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**A Message From the CEO**

# At the Speed Of Technology

by John Hawkins,  
President and CEO, The Club

Wow, the Airports' technology team is one busy group. Calm, focused and alert, too.

Last month, when *Alive!* staff toured this incredibly important unit – which manages the mind-boggling digital load of the nation's second busiest airport – they had quite the challenge rounding up staff for group photos. Lucky for us, **Aura Moore**, Airports' gracious, smart and impressive Chief Information Officer, helped us gather them. Many people in the Airports' Information Management and Technology Group (IMTG) wanted to participate but were called to other tasks, which sometimes change at a moment's notice. (Of course we never force the issue; this month we captured about one-sixth of the unit's employees, but we're always willing to return for more if time permits.)



Robert Larios, Club Chief Operations Officer, with Aura Moore, Airports' Chief Information Officer, in LAX's Security Operations Center.

I bring this up to demonstrate how important this unit is. It handles a mind-bogglingly wide and deep variety of tasks for LAX, and that list is growing all the time. If you can imagine how much more digital your life is now than even five years ago, then try to imagine how technology is changing your flying life. It's a massive, intricate and fast-moving transformation, and in another five or ten years, the experience will have transformed again.

Paralleling the quality of the IMTG is Aura Moore herself, a national leader of airport technology. She's spent her entire career working for her hometown, the City of Los Angeles. She found time to give us a generous interview and tour, with the assistance of **Nathan Look, Anson Fong** and **Frederick Badlissi**. *Alive!* is honored to chronicle people like Aura and the IMTG crew ... when we can catch up with them! Just knowing that this hard-working crew exists is enough for me each time I fly out of LAX, and I thank them for that.



Zaki Mustafa, Retired, center, with *Alive!* editor John Burnes (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins in the Club Store.

Moving on ... when we started our work on this month's *Alive!*, we knew Aura Moore would feature prominently ... but I didn't know it would also be the issue of Zaki! Good Club friend and Transportation legend **Zaki Mustafa** retired recently, and we cover that powerful ceremony here. But then he dropped by the Club Store and took this selfie with yours truly ... and then he also turned in the cool eclipse photo on our letters page, too. That's a lot of Zaki ... but we can never have enough of this awesome municipal worker who also happens to be one of the most charitable people I know. I'm always honored in his presence.

Another good Club Member, Airport Police **Officer Doug Scarborough** (who was on our Everest cover), is also worth mentioning – he saved a life last month. It's worth a read. Congrats, Doug.

Here's to a busy and rewarding fall!

**JOHN**

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Club Director of Marketing Summy Lam (right) photographs the Digital Strategy Group, part of LAWA's Information Management and Technology Group.

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Cecilia Talbot,  
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— Barbara Sandoval, May 2017

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— Roberta Ladieu, May 2017

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— Brenda Lieswald, May 2017

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\* A Consumer's Guide to Long-Term Care (California Department of Aging)



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# Dodgers Raffle

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**THE WINNER:**  
Leticia Isas, DWP.

**Congratulations, Leticia!**  
We hope you enjoyed the Dodger game Aug. 26.

Rec and Parks

Story and photos courtesy Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

# Thrills, Chills and Gills

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium to host family frightfest in time for Halloween.

**Oct. 28**

The 12th annual Sea Scare, San Pedro's frighteningly fun family Halloween party, is set for Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 10 p.m.

See Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in a different light as it is transformed into an underwater world of chills, thrills and gills. Come in costume and join in the masquerade of ghouls and goblins, trick-or-treat throughout the aquari-

um, enjoy spooky entertainment and oceans of fun. Come in costume!

Visit the Aquarium's Aquatic Nursery for a special treasure hunt, scary sea creature feedings, make your own slime and learn what ocean animals use slime to survive. Stop by the Exploration Center for some treats, participate in bioluminescent crafts and learn about deep-sea creatures that lurk in our oceans. Enter the Marine Research Library for some creepy creations and spooky stories. Don't forget to enter the costume contest for your chance to win some spook-tacular prizes. (Costume guidelines apply.)

Sea Scare brings back favorite attractions, including "Trick-or-Treat Trail," where guests can enjoy some sweet treats; try their luck at some carnival-style games at "Seaside Boardwalk;" visit "Skull Alley," an exhibit created by the Aquarium's Collections Department, where you'll get a close look at some real skulls of the ocean world and some... not of this world; enjoy some exciting crafts in "Craft Corner;" or dance the night away at the "Zombie Beach Party."

**Pre-sale admission:** \$7 adults, \$3 children, free for Friends of Cabrillo Members. Date of event: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Note: This event usually sells out. Tickets are available at the aquarium's gift shop or online at the Website below.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a Rec and Parks facility, is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro on the shores of Cabrillo Beach. Information: (310) 548-7562, or [www.cabrilloomarineaquarium.org](http://www.cabrilloomarineaquarium.org)



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## Letters to the Editor

### To Oregon And an Eclipse

Just in case you were looking for eclipse photos – I took these in Salem, Ore., in the hotel parking lot. I went up there because my brother was celebrating his 50th birthday.



– Zaki Mustafa, Retired, Transportation

*Nice shot, Zaki! We see that retirement is treating you well! And happy birthday to your brother, Musa.—Ed.*



### Picture Perfect Was Actually in San Pedro

I think Victor Ladd, LAPD, mis-spoke when he identified the USS America as leaving Long Beach at the end of Fleet Week, when in fact Fleet Week was located in San Pedro. Apart from that, he did have a winning submission, getting so many elements of the Port into the picture without it seeming to be crowded.

Fleet Week 2017 will be in San Pedro on or near Labor Day. There should be plenty of good camera opportunities over the course of the event.

– John Gilhuly, Retired, Housing

*Hi John, thanks for the clarification, and you are absolutely right, it was San Pedro! And thanks for the heads-up about Labor Day Fleet Week; I hope to see you there! — Ed.*



USS America

I also very much like the change in the store displays and the new merchandise. As soon as I have enough cash, I am going to buy one of those Art of Honors!

– T.J. Miner, General Services

I heard rumors that there is Blue Bunny Ice Cream at the Club Store now and I had to see for myself. And yes indeed, the world famous ice cream is sold there in a Blue Bunny ice cream freezer ready for the taking. On top of that, it is just \$1 for Club Members. You guys outdid yourselves again. Now I have to make more frequent trips just to get my Neapolitan ice cream sandwich – but I am not complaining.

– Larry Nelson, LAPD

### Thanks *Alive!* for Running Obit of Her Husband, John

I send a quick note of thanks to Robert Larios, for running my memories of my husband, John. I had no idea that you would use everything I wrote you.

When you said “write down everything I could think of,” I drew a blank. Then ... I sat down that night and through the tears, things just started flowing. I could have written a book about him. He was bigger than life to our family and me.



Johnny Tate

On Saturday, July 22 we had the memorial at my brother's house. About 42 people showed up, even a couple of guys from his old crew. Most of the guys have retired and moved out of state, but there some of them were, with a bouquet of flowers and telling me “thank you” for sharing John with them. They also had many stories of his jokes, pranks and how he had the knack to make people feel good or ... pranked!

They reminded me about when they pinned a note on his shirt that said, “Pat, don't let Johnny back here any more this week ... he has been here twice this week already. Signed, the Crew!” He was told not to unpin it, until he got home! That's what his memorial was all about. We shared stories, laughs, tears and food! Our middle son made a DVD with pictures of John camping, fishing, with family at gatherings, and grandkids. He set the collage of pictures with beautiful songs, while the slide show was going so everyone could watch and listen in the background. It was a very emotional and beautiful send-off of an extraordinary man.

Again, thank you, Robert. I am going to make many copies of the article for family and friends.

– Patty Tate, widow of John Tate, Public Works

### ONT Crew Not Forgotten as They Take off for New Skies

I wish the good people who worked at Ontario Airport the very best as they move onto their next phase in life [Last Call, August cover story]. Many thanks for doing your job all these years to serve and protect the citizens in and around the airport. I also want to thank the City Employees Club, including John Burnes, Summy Lam and Robert Larios, for making the story possible. I think they wanted to be sure that the Ontario personnel were not forgotten through the ink of *Alive!*, and I believe they accomplished that.

– Kim Morton, DWP

### Nothing Small About Chef Larios' Shrimp Pad Thai

Five words for you from Chef Larios' Cooking with the Club article: Shrimp Pad Thai is awesome! What a dish that was – so tasty and easy to make! I think my recreation may have been off on the color since I know it was supposed to be darker, but the flavors were just as Chef Larios described: mouth-watering! We made it a little more spicy hot by adding some sriracha, too. I look forward to the next recipe.

