pension fund assets at about 74 percent of what they need. As of 2013, around 150 state and local pension funds had assets of just under \$3 trillion to cover the estimated \$4.1 trillion needed to pay the benefits promised to current and future retirees, according to the Center for Retirement Research.

My conclusion? Accommodation to the budget problems will probably continue to achieve more progress, as most of the systems have accomplished in the last few years. And our City seems to be handling the problem well.

Public Labor Law Case  
Coming Up for Challenge

LARFPA



Lee Kebler

An interesting challenge to the 1977 Supreme Court decision *Abood v. the Detroit Board of Education* will be decided in June 2016. The 1977 decision requires all members of a public organization to pay union dues when collective bargaining is involved. A member can opt out of 30 percent used for political contributions but not the 70 percent used for negotiating salary and benefits for the member.

A California teacher, Rebecca Friedrichs, sued the California Teachers Association (CTA) on the grounds that compulsory union membership might inhibit free

speech and association. She can recover the 30 percent political lobbying fee, the case argues, but the 70 percent mandatory negotiating fee is also used for political bargaining like tenure, class sizes, salaries and pensions.

Although union membership is declining from 20.1 percent in 1983 to 11.1 percent in 2014, the major loss is in the private sector unions. Only 6.6 percent of private sector employees belong to a union, compared to 35.7 percent of public sector employees. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's fight against unions in 2014 caused the public sector

unions to drop from 14.2 percent to 11.4 percent. If Friedrichs' suit is successful, think how much change in membership will occur and what financial repercussions it will have on elections. This could have a huge impact on our unions.

I'm looking forward to seeing some of you at our Sept. 2 meeting. We've had some great speakers at the last couple of meetings. The meetings take place only once every three months, and we would like to see you more often. We'll be at Grace Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. For more information, call our office at (888) 288-5073.

Attend An Open  
Enrollment Meeting

LACERS



Mary Beetz

**LACERS' UPDATE BY MARY BEETZ**

LACERS' 2016 Open Enrollment period will be from October 15 through November 17 this year. During this time, you may attend an Open Enrollment meeting and learn about any changes to LACERS health plans for the 2016 plan year. The meetings will provide you an opportunity to talk to your health plan representatives. Also, LACERS staff will be available to answer any health plan questions you might have and assist you with the enrollment process. Meeting dates, times, and locations are listed below:

**Universal City – Thursday,  
Oct. 15, 2015, at 10 a.m.**  
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**Los Angeles – Monday,  
Oct. 19, 2015, at 10 a.m.**  
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1000 North Alameda St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Ontario – Wednesday,  
Oct. 21, 2015, at 10 a.m.**  
DoubleTree Hotel  
222 North Vineyard Ave.  
Ontario, CA 91764

**San Pedro – Tuesday,  
Oct. 27, 2015, at 10 a.m.**  
DoubleTree Hotel  
2800 Via Cabrillo Marina  
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**Las Vegas – Thursday,  
Oct. 29, 2015, at 10 a.m.**  
The Orleans Hotel  
4500 West Tropicana Ave.  
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**Ventura – Thursday,  
Nov. 5, 2015, at 10 a.m.**  
Ventura Beach Marriott  
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Beginning September 16, 2015, you can make reservations to attend an Open Enrollment meeting by reserving online at [www.LACERS.org/lacerswell](http://www.LACERS.org/lacerswell) or calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Voicemail or email messages will not be accepted as reservations. Reservations will be accepted for one Retiree and one guest.

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

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• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Gary Mattingly	Ext. 702
• Phillip Orland	Ext. 709
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Michael Wilkinson	Ext. 712
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# The Best Years

## For Retired Club Members

### Passing the Time to Papeete

Hal and Evelyn continue their Pacific cruise. Part 4.



In April 2014, we began 28-day cruise from Los Angeles, with stops in four of the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa and French Polynesia, and returning to Los Angeles. We had 10 port days and 18 days at sea on board the *Golden Princess*, our second trip on this ship. We traveled again with our cousins, Don and Myrna. A real benefit of this cruise was that no flying was needed.

As we continue the story the next morning (April 16, 2014), the sun was out and the seas were calm. The temperature was in the low 80s and the humidity was 100 percent. We had two days at sea remaining until we reached Papeete, our first port, in French Polynesia.

The sea days had fallen into a routine: We got up around 7 a.m.; Evelyn went to the gym and I went to the International Café; we met up at the bridge lesson at 10 a.m.; then we tried trivia, but it had started to conflict with bridge. We then had lunch, either in the International Café or on the Lido deck. Sometimes there was a lecture after lunch. Then we took part in duplicate bridge from 2 to 4 p.m. We had drinks before the 7 p.m. show and dinner after the show, around 8 p.m. Then we sat around the piano bar or watched a movie until bedtime.

The ship had a large casino, which was very busy. I can never understand why a visitor would take a cruise and then spend their time in a casino. In the old days when there were only Las Vegas and Atlantic City I could understand it, but now with almost every state having gambling, I wonder what the attraction is, and I doubt the odds are very good.

After we left French Polynesia we had eight sea days back to Los Angeles. I needed to find something different to do.

Princess Cruises offered a book discussion group on this cruise. I don't remember them having one on any of our other cruises. The book was *We Are Water* by Wally Lamb. Evelyn and I both read the book before we left home. The Princess cruise staff member in charge of the book discussion group was not required to read the book, which made for a very interesting discussion. She told us that it wasn't in her job description. Can you believe it! She was a very nice young lady from Australia.

Evelyn was late to bridge that day because she played *mahjong*. I played with a passenger named Paul who was about 10 times better than me, but I had a good time and even learned a few things. Evelyn said she wasn't really that late and wound up playing social bridge with the director as her partner. It was interesting, and she managed not to embarrass myself.

We saw Sam Harris, a comedian whose whole act was on getting old and how things have changed over the last 50 years because of "political correctness" and the EPA. He was very funny, but we were laughing mostly at ourselves.

The next day, April 17, we sailed toward Papeete, which we were to reach the next day at 7 a.m. We gained an hour the night before, so we were then on Hawaii time, three hours behind LA. There was a new specialty restaurant called the Crabshack on board that we had not yet tried, so we thought maybe we could visit it that night, depending on what was in the dining room.

At 10 a.m. we had a bridge lesson, and the ship had a sale in the same dining room, which led to some confusion. After lunch we attended the lecture on Area 51 (a secret military area just outside of Las Vegas) and then played bridge. Evelyn was also playing *mahjong* before bridge. But this time she got to bridge on time.

2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

The dining room menus were being repeated and I was not interested in that day's selections, so I decided it would be either the Crabshack or the buffet. Food was no longer a priority for us.

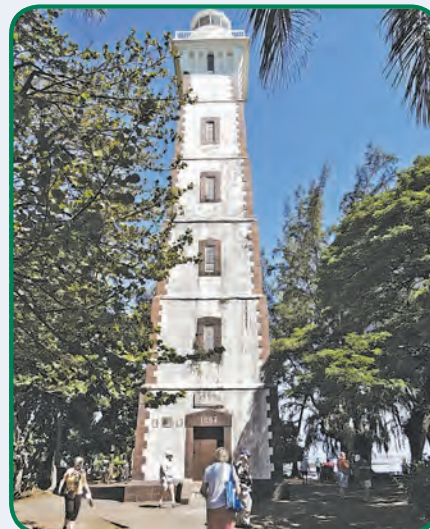
After bridge we were in the International Café and a woman who worked with me in the City stopped to say hello. I didn't expect to see someone from home. We had been on the ship for 16 days and had not run into each other.

We ended up going to the suite party and then ate in the buffet. After dinner Evelyn and I walked a couple of laps around the deck to settle dinner. It was her idea, not mine.

I had a chance to talk to the bridge director and ask him how he was selected for a ship. He had an agent who did the booking, and he had served on lots of cruises over the years.

The next day, April 18, we docked early in the morning and, contrary to the weather forecast, it was bright and sunny. We booked a private tour from the dock.

Papeete is the capital of French Polynesia and is



The lighthouse on Matavai Bay, where Cook stopped.

as impressive as the one on Oahu. As in Oahu, the north shore of Tahiti is great for surfing, and we stopped so I could take some pictures. We got back to the port around noon.

That day was Good Friday, and most of the stores and the flea market were closed. We had lunch at Miri Miri Tea House, where two beers and a large bowl of French fries was \$20 US. Evelyn was able to buy a magnet for only \$8 US, but it had the names of all three islands we

least 20 trucks, with various foods: Chinese, barbecue, crepes, steak and fries, etc. We had Chinese and it was quite good; we had two main dishes with rice and two waters for \$33 US. They also gave us a bowl of bread. We sat with a couple from Alaska who we met at Friday night services.

After dinner we caught up with Don and Myrna and saw Bob Howe, a guitarist. He was very entertaining. Then we played bridge.

The next morning, April 19, we anchored in the Bay of Opunohu, Moorea. We would be tendering to shore that day. Don and Myrna had been here before, so we went ashore ourselves. There was not much to see or do, but lots of water activities and scenery. We found a tour around the island for \$50 US per person. It was a three-hour tour in an air-conditioned bus. The name of the company offering the tour was Hiro's Tours. We made a mistake in not asking when the tour would start; it was when the bus filled up. This required a 45-minute wait on our part, and we did not start until 11 a.m. I think they planned all along to start at 11, but it was easier to say "soon." In the end the tour was worth it; we stopped at the Le Belvedere Lookout, which required the driver to navigate a very windy road where he hooked the horn at every curve. We did get a great view from the top. On the way down we stopped at a site of an old temple and a food stand where we sampled jams. At that point we had heavy downpour, which quickly stopped. We then stopped at Cook's Bay and then continued around the island. We got back to the dock at 3 p.m.

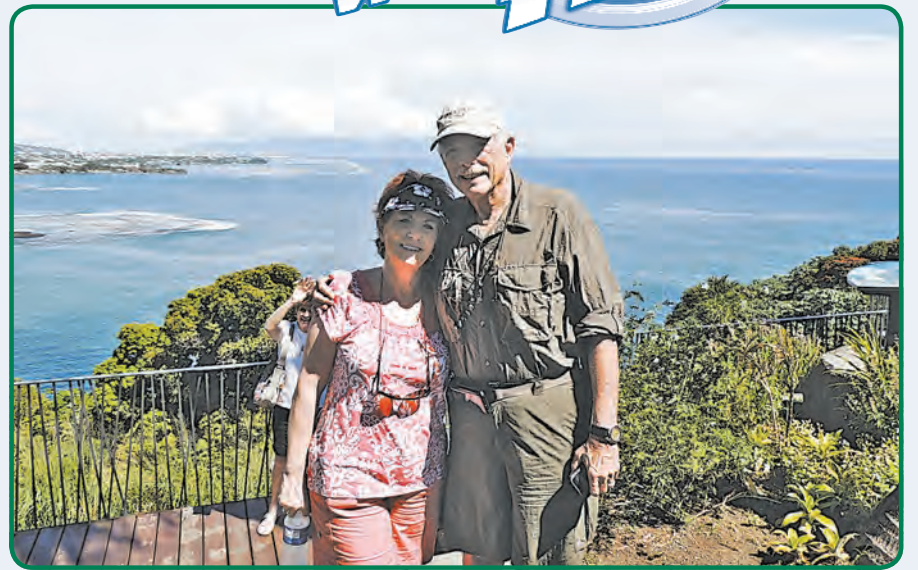
Moorea has a population of 14,000 in an area of 51 square miles. It is a short distance from Tahiti, and there is a ferry service connecting the two islands. You can also fly between them. This is a great honeymoon location because there isn't much to do.

The scenery is spectacular and the color of the water is amazing. We hit the beach for a few minutes and the water is pale blue at the shore, as warm as a bathtub, and so clear you could see the fish and the sand.

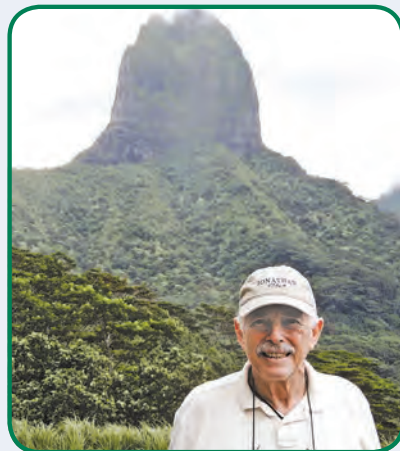
For those of you who shop: There were tourist shops and locally made clothing available. Remember: If you like it, buy it, because you will never see it again. Don't think all the islands have the same merchandise; things are different or gone on the next stop.

We ate a late lunch, so back aboard the ship we took in the 7 p.m. show, and then dinner. The show was Karen Beckett, a very talented singer from Australia. We all enjoyed her performance.

Next month we will finish up with this cruise.



At the viewpoint on Tah'ra Hill on Papeete.



Hal at the Le Belvedere Lookout.

on Tahiti, which makes up more than 25 percent of French Polynesia and holds about two-thirds of the population. They are a prefecture (like a territory) of France and carry European Union passports.

The weather as we left the ship was perfect – not too warm, 100 percent humidity but no rain. We had been warned that there was a problem with infectious flying insects, but the problem had passed.

We found a tour guide who would give us a two-hour tour of the highlights of the island for \$45 per person. He had a nice air-conditioned van that held three couples – along with Evelyn, Don, Myrna and I, the other couple was two Canadians we had played bridge with.

Our first stop was Tah'ra Hill, which gave a great view of the island, and then Matavai Bay, where Bligh's *HMS Bounty* anchored. We drove to Matavai Bay to see the black sand beach and Pt. Venus, where a lighthouse now stands and where James Cook and the scientists of his expedition observed the transit of Venus in 1769. We then stopped at the Arahoho Blowhole – it was nice but not



Orange coconuts – hard to believe.



A pirate and Hal in Papeete.

will visit: Tahiti, Moorea and Bora Bora, so it wasn't too bad. If you plan to visit, bring a lot of money. That being said, it is a beautiful island and the people are very friendly.

In the afternoon we laid out by the pool.

We were told that the Papeete food trucks would be at the port at 6 p.m., and we decided to try them for dinner. There were at



# RETIREEES AROUND THE WORLD



## 1 Paris



Here are **Marilyn Maguire, Club Board Member**, and her sister, Pamela Tiller, on their European trip.



## 2 Thailand



Here's **Anuchit Yomjinda, Retired**, in Krabi, Thailand.

## 3 Gardena



**Baron Greenhouse, Retired, DWP**, reports that he's in "full glory of retirement" and says: "With me is Alysha Del Valle (ABC7 reporter) in Gardena at a food drive – she was such a nice lady. This is the first photo I've sent as a Retiree. It's been only four months."

## 4 Texas • Idaho



**Vanessa Paulson, Retired, CAO**, has been busy traveling! And here's Vanessa and her husband, Greg, taking a break from judging the Solar Car Challenge Race at the Texas Motor Speedway in Forth Worth to read up on the latest issue of *Alive!*



Here she is exploring the strange and amazing land of the Craters of the Moon National Monument just northwest of Pocatello, Idaho.

## 5 North Carolina



Here's **Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP**, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina.



### Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

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

## PICNIC SET FOR AUG. 13. RLACEI

# Attend the Annual Picnic!

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI), is hosting its annual summer picnic for members and members-to-be. It's set for Aug. 13 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park.

The Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFUCU) plans a presentation on financial planning and investment services to our retirees. Topics include but are not limited to:

- Financial planning
- 401(k)
- 457 rollovers
- Education funding
- Estate planning
- Long-term insurance
- Retirement accounts, and
- Stocks and bonds.

RLACEI plans to include a new column on financial planning starting in the October issue of *Alive!* The columns will include instructions for you to follow and will list contact numbers.

Seats are limited at the August picnic, so please make your reservations now: (800) 6787-8328 X701



## PICNIC SET FOR AUG. 13.

# Show Us Your Grandkids!



**"These are my grandsons, Landon Howard, 7, on the left, and Lejuhn Howard, 2. They both love music and can make their own beats with their mouth. They are such a joy, and Nana loves to be around them."**

**– Officer II LaKeisha Gibson, LAPD**

## Show Us Your Grandkids!

Retirees: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos! Here's how:

1. **Digital photos are best! Send them to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)**
2. **Make sure to have the permission from their parents.** If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.
3. Photos with you in them are better, but if not, that's okay, too.

4. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids
5. 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.

Send Prints To:  
Grandkids  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

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



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Tara Miller, MS RD/N  
(Registered Dietitian/  
Nutritionist)  
LACERS Well Program  
Coordinator

Ask The Dietitian

Get Immunized!

Seniors take note:  
August is National Immunization Month.

Call me crazy, but I always thought that the idiom “a shot in the arm” was in reference to the human-pin-cushion feeling after a barrage of vaccinations needed to, in my case, join the Peace Corps. It turns out, the phrase actually refers to something good, like a much needed pep talk or an unexpected financial windfall. So in celebration of National Immunization Awareness Month, we’ll use the phrase with a mash-up of meanings: *a pep talk on the benefits of getting vaccinated to ultimately save you money* (and your health!).

Why Vaccinate?

Getting sick is no fun for anyone, but as we age, our immune system becomes less efficient at warding off certain diseases, including seasonal flu, pneumonia and shingles. Vaccines, when given at appropriate intervals, are our best tool for avoiding unnecessary illness and severity.

Vaccines contain the same germs as the cause of the disease but have been killed or weakened to a point where they are no longer able to cause illness. By stimulating one’s own production of antibodies that recognize and attack these germs, vaccines capitalize on our body’s natural defense mechanism to provide future immunity to illness. And

in cases where illness is unavoidable, the *severity* of the disease is lessened, leading to a quicker recovery.

So, to help you stay healthy, it’s important to keep up on your immunizations. Here is a list of vaccinations to consider with your doctor:

- Zoster (shingles) vaccine:** Also known as zoster or herpes zoster, shingles is a painful rash caused by the chickenpox virus. An estimated 1 million Americans get shingles every year, and about half of them are 60 years old or older.
- Pneumococcal vaccine:** Pneumococcal disease is a serious infection that causes pneumonia in the lungs and bloodstream. Although usually recommended as a one-time dose, people older than 65 may need to get a second shot to stay protected.
- Influenza (Flu) vaccine:** More than 60 percent of seasonal flu-related hospitalizations occur in people 65 years and older. Since the flu virus changes each year, an annual vaccination is recommended starting in October and can be combined with other vaccinations as needed.
- Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccines:** Diphtheria causes a

thick covering in the back of the throat and can lead to breathing problems, paralysis, heart failure and even death.

- Tetanus (lockjaw) is a serious disease that causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over the body.
- Pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection. Even if vaccinated in childhood, adults are recommended to get a booster shot every ten years.

Are They Safe?

Vaccines are our best defense against serious, preventable and sometimes deadly contagious diseases, but like any other medical products, there may be risks. Common side effects include pain and swelling at the injection site, nausea or headache, and are usually mild and temporary. If you have multiple chronic medical conditions or a history of allergic reactions, talk to your doctor about the risks, benefits and timing of vaccinations. Since vaccines may temporarily lower your immune system; let your doctor know prior to receiving the vaccination if you are not feeling well or have a fever.