– Leah Flowers, DWP

### Club Store Is the Place for Smiles, Kindness, Ice Cream

May I give my thanks to the staff at the Club Store? I think they are some of the kindest and most attentive people in retail. Every time I walk in, Lupe, Kristina, Mia or Cristina comes up to greet me like I made their day. Thank you for making that impression, but it's my day you are making shine brighter.

## The Smart Move

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

### Life Insurance for The 'Uninsurable'

You may have been told by a life insurance company that you are uninsurable at any price because of a history of severe health problems, a disease diagnosis or even a risky occupation or hobby. It does not mean that you are universally uninsurable; there are options. The secret is, don't give up. Insurance companies attempt to eliminate or reduce risk through the underwriting process. The underwriting process involves a detailed health questionnaire, a search of your medical and prescription records, even a physical exam. If you've been relegated to the category of “uninsurable” but have need for life insurance, there are still ways you can get life insurance without going through the underwriting process. I've listed a number of options that are available:

#### Max out your group life insurance at work.

Group life insurance allows you to purchase life insurance no matter what your health condition, up to a certain amount. Some employers offer a “free” basic life insurance amount (where the company pays the premium), such as an amount equal to one year's salary, with the option to purchase more at your own expense. Your employer's group life plan may require evidence of insurability (EOI) if you want to go over a set amount. However, as long as you remain under the EOI level, group life is an excellent way for the “uninsurable” to secure life insurance at group rates.

Remember also to max out the group life you can buy through your spouse's workplace benefits.

#### Convert your group life policy to an individual policy.

Group life insurance usually allows you to convert your group policy to your own individual permanent policy without going through the underwriting process. Your premiums are based on your age only. This assures you a lifetime of coverage even if you leave your job.

#### Buy a survivorship life insurance policy that insures both spouses.

Under a survivorship (also called second-to-die) policy, a husband and wife are insured together and the benefit is paid only after the death of both. This kind of policy commonly is used by couples that want to provide funds for their heirs to pay sizeable estate taxes.

The advantage here is that an “uninsurable” spouse will have no trouble becoming insured under a survivorship life policy because the insurance company is not underwriting him or her separately.

#### Add a spouse's Paid-Up Insurance Purchase Option (SPPO) rider to a permanent policy.

Here's a rider that can provide free life insurance coverage to an “uninsurable” spouse. It would be ideal in situations where a husband and wife can wait for the benefit to be paid until both are deceased. Here's how

it works with an SPPO rider from New York Life Insurance Co.: Say a husband is “uninsurable” due to health conditions, but his wife obtains a permanent life policy with a no-cost SPPO rider. When the wife passes away, the husband can purchase a new single-premium paid-up life insurance policy on himself within 90 days. The premium is based solely on his gender and age at the date of the new policy. The face amount can be equal to or less than the original policy. The husband could even use part of the benefit for funeral expenses and put the remainder toward his paid-up policy.

#### Buy a guaranteed issue policy.

Guaranteed issue policies require no medical exam. Anyone (below a certain age) who answers a few medical questions can buy a policy. Applications will likely ask for your height and weight, whether or not you're a smoker and basic questions about your health history. If you answer yes to a question you may be knocked out of eligibility.

#### Buy a simplified issue policy.

Simplified issue policies require that you answer several health questions, and there's no medical exam. If you make the cut, you'll likely pay less than you would for a guaranteed issue policy. It's important to shop around.

#### Buy life insurance through an “affinity plan.”

Occasionally a professional association (like a bar association or union plan) will offer guaranteed issue or simplified issue policies to their members.

#### The last resort: Credit life insurance.

Credit life policies are often available when you make a large purchase that is financed.

Finally, if you and your insurance agent agree that your health poses a problem for a life insurance application, the agent can seek options through an “impaired risk” specialist. These brokers know which companies are more lenient about specific conditions and may be able to get quotes that you thought were impossible.

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Zoo

Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo

# Zoo Says Boo! Oct. 7 - 31

Annual month of spooky fun set for October.

**Boo at the L.A. Zoo** fun takes place every day from Oct. 7 - 31 at the Los Angeles Zoo. Jack-o-lantern-carving demonstrations, strolling characters, entertainment and up-close encounters with "crawly" insects and reptiles are just some of the Halloween family adventures for visitors.

A Halloween maze is featured, while weekends include a while weekends include a puppet show, pumpkin carving, animal feedings, up-close encounters with some of the Zoo's smaller residents and other family adventures. Programming is subject to change.

Check [lazoo.org](http://lazoo.org) for daily activities, which are free with paid Zoo admission. Zoo admission is \$20 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$17 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$15 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under two. 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. 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free parking is available. For additional information, contact (323) 644-4200 or visit [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org)**



An animal eating a pumpkin must mean it's time for Boo at the Zoo.



These folks are ready for Boo at the Zoo!



Zoo

Photo by Jamie Pham, Zoo

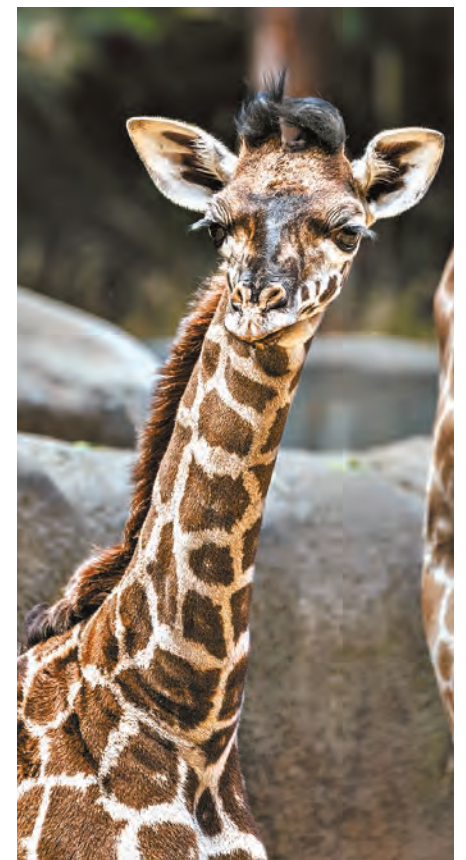
## Sticking Her Neck Out

Zoo welcomes baby giraffe.

The Los Angeles Zoo's animal community soared to new heights with the birth of a female Masai giraffe July 11. The unnamed calf, weighing in at 156 pounds and standing at around six feet tall, is the second baby born to both five-year-old mother, Zainabu, and five-year-old father, Phillip. Zainabu and Phillip were paired together through a Species Survival Program (SSP) that breeds Masai giraffes to ensure the survival of a species that is threatened in the wild.

Giraffes are the tallest land mammal, and Masai giraffes can grow up to 17 feet tall and weigh 2,700 pounds. The largest of the nine subspecies of giraffe, Masai giraffes are found in East Africa, namely southern Kenya and northern Tanzania. All giraffe populations throughout Africa are under threat and declining due to habitat loss and fragmentation, illegal hunting, and disease.

Guests are encouraged to come see the calf while she's still young because giraffes can grow to be nearly 10 feet tall by their first birthday! While you're observing the new calf bonding with the herd, be sure to check out the Zoo's interactive giraffe feedings. This face-to-face experience allows guests to get up close and personal with the adult Masai



The Zoo welcomes this new female giraffe calf.

giraffes while feeding them their favorite greens and learning fun facts about the herd from Zoo education staff. Giraffe feedings take place twice daily from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. and are \$5 per person with paid Zoo admission. Tickets can be purchased (cash only) at the giraffe exhibit. Giraffe feedings are subject to weather-related changes, especially on rainy days.

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## Rec and Parks

Photos by JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks

# Rec and Parks Shoots a 100

Golf division hosts 100th annual men's amateur golf tournament.

Rec and Parks Golf Division hosted its 100th annual Men's City Golf Championship June 15-18 at Wilson and Harding Golf Courses. With a rich history, the Golf Division was proud to present this centennial celebration at the weekend-long tournament.

The Los Angeles Men's City Golf Championship began in 1918 and remains one of the most distinguished amateur municipal golf championships in

the United States. For 100 years, the LA City Golf Championship has been played on the same courses that have hosted dozens of PGA and LPGA Champions tour events. Additionally, many LA City Golf Championships competitors have gone on to win PGA majors, US Amateur Championship, and NCAA titles, showcasing that our public golf courses are on par with other great municipal and private golf courses throughout the nation.

Tiger Woods won the City's Jr. Boys Championship in 1991. Amy Alcott won the Jr. Girls Championship in 1971-73.

For the first time in tournament history, the Golf Division added a Para Flight Tournament to the 100th Men's City Golf Championships that took place June 15. This addition helped encourage physical activity and demonstrate leadership within the adaptive sports movement.

**Congratulations to the winners, and the Golf Division!**

### TOP 10 FINISHERS

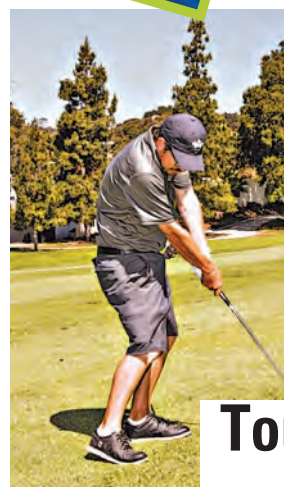
- Mason Troike**, Orangevale, Calif.: 71-69-73-69 (282)
- Joshua Matz**, Agoura Hills: 73-71-71-67 (282)
- Damon Krause**, Los Angeles: 77-71-70-68 (286)
- Sean Cavanaugh**, Encino: 68-69-72-77 (286)
- Tim Hogarth**, Northridge: 73-71-68-74 (286)
- Derek Castillo**, Yorba Linda: 73-70-72-73 (288)
- Nick Cantlay**, Los Alamitos: 73-75-75-65 (288)
- Richard Kim**, Los Angeles: 73-68-74-73 (288)
- Troy Kuramarohit**, Canoga Park: 70-71-74-73 (288)
- Corby Segal**, Santa Clarita: 72-72-74-71 (289)



The trophies.



The winners!



## Tournament Play

Angel Gomez, the Club's Mobile Man

# Angel's Be Alive!



## Ocean Trail

1 Ocean Trails Dr. • Rancho Palos Verdes

**Difficulty:** Medium (steep switchbacks going up and down to the beach)

**Distance:** 2-4 miles

**Hours:** One hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

**Parking:** The parking lot at La Rotunda Drive is locked at sunset.



Kathy and Aden enjoy the view.

# Ocean Trail

– Rancho Palos Verdes

### Hello again everyone!

This month we wanted to stay close to the beach, so what could be better than a hike along the beach in Rancho Palos Verdes. It offers gorgeous views all along the path, but be sure to bring lots of sunscreen and water, and wear a hat if possible, too – there is no shade on this ocean trail.

The Ocean Trails is a system of moderately steep public trails that cut through 90 acres of restored coastal sage scrub around the perimeter of Trump National Golf Course. Parking is free, and once you arrive you can just walk a few steps, and you will be viewing a magical coastal scene right out of a movie. If you stay and look around along the way you will find tide pools, and they are always an amazing source of mini-saline at your fingertips. I liked the hike for how fast you can easily get lost in the moment just looking out into the ocean and listening to the relaxing waves coming in to shore. Let's begin!

**The Hike:** The hike started out from a very small parking lot but with plenty of parking spaces. Once you begin walking along the trail you will find restrooms and a fountain right next to the parking lot. We walked on a dirt path that led through the Trump Golf Course for about a half-mile. The land around the path was all very green (the golf course). While it was a nice course, walking on the green is prohibited, and be aware that active golf rounds are being played. If you hear the word "fore," that means look out for a golf ball going off the course and I hope not in your direction! So take cover. There are a few cross-path sections between the trail and the golf course; it is important to stay on the trail, as other paths are used for golf carts.

We continued along the trail then across a bridge and continued the hike. The trail is along the ocean, allowing for picture-perfect views. As we continued, the trail approached a zigzag decline (a.k.a. switchbacks) down the

hill. Special note, please use caution when going down or up the hills. Once at the bottom, there are a few spaces for tide pools and ocean everywhere else; there is still ample space for walking; depending on the tides, this can change. At the bottom, we took a rest and searched in the tide pools for a while before continuing on the trail. The tide pools are very underrated – there is so much sea life in such a small area. Always fun, tide pools never let you down unless it's high tide (little joke there!).

The beach trail section was all rocks, so we followed the trail over and around the side of the hill before using a staircase-like path to the top. Once you get to the top, there is a bench and a few signs with different options to take. We took the correct path because it was to the left and straight up the hill, and we continued with homemade stairs the closer we got to the top. There is a sign advising hikers to be cautious and aware that rattlesnakes inhabit the land. We have seen these types of signs before, and the safest precaution should be to stay alert and be careful to look before you step. The stairs led up to the top of the cliff, another a good view and place for pictures. The trail ended in a loop that brought us back to the starting point next to the restrooms and parking lot.

I recommend this trail to anyone who just wants to get outside take in some fresh air and enjoy amazing coastal views. Just be sure to also bring water, sunscreen and small snacks. There is no shade along the trail, so a hat is a must on this one. And if you really like golf courses, be sure to stop by the manmade waterfall hole. Lastly, if you get really hungry, you can also go into the golf course and buy yourself a nice lunch while relaxing and getting some outside fun.

Until next time, be well and "Be Alive!"

*Angel*



Stairs on way up.



The trail that leads to the bridge.

Angel Jr.



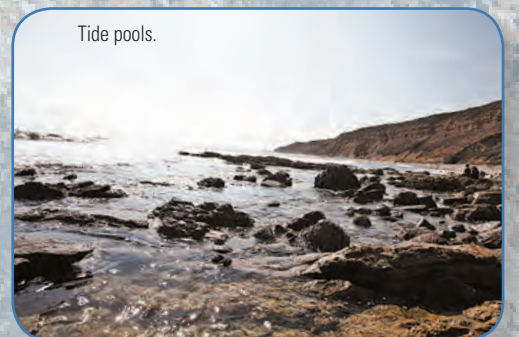
A sign and trail.



Views of the golfers along the trail.



Angel Jr. gives this view the thumbs-up.



Tide pools.



# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



## Alaska



Here are **Noe and Laura Pimentel** at Mendenhall Glacier and Falls, Alaska in July. **Noe** works for the DWP.

## The Philippines

Alfredo Fajardo, General Services, visited the Philippines.



"Cebu, the Philippines."



"Bagiuo, Philippines, the summer capital."



"Bohol, Chocolate Hills, is world renowned and cone-shaped by tidal movement form centuries ago."



"A Baclayon Loboc River cruise."



"Vigan, the Philippines – a UNESCO World Heritage site for its unique Spanish colonial history in Asia."



"Davao, a Philippines eagle."



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## New GM Search Ongoing; Holiday Party Plans Begin

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

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

We held our annual picnic Aug. 10, and more than 125 members and their guests attended. It is always nice to see friends we worked with and their spouses enjoying the great food catered by Cafe 'N' Stuff, and the music performed by Fernie Ramirez. Some members actually got up to dance.

Thanks to Robert Larios, COO of the City Employees Club, for donating various gift cards for Home Depot, gas, groceries, restaurants, etc. He also was busy taking pictures. See if he took your photo in this issue!

As for the door prizes, don't wait to the "last and final call!" When Phil Orland starts calling the numbers, all is quiet until the winner stands up yelling, "I got the ticket!" echoing throughout. But too often after Phil calls the winning ticket several times and no one responds, he then announces that the next

number called will be the "final call." As he does he waits patiently as members check and recheck their tickets. Finally someone stands up yells, "I got the ticket!" as they run toward the podium, happily yelling. I urge you to check your number soon after the number is called. Be a winner!

Overall, I am proud to add that the picnic was a total success. Thanks go to Americo Garza and his committee, especially Helen Salgado and her friend, Joe Scott, for registering the members, and Shirley and Americo Garza for making sure the line moved smoothly so members would not wait to get served.

Now we start to prepare for our holiday party on Dec. 7 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park. As I mentioned in my August column, this will be Americo's last event as Director, as he is retiring from that position at the beginning of the year. Thank you for taking the time to make your reservations.

Also, we will be installing our newly elected Directors for a two-year term beginning in January. ■

## LACERS Now Searching for General Manager Candidates



Michael R. Wilkinson

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

The LACERS Board of Administration is conducting a nationwide search to replace General Manager Tom Moutes, who is retiring.

Personnel is supervising the job search and has advertised in many publications, particularly trade publications covering the public pension industry. The new GM will be chosen by the LACERS Board and is subject to confirmation by the mayor and City Council, although the GM reports only to the LACERS Board.

The General Manager selection is one of the most important decisions for the LACERS Board and one that I am confident that will result in a leader who will continue the excellent performance that Tom Moutes has provided to LACERS.

The Board is looking to find a candidate who already has a background for integrity and experience in a public pension plan and/or investment management of a major investment portfolio for the job that has a salary range of \$164,910 to \$292,299 per year.

In addition to investment experience, the most highly qualified applicant will not only have high level institutional investment experience, but also knowledge of pension law, benefit law, trust law and retirement tax law particularly as it applies to California public pension plans.