Questions?

Do you have a question for Tara, the LACERS Registered Dietitian? Write to her: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



Be Healthy While Traveling

One of the greatest joys in retirement is the ability to travel. According to [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov), seeing a travel health specialist or your doctor four to six weeks prior to your trip will ensure that you are up to date on recommended vaccinations and provide sufficient time for each dose to take effect prior to departure. For more information, check out the CDC travel health site (<http://wwwnccdc.gov/travel>).

Here are some additional considerations to discuss with your doctor:

- Are there additional destination-specific vaccinations needed, including the yellow fever or typhoid vaccine?
- Is your immune system compromised, warranting extra precautions (such as due to diabetes, a recent illness, or certain medications, like steroids)?
- Do your grandchildren need additional vaccinations if they are traveling with you?

Retirements

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

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Abbott, Christine A.	Rec Facility Director	Rec and Parks	18	Goya, Darolyn Neomi	Systems Analyst II	Public Works	31	Nixon, Richard	—	DWP	—
Adams, Raymond F.	Custodian	General Serv.	26	Grageda, Herbert	Pr. Constr. Inspect.	Harbor	34	Osollo, John Louis	Park Maintenance Supv.	Public Works	28
Albawardi, Ali K.	Airport Guide II	Airports	15	Gutierrez, Emmanuela	City Planning Associate	Planning	25	Pendleton, Patrick M.	Signal Systems Supv.	Transportation	32
Alexander, Gerald	—	DWP	—	Heatherly, Jamie	—	DWP	—	Perez, Antonio	—	DWP	—
Alvarez, Oscar	—	DWP	—	Henderson, Kenneth	—	DWP	—	Potthoff, Rosemary F.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	21
Antol, Kimberly A.	Sr. Police Service Rep II	LAPD	34	Henderson, Ronald	Tree Surgeon Supv. IV	Public Works	28	Quengua, Boon A.	Computer Operator II	ITA	34
Argento, Joseph P.	Gardener Caretaker	Public Works	20	Hernandez, Leopoldo	Custodian	General Serv.	26	Raffel, Richard James	Criminalist III	LAPD	31
Amas Forsman, Patricia	Pr. Clerk City Attorney II	City Attorney	32	Hernandez, Teresa M.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Housing	36	Rasmussen, Charles	—	DWP	—
Ascencio, Alberto	Maint. Constr. Helper	Airports	14	Hinojosa, Gloria Jean	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	31	Rendich, Robert N.	Building Mech. Inspect.	Build. & Safety	25
Baker, Amelia	—	DWP	—	Hisserich, John Charles	Council Aide II	Council	5	Reyes, William J.	Management Analyst II	Housing	21
Barnett, Ronald	Sr. Traffic Supv. III	Transportation	35	Holloway, Phillip	—	DWP	—	Rodriguez, Geraldine M.	Exec. Admin. Assist. III	Public Works	33
Barrera, Luis	Signal Systems Electr.	Transportation	33	Holston, Clarence	Accounting Clerk II	Finance	26	Rodriguez Cruz, Josefina	Custodian	Airports	10
Beaves, Winifred Marie	Police Service Rep	LAPD	30	Iglesias, Silka O.	Sr. Traffic Super. III	Transportation	26	Rouse, Joe B.	Truck Operator	Rec and Parks	40
Beckum, Donetta A.	Admin. Hearing Officer	Transportation	31	Irvin, Gregory S.	Plumber	Rec and Parks	34	Rowden, Jesse	Motor Sweeper Oper.	Public Works	30
Bell, David	—	DWP	—	Jackson, Dollie F.	Cust. Supervisor	Airports	31	Ryland, Rose Marie	Clerk Typist	LAPD	31
Benyamin, Aram	—	DWP	—	Johnson, Leonard	—	DWP	—	Sales, Antonio S.	Wastewater Treat. Oper. III	Public Works	26
Betonio, Cresencio S.	Ref. Coll.Truck Op. II	Public Works	35	Jung, Insung	Comm. Engr. Assoc. IV	Airports	39	Sanocki, Susan Lynn	Management Analyst II	Aging	26
Bond, Sherrill C.	Environmental Engineer	Public Works	30	Kabiling, Lourdes Nario	Tax Auditor	Finance	29	Sansone, Andrea Ronele	Sr. Police Serv. Rep II	LAPD	31
Brown, Yves	—	DWP	—	Karraker, Karen Lorraine	Police Service Rep	LAPD	36	Sansur, Jorge A.	Sr. Custodian II	General Serv.	26
Butler, Lucile B.	Security Officer	LAPD	11	Knoble, John L.	Ref. Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	40	Sheets, Maria Luisa	Management Analyst II	Public Works	17
Cabana Queddeng, N.	Payroll Analyst II	Controller	33	Koenig, Frank R.	Municipal Police Off.	LAPD	31	Shimotsuka, Susan	—	DWP	—
Capucetti, Bruce S.	Sr. Building Inspector	Build. & Safety	39	Lau, Eileen	—	DWP	—	Shoukry, Medhat Shaker	Laboratory Tech II	Public Works	8
Carter, Tony	—	DWP	—	Le, Tuan	—	DWP	—	Smith, Edward Lee	Transitional Worker	Public Works	34
Carvajal, Jose S.	Garage Attendant	LAPD	35	Lee, Josephine	Clerk Typist	LAPD	35	Smith, Gregory	—	DWP	—
Castruita, Joey	—	DWP	—	Lehigh, David	—	DWP	—	Stewart, Lori	Plant Guide	Public Works	7
Cheung, Wendy	Clerk Typist	LAPD	30	Lim, Myungcha Miki	Sr. Librarian	Library	30	Tapscott, Barbara Lynn	Police Service Rep	LAPD	30
Chua, Lina	—	DWP	—	Lobue, John Charles	Building Mech. Inspect.	Build. & Safety	12	Taylor, Frances Laverne	Exec. Admin. Assist. III	Council	28
Cotton, Rita Lee	Library Assistant II	Library	35	Lu, Chih Heng	Geographic Info. Spec.	Planning	26	Taylor, Roy Lee	Refuse Coll. Truck Op. II	Public Works	35
Cuevas, Armando B.	Transport. Engineer IV	Transportation	30	Mahaley, Stefan R.	Pr. Storekeeper II	General Serv.	31	Tennison, Charles L.	Custodian	Airports	16
Curtis, Renee	Landscape Architect II	Public Works	18	Maldonado, Albert	—	DWP	—	Torres, Carlos	—	DWP	—
Da Vita, Linda	—	DWP	—	Marino, Paul	—	DWP	—	Totten, Dorothy Margaret	Cust. Serv. Specialist	Finance	13
Daniels, Leslie C.	Airport Police Sgt.	Airports	41	Marquez, Juan	Custodian	General Serv.	31	Tse, Philip F.	Fiscal Systems Spec. II	Library	28
Davis, David B.	Street Services Supt. II	Public Works	34	Marshall, Kathy	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	15	Tu, Kuang Pei	Sr. Librarian	Library	25
Davis, Joseph	Custodian	Airports	16	Martin McKee, Kelly	Sr. Assist. City Attorney	City Attorney	10	Tuttle, Gregory	—	DWP	—
Delugach, Sharon B.	Mayoral Aide VII	Mayor	10	Massengale, Karla A.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	18	Tyler, Cecil D.	Tree Surgeon Assist.	Public Works	31
Disko, Ellen L.	Sr. Clerk Steno	Public Works	6	McClanahan, Willie C.	Equipment Mechanic	Harbor	23	Valmores, Roberto H.	Rehab. Constr. Spec. III	Housing	30
El Amin, Jermel	Refuse Coll. Truck Oper. II	Public Works	22	McClendon, Dora J.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Harbor	43	Vu, Ba T.	Civil Engr. Associate IV	Public Works	26
Enriquez, Margaret A.	Clerk Typist	LAPD	26	Medina, Sergio H.	Truck Operator	Public Works	34	Weitzer, Renee	Council Aide VII	Council	31
Farrington, Abraham	—	DWP	—	Mercadel, Dwayne J.	Geographic Info. Sys. Supv II	Planning	37	Westdal, Peter	—	DWP	—
Fermin, Evangelina N.	Purchasing	General Serv.	28	Miller, Gladys	—	DWP	—	Weston, Aaron	—	DWP	—
Fernandez, Alberto	—	DWP	—	Miller, James	—	DWP	—	Williams, James L.	Motor Sweeper Oper.	Public Works	30
Fung, Dennis Kirk	Supervising Criminalist	LAPD	30	Miller, Jeffrey	—	DWP	—	Willis, Thomas E.	Build. Mechanical Insp.	Build. & Safety	30
Garcia, Rudolfo	Equipment Operator	Public Works	29	Moore, Ramona C.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Transportation	30	Wftr Hays, Maria Isabel	Crossing Guard	Transportation	11
Garvin, Pamela A.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	17	Myers, Dwayne E.	Airport Police Sgt.	Airports	30	Yriarte, Gilbert	—	DWP	—
Gastelum, Carlos R.	Elevator Mechanic	General Serv.	32	Najera, Ricardo Pascual	Geographic Info. Sys. Supv II	Planning	34	Yudico, Michael M.	Motor Sweeper Oper.	Public Works	40
Gaytan, Raymond	—	DWP	—	Nelson, James	—	DWP	—	Zafra, Delfin Bautista	Sr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	28
Gnerlich, Janet Ann	Sr. Clerk Typist	General Serv.	24	Nelson, Max A.	Sr. Constr. Inspector	Harbor	43				
Gomez, Mario Albert	Motor Sweeper Oper.	Public Works	37	Nelson, Timothy	—	DWP	—				



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~ Tales From the City Archives ~



by Michael E. Holland  
City Archivist

## Unrest in Watts

Photos by Frank Manwarren, Larry Ford and G.E. Lyons, LAFD

One of the most difficult periods in our city's history has a significant anniversary coming up this summer. The violence in south Los Angeles – whether you call it a riot or an uprising – became a turning point in the identity of the then-third largest city in America in 1965. Urban violence had already occurred in New York; Birmingham, Ala.; Philadelphia; and other American cities over the preceding three years. Our turn came Wed., Aug. 11.

Watts is too big a subject for any one historical overview to get right. I will focus instead to create a timeline involving some archival resources and share a recent discovery of images mostly unseen since those six days and nights a half-century ago.

Several sources of information – the 1966 McCone Commission report ordered by Gov. Pat Brown and the LAPD Watts Riot data report – agree on the flashpoint that took place Aug. 11. An African American, Marquette Frye, who lived near the corner of Avalon Boulevard and 116th Street in Watts, was pulled over on the suspicion of driving while intoxicated by a white California Highway Patrol officer. The

ongoing debate. During the violence, LAFD photographers Frank Manwarren, Larry Ford and G.E. Lyons accompanied engine companies to document what was happening. Some images would end up in the department newsletter "The Grapevine." Most would be filed away and almost forgotten until they were discovered in 2014.

Some of the images show burned-out buildings and looted storefronts. Several aerial views are of a Shop-Rite store similar to the one where Fireman Tilson lost his life. We



An LAFD image, heretofore unseen publicly and now in the City Archives, shows damage to an LAFD fire engine caused during the Watts unrest in 1965.



An LAFD image, heretofore unseen publicly and now in the City Archives, of KHJ reporters Andy West and Roger Aldi.

stop occurred in front of the family home where his mother became involved as Marquette was being arrested. The CHP officer called for backup.

As more of the neighborhood residents got involved, rumors started spreading that the responding officers were abusing bystanders. The LAPD had a reputation of suppressing minorities generally and civil rights efforts specifically at this time. Another source of information, a Los Angeles Fire Department centennial history, also mentioned that a power vacuum existed in Los Angeles. Mayor Sam Yorty was out of town, Chief of Police William H. Parker was home sick, and the Chief Engineer of the LAFD, Don Hibbard, was on vacation. The power vacuum extended further to Sacramento as Gov. Pat Brown was on vacation in Greece. So deputy Police Chief Harold Sullivan, Deputy Fire Chief Raymond Hill and Acting Gov. Glenn Anderson were being baptized by fire during that hot and humid mid-August.

During the first two days from Aug. 11, the violence was limited to a dozen or so small fires created by Molotov cocktails, according to the LAFD. By 9:50 p.m. Aug. 12, a response to several burning cars at Imperial Highway and Avalon Boulevard prompted rocks being thrown and some gunfire aimed at firefighters. The LAPD statistics recorded 10 people arrested on Aug. 11, 42 arrests on Aug. 12 and a staggering 531 arrests on Friday, Aug. 13.

A plan to provide California National Guard troops had been in place for more than a year before Watts. Chief Parker and Gov. Brown didn't want the same kind of chaos in L.A. that had come to Rochester, N.Y., Newark and Philadelphia. A local National Guard armory in Long Beach was fully staffed that week in preparation for scheduled exercises in Santa Barbara County. Because of confusion over protocols between the City and Acting Gov. Anderson, it wasn't until late Friday that the 1,300 members of the Third Brigade were ordered to the streets of Watts.

The official LAPD statistics ending Aug. 20 recorded that riot arrests totaled 2,932 people – 2,747 of them African Americans. African-American men aged 18 – 22 were the largest group of arrestees at 714. The LAFD recorded 261 buildings – mostly retail businesses including supermarkets, liquor, furniture and clothing stores – had been destroyed. Damage estimates were in excess of \$45 million. 34 people died, including Firefighter Warren E. Tilson, when a wall collapsed at the Shop-Rite market at 120th Street and Central Avenue.

Watts is too big a topic to describe fairly and accurately. But I do have something different to contribute to the

have images of an injured Firefighter being treated on the street. There is one photo of two KHJ radio reporters – Andy West and Roger Aldi – hunkered down by their mobile unit. The negatives were part of a larger collection ranging from 1940 through 1965. Sadly, most were destroyed before being declared historically significant. Three boxes covering 1964 and 1965 were misplaced and are now stored in the archive vault. The Watts photos are listed as photo assignment #65685 and total more than 200 images that have been unseen for 50 years.

Our City's history continues to be written each and every day and should be documented by everyone. Once in a while, something turns up that brings a fresh perspective or fills in a gap in our collective memory. Riot or unrest, Watts still matters. I have no doubt that there will be continued rediscoveries from those troubled times in our libraries and museums. Seek them out. Here's a link for a video on the riots: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty9MLeKspAc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ty9MLeKspAc)

Get involved: I've mentioned the past of Watts from 1965. The future of Watts – 2015 and beyond – is taking shape at a two-day symposium starting with a Youth Day on Friday, Aug. 14, and a more general audience on Saturday, Aug. 15. Events both days are taking place at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science at 1731 E. 120th St.

You can expect the movers and shakers – from the U.S. Congress, County Supervisors, Mayor's office, City Council and local leaders to discuss everything – from public safety, education, political conditions to arts and science in Watts – in a series of panel discussions that should be part of Watts' future history. This is a history lesson you and your family can take part in. Google "Watts Revolt: 50 Years Later Symposium" for more information.



An LAFD image, heretofore unseen publicly and now in the City Archives, of an injured LAFD firefighter.

## Updates

■ The April installment of "History Comes Alive!" mentioned an upcoming Supreme Court decision on *Patel vs. Los Angeles*, a question of whether LAPD had the right to search hotel registers without a warrant. That decision went against the City in a 5-4 ruling that affects not only LA but most cities in the nation with a similar policy.

■ The July issue featured a short history of Parker Center. John Fisher emailed me with the following comments:

"You mentioned that the Golden State Freeway hadn't been completed yet. That's true, but the Golden State Freeway has always begun at the East Los Angeles interchange. The freeway near Disneyland was the old Santa Ana Freeway, then designated US 101 and now as Interstate 5. When Disneyland opened in July 1955, US 101 was a divided highway with a few traffic signals – or an expressway, according to old maps and photos. However, it was in the process of being converted to a full freeway on the same alignment by the construction of grade separations and ramps. One could get to Disneyland by taking the expressway.

"There is no mention of LAPD's headquarters on the second floor of City Hall in the late 1940s. An old-timer told me the Police resided there. Also, the 1950 film noir classic, *DOA*, with Edmond O'Brien, shows the police headquarters on that floor. Are you able to confirm that they resided there before occupying the PAB?

"My recollection is that I don't think Chief Parker ever lobbied to have the building named after him. Because he died suddenly of a heart attack while still Chief, the shock of his death led to the sentiment to name the building after him."

I agree with John on his first point. On point two, I should have mentioned that the Police Chief had his office in City Hall on the second floor, and that included the Detective Bureau and other administrative functions. That was an oversight on my part. John is also correct on the third point.

Keep sending the emails, folks.



Public Works

Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman,  
Club Member Coordinator



# East Valley Opens the Doors

East Valley Sanitation Yard has annual open house.

On May 2, residents from the surrounding areas of the East Valley Sanitation Yard came out to enjoy the yard’s annual open house! This event showcases the garbage trucks up close, giving children the opportunity to honk the truck horns, take tours of the can warehouse, and view the maintenance facilities. DJ Sweat showcased his musical talents, while employees of the East Valley yard cooked up a yummy, free meal of hot dogs, chips, fruit, and soft drinks for all attendees.

Each of Sanitation’s six waste shed district yards host open houses for the public in a series of free Saturday events. The open house program showcases Sanitation’s residential curbside collection programs with the promotion of proper recycling practices and information about

bulky item collections. Each event features trash truck and equipment demonstrations in addition to facility tours, information booths, recycling games, and refreshments.

Last year, nearly 7,000 residents attended the open houses Citywide, with 290 City Employees who volunteered their time to “give back” to the neighborhoods they serve.

A huge Club Congratulations to the East Valley Yard on another awesome open house!



Top: Ron Lee, Superintendent, 28 years of City service, Club Member; Middle row, from left: Savannah Maldonado, guest, and Danielle Maldonado, Crew Instructor, 13 years, Club Member; Bottom: Celia Flores, RCTO, 1 year.



Khalil Gharios, Division Manager, 30 years of City service.



Anthony Hatten, Maintenance Laborer, 27 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Anthony Demilita, CSP Maintenance Labor, 2 years of City service; and volunteers Kirk Johnston and Tony Morris.



From left: Manny Sanchez, Crew Instructor, 28 years of City service; and Ron Paige, RCTO, 27 years, Club Member.



Tony Fenderson, Supervisor, 34 years of City service.



Raul Acosta, RCTO, 10 years of City service.



Dan Denering, Superintendent for the Environmental Center, 34 years of City service.



Kristi Campbell, Clerk Typist, 1 year of City service.



Herbert Corleto, Clerk, 10 years of City service.



From left: Lisa Carlson, Environmental Supervisor for Recycling Div., 11 years of City service; Carol Parker, Environmental Engineer, 22 years, Club Member; and Cassi Koepp, Environmental Engineer, 1 year.