In addition to the job experience, we would like to see a leader with degrees in business and particularly advanced degrees, such as a Master of business administration, and certifications that may include the Certified Employee Benefits Specialist or Certified Financial Analyst designation. ■

## FY 2016-17 Govt. Pension Earnings Very Encouraging



Michael Karsch

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

Earnings by many, probably most, of the nation's governmental pension systems were very encouraging for fiscal year 2016-17. Most plans had suffered dismal returns the last two years. CalPERS, the largest system in the country as well as California, reported its annual return on its investment portfolio of 11.2 percent; the last fiscal year before 2016-17 was a paltry 0.6 percent. This is the first time CalPERS exceeded its expectations since 2014. This raises their funded status to 68 percent from 65 percent, based on a 7 percent discount rate. Ideally the funded status should be much higher, but still this is a strong sign of recovery.

CalSTRS, the other major California pension system for teachers, got an even better return on their portfolio of 13.4 percent. The State of Connecticut's two major pension funds accomplished 11.6 percent. The State of Rhode Island had 11.6 percent. And Virginia achieved 10.7 percent.

Michigan: In late July, the Mackinac Center for Public Policy gave a report on Michigan's public

school pension reform in 2017 as "transformational change for" the state. Their problem was underfunding of the pension system by the state. The state owes the members \$29.1 billion. In 42 out of the past 43 years the pension system has not had enough money to cover the costs of benefits it has promised. The taxpayers now pay 37 percent of the school payroll with 89 percent of that contribution going for catch-up with the unfunded liabilities.

What are the changes brought about by the reform? New employees get substantial employer contributions to a 401(k)-style defined contribution plan (this is not the defined benefit plan that most government pensions are). New employees can still choose to enroll in a defined benefit plan, but will have to share the cost of losses if managers fail to properly fund the plan. Furthermore, if the plan's funding falls below 85 percent for two consecutive years, the plan will close and no new employees will be enrolled from then on. The reform also says that pension fund investments can only be assumed to earn 6 percent over time. (Most other systems expect 7 percent to 7.5 percent.) The benefits of current employees are left unchanged. ■

## Cool and Cheapskate Ideas



Mary Beetz

### LACERS Update By Mary Beetz

This month I am going to share some cool and cheap ideas I experienced these past two weeks.

**Broken Light Bulb:** Have you ever tried to change a light bulb only for it to break off, and you're afraid to remove it for fear of cutting your hand or worse yet, get shocked? Well it happened to me and yes, fear set in, so I decided not to change it as I still had two that worked. When I mentioned this to a friend, he told me to use a potato to unscrew the remainder of the bulb. I waited a couple days until I got the nerve. I cut the potato to fit the opening and turned the potato (righty tighty, lefty loosey). It worked! No cuts. No shocks. No call to an electrician.

**Pet Hair:** I was to pick up a friend to go for a birth-

day celebration at an upscale restaurant. I was invited in, and as I sat in the chair, the family pet, Snow White, jumped on my lap. The first thing I thought of was pet hair on my clothes. Sure enough, when I got up to leave, there was pet hair. I tried to brush it off as much as I could, and in doing so, her mother handed me a pair of gardening gloves, telling me it will remove the cat hair. I put the glove on and brushed my clothing. It worked! She explained that the gardening gloves have a rough, rubbery texture, and the cat hair piles up in the palm of the glove. This also works on cars seats.

If any of you reading this have ideas and want to share, submit them to me and they might be printed. Send to Mary Beetz: mbeetz4841@aol.com or through the regular mail at 137 Westmont Dr., Alhambra, CA 91801. ■

## RLACEI

## For Retired Club Members

# The Best Years



## Open Enrollment Meetings Set

## LACERS

LACERS has scheduled its annual meetings in anticipation of the open enrollment period for choosing insurance.

This year, LACERS' 2018 Open Enrollment period will be from Oct. 15 through Nov. 15. During this time, those in the LACERS system may attend an Open Enrollment meeting and learn about any changes to LACERS health plans for the 2018 plan year. The meet-

ings will provide attendees an opportunity to talk to health plan representatives. Also, LACERS staff will be available to answer any health plan questions and assist with the enrollment process. Meeting dates, times, and locations are listed below.

### Los Angeles

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m.  
The California Endowment  
1000 North Alameda St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### Van Nuys

Thursday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.  
Airtel Plaza Hotel  
7277 Valjean Ave.  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

### San Pedro

Thursday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m.  
DoubleTree Hotel  
2800 Via Cabrillo Marina  
San Pedro, CA 90731

### Ventura

Thursday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.  
Ventura Beach Marriott  
2055 East Harbor Blvd.  
Ventura, CA 93001

### Ontario

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.  
DoubleTree Hotel  
222 North Vineyard Ave.  
Ontario, CA 91764

### Las Vegas

Thursday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m.  
The Orleans Hotel  
4500 West Tropicana Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89103

Beginning Sept. 12, those wishing to attend can make reservations to attend an Open Enrollment meeting by reserving online at [www.LACERS.org/retired](http://www.LACERS.org/retired) or calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328, TDD (888) 349-3996, 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.

### Think Green and Opt Out

To reduce the use of resources, LACERS members can opt out of receiving a printed copy of LACERS Health Benefits Guide and Open Enrollment Overview each year.

### Instead, here are two choices:

Have links to the Open Enrollment Overview and Health Benefits Guide sent directly to an email address; or Opt out of receiving the Open Enrollment Overview and Health Benefits Guide altogether and just view/download them from the LACERS website ([www.LACERS.org](http://www.LACERS.org)).

If you choose to opt out of receiving printed copies of these Open Enrollment materials, simply complete an online LACERS Opt-Out Form. The form is located in the "I Want To" section of the LACERS Retired Member home page ([www.LACERS.org/retired](http://www.LACERS.org/retired)), or you can contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328, TDD (888) 349-3996, for assistance. ■

## CONTACT THE CLUB:



### Tiffany Sy

Club Member Services Counselor, In-house

(800) 464-0452, Ext. 202

TSy@cityemployeesclub.com  
[www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)

## RETIREMENT HELPLINE

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

**Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System:** (800) 779-8328

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

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| • Mary Beetz                | Ext. 711 |
| • Cliff Cannon (membership) | Ext. 715 |
| • Hal Danowitz              | Ext. 707 |
| • 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             | Ext. 713 |
| • Michael A. Perez          | Ext. 705 |
| • Tom Sternock              | Ext. 708 |
| • Michael Wilkinson         | Ext. 712 |
| Questions:                  | Ext. 0   |
| RSVP:                       | Ext. 701 |

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

## RLACEI:

### Officers

Edward Harding: President  
Tom Sternock: First Vice President  
Phillip Orland: Second Vice President  
Hal Danowitz: Secretary/Treasurer

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Mary Beetz: Publicity  
Cliff Cannon: Membership  
Hal Danowitz: Finance  
Americo Garza: Picnic, Holiday Party and Installation  
Neil Ricci: Health and Nominating  
Michael R. Wilkinson, Legal and Legislative  
Tom Sternock: Audit and Golf

### Directors

Mary Beetz  
Cliff Cannon  
Americo Garza  
Michael Karsch  
Gary Mattingly  
Michael A. Perez  
Neil Ricci  
Helen Salgado  
Michael R. Wilkinson



# Meet the Taylor Grandkids

From left are granddaughter, Madilyn, 8; great-grandson, Weston, 11 months; me; great-grandson, Jason, 5; and granddaughter, Amelia, 6. My two granddaughters go to school in Quartz Hill and are great students. They both take karate and love it – they're so adorable in their karate outfits doing their kicks. Jason, my great-grandson, goes to school in Glendora. He's also a great student and has boundless energy, which serves him well when he plays soccer. This scene was in July at my son's home in San Dimas, having a summer pool party! Ahhh, the joys of children's laughter on hot summer days! It warms a grandma's (and great-grandma's) heart!

– Barbara Taylor, Retired, Airports



## Show Us Your Grandkids!

**RETIREES: *Alive!* wants to show off your grandkids! So send in those photos!**

### Here's how:

1. **Make sure to have the permission from their parents.** If you send in a photo, *Alive!* assumes you have already received that permission.

2. Photos with you in them are better, but if not, that's okay, too.
3. Make sure you list the names of your grandkids.
4. Tell us, in a sentence or two, a little bit about them – their school, their accomplishments, what they love to do, how proud you are of them, etc.
5. Digital photos are best! Send

them to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

### Send Prints To: Grandkids

City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
120 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (800) 464-0452

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

# The Best Years

## For Retired Club Members

# On to Mississippi

Hal and Evelyn postpone a trip to Cabo and start a U.S. road trip from the Big Easy instead. **Part 2.**



2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

On May 19, Hal's birthday, Hal and Evelyn flew from LAX to New Orleans to begin their two-week-plus road trip adventure. This was an alternative trip because of Hurricane Odile in Cabo San Lucas in September 2014, when they were scheduled to spend a week in Cabo. Their trip was canceled because of the damage done to the area. Their timeshare resort allowed them

to bank the week for use later. Two years later, they remembered that they had not used the week and decided to go to New Orleans and then drive back to Los Angeles. They spent five days in NOLA (New Orleans, La.), picking up a car and driving back to L.A.

by way of Natchez and Vicksburg, Miss.; Dallas and San Antonio, Tex.; Las Cruces, N.M.; the Grand Canyon, Ariz.; a stop in Las Vegas; and then home. The road trip took around 17 days. They had not been to NOLA since Hurricane Katrina.