Joseph Reese, LNG Fueler, 3 years of City service.



John Faddis, Truck Operator, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



Francisco Gallardo, RCTO, 6 years of City service.



Ron Cole, Superintendent, 26 years of City service.



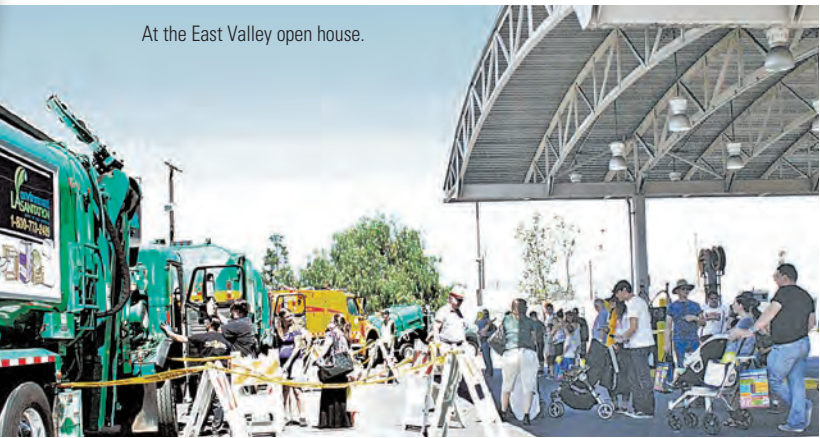
Steven Post, Equipment Mechanic, 16 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Ron Foster, Equipment Mechanic, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Paul Leung, Automotive Supervisor, 31 years, Club Member; and Greg Field, Automotive Supervisor, 16 years, Club Member.



Lance Brown, RCTO, 25 years of City service, and Jalen Brown, guest.



At the East Valley open house.





**Airports**

# Ale Flint Takes Off

**Deborah Ale Flint is new Executive Director, Airports.**

*Photo courtesy Airports*

Deborah Ale Flint, a longtime aviation employee, is the new Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports. After a process that included approvals by the Board of Airport Commissioners, the City Council and Mayor Eric Garcetti, Ale Flint began working Monday, July 13.

She was approved June 23 by the City Council.

Her experience bringing rail transportation to the Oakland airport was highlighted as making her fit for the Airports job in Los Angeles. In addition to its ongoing redevelopment and modernization plans, LAX is embarking on an ambitious program to bring light rail transportation to its Westchester facility.

As the Port of Oakland’s former aviation director (having that title since 2010), Ale Flint was the primary executive responsible for the operation, management and business development of Oakland International Airport (OAK). She delivered the \$480 million BART Airport Rail project after years of effort and challenges; executed strategies to stabilize and reverse passenger traffic decline in a difficult market environment; redesigned OAK’s customer experience to make the airport more competitive; and marketed, developed and negotiated numerous development and investment transactions in terminal renovation and hangar development.



Deborah Ale Flint, Executive Director, Airports

Prior to that appointment, Ale Flint was the assistant aviation director and led the operation of the airport. Other experiences include leading OAK’s Capital Program in which she coordinated the design, financing and implementation of major airport projects, as well as participating in the issuance of hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue bonds. She also served as acting port executive director of the Port of Oakland (maritime). She began her career with the port in 1992 in port finance and advanced through the port’s Finance and Aviation divisions.

Ale Flint holds a Bachelor of science degree in business administration from San Jose State University, and attended the Executive Leadership Institute’s Continuing Education in Public Administration program. She was appointed in 2012 to the President’s Advisory Committee on Consumer Protection (aviation). She also currently serves on the Transportation Research Board’s Airport Cooperative Research Program, the California Airports Council, and is a regional advisor to the Airports Council International World Board.

Ale Flint succeeds Gina Marie Lindsey, who retired July 1 after a 39-year career, 33 years working in the aviation industry, and eight years at Airports.

**Rec and Parks**

*Photo by Gary Florin, Rec and Parks*

# Shark Week!

**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium hosts fun week featuring the feared sea creatures.**



Cabrillo’s shark room.

Coinciding with TV’s week of sharks, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium presents its own Shark Week from noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 5 – 9. Shark Week features special shark crafts and activities each day.

**Daily Activities Schedule**  
(all times 2-4 p.m.)

*Exploration Center*

- Check out amazing shark specimens, including real sharkskin, shark teeth and shark egg cases. Plus, you can create your very own shark egg case!

*Aquarium Courtyard*

- Enjoy exciting Shark Week coloring activities or even make your very own Shark Week “whirly gig!”

*Marine Research Library*

- Visit the library to read up on all things shark with Cabrillo’s special Shark Week book display. Check out the aquarium’s shark videos playing throughout Shark Week; color one of the exciting shark sheets; and even test your knowledge with some Shark Week word puzzles!

*Susanne Lawrenz-Miller Exhibit Hall*

- Are you up for a challenge? Stop by the information booth and pick up a shark fact scavenger hunt sheet. You’ll find special Shark Week facts all over the aquarium’s exhibit hall and courtyard, hunt them down, answer all the questions and you’ll get an exciting reward when you’re done!

**Other Shark Week Activities**

- **Surviving Sharks:** An exciting and informational movie about the different sharks that live in our oceans and how humans are impacting their population and environments (15 minute movie)
  - 3 p.m. Sun., Aug. 2, and Sat., Aug. 8 in the John M. Olguin Auditorium
- **Shark feeding and talk with a CMA aquarist**
  - 1:45 p.m. Wed. Aug. 5, and Sat., Aug. 8 Exhibit Hall’s Shark Room
- **Scientific shark dissection and shark specimen display by CMA Collections Dept.**
  - 2:45 p.m. Sat., Aug. 8 in the aquarium’s courtyard

For more information:  
[www.cabrillomarinaquarium.org](http://www.cabrillomarinaquarium.org)



Shark eggs.



A juvenile great white shark.

**Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Association**  
**FALEO- LOS ANGELES**  
PRESENTS  
**2015 Annual Scholarship Dinner & Fundraiser**  
**Luau**  
**September 26, 2015 6pm-Midnight**  
**Double Tree by Hilton, Commerce, CA**  
**\$60 Adults / \$25 Kids 10 & under**  
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Purchase Tickets via Eventbrite,  
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FALEO/LAFACE

Story by Jeanette Gadut, Club Member Coordinator  
Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development



# Celebrating Philippine Independence

## Filipino Employees Association celebrates Philippines Independence Day.

On June 12, the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE), with the support of Council Member Mitch O’Farrell, Council District 13 and Council Member Jose Huizar, Council District 14, celebrated the Philippines Independence Day at LA City Hall. City Council presented a resolution to LAFACE and had more than 20 Filipino public safety officers participate. Ceremonial flags were held in the chambers and a procession took place in the forecourt. The celebration concluded with entertainment and Filipino cuisine.

The Los Angeles chapter of the Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Association (FALEO-LA) was honored to have participated and happy to have coordinated some of the agencies that attended (CHP, Pomona PD, State of California and Gardena PD).

In attendance representing FALEO-LA were: Lt. Vince Osorio, First Vice President; Lt. Ron Lizardo, Second Vice President; Officer Gerard Kilayko, Secretary; Officer Christian Pagtakhan, Treasurer; Officer Christian Costales, Sgt. at Arms; Sgt. Peter Trance, Director; Jackie Belen, Director; and the Club’s Arlene Herrero, Director.

What is FALEO-LA? The Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Association (FALEO) promotes fraternal relationships and cultural awareness amongst all members (sworn and non-sworn) in law enforcement. FALEO supports cultural, educational, recreational and charitable services.

For more Information go to: [www.faleola.org](http://www.faleola.org)



The FALEO Board Members with Linda Granados.



From left: Officer Chris Villones, 6 years of City service; Officer Reynald Masangkay, 10 years, Club Member; and Daniel Zulueta, State, Public Information Officer, 8 years.



From left: Officer Tiffany Hoff, CHP, 3 years of service; Officer Il Jocelyn Baguinat, 6 years of City service; Officer Il Yolanda Grutter, 6 years; and Officer Il Gloria Grace, 9 years, Club Member.



Front, from left: Susan Pieso, Analyst, 17 years of City service; and Cherri Nicodemus, Office Engineer Tech, 14 years, Club Member. Back: Joan Tagle Management Assistant, 16 years, Club Member; Miltred Cadiz, Civil Engineer Associate, 29 years; and Amelia Marucut, Management Analyst II, 18 years.



From left: Det. Allan Rabina, 19 years of City service; Officer Il Spencer Chow, 8 years, Club Member; and Andre DeOcampo, Public Safety Officer, 1 year, Club Member.



From left: Officer Il Rogelio Dela Cruz, LAPD, 10 years of City service; and Port Police Officer Il Mike Canlas, 10 years, Club Member.



From left: Christian Costales, LAPD, 7 years of City service, Club Member; Consul General Leo M. Herrera-Lim; Sgt. Pete Trance, LAX, 15 years, Club Member; Lt. Vince Osorio, Gardena, 20 years, Club member; and Arlene Herrero, the Club’s Director of Product Development.



From left: Airport Police Sgt. Pete Trance, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Airport Police Officer Il Gerard Kilayko, 12 years, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Pete Trance, Airports, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Lt. Vince Osorio, Gardena PD, 20 years of service, Club Member; Lt. Ron Lizardo, State of California PD, 20 years of service, Club Member; and Christian Costales, LAPD, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Il Benny Abucejo, 21 years of City service; Officer Il Chris Delaney, 13 years, Club Member; Officer Il Jay Balgemino, 9 years; and Officer Il Wes Sarno, 11 years.



From left: Consul General Leo M. Herrera-Lim; Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell; and Police Officers.



The evolution of the Philippines flag.



Linda Granados, LAFACE President, during City Council meeting.



Above, from left: Christine Pham, Systems Analyst II, 22 years of City service, Club Member; Hanh Tran, Fiscal Systems Specialist, 32 years, Club Member; and Maurice Dawkins, Management Analyst, 34 years.



From left: Officer Il Yolanda Grutter, 6 years of City service; Officer Il Chris Delaney, 13 years, Club Member; Emmanuel Barbieto, Property Officer, 10 years, Club Member; Principal Det. Alan De Leon, 27 years, Club Member; and Zaldy Noblefranca, Property Officer, 25 years.



Linda Granados, LAFACE President, with Police Officers.

LAFACE members, Police Officers and Beauty Queens.





# CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues  
sponsored by the City Employees Club  
• August 2015



## Softball Has Begun!

Cheer on your favorite team for a fun – and free – night out!

The Club Softball League's 2015 season has begun! While the first week's games were rained out, the season has begun in earnest. For a list of the teams and managers, see the article by the Commish, Lady Smith.

Here are the locations for the 2015 Club Softball League season:

- Yosemite Recreation Center**  
1840 Yosemite Dr., LA, CA. 90041
- Shatto Recreation Center**  
3191 4th St., LA, 90020
- Lincoln Heights Recreation Center**  
3501 Valley Blvd., LA, CA 90031

**Come out and support your team!**  
Watching a Club Softball League team is fun ... and free! There are cheerleaders, DJs, your workmates in nice uniforms, all free. And you can volunteer, too.  
*We'll see you there!*

**Dodgers Tickets Giveaway!**

United Agencies is giving away a pair of Dodger tickets for the Sept. 16 game vs. the Colorado Rockies (7:10 p.m. scheduled game time). Anyone who is quoted for insurance from United Agencies will be entered into the drawing. (Existing clients – just call United Agencies.) No purchase necessary. Contact United Agencies at (888) 801-5522 or email the Club at [info@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:info@cityemployeesclub.com) for more information.



## From the Commish: Batter Up!

Once again it's time for City Employees Club softball! This is a Club pastime where players enjoy lovely evenings with their families, friends and co-workers. Games are held on Wednesday nights at Shatto, Montecito and Yosemite Recreation Centers, starting around 7:30 p.m. Many photo opportunities and chances to win Club gear and/or event tickets happen at the Club softball games. Although uniforms are optional, returning teams can be

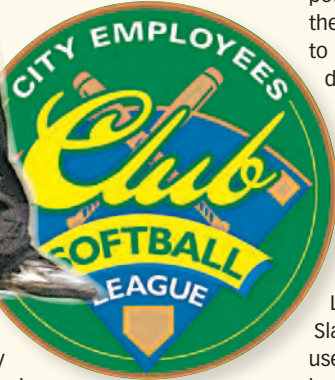
McComas) and Next (Monte Carter – Coach Carter). Last season's outreach produced just one free agents' team (Shockers – Dominick King), but it was very competitive. Although most people consider the free agents' team an underdog, many people find themselves rooting for the underdog. This season, we have three underdogs that need your encouragement! Your support may boost one of them to the championships.

The Enforcers (Manny Ortiz), 2014 season champions, is a team to watch! Their competitiveness on and off the field will cause their old rivals, the Guzzlers (Lisa Pallares), to continue to step up their game. Lots of dust and dirt can be seen throughout a game between these two. The Guzzlers' mascot parades around the field with his cape on, waving his black and gold flag, demanding fan participation in support of his favorite team.

Three teams made a smart move to change their names: Killawatts (Angel), Left Turns Only (Jerry Borunda) and Pitch Slappers (Oscar). I won't divulge who they used to be, but let's just say we had better keep a close eye on these three teams as they may have interesting competitive tricks up their sleeves. Will they take down every unsuspecting team in the league? That is yet to be determined, but you can be one of the first on the scene when it happens.

Players from Game Time will welcome Sewer Rats for another season of spanking that heine. Game Time players were transferred from the Shockers, who put Sewer Rats under last season. Can the Sewer Rats expect vindication? Come see! You must be present to feel the tremendous impact from the aggressive competition when all the

spotted as they pour into the parks donning their personalized team jerseys, colors, logos and Club patches. There is almost every color represented on the field, including Dodger blue and USC burgundy/gold, and simple red T-shirts with white lettering. Did I mention Club patches? It seems as though many members have the desire to play but have no team. The free agents' list matches these members with current teams. This season, the Club received a great response from its membership and has formed three free agents' teams: Game Time (managed by Dominick King), U Go I Go (Mike



### 2015 Club Softball League Teams

(managers in parentheses)

- Blue Dragons** (Ben Lozano)
- DoTgers** (Carlos Rodriguez)
- Enforcers** (Manny Ortiz)
- Game Time** (Dominick King)
- Guzzlers** (Lisa Pallares)
- Killawatts** (Angel Vidales)
- Left Turns Only** (Jerry Borunda)
- Next** (Monte Carter)
- Pitch Slappers** (Oscar Berumen)
- Sewer Rats** (Jordan Price & Luis Figueroa)
- Sluggers** (Alfred Lopez/Delta Rodriguez)
- Transformers** (Raul Montenegro)
- U Go I Go** (Mike McComas)

### The Softball Commish: Lady Smith!

Read Lady's comments each month in *Alive!* during the softball season.



**Lady Smith** **The Commish**

teams play. Pencil us in your calendar for the all-star games, which are scheduled close to the playoffs. While all of our players are great athletes, being chosen for the all-star games are the players who excelled during the season. What makes our all-star games extra spicy is that the teammates play against each other. DJs play the latest hits, too! Usually, we'll grab a few willing volunteer youths and make them team mascots. They enjoy friendly competition while seeing who can produce the loudest cheers from the fans.

The City Employees Club is seeking volunteer score keepers, no experience necessary. For great incentives like movie tickets or event tickets, our scorekeepers are trained and record the fantastic at-bats and defensive plays. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact The Sports Dude!

The City Club Softball league of 2015 is proving to be a season filled with historical achievements from our players. You can honestly enjoy friendly banter back at the office the following day, or send your family/friends a supportive text message saying, "Wow, what a great game! You played an awesome game tonight." Come out to the games and see for yourself.

**Batter up!**

### Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Currently, the Club is coordinating efforts for **basketball** and **bowling**.

Please contact [sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com) or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent or for more information.

Images of past sporting events can be found on the Club Website at: [photos.cityemployeesclub.com/ClubSports](http://photos.cityemployeesclub.com/ClubSports)

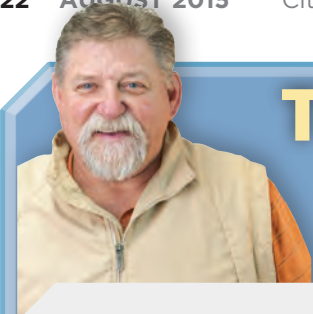
## Volunteers Wanted!

The Club Softball league is looking for volunteer photographers, scorekeepers and cheer squads. Step up, have fun, and contact the Sports Dude! — [sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com)

Robert Larios,  
The Sports Dude







# The Smart Move

BY PATRICK MILLER, Dearborn Insurance,  
The Club's Insurance Partner

## The Age of Voluntary Benefits

Insurance companies serving the public sector know that seasoned public employees are probably going to be okay with their pension and healthcare benefits well into retirement. Insurance companies also know that there's a wave of reform at hand that will affect younger employees, and one of the prime solutions is to develop quality meaningful voluntary benefits and services that will be available through payroll deduction and will complement reformed core benefits.

VBS – voluntary benefits and services – meet employee needs by addressing concerns across four critical life needs: health, wealth accumulation, security and unique personal interests or requirements. Health benefits foster employee and dependent wellbeing while mitigating risk at a reasonable cost. Wealth products protect income and assets; the security products protect survivors, the vulnerable or one's identity. The final category covering personal products provides convenient access to desired insurance coverages and other services that the employee perceives as personally important.

Against this backdrop, employee orga-

nizations are thinking more creatively and strategically about how to design reward programs that are both within cost constraints and attractive to employees. Many are turning to VBS to help achieve this goal. In some form, VBS have supplemented core benefit packages since the



1960s. Today, these benefits are evolving and deserve a fresh look, given the new landscape and their role in the overall employee value proposition (EVP). For many employee organizations looking to optimize the value of the benefit portfolio while meeting cost objectives,

VBS are increasingly attractive.

For employees, the VBS model offers choice, convenience and affordability. They can select from an array of options to personalize their benefit package to fit their lifestyles. They can select voluntary products at open enrollment and fund them through payroll deductions. And in many cases, employees pay less when purchasing products in a group-offered model.

Dearborn National Insurance is the Club's partner for three areas – critical illness insurance, retirement income and accident medical expense insurance. The Club offers three Dearborn products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan, and the Accident Medical Expense Plan. Ask your Club Counselor for details.

You can contact Dearborn National at (888) 443-8829.

## Cultural Affairs

Photo by Mickey Elliot

# Season Finale

Final weekend of Shakespeare by the Sea's 2015 season comes to Pt. Fermin Park.

The Shakespearean comedies *As You Like It* and *The Tempest* return to Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro in August to conclude Shakespeare by the Sea's 2015 season. Admission is free.