Picking up our story, on the morning of May 22 we planned to meet our friends at the World War II museum at 9:30 a.m. The museum is at 945 Magazine St., just off Lee Circle on St. Charles Avenue. Until a few days earlier, Lee Circle had a large statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, which was removed due to current political sensitivities. Our friends called about 8:30 a.m. and were already at the museum coffee shop, so we caught the trolley and met them for coffee. I had booked our admission online and included the 4D movie experience of *Beyond All Boundaries*, a 40-minute film about the war narrated by Tom Hanks (general admission to the museum cost \$27; seniors paid \$23.50, with an extra \$5 for the movie). After the movie, we walked through the exhibit "Campaigns of Courage: The European and Pacific Theaters." The lower floor was dedicated to the war in Europe and the upper floor to the war in the Pacific. We viewed the European theater first and then had lunch in the museum's restaurant called the American Sector, and then finished with the Pacific Theater.

Evelyn and I had been to the museum just after it opened about 15 years ago when it was called the D-Day Museum, and I was glad we did it again because it is now a complete history of World War II told through the stories of the men and women who fought to make sure we remained a free nation. We spent about five hours including lunch and could have been there longer. It is the number one attraction in New Orleans, according to TripAdvisor and Yelp, and a must see!

We found a laundry a half-block from the hotel, which promised it could clean our laundry in one day, with a drop-off before 6 p.m. and pickup the next day after noon. It cost \$27.50. Best bargain yet! That gave us enough clean clothes to make it home.

We had a light dinner at the Company Burger (611 O'Keefe St.), number one on Yelp in New Orleans. It was the first time I had been in a fast-food restaurant that had a full bar, but that is New Orleans. The hamburger was very good.

The next day we planned to be on our own and would start at Starbucks and then wander the French Quarter. It's much less crowded in the daytime.

That next day, May 23, we slept in until 8 a.m., which meant we were on local time, two hours ahead of home. We caught the trolley to Canal Street, and the first stop was Starbucks. Canal Street is the dividing line between the French Quarter and the Garden District. We then walked the full length of Bourbon Street. All of Bourbon Street was torn up as a new sewer system was being installed. The sidewalk was open but it sure cut down on the foot traffic significantly and the vehicle traffic completely. It was about 11 a.m., and not too many people were on the street. At the end of Bourbon Street, we walked towards Jackson Square and then walked on the Riverwalk to the Riverwalk Mall and had a light lunch. Evelyn bought a new bag and a Starbucks mug of New Orleans. We



The St. Charles Street Trolley.



The World War II Museum.



The B&B in Natchez.



Evelyn on Bourbon Street.



Downtown Karla Brown and Evelyn look over the bridge that crosses the Mississippi in Natchez.

caught the trolley back to the hotel, picking up our laundry on the way.

We took an Uber to the Doris Metropolitan (620 Chartres St.) restaurant, which is in the French Quarter, for dinner. It is the "best" steakhouse in NOLA. Now with all the eating places in New Orleans that was a very large claim, but based on our dinner it may be true. We shared one of the best on-bone rib-eye steaks we have had in a long time. It was dry aged 25 days. Starting with the bread and all the sides it was a great meal. The waiter, Michael, was one of the best waiters we have had.

New Orleans is great for four or five days. Some of the things we didn't do this trip included taking a paddle wheeler across the Mississippi to Algiers; going to the zoo or the aquarium; and some of the other local tours, including the ghost and cemetery tour. There was a lot to see and do and of course eat and drink.

The next morning, May 24, we picked up a Budget rental car and started the road trip home. First stop was Natchez, Miss. We took an Uber XL for \$11 to Budget on Canal Street. By 10 a.m. we had the car, a Hyundai Sonata with satellite radio. After a stop for coffee, we headed northwest on I-55 toward Natchez, about 180 miles. At noon, we were getting hungry and stopped in McComb, Miss. at the Topisaw General Store, number one for that town in TripAdvisor. It was a little hole in the wall and it wasn't really a general store, but the potato and cheese soup and quiche were pretty good. All the other customers were locals, and we probably stuck out like a sore thumb. After lunch, we left the interstate and proceeded about 30 miles on a two-lane country road, which got us back to a state four-lane highway, which took us into Natchez. Natchez is on the Mississippi River, with a population of about

15,000. We decided to stop there because of the author Greg Iles, who sets his stories in Natchez. The next day, Downtown Karla Brown would take us on a Greg Iles book tour. We stayed at a cottage, part of the Devereaux Shields House, a B&B. Everyone was very friendly, and they made dinner reservations for us at the Magnolia Grill across the street from the riverbank of the Mississippi River. The bank sloped down to the water. With the river so high, the water edge was only about five feet below the road.

Before dinner we took a walk around the neighborhood; it was a mixture of restored mansions, places in need of repair, shacks and abandoned buildings. It was hard to believe that this area was once the center of business for the South. On our way to dinner we stopped at the park on the bluff above the river and took pictures. The river was running very fast, and we were told that was because it was high, almost at flood levels. The road to the restaurant was closed just past the restaurant because the river had overflowed the bank.

We had a nice table at the restaurant overlooking the river. We watched the "push boats" push barges up the river, not an easy task. The weather was sunny and cool for this time of year, but the forecast was for rain and heat. By then we would be out of the area.

Dinner was Southern. I had gumbo for the third time (it could be my favorite soup) and grilled catfish. Evelyn had shrimp and grits, which she said was the best. The area where the restaurant was is called Under the Hill. This area is known for fun bars and restaurants, and before the Civil War it was the rowdy part of town.

A floating casino was anchored nearby.

The next morning, May 25, breakfast was at 8:30 a.m., and we had time to pack up the car and get to the tour office by 10 a.m. After our tour, we would drive to Vicksburg, about 80 miles away. We had a very enjoyable breakfast, and we sat with a couple from Tucson.

We arrived at Downtown Karla Brown's about 9:45 a.m., and we started our two-and-a-half hour driving tour of Natchez based on the books of Greg Iles. This included 35 different locations. In addition, Karla provided a running commentary on Natchez and its history. Karla herself is very interesting – at one point in her life she spent over 20 months walking the United States. She came to Natchez about four years ago and started her airport transportation and local tours business. She developed the Greg Iles tour after a suggestion from a friend, and she even contacted Iles to get his permission to show a home he owns in Natchez. Natchez has a lot of history on the development of the South and the United States.

About 2 p.m. we left Natchez to drive to Vicksburg. We started our drive on the Natchez Trace Parkway, a National Parks highway that connects Memphis to Natchez. The entire Natchez Trace Parkway is more than 400 miles. We stayed on for about 40 miles of the 80 miles to Vicksburg. It is a beautiful two-lane road through peaceful forests, and it felt like it took us back 200 years. It had a 50 mph speed limit with no billboards and very few cars. It was originally a trail created by the Native Americans and continued to get used by early Europeans settling the area.

Next month we tour the battlefield at Vicksburg and continue our road trip with stops in Texas. ■

# RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD



## Pinehurst, N.C.



"Here's a souvenir photo at Whispering Pines Golf Club in Pinehurst, N.C., where my eight-year-old granddaughter, Francesca, participated in the U.S. Kids Golf World Championship Aug 3-5.

"I subscribe to the digital version of *Alive!*, and here I have my iPad showing a portion of the July issue cover."  
 – **Guillermina (Ging) Ampil**, Retired, Controller's Office

## Los Cabos



"My wife, Mary, and I spent eight wonderful days at the Barceló Grand Faro Los Cabos, Mexico, with friends. The resort was beautiful, the food good and the people wonderful, as was the weather. We went out on the sea of Cortes with its beautiful rock formations and beaches and even managed to get in some fishing. Great trip."  
 – **Albert Hinton**, Retired, Building and Safety



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# RETIREES: Latest in City Polos!

Popular Club polos are now available for Retirees.

Retirees, do you have your polo shirt yet? Order yours today!

The Club's polo shirts are now available for City and DWP Retirees, along with the regular long list of City departments. Show your City pride!