The remaining schedule is:

**As You Like It:**

- This comedy is an enchanting tale of love set in the forest of Arden.
- At Pt. Fermin Park: Aug. 22

**The Tempest:**

- This comedy is an ocean-borne magical tale of romance woven with rich poetry.
- At Pt. Fermin Park: Aug. 21

By the conclusion, the company will have delivered approximately 40 performances in more than 20 locations, beginning and ending with its hometown crowd at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro. The tour is a much-anticipated event each summer, drawing an audience of more than 20,000 to enjoy Shakespeare under the summer sky each of the past several years. Founded in 1998 and funded entirely by



Helena (Angela Gulner) and Bertram (BJ Allman) in Shakespeare's *All's Well That Ends Well*, directed by Patrick Vest for Shakespeare by the Sea's 2013 season. Photo: Kristopher Bicknell.

donations and grants, Shakespeare by the Sea brings contemporary and classic works to underserved, culturally diverse audiences to ignite imagination, promote literacy and encourage artistic expression. This season's San Pedro performances are made possible in part by the City's Cultural Affairs and Rec and Parks Depts., and funds to support the tour have been committed from the Orange County Community Foundation, Los Angeles County Arts Commission and Supervisor Don Knabe.

Bring your friends, pack a picnic and settle in under the stars for this final weekend. 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/](http://www.shakespearebythesea.org/)



Parolles (Cylan Brown) and Diana (Kristina Teves) in Shakespeare by the Sea's 2013 production of *All's Well That Ends Well*, directed by Patrick Vest.



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**Public Works**

Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman,  
Club Member Coordinator



# West Valley's Open House

**West Valley Sanitation Yard hosts its annual open house.**



On May 16, it was West Valley Sanitation Yard's turn to host an annual open house! The yard was packed all morning with families of all ages enjoying the demonstrations of the refuse collection trucks and other equipment and touring the yard and repair shops. DJ Sweat

played the latest tunes and encouraged the crowds to dance. A free barbecue lunch was cooked up by the yard's employees and consisted of hot dogs, bratwurst, chips, fruit and soft drinks. The open house also featured games and prizes, information booths, a raffle, and free mulch (made from yard trimmings). Here's to another successful open house for West Valley!



From left: Michael Crane, Wastewater Collection Supervisor, 21 years of City service; Robert Irvin, Wastewater Collection Worker II, 8 years, Club Member; and Jose Mendez, Wastewater Collection Worker I, 6 months.



Herbert Corleto, Clerk Typist, 10 years of City service; and Marisol Ibarra, Project Assistant, 1 year.



From left: Betsy Armour, guest; Baby Olivia, guest; Richard Guzman, RCTO, 21 years of City service, Club Member; and Anthony Guzman, RCTO, 3 years.



From left: Kenney Lampton, Sr. Supervisor, 33 years of City service, Club Member; and Steve Deryiades, RCTO II, 8 years, Club Member.



Daniel Mackay, City Craft Assistant, 3 years of City service, Club Member, with Kayden Mackay, guest.



George Preston, Automotive Supervisor, 11 years of City service.



Tim Moen, RCTO, 24 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Brian Vanslowten, RCTO, 4 years of City service; Randy Armour, RCTO, 21 years, Club Member; Betsy Armour, guest; Richard Guzman, RCTO, 21 years, Club Member; and Felix Sanchez, Supervisor, 25 years, Club Member.



Bill Forbes, Equipment Mechanic, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Ray Cruz, Superintendent, 28 years of City service, Club Member; and David Carlson, Supervisor, 26 years, Club Member.



Edward Miyan, Equipment Mechanic, 13 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Brian Sibert, RCTO, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Leonardo Guerra, RCTO, 14 years, Club Member; and Michael Herrera, RCTO, 26 years.



Victor Perez, Maintenance Laborer, 8 years of City service.



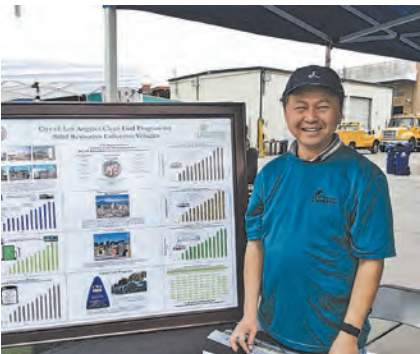
Tracie Williams, CIR II, 15 years of City service, Club Member, and Tyler Williams, guest.



Brian Sibert, RCTO, 27 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Volunteers David Radar and Sean Chotibut; Hector Juarez, RCTO II, 20 years of City service, Club Member; and volunteers Andy Rothschild and Tony Morris.



Kim Tran, Acting Division Manager, 15 years of City service.

**THIS  
MONTH  
AT THE**



# Griffith Observatory

## Sunset Walk

**Aug. 25**

**7:20 – 8:20 p.m.**

The Observatory offers a sunset hike led by a Park Ranger and a museum guide. The easy walk starts on the Observatory's West Terrace, proceeds up the Charlie Turner trail to the Berlin Forest on the hill just north of the Observatory, and then returns to the West Terrace. The distance covered is about half a mile over the course of an hour at a very moderate pace with stops along the way to discuss the highlights and history of Griffith Park, and objects visible in the evening sky.

*Note:* The Charlie Turner trail is a moderately steep earthen trail. The Observatory recommends footwear appropriate for hiking.

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Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian looks over Griffith Park and Observatory Road.



Summer in the City

# Exploring

Rec and Parks

The monthly **Sunset Walks** in Griffith Park, led by Park Rangers and Griffith Observatory museum guides, are a big hit.

*Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing; John Burnes, Alive! editor; and courtesy the Griffith Observatory*





# Land and Sky

Park Rangers and Griffith Observatory astronomers have teamed up to create one of the City’s growing attractions – monthly hour-long walks, gentle and fun – that introduce and explain the beautiful Griffith Park flora and fauna, and the dazzling night sky above the City.

The program is called Sunset Walks, as they take place just before and after the sun sets, and always at the full moon.

Created more than a year ago, the program has seen participation grow from a few dozen to sometimes more than a few hundred each month.

Members of the Club staff joined the walk June 30 that began at 7:55 p.m. – the latest start of the year (because of the summer solstice) – to take in the Sunset Walk. That walk also featured another astronomical event – the conjunction of Venus and Jupiter in the night sky.

Displayed on the following pages are photos that document the June 30 Walk, which was led by Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian; Observatory Museum Guides Bill Gruenberg and Nicole Wolters; and Dr. David Reitzel, Astronomer/Lecturer, Griffith Observatory.

Also assisting the Walk that night were Park Rangers Ernie Ybarra and Russell Brown.

We’ve listed the dates of the upcoming Walks for the rest of the year.

If you’re looking for a fun, social, easy walk in beautiful surroundings where you might learn a thing or two, or want to meet a person or two, or just to stare into the beautiful night sky and wonder what it all means ... what are you waiting for?

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## Sunset Walks at Griffith Park: Take a Walk!

### 2015 SCHEDULE:

- Aug. 25:** 7:20 – 8:20 p.m.
- Sept. 22:** 6:40 – 7:40 p.m.
- Oct. 20:** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 24:** 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 22:** 4:35 – 5:35 p.m.



### About the walk:

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## The *Alive!* Interview

On June 30, Club CEO John Hawkins, *Alive!* editor John Burnes and Club Sales Director Angel Gomez interviewed Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian, 23 years of City service; and Dr. David Reitzel, Astronomical Lecturer, Griffith Observatory, about their monthly joint Sunset Walk program. The interview took place in a Griffith Observatory conference room.

# Linking the Earth and the Heavens

***Alive!*: Let’s get this question out of the way: Is this event a walk or a hike?**

SHARIE ABAJIAN: No, it’s not a hike. It’s a walk. We had confusion with some people because they thought we were actually going to take them for a hike in the hills. It’s just a walk.

**Good. Okay, how did the Sunset Walks start?**

DAVID REITZEL: Oh gosh. The first one I could find was October a year and a half ago, so it would have been 2013.

SHARIE: Yes, about a year and a half ago. It started because Rec and Parks Assistant General Manager, Kevin Regan (Club Member), thought it would be a great idea to start this program when I took over the security here at the Observatory, because I also oversee the Interpretive Program. He thought, “Why don’t you guys (Park Rangers and Griffith Observatory guides) do a program together?” and that is how the concept for the program began.

DAVID: The notion of melding information about the park and information about the sky comes naturally here at Griffith Observatory, because we’re located here in Griffith Park.

Being able to take people and show them a little bit about the nature and talk about what’s in the park, and then when the sun goes down, being able to show them what’s in the sky that we can see from here – I think it’s a natural one, it really is. It was a great idea.

**Have you worked together before in any kind of a program like this?**

SHARIE: No.

DAVID: Not in a program like this. Only in an emergency situation where a Museum Guide will report that something has happened, and then the Rangers come to the rescue and save the day. But other than that, no.

**Has it always been the Park Rangers providing security here at the Observatory? Or did they have a different security force here?**

SHARIE: Yes, the Rangers have always provided Security to the Observatory. Before the remodel, Rangers patrolled the Observatory and surrounding areas, and provided Security inside the Laserium shows. Since the remodel, the Rangers have provided 24-hour security to the



In a conference room at Griffith Observatory are (from left) Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian; Dr. David Reitzel, Astronomical Lecturer, Griffith Observatory; Angel Gomez, the Club’s Director of Sales; John Hawkins, Club CEO; and John Burnes, *Alive!* editor.

Observatory and surrounding grounds.

### Popularity

**What’s the goal of the Sunset Walks? Put it in your own words.**

SHARIE: Internally, it’s a collaboration between the two of us (Park Rangers and the Griffith Observatory). Externally, we have people coming from all over the world to visit the Observatory, and they don’t know about the history of the park. They don’t know about the

physical features of the park. This is an opportunity for us to teach them about this great park, and the vision that Col. Griffith had for the park, that they otherwise might not learn.

DAVID: Right. The collaboration’s important, so we don’t see each other just as, “Oh, those are the people who do the astronomy,” and, “Oh, that’s the security.” The Rangers do so much more. The Sunset Walks make people and employees aware of what Sharie’s role is in terms of the Observatory and the park.

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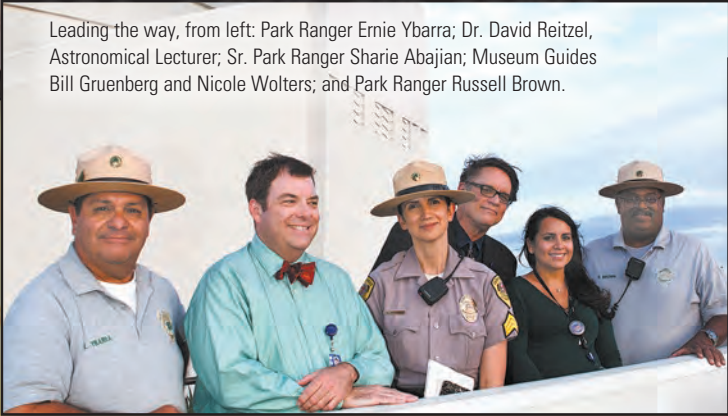
THE ALIVE! FEATURE

# Come Along on the Walk!

**On June 30, *Alive!* staff and approximately 100 others enjoyed the Sunset Walk. Here's how it went.**



The crowd gathers on the Observatory terrace to start the walk. The Hollywood sign is in the distance; the Observatory's Sunset and Moonset Lines can be seen under the crowd's feet on the right-hand side.



Leading the way, from left: Park Ranger Ernie Ybarra; Dr. David Reitzel, Astronomical Lecturer; Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian; Museum Guides Bill Gruenberg and Nicole Wolters; and Park Ranger Russell Brown.

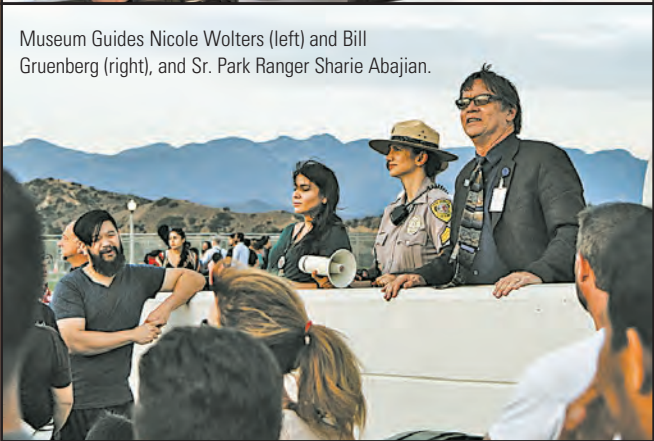
## The West Terrace Sunset and Moonset Lines

Each month's walk begins on the western terrace of the Griffith Observatory at the West Terrace Sunset and Moonset Lines – an installation on the Observatory grounds that depicts where the sun sets at the summer solstice (usually June 21).

At this first stop, Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian explains the legacy of Col. Griffith J. Griffith, who donated the land that became Griffith Park to the City. "He wanted people to have access to beauty," she says. And Museum Guide Bill Gruenberg explains the walk and some specific points to be covered that night. Together, the guides answer questions.



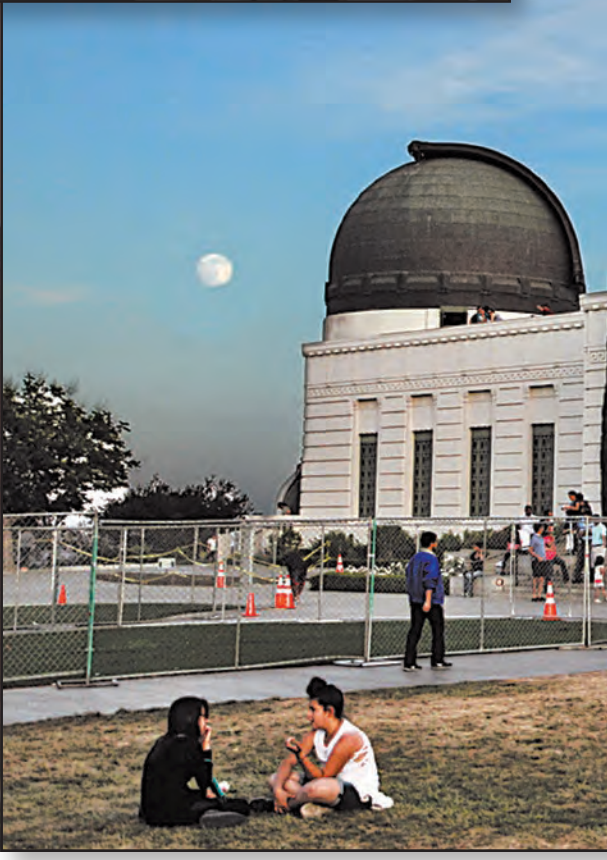
Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian and Museum Guide Bill Gruenberg.



Museum Guides Nicole Wolters (left) and Bill Gruenberg (right), and Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian.

**JULY 30 2015:**  
**Venis and Jupiter Conjunction**

The Sunset Walks are scheduled every month during the full moon. But on June 30, another celestial event was taking place: the conjunction of Venus and Jupiter (their appearance very close together) in the night sky. The conjunction occurs every few years; this year's occurrence was a topic during the Sunset Walk.







**The Rebel Without a Cause Monument**

The walk’s next stop is at the *Rebel Without a Cause* Monument, which commemorates that scenes from the 1955 film were shot at that location. Here, Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian spoke on the history of the monument and filming at the Observatory in general.



Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian explains the Harrison Tree.

A plaque on this rock explains the nearby George Harrison Tree.



**The George Harrison Tree**

As the walk makes its way along trails deeper into Griffith Park, the walk stops at the George Harrison Tree, a three-foot pine planted in his honor first in 2004, and then, after beetles killed the first one (no pun intended), another was planted this past February. The Harrison tree plantings, intended as a memorial to the late musician, were supervised by former Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.

The plaque reads: *“In memory of a great humanitarian who touched the world as an artist, a musician and a gardener.”*

**The Berlin Forest**

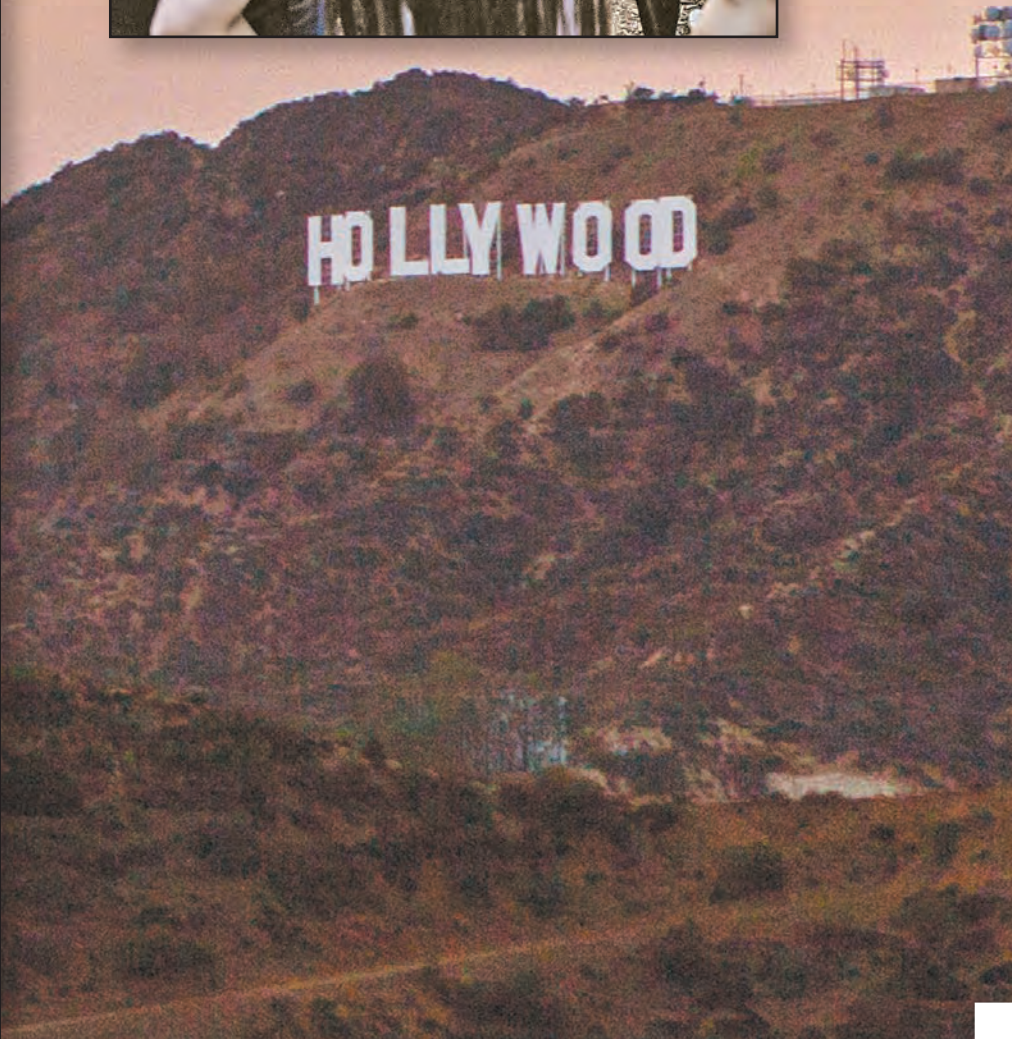
The next stop on the walk is the Berlin Forest. Museum Guide Bill Gruenberg explains the City’s strong participation in the Sister City program: The Berlin Forest was planted by Berliners in Griffith Park in the late 1980s, at the same time a contingent from LA planted the Los Angeles Forest in Berlin.