The Club offers a long list of departments available for custom-made polo shirts, and the list is expanding all the time. The current list is on page 42. Is your department on the list? What are you waiting for?

The reviews are in – the polo shirts are excellent. Here's a sample:

*"Thank you so much for my polos – great quality and colors. I am always getting complimented and asked where I got them. I say the Club Store on Second Street! Great prices, too."*

– **Cindy Serrano**, Emergency Management

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# The Best Years

## For Retired Club Members



# Picnic Time!

**Retirees Association hosts annual summer picnic.**

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual summer picnic Aug. 10 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. More than 125 RLACEI members and their guests enjoyed food, music and fellowship.

The Club provided door prizes. Special thanks go to RLACEI President Ed Harding and Director Hal Danowitz for their assistance.



From left: Theresa Piña, General Services, 16 years of City service; Ed Piña, General Services/Construction, 38 years; Angie Rios, General Services, 26 years; and Yolanda Navarro, Finance, 30 years.



Clifford Cannon, RLACEI Director.



Mary Miller and Larry Stonebreaker, Housing, 36 years of City service.



Roobik Gorjian, Public Works/Engineering, 24 years of City service.



From left: Manuel De La Cruz, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 26 years; and Henry Starks, Public Works/Street Maintenance with his wife, Lois.



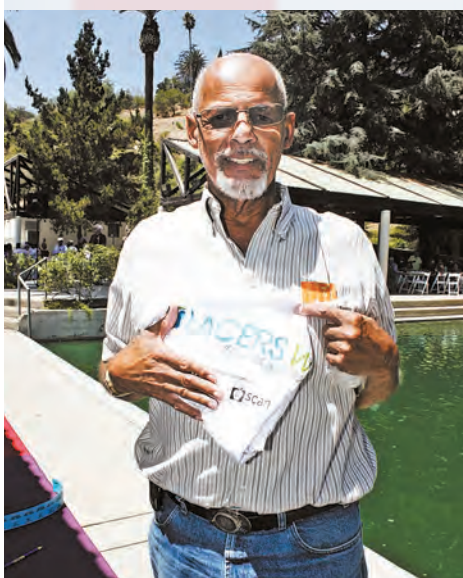
RLCEI Directors, from left: Mary Beetz and Helen Salgado.



From left: Hal Danowitz, RLACEI Director and Treasurer; and Ed Harding, RLACEI President.



From left: Andy Louie, DWP, 32 years of City service; Beverly Anderson, LAPD, 25 years; and Jim Tom, Controller's Office, 31 years.



Anthony N. Vann, Harbor, 18 years of City service.



From left: Michael Cooper, Building and Safety, 28 years of City service; Marilyn McPherson, Public Works/Engineering, 30 years; Laura Colfer, guest; and Lorenza Cooper, City Attorney, 26 years.



# 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 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Aguayo, Anita M.      | Legal Secretary           | City Attorney  | 30    | Hale, John Wayne         | Security Officer          | LAPD            | 18    | Mirhosseini, Maj        | Civil Eng. Associate      | Public Works     | 31    |
| Alpuche, Maria E.     | Sr. Admin. Clerk          | Gen. Services  | 25    | Hanna, Lawrence A.       | Criminalist               | LAPD            | 26    | Moore, Keith Lewis      | Sr. Equip. Mechanic       | LAPD             | 36    |
| Argento, Anthony J.   | Signal Sys. Super.        | Transportation | 35    | Happ, Marie G.           | Airport Guide             | Airports        | 5     | Munoz, Anthony          | Civil Engineer            | Public Works     | 36    |
| Anderson, Quonita S.  | Sr. Admin. Clerk          | Public Works   | 39    | Harris, Timothy A.       | Animal Care Tech.         | Animal Services | 10    | Nguyen, Huy D.          | Electrical Engr. Assist.  | CAO              | 6     |
| Arroyo, Dennis B.     | Traffic Officer           | Transportation | 17    | Harsoyo, Rubin           | Dep. City Attorney        | City Attorney   | 28    | Nguyen, Phong X.        | Civil Eng. Associate      | Public Works     | 32    |
| Bautista, Robert D.   | Laboratory Tech           | Public Works   | 14    | Hauck, Pam Jo            | Sr. Admin. Clerk          | LAPD            | 30    | Oguntolu, Victor        | Security Officer          | LAPD             | 5     |
| Blueitt, Robin Cheryl | Commun. Info Rep          | Airports       | 30    | Hernandez, Catalina      | Environmental Supv.       | Public Works    | 20    | Palma, Ligaya Magat     | Accountant                | Housing          | 16    |
| Bransfield, Gary D.   | Airport Police Officer    | Airports       | 29    | Hernandez, Sebastiana    | Custodian                 | Airports        | 14    | Paneno, Cristina A.     | Secretary                 | LAPD             | 29    |
| Buchan, James H.      | Build. Mech. Inspector    | Bldg. & Safety | 15    | Hill, Charlie J.         | Sr. Admin. Clerk          | LAPD            | 14    | Papalian, Vicki         | Fiscal Systems Spec.      | Bldg. & Safety   | 31    |
| Burke, Lupe           | Airport Guide             | Airports       | 14    | Hill, Rodgers L.         | Equip. Operator           | Rec and Parks   | 36    | Parisen, Kathryn L.     | Sr. Admin. Clerk          | Bldg. & Safety   | 30    |
| Burns, Elsa Lee       | Fingerprint Iden. Exp.    | LAPD           | 27    | Ho, Danny S.             | Civil Eng. Associate      | Public Works    | 36    | Pastucha, Simon         | Sr. City Planner          | Planning         | 28    |
| Caraballo, Thomas     | Chief St. Svcs. Invest.   | Public Works   | 31    | Ho, Patrick Kwok Tong    | Programmer Analyst        | ITA             | 17    | Plafkin, Hadar          | City Planner              | Planning         | 32    |
| Carcano, Alejandro    | Parking Attendant         | Gen. Services  | 3     | Holland, Bonnie H.       | Animal Keeper             | Zoo             | 9     | Portillo, Manuel        | Airport Police Sgt.       | Airports         | 33    |
| Chan, Chee Meng       | Sr. Civil Engineer        | Public Works   | 32    | Hsu, Ssuta S.            | Civil Eng. Associate      | Public Works    | 28    | Pueblos, Valentino C.   | Civil Eng. Associate      | Public Works     | 27    |
| Chit, Selma           | Geographic Info. Spec.    | Public Works   | 33    | Huang, Caroline J.       | Systems Programmer        | ITA             | 30    | Ramsay, Carolyn M.      | Council Aide              | Council          | 7     |
| Chwa, Daniel          | St. Lighting Engr. Assoc. | Public Works   | 31    | Huang, Joy C.            | Management Analyst        | Public Works    | 24    | Robertson, Glenn A.     | Automotive Super.         | Gen. Services    | 27    |
| Cimring, Ruth         | Admin. Clerk              | Library        | 28    | Hughes, Steven E.        | Refuse Coll. Truck Op.    | Public Works    | 31    | Robideau, Patricia L.   | Park Maint. Supv.         | Rec and Parks    | 17    |
| Clark, Floyd E.       | Security Officer          | Airports       | 31    | Humphrey, John A.        | Equipment Operator        | Harbor          | 27    | Rongavilla, Ponciano R. | Mech. Engr. Associate     | Harbor           | 27    |
| Clifton, Sarah J.     | Secretary                 | Airports       | 36    | Iranpur, Rohinton B.     | Traffic Officer           | Transportation  | 28    | Rugley, Rose Marie      | Admin. Clerk              | Transportation   | 32    |
| Cordova, Michael A.   | Equip. Operator           | Public Works   | 30    | Jackson, Gerry P.        | Sr. Security Officer      | Airports        | 30    | Shibley, Penelope A.    | Planning Assistant        | Planning         | 2     |
| Corona, Mark W.       | Traffic Officer           | Transportation | 21    | Jacobucci, Sharon L.     | Traffic Officer           | Transportation  | 29    | Sella, Carmel B.        | Council Aide              | Council          | 10    |
| Cortez, Karla E.      | City Att. Admin. Crd.     | City Attorney  | 36    | Janoyan, Verej L.        | Pr. Transport. Engineer   | Transportation  | 33    | Skomsvold, Edward       | Constr. Inspector         | Public Works     | 10    |
| Crittendon, Ronald D. | Detention Officer         | LAPD           | 12    | Jimenez, Olivia E. Acuna | Transit Secretary         | LAPD            | 18    | Starks, Ramona D.       | Benefits Specialist       | LACERS           | 18    |
| Crossley, Mike        | Sr. Manage. Analyst       | Public Works   | 28    | Laguilles, Josefino C.   | Airport Police Officer    | Airports        | 33    | Stone, Roy Bruce        | Sr. Librarian             | Library          | 45    |
| Davis, Carolyn Julia  | Wrks. Comp. Claims Asst.  | Personnel      | 32    | Lamont, Diane S.         | Admin. Clerk              | Library         | 17    | Sykes, Brenda           | Sr. Projects Assistant    | Housing          | 21    |
| Davis, Roddye W.      | Civil Eng. Associate      | Public Works   | 27    | Lee, Catherine W.        | Programmer Analyst        | ITA             | 32    | Thaung, Michael S.      | Electrical Mechanic       | Harbor           | 24    |
| De Jong, Carmen R.    | Custodian                 | Airports       | 19    | Lee, Hansong             | Environmental Eng.        | Public Works    | 33    | Tiet, Bang Diem         | Database Architect        | ITA              | 31    |
| Dimaano, Rogelio V.   | Sr. Manage. Analyst       | LAPD           | 32    | Lee, Joe Juseung         | Database Architect        | Bldg. & Safety  | 30    | Tom, Richard Wayne      | Programmer Analyst        | ITA              | 29    |
| Ditrapani, Leonard J. | Graphics Designer         | Public Works   | 19    | Lewis, Yvette            | Customer Serv. Spec.      | Finance         | 22    | Tse, Daniel             | Building Mech. Engr.      | Public Works     | 30    |
| Dodson, Rondell R.    | Housing Inspector         | Housing        | 13    | Litiatco, Ildefonso C.   | Forensic Print Spec.      | LAPD            | 26    | Valencia, Hugo R.       | St. Services Gen. Support | Public Works     | 32    |
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## Seniors: Take a (Healthy) Walk!

The LACERS Well program sponsors a walking/social event that's perfect for helping you keep in shape and take care of your health.

For more information on LACERS Well events: Tara Miller, LACERS Well coordinator: (213) 978-6843 or LACERS.org/lacerswell



### Monthly Griffith Park Hike:

With Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz and LACERS Well

- First Friday of every month
- 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

### Monthly Easy-Paced Bike Ride

- Dock 52, Marina del Rey
- 3rd Wednesday of the month
- 11 a.m.
- Contact Ron Skarin for location updates and to RSVP at ronskarin@sbcglobal.net

### West Covina Mall Walk and Stretch

- West Covina Mall, West Covina
- Every Wednesday, 8:30 — 10 a.m.
- Contact Pablo and Vivian Cortez at pabcr6@aol.com

### Lakewood Center Mall Walk and Stretch

- Lakewood Center Mall, Lakewood
- Every Monday, 8 a.m.
- Contact Beverly Anderson at the.ander-sons@verizon.net

### Pathfinder Park Walk and Stretch

- Rowland Heights
- Every Wednesday, 9 a.m.
- Contact Joyce Kawai at jkawai@gmail.com

### Madrugada Trail Hike and Stretch

- Chino Hills
- Every Sunday, 4 — 6:30 p.m.

- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at eman- delcorn@gmail.com

### Ontario Mills Mall Walk and Stretch

- Ontario Mills Mall, Ontario
- 1st Saturday of the month, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at eman- delcorn@gmail.com

### Ontario Mills Mall Walk and Stretch

- Ontario Mills Mall, Ontario
- Every Sunday, 10:30 a.m.— noon
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at eman- delcorn@gmail.com

### Chino Hills Senior Center Workout and Stretch

- Chino Hills Senior Center, Chino Hills
- Every Saturday, 4 - 6 p.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at eman- delcorn@gmail.com

### Buddy Walk for Life

- Kaiser Baldwin Park
- 1st Friday of the month, 8 - 10 a.m.
- Contact Mariam Galang at mariam- galang@gmail.com

### Playa del Rey Beach Walk and Stretch

- Playa del Rey
- Every Friday, 8:30 a.m.
- Contact Frankie Gallagher at Frankiequeenofhearts@yahoo.com

### Rueben Ingold Park Walk and Stretch

- View Park, Windsor Hills
- Every Thursday, 11 a.m.
- Contact Avis Ridley-Thomas at avisrid- leythomas@me.com

### Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park Walk and Stretch

- Sherman Oaks

- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 9 a.m.
- Contact Debby Rolland at debbylr22@gmail.com

### El Cariso Park Walk and Stretch

- Sylmar
- Every Monday, 8:30 a.m.
- Contact Irene Galvan at ronnie20dav@gmail.com

### Manhattan Beach Pier Walk

- Manhattan Beach
- 1st Saturday of the month, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Contact Cyrous Adami at Cyrous13@yahoo.com

The Club



# Scholarship Recipients

- Mehrnoosh Arabestani**, Transportation employee.
- Juan Avila**, son of Erik Avila, Public Works/Sanitation.
- Nicolas Baker**, son of Marisa Rey Mejia, California Dept. of Consumer Affairs.
- Jazmyne Brown**, daughter of Robert Brown, Caltrans.
- Erin Camarena**, wife of Miguel Camarena, California Highway Patrol.
- Hector Castaneda**, son of Hector Castaneda, California Highway Patrol.
- April Cayetano**, daughter of Rosana Rubio, County/Public Social Services.
- Nayeli Cervantes**, daughter of Maria Cervantes, LAPD.
- John Amiel Flores**, son of Billy Flores, California Dept. of Public Health.
- Alexyss Garcia**, daughter of Julissa Garcia, California Court Records.
- Edward Holland Jr.**, son of Edward Holland Sr., California Dept. of Corrections.
- Alexis Huerta**, daughter of Yadira Huerta, LAPD.
- Shamar Humphries**, son of Aswad Humphries, DWP.
- Benjamin Kruchinin**, son of Anna Kruchinina, DWP.
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- Christian Ledezma**, son of Arturo Ledezma, Transportation.
- Kandyce Leger**, daughter of McKandy Leger, L.A. County.
- Natalie Lopez**, daughter of Nancy Lopez, Public Works/Project Restore.
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- Peter Marquez**, Animal Services employee.
- Cameron Martinez**, daughter of Edwina Romero, LAPD.
- Andielea Medinilla**, daughter of Marie Saraos, General Services.
- Summer Moore**, daughter of Mildred Oates, Retired municipal worker.
- Laura Muoh**, daughter of Pet Muoh, California Dept. of Corrections.
- Queenolive Muoh**, daughter of Pet Muoh, California Dept. of Corrections.
- Eli Lopez Ortez**, son of Cesar Valdez, Transportation.
- Michelle Perales**, daughter of Larry Perales, Rec and Parks.
- Raul Perez**, son of Desiree Nunez, County Assessor's Office.
- Ariyan Prothro**, daughter of Michi Slaughter, Airports.
- Jessica Rojas**, daughter of Florencio Rojas, Public Works/Street Services.
- Rosalia Rojas**, daughter of Florencio Rojas, Public Works/Street Services.
- Trevor Sepulvida**, son of Alan Sepulvida, formerly of General Services and the LAPD.
- Marisol Serrano**, daughter of Angel Serrano, General Services.
- Natalie Vail**, daughter of Libia Becerra-Vail, DWP.
- Dominique Williams**, daughter of Anita Williams, municipal administration.
- Tou Lia Xiong**, state of California employee.

# Club Honors 36 with Mukai Scholarships

The Club's Joannie Mukai Scholarship Program for 2017 awards \$500 to 36 members of the Club family.

The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Joannie Mukai Scholarship Program for 2017. Thirty-five people – Club Members and those related to Club Members – have been awarded stipends.

The Club's Scholarship program was named for the late Joannie Mukai, the former Club Board Member who passed away in 2010.

"I'm incredibly impressed with the quality of this year's recipients," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "That's true every year – the Club family is filled with young people of promise, hope, service and achievement. I wish all the success in the world to these awesome people, plus all those who applied."

"This is truly a gifted group. Keep working hard, keep achieving ... the world depends on you." Those eligible included Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2017.



Joannie Mukai.

## Here are brief profiles of the awardees:

### Mehrnoosh Arabestani

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Mehrnoosh was a practicing architect before deciding to tackle transportation planning. That decision was prompted by her move, as a refugee, from Iran to Southern California. She works for Transportation in parking, volunteers at the Bikeways Program and is studying for a Master's degree in transportation engineering at Cal Poly Pomona.

Transportation is changing rapidly, she writes: "As a female civil engineer, I want to find creative solutions for addressing the limits of cycling, particularly barriers due to steep grades and weathering. Transportation planning is the systematic creative way to influence future neighborhoods, cities, rural places and metropolitan areas in the U.S."

"Obtaining a Master's in civil engineering will help me use my professional skills to serve the community."

Mehrnoosh is an employee at Transportation.

### Juan Avila

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Juan plans to attend Cal State L.A. this fall, majoring in electrical and computer science.