Above and right: Museum Guide Bill Gruenberg (deep background) explains the Berlin Forest to the walk participants.



Griffith Observatory as the sun sets and the moon rises.



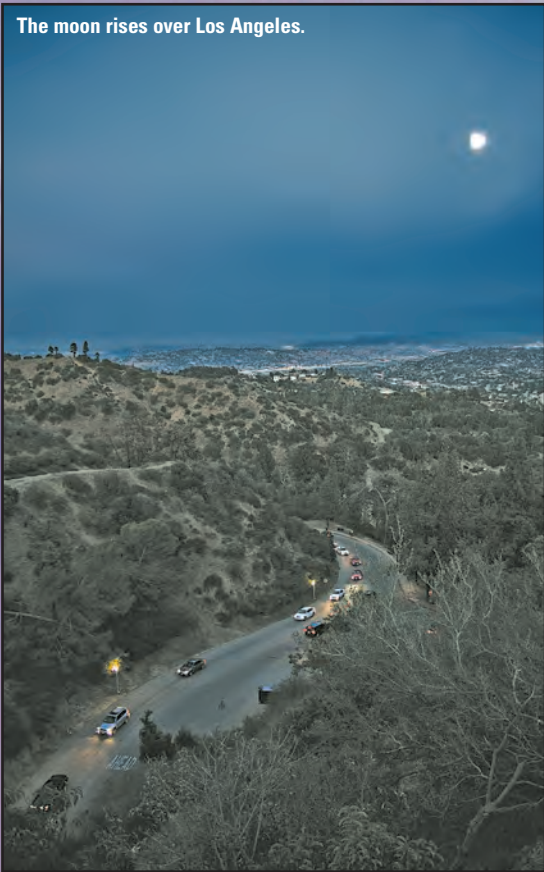


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# The Walk!

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The moon rises over Los Angeles.



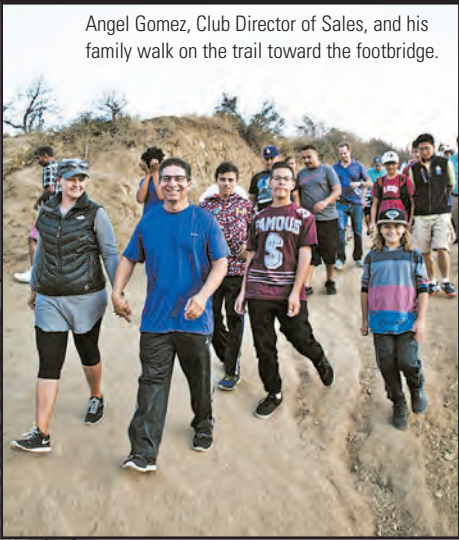
Museum Guide Bill Gruenberg (middle) answers questions from walk participants.



## Footbridge Over Observatory Road/Mt. Hollywood Drive

The walk reaches its deepest point into the park for the main part of the event: guides explain the sunset, the moonrise, the planets and other celestial objects in the sky, answer questions, and just let the participants bask in the glow of gorgeous earth and sky coming together.

Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales, and his family walk on the trail toward the footbridge.



Above and right: Walk participants gaze at the dusk sky as Museum Guide Bill Gruenberg explains the conjunction of Jupiter and Venus.



## Along the Walk



The Club crew is on hand for the Sunset Walk. Front: John Hawkins, Club CEO. Second row, from left: Juilian Ruiz; Kathy Gomez, Aden Gomez, Angel Gomez, Club Sales Director, and Angel Gomez Jr.; Marie Jamgotchian, *Alive!* designer; and Isaiah, Kelley and Hannah Hawkins. Back row: John Burnes, *Alive!* editor, and David Jamgotchian, *Alive!* creative director and designer.

Telescopes were lined up June 30 to better see the conjunction of Venus and Jupiter.



The moon rises above Griffith Observatory.





# Exploring Land and Sky

## The *Alive!* Interview

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As for the Museum Guides, they bring to it the mission of Griffith Observatory – to inspire people to observe the sky and to ponder it and to think about the heavens. So by taking them on a hike, it puts them out into nature and they can see the natural world and then understand the sky and what they’re looking at. The walks link the two – the earth and the heavens.

### Have you seen a growth in numbers?

SHARIE: Yes, we have.  
DAVID: Yes.  
SHARIE: We figure there will be about 100 people tonight.

DAVID: Yes, around 100, although tonight there is a conjunction between Venus and Jupiter. The two are closer than they’ll be for years.

The two planets were close last night. Tonight they’ll be ever so slightly closer, and we’re even having a special star party. Some of our amateur groups are bringing up telescopes to let the public look through them. I think some of that public might come up early just to go on this walk and talk to hear about it. With weather like this, it is hard to say, but 100 is a good guess.

### You’ve seen more than 100?

SHARIE: We’ve seen like 150.

### That’s great.

SHARIE: Yes. Initially we started off with 13 people and as the word got out, it just kept increasing. We use a megaphone now to speak. We were trying to do it just one on one. Actually, we’re trying to break the groups up now, and I have other Rangers doing it with me, too, so it’s not just one ranger on their own.

DAVID: The most we’ve brought on is four Museum Guides. We’ve put one in charge now with a megaphone who’s able to give the best experience to our visitors. And then we have a couple of others who can answer questions. If somebody has a simple question, they can go up to one of the other guides, but for the presentation, we have a megaphone now to get it across to all the people. The Guides want to do it. It’s such a fun activity for them. That fun comes across to our crowds, which is, I think, one of the reasons it’s been growing – people hear, “Hey, this is really fun. The employees are having fun. They have fun doing it.” It’s a special opportunity.

### Does this require extra funding?

SHARIE: No additional funding.  
DAVID: We make it happen without additional funding.

## The Stops

### Where will you be taking us tonight? Does it change every time or is it pretty much the same?

SHARIE: We meet on the West Terrace, by the Sunset Lines. We start off with a history talk about Col. Griffith, the Observatory and Greek Theater because the Observatory and the Greek Theater were his vision, along with the initial monetary donations to fund the building of these two sites. After I am done talking about history, the Museum Guide will talk about the setting sun. We stop along the way and discuss different physical features of the grounds, and end up just above the Berlin Forest. We wait for the sky to go dark and the Museum Guide talks about the night sky.

### How far up is that?

SHARIE: The Berlin Forest is probably about half a mile up from the Observatory.

### Which Museum Guide will be taking us tonight?

DAVID: Tonight we’ll have Bill Gruenberg, who’s been on many of them, and he’s quite excellent at doing these. He’s a fun guy. He works here simply because he loves Griffith Observatory and loves talking to the public about astronomy.

The Museum Guides are part time here and they’re all City employees. They generally work on the floor. They interpret our exhibits for our visitors who come in, so they’re there to answer questions about why Pluto is not a planet and why earth –

### Pluto’s not a planet?

DAVID: Pluto’s not a planet. I know. Imagine that.  
So Bill’s generally out there interpreting the astronomy and answering people’s questions, talking about our pendulum or our Tesla coil. But once a month, if he’s available, I’m happy to put Bill on the Ranger walk and talk, because he knows how to talk to our crowds and he does a very good job.

### From the Ranger side, is it always you, Sharie, doing these?

SHARIE: I’m mainly the one who does it, but since it’s been growing, I want to start putting other Rangers on it, too.  
Tonight I’ll be leading it, along with Rangers Ybarra and Russell Brown.

## Feedback

### What kind of comments do you get from people?

SHARIE: I’ve had people thank me afterwards and say they really appreciate the program.

### Do you see regulars?

SHARIE: We ask people if they’ve been on the walk before. I haven’t had a lot of regulars.

### Have there been other hosted walks, other than this partnership with the observatory, in Griffith Park?

SHARIE: Historically, Rangers have led hikes in the park and they’ll talk about the flora and the fauna in the park. Tonight Ranger Ernie’s going to be with us, and he leads a hike in Griffith Park twice a month, too. You’ve featured him before in *Alive!*

DAVID: One visitor was unhappy that it wasn’t a hike. They were looking forward to the strenuous hike up to the Hollywood sign – we never tell them they’re going to the Hollywood sign. But somehow, this person had got it into their head that we were hiking to the Hollywood sign. That was the nearest thing to hike to. But this is a walk and they were disappointed. We thought, “Well, you can keep hiking. The park’s open till 10 p.m. Go right ahead.”

## No Two Shows the Same

DAVID: One interesting thing worth mentioning is that the sky changes from month to month. We schedule this on the full moon. One reason is to give people plenty of light to be able to see. We liked having the nice beautiful full moon to look at, but the planets will change. Throughout the year, the sky you’re seeing is different. In the wintertime, Orion is up. Right now, Orion is not going to be up. We’re going to start seeing the summertime constellations. We’re in July. Venus is up right now. We have the conjunction with Jupiter, but a month from now, that won’t be the case. So that’s a reason for people to keep coming back – to see the sky changing and to hear how it’s changing from the Museum Guides.

### It’s never the same show.

DAVID: No. And even the park goes through seasons. People may not know it, but there are certain plants that are blooming certain times of year. I’m sure that gets talked about.

### Does the walk mention the flora and the fauna, the flowers and the animals?

SHARIE: I cover a bit of the animals. We’re the southernmost region, or the rim of the Santa Monica Mountains, and I’ll talk about that, too. Sometimes we’ll hear the coyotes howling at night. That’s a good opening for talking about the animals.  
DAVID: No sightings of our puma, though.



Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian and Dr. David Reitzel, Astronomical Lecturer, Griffith Observatory.

## The Future

### Where do you hope the program goes? What would you like to see happen to it?

DAVID: I’d like to see it just continue and be successful like it is. If it gets more people to come back to Griffith Observatory and look through our telescopes, or come back to Griffith Park and go on hikes on their own and explore this wonderful, wonderful park and wonderful observatory we have, that’s success to me.

### Next year, 150 people going along with you would be fantastic, if you had that every month.

SHARIE: It’s manageable. We might have to break up the groups in some way, so that they can all hear.

### What about parking?

SHARIE: Arrive an hour earlier, because parking is very difficult up here.

### Where should people park?

SHARIE: West Observatory Road.  
DAVID: Or in our public lot.  
SHARIE: Top lot.

DAVID: But generally, if you’re arriving around 7 p.m., that lot’s going to be pretty full and I’d recommend people take the first spot they can find along West Observatory Road and just walk up. Wear comfortable shoes. You’re going on a walk anyway.

### It sounds like you have a hit.

DAVID: It’s popular.

### Thank you very much for the interview.

SHARIE: You’re welcome.  
DAVID: You’re welcome. ■

## Thanks, Dr. Krupp!

Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory and great Club Member, greets the Club staff before the Sunset Walk. Dr. Krupp would have joined the Sunset Walk but was occupied handling numerous media requests having to do with the conjunction of Jupiter and Venus in the sky that night, which created a media event.



Pictured, from left: John Hawkins, Club CEO; John Burnes, *Alive!* editor; Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory, Club Member; Dr. David Reitzel, Astronomical Lecturer, Griffith Observatory; Sr. Park Ranger Sharie Abajian, Park Rangers; and Angel Gomez, Club Director of Sales.





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## Airports

# Awards for Service

**Airports/Maintenance thanks those who have given longtime years of service.**

As part of its annual program, Los Angeles World Airports recognized employees with milestones of 30, 35, 40 or 45 years of City service. Honorees were given a commemorative glass desk plaque.

The employees were presented the plaques at the Executive Director's Departmental staff meeting. The meeting was held in the LAWA Board Room and was attended by division managers and staff from throughout the department.



Cynthia Guidry, DED, Capital Programming, Engineering Group (fourth from left) and David Shuter, Deputy Executive Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Utility Group (third from right) honored (from left) Martin Keffer, Club Member; Patrick Tomcheck, Club Member; Hugo Valencia, Club Member; Brian Pendleton, Club Member; and Nelson Marquez.



Ralph Morones, Director of Maintenance Service Division, Club Member (left), and David Shuter, Deputy Executive Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Utility Group (right), honored Albert "George" Kramer for 45 years of service.



Airport Police Chief Brian Walker (center) honored Dana Tipton, Club Member (left) and Ralph Valencia for 35 years of service.



Debbie Bowers, Deputy Executive Director, Commercial Development Group, honored Carol Wianeki, Club Member, for 30 years of service.



Ralph Morones, Director of Maintenance Service Division, Club Member (left) and David Shuter, Deputy Executive Director, Facilities, Maintenance and Utility Group, honored Jesus Cortez for 30 years of service.



Samson Mengistu, Deputy Executive Director, Administration, Club Member (second from left) honored (from left) Constance Moore, Club Member; Bertha Vega; and James McGuirk for 30 years of service.

## Rec and Parks

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# Lotus Festival in Bloom

**Annual festival took place in July.**

The Lotus Festival, one of the signature cultural celebrations in the City, returned to Echo Park July 11-12.

Dates coincide every year with the blooming of the lotus flower. Admission was free.

The festival attracts an estimated 100,000 people every year.

During this, the 35th annual festival, visitors enjoyed food and music and lotus flowerbeds in full bloom.

The event made its debut in 1972 as the "Day of the Lotus" and is designed to promote awareness of the contributions by Asian Americans in our local communities. This year, the festival honored the culture and traditions of the Mongolian community.

According to the Echo Park Historical Society, the Echo Park Lake lotus beds are considered to be the largest in the Western United States.

The Lotus Festival is a program of the Los Angeles Lotus Festival, Inc., in collaboration with Rec and Parks. The festival promotes the arts and cultures of the Asian Pacific Region.







# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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## Cleveland



"I was in Cleveland for a long weekend and am back *Alive!* with the evidence. The picture is, of course, in front of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. I seem to be collecting halls of fame this year—the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville in May and now this. In Cleveland, however, you get a pyramid with your hall of fame."

— Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory

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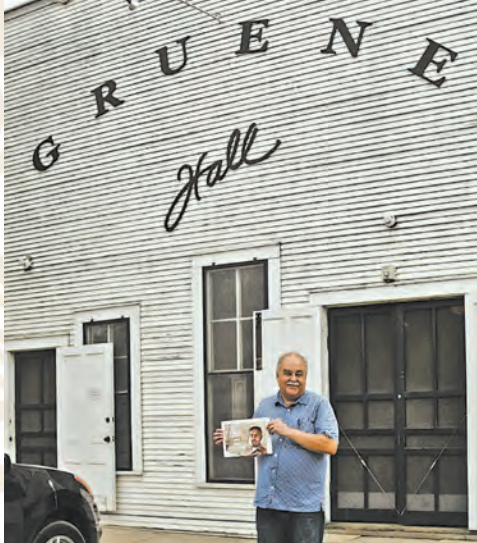
## Chicago



Here's **Bob Hill, DWP**, in the main hall of Chicago Union Station, a major railroad station that opened in 1925, replacing an earlier station built in 1881. It is now the only intercity rail terminal in Chicago, as well as being the city's primary terminal for commuter trains.

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## Chicago



"I took my vacation this year to Texas. While there I went to the monthly Gospel Brunch at Gruene Hall in New Braunfels, which was built in 1878 and is the oldest dance hall in Texas. It looks almost the same as it did back then, and when you walk into it was like stepping into the past. While in Texas, I was able to see many sights as well as eat a lot of delicious barbecue."

— Gary Kotas, LAPD

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## Pacific Northwest



"With the days becoming longer it's time for a northern trip, and it just so happens that Victoria Island, B.C., was having a jazz and music week. Perfect! Grabbing a small bag we hopped on JetBlue to Seattle. We decided to skip the long ferry lines and waiting at the border, and catch a small (seven seat) floatplane. At first my wife was a little apprehensive when being met by the pilot in a windbreaker and floatation device, but he was Canadian, so that was okay. Our takeoff was exciting to say the least, and the landing in Victoria Harbour amongst all the sailing boats was interesting. Sitting in the co-pilot seat was fun if somewhat cramped for 45 minutes. But every seat had a window with a terrific view of the Pacific Northwest. In Victoria we rented a beautiful rooftop apartment, right in the city center surrounded by music, its old world charm and incredible breweries. Just try not to be in any of these places when a cruise ship full of mature frugal adventurers stops by. Cheers for now."

— Capt. Michael Barnes, Harbor

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## Easter Island

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Here are the recent travels of **Officer Doug Scarborough, Safety Officer, Airport Police/ONT**. (Doug was the Club Member who brought *Alive!* to Mt. Everest.)

"Here are my latest pics from Easter Island. It was awesome over there. I met a lot of cool people. It was a pretty amazing little trip."

"Pictures 1 and 2 are in front of the Moai known as Ahu Tahai. The little dog followed me everywhere that day, and I named her Pohnpei. She was a loyal little friend. The third pic is at Ahu Tongariki."

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## India



"The Taj Mahal is in Agra, India. This white marble mausoleum is located on the southern bank of the Yamuna River. It was commissioned in 1632 by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan to house the tomb of his favorite wife of three, Mumtaz Mahal."

— Audrey Earkman, LAPD

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{ Who are the people you see every day? }

# People We See

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## Meet Johnny Mayo.

**AGE:**  
"I'm 44 ...no, I'm 40 ... 43. That's it."

**BIRTHPLACE:**  
"Born right here in California."

**MARITAL STATUS:**  
"I am single, but I have two girlfriends right over there."

**FAMILY:** "I have one sister and two brothers."

**PARENTS STATUS:**  
"They are still married and have been together for 56 years."

**EDUCATION:** "I graduated from 12th grade and went to college for a few years. Now I'm working on getting my Class-A license."

**MILITARY SERVICE:**  
"Nope. I wish I did."

**SPORTS:**  
"I played football and basketball."

**TROPHIES:** "Not that I can think of."

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**  
"On the corner of Third and Main."

**WHEN MOVED TO LA:**  
"Been here my whole life."

**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:**  
"Nothing around here. I enjoy Balboa Park in San Diego."

**RELIGION:** "I believe in Christ. I talk to him all the time."

**MEDICATIONS:** "I take ibuprofen, miprocin and some other stuff."

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
"XXX with Vin Diesel."

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**  
"Silver Spoons with Ricky Schroder."

**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Jean Claude Van Damme. He has cool fighting moves. Before him it was Chuck Norris."

**FAVORITE ACTRESS:**  
"I like the lady who plays Nikki Newman [Melody Thomas Scott] in *The Young and the Restless*."

**FAVORITE FOOD:**  
"Fried fish. I can't get enough."

**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. I will have them any day. They're perfect."

**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "The Beach Boys - good tunes for dancing."

**LAST JOB:** "At Nassco Ship Building in San Diego."

**LAST THING EATEN:** "I had chicken wings - delicious. Lemon pepper would have made it better."

**MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:**  
"My girlfriend right over there."

**IF YOU WERE MAYOR:** "I would set aside a large property for people to live and get off the streets."

**IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION:** "I would send some money to the church and to some charities first so that it helps people."

**IN FIVE YEARS:** "I'll be a master chief who operates heavy equipment."

**MAKE A WISH:**  
"I wish I had more time to live - 200 to 300 years would be great."

**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:**  
"Don't bite the hand that feeds you."

*The Club gave Johnny a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water. Capt. John Hicks, LAFD, who won a \$25 Target gift card in John's Picture Perfect contest in last month's issue of Alive!, donated that prize to Johnny Mayo.*

*Photos by Angel Gomez.*



*The interview, conducted by Robert Larios, took place July 21 at the corner of Third and Main Streets downtown.*

{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Vice President of Operations Robert Larios, and Director of Sales 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. }



Airports



Story and photos by Jeanette Gadut,  
Club Member Services Counselor

# Cars for Olympians

## Airport Police hosts car show to raise money for Special Olympics.

On April 4, the Airport Police held a Special Olympics Car Show on LAWA grounds. All proceeds raised were given to benefit the Special Olympics World Games, held this year in Los Angeles.

All makes and models of classic cars were strewn along the parking lot for spectators to admire. Trophies and awards were also given away. Live entertainment, food trucks and other vendors took part as well. It was an eventful day that contributed to a good cause.



From left: Alberto Duenas, 7 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Pedro Preciado, 4 years, Club Member.



From left: K9 Officer Daniel Gardea, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Training Officer Errol Priestley, 25 years, Club Member; Officer Ciro Benitez, 7 years, Club Member; and Officer William Lara, Youth Services, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Battalion Chief Michael Bowman, 37 years of City service; Firefighter Terry Macias, 25 years; and Firefighter Nick Durepo, 15 years.



From left: Martin Gonzalez; Cesar Martinez, Mechanic, 17 years of City service; and Mario Covarrubias, Mechanic, 8 years.



From left: Jamis Bickel, FALEO (Filipino-American Law Enforcement Officers Association) Director, US Customs; Sgt. Donald Salvador, FALEO President, 14 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Chris Pagtakhon, FALEO Director, 16 years; Officer III Gerard Kilayko, FALEO Secretary, 12 years, Club Member; Lt. Vince Osorio, FALEO Vice President, 20 years; Sgt. Pete Trance, FALEO Director, 15 years, Club Member; Daniel Zulueta, CHP; Josue Davila, CHP;



From left: Officer Xavier Armento, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer William Lara, Youth Services, 7 years, Club Member.



From left: Pete Flores, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Enrique Alvarez, Custodial, 13 years, Club Member; Mark Diaz, Internal Auditor, 14 years; Chester Marshall, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 17 years; Nick Enriquez, Warehouse and Tool Room worker, 8 years; and Paul Solis, Store Keeper II, 27 years, Club Member.



Sofia-Rose and Officer II Walter Husband, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



Traffic Officer Cynthia Farris, 20 years of City service, with Sgt. B. Williams, 20 years.



From left: Nick Enriquez, Warehouse & Tool Room Worker, 8 years of City service; Dan Robinson, Incidental, 19 years, Club Member; AJ Jones, Storekeeper, 9 years; and Charles Garner, Incidental, 15 years, Club Member.



From left: Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Enrique Alvarez, Custodial, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Motor Officer Van Dragt, 5 years of City service; Jeanette Gadut, Club Member Coordinator; and Motor Officer Rob Pedregon, 6 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Mark Corral, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Madeleine Flanagan, Sr. Management Analyst II, 27 years; Officer Jim Adrian, 17 years; and K9 Officer II Tom Pendola, 15 years.



Layla; Lauryn; Valerie McCain, Clerk Typist, Airports, 25 years of City service; and James Smith.



LAX Youth Cadets.



From left: Chief Pat Gannon, 37 years of City service; and Officer Brian Davis, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Paul Neria; and Robert Casarez, Maintenance, 36 years of City service, Club Member.



A classic Chevy from the 1950s

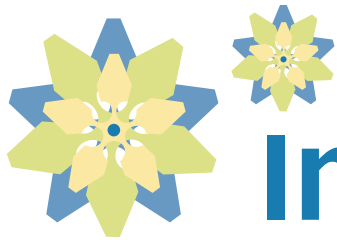


Motor Officer Eddie Angel, 19 years of City service.

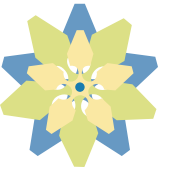


Officer Verdell Lackey, 38 years of City service, Club Member.





# Life's Important Moments



## Share your moments!

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



## New Members

### Airports

Manuel Acero  
Jason Alves  
Tracy Anderson  
Jose Benitez  
Timothy Cheatwood  
Nicholas Enriquez  
Rafaela Faulkner  
Christian Flores  
Joshua Garcia  
Rudy Gonzalez  
Stephen Haim  
Michael Keltner  
Luis Lara  
Ngan Lee  
Andrew Liang  
Cristobal Montoya  
Claudia Nufio  
Arturo Quintana  
Darlene Smith  
Jamal Srouji  
Rupert Staine  
Timothy Woodard  
Michael Worden

### Animal Services

Carolyn Cook  
Aram Navarro  
Sarah Rodriguez  
Stephanie Walker  
Scott Wall

### Building and Safety

Felix Arroyo  
Shawn Eshbach  
Alfredo Flores  
Lee Hellinger  
Timothy Key  
Ricardo Supan

### City Attorney

Maritza Alonzo  
Felipe Ortega

### City Clerk

Flor Juarez

### City Council

Jenny Chavez

### Environmental Affairs

Stephen Molina

### Fire and Police Pensions

Christine Schmidt

### General Services

Chaim Amiel  
Kyle Bennett  
Michael Gomez  
Ruey-Chang Lai  
Juan Miranda  
Erica Nicholson  
David Perka  
Prince Perryman  
Haron Muchia  
Abel Munoz

### Harbor

Arley Baker  
Anyela Bolanos  
Alexandra Garbe  
Kristine Kronhein  
Sergio Ochoa  
Michael Patterson  
Enrique Reynoso  
Jason Serrano  
Daniel Urzua

### ITA

James Ecclestone  
Oswaldo Gomez  
Nicole Ward

### Library

Amy Bradley  
Martha Clegg

Josselyne Hernandez  
Monet Sykes

### LAFD

Ian Gallardo  
Sean Saunders  
Vincent Thrash  
Krishan Vadukul

### LAPD

Monica Alcala  
Damon Aoki  
Jesus Arreguin  
Maria Cervantes  
Michael Estrada  
Monty Fanning  
Justin Fein  
Crystal Fraijo  
Philip Gray  
Lauro Larrinua  
Victor Martinez  
Mauricio Moisa  
Bernice Navarro  
Donald Payne  
Delilah Perez  
Michael Pounds  
Paul Prevost  
Jose Ramirez  
Byran Roberts  
Miriam Rodriguez  
Javier Sanchez  
Sean Smith  
Robert Smith  
Antonio Tianco  
Jose Torres  
Hector Ulloa  
Frederick Watts  
Lynn Whitey  
Jennie Wong

### Planning

Zenaida Agustin  
Vanessa Guillen



## Welcome New Members!

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

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### Engineering

Axel Jauregui

#### Sanitation

Rafael Aguiar  
Karina Arroyo  
Israel French Jr  
Adis Gharibian  
Enrique Rincon  
Matthew Serra

#### Street Services

Luis Duenas  
Elliot Galindo  
Eduardo Macedo  
William Warren

#### Rec and Parks

Mario Amador  
Kelly Bautista  
Adela Brown  
Maria Carrillo  
Freddy Chinchilla  
Kowana Crawford  
Levi Gutierrez  
Jose Hurtado  
Jose Lopez  
Danni Osorio  
Pete Reyes

Javier Solis  
Ruben Vargas  
Marcela Velasquez

#### Transportation

Scott Bradley  
Jaclyn Garcia  
Leon Gibson  
Alfred Jones  
Daniel Luera-Sierra  
Jay McCollum  
Diana Portillo  
Rolando Rara

#### Zoo

Lian Macdonough

#### DWP

Isaac Contreras  
Mario Gonzalez  
Ptolemy Hill  
Raul Jaime  
Anthony Luevano  
Desley O'Neal  
Michael Rios  
Gail Seltzer  
Diego Valdez  
Jeremy Wolfson

#### Other

Enrique Alvarez

Eric Arceneaux  
Juan Calderon  
Rooney Campbell  
Jeffrey DeLaCruz  
Matthew Embree  
Rafael Escobedo  
Gregory Govea  
Jose Guitron  
Tina Haskell  
Ryan Herrero  
Ellora Hurt  
Greg Kuhlman  
Sebastian Kupiec  
Christopher Lemus  
Van Luu  
Catalina Maese  
Tyrone McKinley  
Gabriel Obeso  
Ann Peugh  
Denny Poplawski  
Scott Rann  
Alejandro Reyes  
Kenzie Richard  
Mark Rodriguez Jr.  
Toiyagaduh Stone  
Joseph Trout  
Gerardo Vargas  
Julio Vazquez  
Joel Warner  
Evan Williams



BY TIFFANY SY,  
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert  
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## Peace of Mind



## Group Life Insurance Pays You Back!

The Los Angeles City Employees Association (LACEA – the City Employees Club) began in 1928 with seven City Employees and their vision to provide supplemental insurance benefits to their families. The task at hand was to fill in the gaps where City benefits were lacking, specifically the need for life insurance.

During the 1920s, City Employees lobbied for a life insurance benefit, but the appeal was rejected by the council. These determined seven city employees were wise enough to understand the power of numbers, and offering insurance to the entire group of City employees of Los Angeles gave them buying power. So, the Club's pioneers formed the LACEA (The Club). They made history by launching the first publicly recorded Voluntary Employee Benefits Association in our country, now commonly referred to VEBA 501 (c) 9. It sparked attention across our nation, and as a result many associations have followed suit. Today, the Club has evolved by adding more benefits, and our motto – celebrating the lives of City Employees – stands true with the monthly publication of *Alive!*, discount tickets galore, City seal merchandise, discount shopping options, and

the sponsoring of many citywide events, to say the least. But our mission to offer peace of mind to our members remains at the core of our endeavors.

The life insurance plan that started it all continues to carry the torch of tradition today, giving back an annual refund check. The way this works is simple. In each fiscal year from July to the end of June, whatever is left over in premium dollars after paying out death benefits and administrative costs is given back to our members who contributed to paying their life insurance premiums. As a City Employee, you and your spouse are eligible to apply for coverage up to \$300,000 of term life insurance. Dependents are covered for \$10,000 per child as an optional benefit. Rates correspond to your age and are group rated. The advantage of group rating offers our members competitive rates. The plan automatically renews upon the term



and you can cancel, apply, increase or decrease at any time! When you retire, this plan is portable to take with you!

Do you have enough coverage to protect your loved ones who depend on your income? If you would like assistance in assessing the coverage you need to provide security for your family and assets, contact me or your Club Counselor, and we will be more than delighted to help you find a budget to meet your needs.

It's the beginning of the fiscal year, and there is still time to participate in getting your refund check by calling your Club Counselor.



## Graduations

Have a photo of a recent graduate? Send photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



Kyra Collins graduated from Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach and plans to attend San Diego State University in the fall, majoring in psychology. Future plans include attending medical school to pursue a doctorate in psychiatry. She's the daughter of Larry and Clinetta Collins, DWP.



Dr. Gurdeep Singh Jhaj graduated from the State Medical University of New York (SUNY). He plans to start his residency as an ophthalmologist at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, N.Y. He is the son of Pritpal Jhaj, Sanitation Wastewater Manager, Public Works/Hyperion Treatment Plant.



David Roy Jones Jr. graduated from Ruben S. Ayala High School and plans to attend Mt. San Antonio College in the fall. He's the son of David Roy Jones Sr., Retired, DWP.



Irene Jennie Rivera graduated from Granada Hills Charter High School and plans to attend the State University of New York/Stony Brook (SUNY) in the fall. She received a division one softball scholarship. She's the daughter of Airport Police K9 Officer G. Gonzalez.



Brenden Barranco graduated from Saugus High School and plans to attend Arizona State University this fall, majoring in justice studies. He's the son of Enrique Barranco DWP/Fleet.



Nikaela Harris graduated from Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita June 1. Nikaela was named Santa Clarita female athlete of the year for 2015.

She plans to attend Cal State/Long Beach in the fall with a scholarship in track and field, specifically for shot put and discus.

Nikaela is the daughter of Bobby Harris, DWP and L'keva Harris, LAPD.



Koppany Horvath graduated *magna cum laude* from Edgewood High School in West Covina. He plans to study computer science/computer engineering at the University of La Verne this fall.

Koppany is the son of Adrianna and Robbie Horvath, Public Works.



Maya Horvath graduated from San Jose Charter Academy of West Covina. She'll attend high school in the fall.

Maya is the daughter of Adrianna and Robbie Horvath, Public Works.



Roberta Kosharek, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept., graduated from South University with an Associate's degree in allied health science. She earned honors from the National Technical Honor Society and a certificate from the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. She plans to pursue a career as a diagnostic medical sonographer.

"Roberta is the second person in her entire family to have earned a college degree; that is a major accomplishment. I'm very proud of my wife," says her husband, Donald Kosharek, DWP.

## Special Achievements

### Leigh Knows How To Get to Carnegie

Club staffer Leigh Thompson makes her Carnegie Hall debut.

After playing her French horn for most of her life, Club Controller Leigh Thompson has realized a dream – performing in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

She did just that on June 16 as a member of the West Coast Classical ensemble based in Palmdale.

"Playing at Carnegie Hall was for me the chance of a lifetime – a totally amazing experience!" she says. "The auditorium is beautiful! The acoustics are so wonderful that I could hear everything from all over the stage, and the audience could, too. Within four seconds after we finished, the audience was on its feet. What a thrill, a standing ovation! "The euphoria didn't wear off for hours."

Club staff including CEO John Hawkins traveled to cheer her on for her big moment.

The ensemble performed in Carnegie Hall's Isaac Stern Auditorium, playing Brahms' *Hungarian Dance No. 4*, Aaron Copland's *An Outdoor Overture*, and Tchaikovsky's *March Slav*.

"I've been with West Coast Classical for about 14 years. Patricia Graham is our director, and she inspires us to play our best, and makes it fun!"

While on the East Coast, Leigh and the ensemble also played at the Liberty Science Center Museum in Jersey City, N.J., where they played *Salute to the Cinema* and music from *Wicked* and *Pirates of the Caribbean*. "When we went to put our instruments away afterward, the Pasadena Youth Symphony was back there clapping for us. It was very moving."

## Congratulations, Leigh!

Top: Leigh Thompson warms up for her Carnegie Hall debut. Left: The group stands to accept its applause (Leigh is at far left). Above: In a selfie, Club CEO John Hawkins congratulates Leigh after her performance.



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In Memoriam

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

Active

Almanza, Eduardo, LAPD, 12  
Meza, Francisco, General Services, 27  
Talamantes, Xeniz, DWP, 14

Retired

Adler, Richard, Harbor, 32  
Anderson, Richard, DWP, 26  
Baker, Anthony, General Services, 18  
Baker, James, DWP, 24  
Boogrove, John, Convention Center, 21  
Burditte-Carr, Lequency, DWP, 32  
Burton, Frederick, Public Works, 20  
Cavenee, George, General Services, 19  
Coffey, Charles, Transportation, 2  
Dietrichs, Albert, DWP, 32  
Dobbins, Robert, Public Works, 26  
Dominguez, Alberto, Controller, 16  
Duffy, Ann, Personnel, 13  
Edward, Lou, DWP, 27  
Friend, Harvey, Airports, 12  
Frierson, James, Public Works, 22

Frolichstein, Stanley, Transportation, 32  
Gonzalez, Reynaldo, DWP, 16  
Holmes, Donald, DWP, 38  
Jefferson, Arthur, Public Works, 15  
Johnson, Mildred, Building and Safety, 18  
Jordan, James, DWP, 33  
Kalic, Louis, DWP, 42  
Kamplang, Norman, Public Works, 20  
Kinjo, Joyce Kikuko, LAPD, 5  
Knight, Evelyn, DWP, 28  
Laws, Lawrence, DWP, 40  
Lee, Dwayne, Harbor, 6  
Lettau, Gail, DWP, 23  
McCormack, Dean, LAFD, 8  
Miller, Frederick, DWP, 24  
Miller, Irvan, Public Works, 35  
Mitchell, Samuel, Harbor, 12  
Morales, Marcos, ITA, 30  
Muller, Donald, DWP, 31  
Neroes, Chester, Public Works, 32  
Newton, Henry, DWP, 32

Nicoloro, John, Public Works, 38  
Nielson, Delmer, Public Works, 15  
Ogawa, Sachiko, DWP, 37  
Oka, Hidekazu, DWP, 34  
Pelaez, Jose, ITA, 12  
Perry, Marjorie, Library, 39  
Preimesberger, Julian, LAPD, 10  
Presley, Evalynn, DWP, 24  
Roberts, Norman, City Attorney, 23  
Ross, Phyllis, DWP, 28  
Rumbaoa, Jose, DWP, 17  
Soesman, Edwig, DWP, 20  
Scott, Edward, Building and Safety, 25  
Smith, William, General Services, 21  
Sparber, Abraham, DWP, 6  
Walker, Henry, Harbor, 10  
Udell, Carole, Zoo, 12  
Vann, Jo Ann, DWP, 29  
Wall, Kenneth, Public Works, 22  
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Williams, Wilbert, Rec and Parks, 30,

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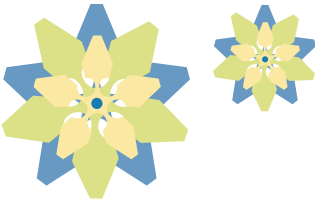
Every month, *Alive!* publishes the names of those current or retired City Employees who have died. But who were they? Did you know them? If you worked with any of these people, knew a story or two about them or were related to them, consider writing to *Alive!* and letting us know.  
*Tell their story!*

- Write a few sentences or paragraphs
- Send in a photo, if you have one
- Let us know your name and connection to the deceased
- Send your memories to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)  
Subject line: *Tell Their Story*

Special Achievement



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Fontana, CA

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## Rec and Parks

Story and photos courtesy Banning Museum

## Banning Birthday BBQ

**Banning Residence Museum to host annual barbecue/concert fundraiser.**

Friends of Banning Museum plan to celebrate the birthday of the "Father of the Los Angeles Port" Phineas Banning with a special evening of barbecue, music and dancing. The evening is set for 5 – 8 p.m. Aug. 15.

In the spirit of the Rancho-period of the Banning property, guests will be treated to a Western-themed evening with live music provided by local favorite, "South Bay Country;" free line dance instruction; country style dancing; and a good old fashioned barbecue buffet provided by Southland Favorite, "The Outdoor Grill." Country-Western attire is admired but not required.

There are two levels of participation: The "picnic" option costs \$10 for general admission, (free for Friends of Banning Museum members). With this option, guests bring their own dinner and beverage and a blanket/low chair to enjoy the concert. They will be treated to complimentary birthday cupcake, line dance instruction and dancing on the front lawn of the mansion.

The higher level – "VIP" – costs \$45 and includes on-site BBQ buffet dinner prepared by "The Outdoor Grill" with a birthday cupcake, line dance instruction, reserved seating and gated parking. Guests are welcome to bring their own wine or beverage.

*Reservations required for all guests. The Banning Museum is at 401 East M St., in Wilmington. For more information or to reserve your ticket, call (310) 548-2005.*

*The Banning Museum, a facility of Rec and Parks, is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, a nonprofit corporation.*



An outdoor Western barbecue is offered.

Let the Club family celebrate with you...

# Put your graduation photo in Alive!

*Congratulations*  
GRADUATES

**CLUB MEMBERS:** Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school... high school... or college? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!* Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate.
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major.
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

Digital photos are preferred. Send them to:  
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## Larios in the City

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### Congrats to 7 Who've Retired

Here's Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, congratulating three City Employees who have recently retired.



#### Michael Dickens,

The Club congratulates Michael Dickens for his career in Transportation. He retired July 18 after 37 years of City service.



#### Marilyn Navarra,

The Club congratulates Marilyn Navarra for her career in Public Works/Street Lighting. She retired July 22 after 28 years of City service.



#### Matthew Buguy,

The Club congratulates Matthew Buguy for his career in Economic and Workforce Development. He retired Aug. 8 after 31 years of City service.



#### Lillian Cardano,

The Club congratulates Lillian Cardano for her career in Public Works/Street Lighting. She retired July 22 after 30 years of City service.



#### Jesse Rowden,

The Club congratulates Jesse Rowden for his career in Public Works/Street Services. He retired June 26 after 30 years of City service.



#### Dorla Baptist,

The Club congratulates Dorla Baptist for her career in Airports. She retired with 35 years of City service.



#### Geraldine Rodriguez,

The Club congratulates Geraldine Rodriguez for her career in Public Works. She retired May 30 after 34 years of City service.

*Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, honors City employees for their achievements.*





# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



**“Refreshed:** My niece (previously published in your contest struggling with her homework) enjoying the flow at Kern River.”

– **Dominique Daito, LAPD**

**John’s comment:** Wow! This shot demonstrates a primary rule of photography – knowing where to put the camera. You put it right on the surface, it seems, the perfect place to capture her face, which you do so well. Nice shot!



**“Dusk, night on fire.”**

– **Capt. John Hicks, LAFD**

**John’s comment:** One of the ironies of wildfires is that they often create the most beautiful sunsets (no beauty without pain). You captured that brilliantly, John. Thanks!



**“We were fortunate enough to attend this year’s Echo Park Lotus Festival. It was fantastic; what a face lift this park has gotten recently by the dedicated City workers! We enjoyed each and every moment of the festival, and we recommend it to everyone next year. I took many photos, as usual, but this photo of the dragon boat on the lake is so special. I’d like to share it with our Club Family.”**

– **Robbie Horvath, Public Works**

**John’s comment:** We featured the revitalized Echo Park Lake in *Alive!* nearly a couple of years ago, and you’re right, it’s awesome. In your photo, I love the intersection of the strong vertical (the fountains) and the strong horizontal (the boat). And the water looks smooth as glass. Beautiful shot, Robbie!



**Here’s a photo from Aaron Harris, Public Works/Street Services.**

**John’s comment:** Hey Aaron, this photo is so well composed it’s almost a still life. The purples of the leaves act as a framing device (besides being gorgeous). Thanks!

## 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@cityemployees-club.com](mailto:pictureperfect@cityemployees-club.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.



Reviews by Fellow Club Members

# ENTERTAINMENT

## At the Movies

— *In the cinema*

### Inside Out

Rated PG-13

**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

*Inside Out* is a wonderful, wild and wacky look at feelings from the inside of a body. Old and young can delight in the animated view from the perspective of joy, anger, fear, disgust and sadness, which reside inside of Riley, a young girl living her life in a new city with her parents. The cool thing about this movie is that the descriptions and “places” inside the emotional “world” of the feelings are actually accurate and correct in real life, though not animated and color coordinated. *Inside Out* does a great job teaching that sadness has a place in life and need not be avoided at all costs. Joy is good but sadness, in allowing feelings to be felt and released, offers an honest way to lead an emotionally balanced life. It’s a good message for everyone.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD, Club Rep

### Amy

Rated R

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

Amy is a documentary on the life of Amy Winehouse, her English background and her tragic death in 2011. Winehouse emulated American blues singers Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald, but her talent made her unique. As she grew into adulthood, she used her personal poetry to compose, arrange and sing her own work to gain international acclaim. Her tragic death by substance abuse is documented as are many of her songs and music in the film, which unfortunately gives you too little insight into the depression that marked most of her life.

—Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

### Spy

Rated PG-13

**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

Melissa McCarthy is a desk-bound analyst for the CIA who helps her “man in the field” (Jude Law) perform spy missions. When one of their projects goes wrong, she volunteers to complete the undercover job herself.

McCarthy is known for her trademark gross-out

comedic style, which is blessedly toned down in this mildly amusing parody of oh-so-many Bond films. What distinguishes this from the many other Bond rip-offs is that this time, Melissa McCarthy is not playing a smoothly confident spy but a bumbling, inept agent, determined to overcome her slight field experience.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

### Mr. Holmes

Rated PG

**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

*Mr. Holmes*, a fictionalized story about an already fictional character (Sherlock Holmes) as he reaches the end of his life is, well, a very novel idea. And it’s got pedigree by the Yard – the great Ian McKellan as the aging, unsure sleuth in deep retirement, Laura Linney as his (Irish? Welsh? no one’s quite sure) housemaid; Bill Condon directing; and BBC Films as one of the producers.

But it never quite adds up. Pleasant, gorgeously acted (except for Linney, which is shocking) and beautifully shot, the movie can’t get past an overly complicated story that’s all too fussy, convoluted and metaphoric, and a non-linear structure that gets in its own way more than not. *Mr. Holmes* is a nice time at the movies, but not quite elementary.

— John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

### Love and Mercy

Rated R

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

The Beach Boys’ Brian Wilson is a great subject for a fictionalized biopic. And staying true to his gift, one of the strongest parts of this film is its music and sound editing. How often can you say that? Wilson was an aural genius, and the film’s sound– in both his hit songs, and the sound washes as he falls into madness – is remarkable.

The movie takes a big chance by having two different actors play Wilson – the excellent Paul Dano during Wilson’s Beach Boy years, and John Cusack as Wilson recovers from a controlling therapist. I’m sure this was a great idea in the writer’s room, but in reality having two actors playing Wilson doesn’t quite work. And the fact that it was produced with the approval of his current wife makes that part of his story simplistic and bland. Still, *Love and Mercy* is worth seeing ... and even more worth listening to.

— John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

## Book Reviews

11/22/63

Stephen King

Novel, 880 pages

Gallery Books

**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Stephen King is such a great storyteller that you know when you read any of his books you’re in for a great ride. In my humble opinion, his book *11/22/63* is the best ride of them all. *11/22/63* is an epic tale of time travel and alternate history. It’s a story about a high school teacher going back in time where there’s no Internet or cell phones, and his goal is to change the course of history by stopping the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Along the way, he found love and friendship in a little town called Jodie. The ending is not what I expected; it’s actually better knowing Stephen King’s penchant for horrible endings.

*11/22/63* is full of suspense, nostalgia and horror. This book will stay with me for a long, long time. Highly recommended.

— Marilou Romney, LAPD

### The English Spy

Daniel Silva,

Novel, 484 pages

Harper

**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Daniel Silva seems to write a new spy thriller every July. In Silva’s latest page-turner, the Russians are out for revenge by trying to kill Gabriel Allon, the future head of the Israeli secret service. It seems that Allon was responsible for foiling Russia’s plan to acquire billions of dollars of oil leases, and the Russian Premier has taken it personally.

As usual in Silva’s novels, the action reflects today’s headlines, and the story cleverly weaves in and through the background of all the spy and terror agencies worldwide. Enjoy this good read!

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

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- Keep reviews to 100 words or fewer, but write more than one or two sentences.
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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5.
- Tell us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate “thank you” if we publish your review.

## Video Gaming

— *Video games via online, rental or purchase*

### Hyperdimension Neptunia U: Action Unleashed

Rated T for Teen

For PlayStation Vita

**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**



In a bit of a change for the *Hyperdimension Neptunia* series of game, the latest entry – *Hyperdimension Neptunia U: Action Unleashed* – switches from the standard JRPG gameplay to a hack ‘n slash, action adventure game with elements of the JRPG genre in it to keep it familiar with the fans. There are some technical issues, which have plagued the series from the beginning, but again, when the game is as much fun to play as this one is, it is easy to overlook the minor things that really don’t take away from the overall joy found in the game.

— Richard Cardenas, LAPD

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Los Angeles Public Library

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Here's what LA was  
 reading, watching and  
 listening to in April.

Lists are courtesy Los Angeles  
 Public Library, Central library  
 downtown and 72 branches  
 combined.

Books loaned:

1. *The Fault in Our Stars*, John Green
2. *The Maze Runner*, James Dashner
3. *The Burning Room*, Michael Connelly
4. *Divergent*, Veronica Roth
5. *Mockingjay*, Suzanne Collins
6. *Insurgent*, Veronica Roth
7. *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn
8. *The Blood of Olympus*, Rick Riordan
9. *If I Stay*, Gayle Forman
10. *Allegiant*, Veronica Roth

DVDs loaned

1. *Interstellar*
2. *The Imitation Game*
3. *Big Hero 6*
4. *Birdman*
5. *The Theory of Everything*
6. *Lucy*
7. *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1*
8. *Exodus: Gods and Kings*
9. *Guardians of the Galaxy*
10. *Gone Girl*

Books downloaded

(e-books)

1. *Eyes on You*, Kate White
2. *The Girl on the Train*, Paula Hawkins
3. *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
4. *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, Marie Kondo
5. *Gone Girl*, Gillian Flynn
6. *The Goldfinch*, Donna Tartt
7. *The Husband's Secret*, Liane Moriarty
8. *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah
9. *Memory Man*, David Baldacci
10. *The Burning Room*, Michael Connelly

Download-and-Keep songs\*

1. *Shut Up and Dance*, Walk the Moon
2. *Fight Song*, Rachel Platten
3. *Cheerleader*, OMI
4. *Uptown Funk*, Mark Ronson
5. *Elastic Heart*, Sia
6. *Take Me to Church*, Hozier
7. *I'm Comin' Over*, Chris Young
8. *Pretty Girls*, Britney Spears and Iggy Azalea
9. *Time of Our lives*, Pitbull and Ne-Yo
10. *Ex's & Oh's*, Elle King

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 ously free and legal! Check it out at  
<http://lapl.freegalmusic.com>

Airports

Story and photo by Harold Johnson, Airports  
 Event photos by Club Staff

Dorla Flies Away

Pioneer Dorla Baptist retires from Airports after 34 years of City service.

Some offices at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) will be having the live plants watered by a different person because of the retirement of Dorla Baptist, Gardner/Caretaker, after 34 years of City service.

"Baptist quietly and diligently performs her work in many of our offices as she waters the indoor plants," said David Johnson, Sr. Management Analyst II in an area where Dorla worked. "What makes her story different is that she was hired under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA)," Johnson said. "She is a successful example of community outreach for local hires."

In 1980, Baptist was hired into Rec and Parks and worked at Venice Beach. Two years later she was promoted and became the first female hired by the Maintenance Services Division at LAX. This was a big deal at the time because

that all-male shop had no female restrooms or facilities available. That was the beginning of change for the maintenance shops at the airports owned by Los Angeles.

"At the Maintenance lunch-room, where everyone gathered at noon, the men gave me respect, taught me how to play card games and accepted me into the group," Dorla says. The men also began making accommodations for her and the many women to follow.

"I consider Dorla a friend, not a co-worker," said Maintenance Services Director Ralph Morones, Club Member. "She has always been gracious, unassuming and very respectful of supervision and management in Maintenance. She has always

been willing to work and give her best efforts." Dorla transferred to LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) in 1998 and worked there for 11 years. At first she had plans to

move to the Inland Empire but decided to remain in Los Angeles.

"In ONT she worked in extreme conditions with high and low ambient temperatures and did so without a complaint. I wish every employee had this type of excellent work ethic," Morones said.

At LAX, she has been the face of the Landscape Shop for many people here with her duties of maintaining indoor plants in many division offices. "She has done a wonderful job for LAWA and we will miss her in Maintenance," Morones said.

"Her career is a great example of a person willing to learn a difficult trade and to do it well. She is to be commended for being the first female to work in Maintenance in a job that traditionally was performed by men. She is well liked and appreciated by her co-workers."

In retirement, Dorla plans to rest a few months in Los Angeles and Las Vegas where her son lives, then visit family in Beliz before vacationing in places like Hawaii and Jamaica.

A retirement luncheon was held for Dorla July 23 at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester.

Congratulations from the Club, Dorla, on a trailblazing, courageous and excellent career.

Thanks go to Ralph Morones, Airports for his assistance with this story.



Congratulations Dorla



From left: Gloria Shaw, Clerk Typist, 15 years of City service; Maria Vizcarra, Building Repairman, 17 years; Adrienne Gauthier, Maintenance Laborer, 14 years; and Veronica Gomez, Utility Group.



Dorla Baptist receives the coveted retirement plaque from the Club, presented by Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations.



Don Martinez, Maintenance Laborer, 10 years of City service, congratulates Dorla on her retirement.



Ralph Morones, Director of Maintenance Service Division, 42 years of City service Club Member, with Dorla Baptist, Retiree, Gardner Caretaker, 35 years, Club Member.



Mark Diaz, Construction Service Worker, 14 years of City service; and Candy Ortega, Construction Service Worker, 32 years.



From left: Ralph Morones, Director of Maintenance Service Division, 42 years of service Club Member; Robert Casarez, Assistant Director of Maintenance, 35 years; and Ed Melora, Airport Maintenance Superintendent, 30 years.



From left: Alicia Garcia, Gardner Caretaker, 19 years of City service; and Genny Santiesteban, Secretary, 29 years.



Robert Larios, the Club's Vice President of Operations, makes a speech and a presentation at the retirement luncheon.

From left: Marilyn Wells, Service Attendant, 33 years of City service; Dorla Baptist Retiree, Gardner Caretaker, 35 years, Club Member; and Annette Goffney, Quality Control, 27 years.







# Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



## SUMMER COLESLAW

Coleslaw is a staple side dish to any summer grilling. There are many different ways it can be made, and the flavors can be tweaked to accommodate your taste preferences. In this recipe, the preparation time is probably under 15 minutes before it goes in the refrigerator for cooling. Placing it in the refrigerator also helps the other ingredients – the vinegar, salt and sugar – to penetrate the slaw for enhanced taste.

I have also included diced onion, and a Hawaiian variety at that. This variety tends to be sweeter and less pungent than the typical white onion. Also, I use almond slices to add a certain crunchy texture, which you will find adds character to the recipe.

*¡Buen provecho!*

*Chef Larios*

### Summer Coleslaw

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups shredded cabbage coleslaw; it can be found at the grocery store in the non-frozen food section as a bag
- 1/4 cup almond slices
- 1/4 cup shredded Brussels sprouts (optional)
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup finely diced sweet white onion; Hawaiian onion is preferred
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
- Pinch of dried parsley for garnish

#### Cooking TIDBIT

*You may also use a product called broccoli slaw, which can be used instead of cabbage. Secondly, you may use brown sugar as part of the ingredients.*

#### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]



#### Coleslaw:

*From the Dutch koolsa, meaning "cabbage salad" – kool ("cabbage") plus ("salad"). Coleslaw is a salad of shredded red or white cabbage mixed with a mayonnaise, vinaigrette or other type of dressing. Other ingredients including chopped onion, celery, sweet green or red pepper, pickles, bacon or herbs may be added. There are probably as many variations of coleslaw as there are cooks.*

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### Food Fact

"Statistics show that, of those who contract the habit of eating, very few survive."

– **George Bernard Shaw**

#### DIRECTIONS:



- 1** In a large bowl, combine the shredded cabbage (or broccoli slaw), almond slices, shredded Brussels sprouts, mayonnaise, diced onion, olive oil, sea salt, sugar and vinegar. Mix all ingredients until they appear well distributed. Mayonnaise may clump, so extra care must be taken to mix it throughout the bowl.



- 3** The coleslaw can be plated and served as a complement to hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, ribs or anything else that can be cooked over the grill.



- 2** Place the bowl with the ingredients into the refrigerator for cooling and marinating. It is ideal to let sit for about an hour.



- 4** Add a pinch of dried parsley for garnish. Serve and enjoy!

Serves 4



LAPD

Story and photos courtesy Terry Carter, Club Board Member

# Welcome, New Property Officers

LAPD's Property Division welcomes new property officers.

Six new emergency appointment Property Officers were sworn in and presented with their badges in a ceremony May 13. Property Division's Principal Property Officer Delvin Brooks emceed the intimate gathering held in the Metropolitan Communications Dispatch Center Roll Call Room, stating that these six new employees' arrival to Property Division was long awaited and well welcomed.

The new officers are Christina Diazvalle, Alfredo Anguiano, Monica Alcala, Daniel Vargas, Jinky Pitallano and Jason Webster.

Former Commanding Officer of Property Division, Terry Carter, swore in the new Property Officers and presented them with their badges. Candidates were chosen after fulfilling the requirements of Property Officer, interviewing for the position, and passing an extensive background check.

Congratulations!



New Property Officers pose proudly for the camera with their new badges, from left: Officers Christina Diazvalle, Alfredo Anguiano, Monica Alcala, Daniel Vargas, Jinky Pitallano and Jason Webster.



New Property Officers take their oath, from left: Officers Christina Diazvalle, Alfredo Anguiano, Monica Alcala, Daniel Vargas, Jinky Pitallano and Jason Webster.



Property Division welcomes their new Property Officers with open arms!



Property Officer Jinky Pitallano joins her husband, Property Officer Mark Navarro.



Property Officer Daniel Vargas with siblings Sgt. Norma Vargas and Det. Javier Vargas.

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### New Ads This Month!

**For Rent:** Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (5-units). 1 bed / 1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Upstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet on Don Tomaso Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 8/15

**For Sale:** Photo darkroom equipment. Enlargers, timers, printers, isles, trays, some chemicals. Can be sold separately. \$5 to \$150. John, (818) 846-5602, johnshandle@att.net 8/15



**For Sale:** Kettle corn trailer. 2010, custom, 10-ft. stell welded frame. Fully wrapped, self-contained. Good cond., incl. equip./training. Go to: captainkettleshell.com/CKC-Trailer.html. (877) 746-8696. 8/15

**For Sale:** Lawn mower, 21 inch rotary, good condition. Plus other gardening items. \$58. Don, (818) 780-7788 (leave message). 8/15

**For Sale:** Timeshare, Puerto Vallarta 1+1, 1/2, sleeps 4, beachfront Playa del Sol Costa Sur Resort. Asking \$1,800, extended thru 2030. Jennifer, (818) 517-3675. 8/15

**For Rent:** Apt., 1 bed, 1 bath. Near First/Alvarado. 1 of 3 units. 1 car garage. Near Mid-Wilshire, Koreatown, Good Samaritan Hospital, Staples Center, Echo Park, Silverlake. App. process/credit check req. No pets. 1 yr. lease minimum. (323) 919-1163. 8/15

**For Rent:** House, 2 bed, 1 bath. Chinatown. Old-fashioned porch, downtown skyline view. Front/side garden areas. 1 gated parking spot. Washer/dryer on premise (shared w/3 units). Convenient to downtown, Staples Center, Gold line/public transport, Glendale, Pasadena, Burbank, 101/5/110 fwys, Olvera St., Dodger Stadium, Echo Park, Griffith Park, Silverlake. App. process/credit check req. No pets. 1 yr. lease min. \$1,500/month. (323) 919-1163. 8/15

**For Sale:** Townhouse. Las Vegas/Chinatown, near Strip, behind school, near major streets. Has rental tenant. \$85,000, HOA \$100/month. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Do not disturb tenant. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15

**For Sale:** Home/studio apts., three sep. units sold as one package. Bakersfield. Front home: 2 bd., needs work (in progress), flipable. 2nd bedroom rentable. 2 studio apts. in back, rentable. \$110,000 total. Sold as-is; seller selects title/escrow co. Email: tisdaseason2468@outlook.com 8/15



**For Sale:** 1963 Chevy Corvair, convertible. Good cond., runs great. Light green ext./int., white top. \$9,000 OBO. Alex, (323) 691-0872. 8/15

**For Sale:** Lawn mower, 21 inch rotary, good condition. Plus other gardening items. \$58. Don, (818) 780-7788 (leave message). 8/15

**For Sale:** Mattress, California king, used, nice, very clean. Box spring not incl. \$100. Robert, (626) 633-1940. 8/15

**For Sale:** Refrigerator, side/side, 6 feet tall, white. \$225. Robert, (626) 633-1940. 8/15

#### Transport



**For Sale:** Watercraft, his and hers, '93 Bombardie Seadoo, '91 Waverunner w/trailer. Great condition. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 7/15



**For Sale:** Motorcycle. 2003 Harley-Davidson "Road King" 100th anniv. edition. 5,087 miles, stage 1. Detach. windshield, passenger back support, hard bags, battery charger, black/chrome. Hardly ridden, always garaged. 1 owner. \$11,000/OBO. John, (818) 366-3273 or text (818) 633-4164. 7/15



**For Sale:** Motorcycle, 2007 Kawasaki, like new/15 hours ridden, runs great, must see. \$3,000. Robert, (661) 964-7837 bet. 2-7 p.m. 7/15



**For Sale:** RV trailer/toy-hauler, 2006 Forest River Sierra Sport, 29 foot. Very good cond., new tires, new roof, 4,000 onan generator, low hours. \$15,000 OBO. Call/text John Long, (909) 837-8347. 7/15



**RV:** 2015 Fleetwood Terra SE 29F Class C RV, sleeps 6. 3,700 miles. New MSRP \$98,500, asking \$85,000. Serious buyers only: dmeg1189@gmail.com. 2/15

**2005 Honda Civic Si:** Hatchback, manual, 2-door, sun roof, power windows, security system, XLNT running condition, tan color, 68K miles. \$10,500 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14

**1993 Infinity Q:** Automatic, 4-door, power windows, XLNT running condition, green color, 125K miles. \$3,000 OBO. Info @ (310) 642-0522. 10/14



**1959 Buick Invicta:** Fully restored, 4 door asking \$25,000. Located in Tehachapi. For more pictures & info: drewlu24@aol.com 9/14

**Pop-Up Trailer Tent:** 2005 Rockwood Freedom, in good condition, very clean interior. Everything works well & ready for camping. Sleeps 6-8. 1 propane tank, stove, sink, spare tire, stabilizer jacks, water heater, awning & refrigerator. \$4,200. Yervand @ (818) 355-7704. 8/14

**5th Wheel Trailer:** 2010 Cougar High Country, excellent condition. Sleeps 4. Slide out, awnings & full bath. All accessories & new 5th wheel hitch can be towed by 1/2 ton truck, it's ready to go. \$32,000 or TOP. Ken Hawkes @ (310) 505-5733. 8/14



**1967 Caprice Classic:** Runs great! Has a rebuilt motor & transmission, new tires, power brakes, new shocks, new brakes, hubcaps & a 327 motor. Air conditioning unit is valued \$1,000. Registered & tags are up to date. It's a running project. Asking \$5,000, must sell. Info @ (310) 753-9522. 8/14



**1939 Buick 90 L Model Classic Car:** 8 passenger limo. Buick only built 543 of this model. Needs to be completely restored, straight 8 cylinder engine. \$6,800 OBO. Located in Tehachapi. For more pictures, email: drewlu24@aol.com. 8/14

**2013 Dodge Challenger:** Like new, fully loaded, excellent condition, very low mileage asking \$30K OBO. "PATY" @ (626) 242-4365. 8/14

**1993 Chevy Corvette:** \$11,000. Great condition inside & out, excellent running condition, 74K miles. Automatic 40th yr anniversary model, maroon color. Sylvester (310) 748-2953 or Tanya (310) 713-0244. 7/14

**Factory Mag Rims:** (4) 2006 F150 w/near new Cooper/Hercules P265/165/17 tires. \$500 firm. Vinyl rear seat sold separately. \$400. Scott @ (562) 427-6700. 6/14

**2005 Southwind RV:** 32ft. Like new w/ 2 slide outs, 2 panasonic tvs, 2 cds, full surround sound system, dvd, satellite, cable, new tires, only 15,000 miles. \$49,000. Rosemary Finch @ (951) 218-4414. 6/14



**Harley Davidson '07 Road King:** Approx 39k miles, services up to date. Reduced price! \$11,900. Sapphire blue, locking cases, detachable windshield, studded black leather seat. Clean title, no drops/ no TC's, excellent condition, 1 owner, always garaged. Sandra @ (323) 422-6019. 1/14

#### Cemetery Plots

**4 Cemetery Plots:** Cemetery plots, 4, side by side. Rose Hills/Whittier. Value \$18,000, selling \$13,000, nego. Cortez, (323) 382-2405. 2/15

**Cemetery Plot:** Inglewood Cemetery, Sunset Mission Mausoleum, Sanctuary of Grace, 243 Double Capacity Crypt Tier-3, \$8,000. Dennis @ (661) 433-1912. 1/15

**Cemetery Plot:** Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA 90601, in Carnation Lawn, grave #2, lot 2709. \$2,500 OBO + transfer fee. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 after 4pm. 11/14

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Side-by-side, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA 90601, in Garden of Affection; graves 1-2, Lot 4063; sale price \$4,900 OBO + transfer fees for both. Rosie P. @ (323) 578-9236 after 4pm. 11/14

**Cemetery Plot:** Live Oak Cemetery, Monrovia. Lot 5670, space A2, Garden of Victory, \$2,000. Frank @ (323) 240-3595. 11/14

**Cemetery Plot:** Contentment Hillside section of Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, 1 plot, \$3,250. Maria @ (310) 518-2996. 11/11

**2 Cemetery Plots:** Eternal Valley Newhall, Premium Garden of Peace. Currently plots here start at \$6,900 each. Sell both \$7,500 total. Jim @ (661) 713-6353. 11/14

**Cemetery Plot:** 1 plot for 2 people. Oakdale Memorial Park, Glendora, CA, \$3,000. Jose or Juanita Rojas @ (818) 799-3516 or at (818) 799-0569. 11/14

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**2 Cemetery Plots:** Rose Hills, Whittier. Located in cherry blossom lawn, \$4,850 each + transfer fees. Area is on flat ground & near the lake. Charles @ (310) 386-5041. 9/14

#### Furniture

**For sale:** Sofa and chair, great condition, leather/upholstered, "reversible" pillows/cushions. Carved wood, unique design, nail heads. \$600 OBO. Charlene, (661) 916-2970. 5/15



**Dining table:** w/leaf, 6 chairs, \$300 obo. Jackie, (626) 383-1708. 4/15

**Mattress:** Beautyrest Black (Alexia) queen size, extra firm, new mattress, \$600 obo. Responsible for own pickup. Dwnain, (323) 754-8382 or dnrhenry@yahoo.com 4/15

**Ping Pong Table:** 5 x 9, fold-up & roll-away, \$75. Joe @ (310) 323-4940. 2/15



**Baby Crib:** Never used, brand new & in great condition. Delta brand, amber model #6925-204, \$130. John @ (562) 755-9462. 2/15



**Cocktail/Coffee Table:** New, modern glass-top. \$300 (El Segundo). Espresso colored base w/large glass top elevated by grey posts. 43"x 43". Breakdown is easy. Must be able to lift & transport on your own. Javier Gomez @ (310) 529-0543. 12/14



**Table Set:** With leaf & 4 chairs. \$300 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14



**Hutch & Cabinet:** Touch light, matching set \$500 OBO, great condition! Valerie @ (951) 315-3920. 11/14



**Dinette Set:** 9 piece, dark brown oakwood w/ matching leather chairs & leaf for extension. \$2,500. Parker @ (562) 612-6567. 8/14

#### Homes/Rentals/Land

**For Sale:** Cabin, A frame, San Bernardino mtns., secluded, views. 765 sq. ft.; 1BD/1BA; new cabinets; needs work; 30903 Live Oak Dr., Running Springs. Photos on Realtor.com. \$127,000; Dan Teter: (866) 214-8587. 7/15



**For rent:** Vacation rental, Big Bear Lake. 3 bd/2 bath house in village. Fully furnished, near the lake. John Long, Call (909) 837-8347. 5/15



**For rent:** : 3 bedroom, 2 bath 2-story townhouse for rent in Monterey Park with high ceilings. Conveniently located 7 miles east of civic center, between the 10 and the 60 freeways. Great schools parks, markets, stores, restaurants. Attached 2-car garage. No pets. Minimum 1 year lease, application process and credit check. Complex has a pool. Call (323) 919-1163. 4/15

**For rent:** Studio apt. in safe, quiet La Crescenta, Wifi-ready, semi-furnished, double-pane windows, glass-sliding doors opening to vegetable garden, fruit trees, succulents, seating areas, mountain views. Close to Montrose and Trader Joe's, 2 blocks to public transportation. \$1,400 includes utilities. Lita, (818) 795-4074. 4/15

**Vacation rental:** Condo in beautiful oceanfront resort, Cabo San Lucas. 7-day rental for \$795. 1 bd, 1 bath; completely furnished, full kitchen w/ views of El Arco on Medano Beach. Close to downtown, shopping, restaurants, entertainment. View at clubcascadasdebaja.com. (562) 301-2940. 4/15

**For rent:** Lovely apartment in Leimert Park (in 4-unit complex). 1 bd/1 bath, kitchen, granite countertops, living rm, dining rm, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet/hardwood and tiled floors, windows and fixtures, Washer/dryer hookup. Close to public transportation. 15 minutes from downtown, USC, beach. (310) 261-2085. 4/15

**For Rent:** Lovely downstairs apartment, 82nd/ Crenshaw, very quiet, close to public transportation. 1BD/1BA w/kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage in Inglewood (4-units). Newly painted, new carpet, fixtures, double glazed windows & new granite kitchen countertop. \$1,200. Info @ (323) 292-9989. 3/15

**For Rent:** 1BD/1BA apartment in North Inglewood. Mr. Brown @ (323) 296-1547. 3/15



**For Rent:** Newly remodeled 2BD/1BA, LA/ Baldwin Hills area. Carpet & hardwood floors, laundry on-site, quiet neighborhood, non-smoking unit, 1-car garage. Paid utilities: water & gardener. No pets. \$1,600mo + \$1,600 deposit. Info @ (310) 365-1868 or tfrierson2001@yahoo.com 12/14

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**For Sale:** Condo 1BD/1BA. All new paint, carpets, dishwasher, etc. Boulder City, NV. Info @ (702) 293-9554. 11/14

**For Rent:** Home in west Lancaster, 3BR/2BA. \$1,500/mo. Cathedral ceiling, 1844 sq.ft. Wheelchair accessibility. Gardner included. Info @ (661) 945-6571. 10/144

#### Household Items



**For Sale:** Motorized wheelchair, Go Chair, exclnt. cond., new battery. \$800/ OBO. Peggy LeGras, (323) 314-9100. 7/15



**For Sale:** Food processor and juicer. Two items: Brand new Black and Decker food processor (pictured), \$50. Almost new Jack LaLanne Juicer Deluxe, chrome, \$50. Both, \$85. Pat, (310) 530-1863. 6/15

**For Sale:** e-printer, HP Photosmart 7520, brand new in box. \$75 or best offer. James A. Goree, (323) 778-6086. 7/15

**Updraft Range Hood:** Kenmore Elite 42" w/3-setting halogen lighting in white. Sears price: \$379.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$350 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

**Double Wall Oven:** Kenmore 24" manual clean in white. Sears price: \$1299.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$1,150 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15

**Built-In Dishwasher:** Kenmore 24" Energy-star in white. Sears price: \$279.99. UNOPENED & still in original packaging. \$250 OBO. Peter @ (818) 353-7074 or (818) 254-7391. 2/15



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**Washer/Dryer:** Maytag, electric, 6 yrs old, very good cond. \$200. Responsible for own pick-up. Della @ (323) 202-3302, msmokamix6233@yahoo.com 11/14

#### Miscellaneous

**For sale:** Front/rear auto floor liners, Weather Tech, for 2013 Mini Cooper Countryman. \$100. James, (626) 919-5209. 5/15



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The LAFD held its annual Civilian Employee Recognition event May 6, honoring three employees of the year, seven certificates of recognition, and 24 with perfect attendance.

The Club co-sponsored the event.  
Congratulations to all of this year's honorees.

The LAFD's Civilian Employee Recognition Committee (CERC) was established in 1991 to recognize outstanding civilian employee performance. The CERC is comprised of Department civilian and uniformed personnel. Beginning in 1997, the awards program was presented annually.

The Employees of the Year are chosen from the following three categories, based on the Department's civilian civil service classification's memorandum of understanding:

- Clerical
- Shop Maintenance
- Professional/Specialized Skills

During the end of the calendar year, nominations are solicited from the entire Department. Over the course of several days and with the strictest confidence, the CERC reviews each nomination submitted for civilian employee recognition criteria. The CERC then conducts interviews with the nominators. Finally, the CERC Chair performs background checks on the finalists. Once this process is completed, the CERC recommends the candidates to the Fire Chief.

In 2013, the Certificates for Perfect Attendance portion was introduced to the awards program, honoring those employees for their perfect attendance for the past year.

For more information, write to:  
[lafdcerc@lacity.org](mailto:lafdcerc@lacity.org)

## This year's CERC committee:

Jennifer Corona, Co-Chair  
Judy Hom, Co-Chair  
Anna Areyan  
Frankie Balleza  
Robert Cordobes  
Ingrid Orellana  
Christine Ozuna  
Adam VanGerpen  
John Warner  
Katey Zamora



## Employees of the Year



**Zack Bouz**  
*Sr. Fire Statistical Analyst*  
FireStatLA Section  
Administration  
*Professional/Specialized Skills*



**Teren King**  
*Equipment Mechanic*  
Supply and Maintenance Division  
Administrative Operations  
*Shop Maintenance*



**Mario Salazar**  
*Sr. Clerk Typist*  
Training Division  
Training and Support Bureau  
*Clerical*

## Certificates of Special Recognition



**Estela Urzua**  
*Sr. Clerk Typist*  
Financial Management Division  
*Administrative Operations*



**Muriel Gee**  
*Sr. Management Analyst I*  
Administrative Services Bureau  
*Administrative Operations*



**Elizabeth Torres**  
*Personnel Analyst II*  
Administrative Services Bureau  
*Administrative Operations*



**Nick Trinh**  
*Sr. Systems Analyst I*  
Management Information Systems Division  
*Administrative Operations*



**Julie Alfajora**  
*Clerk Typist*  
Administrative Services Bureau  
*Administrative Operations*



**Greg Brown**  
*Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic*  
Training and Support Bureau  
*Administrative Operations*



**Joe Dobmeier**  
*Welder*  
Training and Support Bureau  
*Administrative Operations*

## Perfect Attendance

Irene Arribillaga  
Jennifer Cornejo  
Ed Chua  
Frosie Deramos-Keller  
Podinilame "Dissa" Dissanayake  
Cheryl Flemings  
Muriel Gee  
Dacia Gonzalez  
Rachel Granados  
Norma Gutierrez  
Roger Hill  
Isela Iniguez

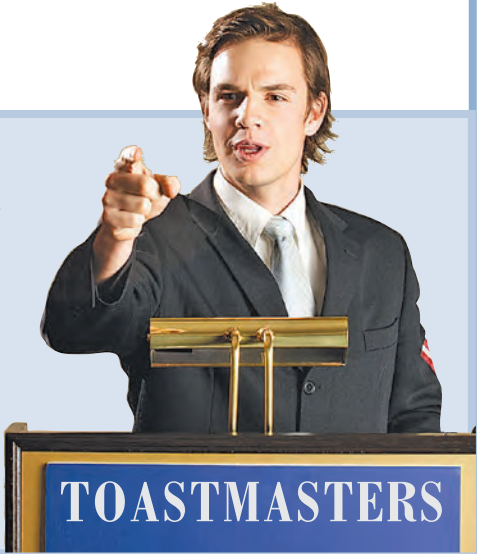
Salvador Martinez  
Eric Ngo  
Robert Nishimura  
Allison Pang  
Larry Pare  
Daisy Quan  
Gustavo Ramirez  
Kurt Ruiz  
Ivy Su  
Stewart Young  
Mark Willardson  
Sammy Wong

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111 E First St. downtown  
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**QUESTIONS:**  
Barbara Nobregas  
(213) 928-9771 or  
(213) 847-4707

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Toastmasters Club  
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Room 6004  
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**QUESTIONS:**  
Ivan Gerson  
(213) 485-1169  
or  
Dominic Buenaventura  
(213) 847-0593

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Toastmasters Club  
**Wednesdays**  
**noon to 1 p.m.**  
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## Club Member Discount

**The Club has tickets to all Dodgers games playing at Dodger Stadium this Season!**

**MORE GAMES AND DATES AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Date	Dodgers VS.	Giveaways	Club Members	Gate Price
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