A proud Mexican-American, Juan has been serving the community through music. For the past five years, he has been with LAUSD All District All City Marching Band, in which he plays trumpet and has also been drum major.

The first computer Juan got from his parents through Computers for Youth started his passion for science and technology. "By understanding the computer, I have been able to think more critically and logically," he writes. "STEM [science, technology, engineering and math courses] has helped me branch out into my community, and I want to be able to pass my knowledge to the future generations."

Juan is the son of Erik Avila, Public Works/Sanitation.

### Nicolas Baker

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Nicolas plans to attend Humboldt State University this fall to study to be a marine biologist.

When he was young, Nicolas wanted to "save all the whales," and his passion for animal welfare continues to this day. At 12, he volunteered at the Sacramento Zoo. His mother has always supported his dreams

and "kept reminding me of the importance of a college education," he writes.

When his mother was diagnosed with cancer, Nicolas "knew then (even more clearly) that I needed to stay strong and do the best I could to be an honorable son. It's been hard for my mother, but she has supported my attendance at Humboldt State."

Nicolas is the son of Marisa Rey Mejia, California Dept. of Consumer Affairs.

### Jazmyne Brown

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Jazmyne is entering her junior year at Cal State Northridge.

"I was raised by my dad," she writes. "I've watched him work endlessly hard to provide for my little sister and me. He would stress to me how powerful education is, especially for a Latina. I'm working to receive my Bachelor's degree in civil engineering, and I will be the first in my immediate family to attend

university and graduate. It is a dream of mine to continue and receive my Master's degree as well."

Jazmyne loves to create and write music in her free time. A personal goal is to have her own studio space, while another is to travel more after college.

Jazmyne is the daughter of Robert Brown, Caltrans.

### Erin Camarena

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Erin attends the Dominican University of California, San Rafael, studying occupational therapy. Even as an undergraduate at University of California, Berkeley, Erin knew she wanted to work in healthcare. First, however, she followed in her father's footsteps and served in the military.

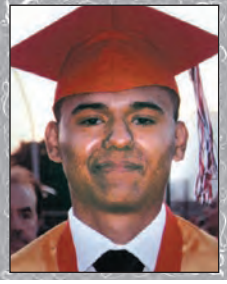
Erin learned about occupational therapy when her grandfather became ill. Although she was stationed abroad, Erin made it back to visit her grandfather before he died. "I appreciated everything the occupational therapist did for our family," she writes. "The therapist provided us with understanding, clarity and overall patience toward my grandpa and our family during this difficult time."

Erin hopes to provide the same care for seniors and their families in the future.

Erin is the wife of Miguel Camarena, California Highway Patrol.

## Hector Castaneda

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Hector plans to attend UC Irvine, this fall, focusing on physics and mathematics. "I am interested in becoming an employee at NASA or the Jet Propulsion Laboratory," he writes. "I see myself working with trajectories and studying the universe. As a child I was curious about how the universe worked, and while taking a physics course I was certain that this was my passion."

Hector took another step towards his dream job in attending space camp, where several simulations he took part in highlighted future career possibilities. One simulation involved piloting a spacecraft, and another was making sure the International Space Station was kept in orbit around the Earth.

Hector is the son of Hector Castaneda, California Highway Patrol.

## April Cayetano

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



April is a sophomore at Cal State, Los Angeles, studying for a Bachelor's degree in exercise science. She hopes to become a physical therapist.

During her first year of college, April has been involved in the Forensic Science Student Association, Hermanas Unidas and the Paw Club.

"My family has made many sacrifices to allow me to focus on education throughout primary and secondary school," she writes. "I am now the first person in my family to attend college, though I'm in need of financial assistance to realize what has been a long-term goal for me and a dream for my parents."

April is the daughter of Rosana Rubio, County/Public Social Services.

## Nayeli Cervantes

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Nayeli plans to attend Cal State, Los Angeles this fall.

"It has always been a dream of mine to become a part of law enforcement," she writes. Nayeli will specialize in behavioral analysis because she is always seeking to know why people act the way they do, in particular, why people end up committing crimes. She wants "to know just why it is people go through a change where

they let evil thoughts run their mind.

"I want to be the one to keep them off the streets ... so they are not allowed to terrorize anyone anymore."

Nayeli hopes to make a difference both in her community and in the wider world.

Nayeli is the daughter of Maria Cervantes, LAPD.

## John Amiel Flores

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



It all started with collecting bug specimens and keeping aquariums. A lifelong curiosity and fascination for science has led John Amiel to pursue biological sciences at U.C. Davis.

"I am planning to pursue biological sciences, then branch off into ecological and evolutionary sciences," he writes. "The main threat toward our environment is the presence of humans who are endangering most species in

existence through global warming."

After college, John Amiel wants to get involved with conservation groups relevant to marine ecosystems, due to the disastrous effects of rising temperatures and garbage patches. "The first step in solving this problem is increasing public awareness."

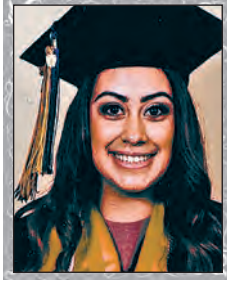
John Amiel is the son of Billy Flores, California Dept. of Public Health.

## Alexyss Garcia

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship

Alexyss is a sophomore at Southern Oregon University, studying for a double major in criminal justice/criminology and psychology. During her first year in college, Alexyss maintained a 3.7 GPA, earning her a place on the Dean's Honor List.

Alexyss plans to volunteer at police stations in Oregon



Alexyss is the daughter of Julissa Garcia, California Court Records.

## Edward Holland Jr.

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Edward plans to attend Cal State, Fresno this fall. He has received his Associate of science degree from Fresno City College in the administration of criminal justice program and hopes to one day work for the State of California Dept. of Corrections.

"I have learned that success comes from hard work and not giving up," he writes. "If you push through the difficult times you will

appreciate the rewards that come from the struggle. I want to be able to show others that they can also do great things, just don't give up. I look forward to learning as much as I can about the Criminal Justice field."

Edward is the son of Edward Holland, California Dept. of Corrections.

## Alexis Huerta

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Alexis plans to attend the University of Washington, Seattle, this fall, where she will major in psychology.

Alexis experienced fear and anxiety in middle school as a result of an abusive relationship, she says. She channeled herself into her studies, passing the AP European History exam with a perfect score. "My past became one of my biggest motivators.

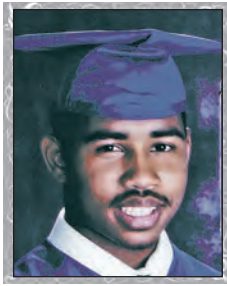
Because of it, I discovered my passion for social justice and interpersonal connection."

Alexis wants to lead breakthrough research initiatives in the battle against brain injuries and mental illnesses and "be given the opportunity to transform lives." She hopes to further her studies in neuropsychology.

Alexis is the daughter of Yadira Huerta, LAPD.

## Shamar Humphries

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Shamar had hopes of playing professional football, becoming the next great running back like his heroes Emmitt Smith and Ezekiel Elliot, but some serious injuries meant a change of plan. In eighth grade, Shamar was in the Junior All-American football program and was expected to do well as a footballer in high school.

All that came crashing down with a ripped anterior cruciate

ligament (ACL). Surgery followed and then many, many hours of physical therapy, during which Shamar had to learn how to walk again. Throughout it all, he kept up with his studies and he made it back onto the field to play football again. But a second ACL injury ended his playing days. "Now I want to go to college to become an engineer, instead of a football player. And I will do it."

Shamar is the son of Aswad Humphries, DWP.

## Benjamin Kruchinin

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Benjamin plans to attend Cal State Northridge this fall. His plan is to become a college counselor, but first he pursues a Bachelor's degree in child and adolescent development.

He has already completed counseling classes at Santa Monica College, where he assisted other students in making the most of the college resources, thereby proving to himself that

he's on the right career path.

Eating healthily and getting exercise are priorities for Benjamin, as he has type 1 diabetes. "Over the years, diabetes made me a stronger and more responsible person,"

he writes. "I need to be organized and plan ahead for unexpected emergencies."

Benjamin is the son of Anna Kruchinina, DWP.

## Camilla Lazo

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Camilla is the first in her family to attend university and thanks a strong family support system for the fact that she plans to attend Cal State Northridge this fall. Camilla looks to earn a Bachelor's degree in biology, her favorite subject, but that is only the first step on her journey toward her career goal of becoming an obstetrician/gynecologist.

"The journey to medical school is clearly not a simple one," she writes. "Consequently, I have many short-term goals to get me there. Such a career is important to me because it excites me to see families grow and to be part of that growth."

Camilla is the daughter of Rea Lazo, General Services.

## Christian Ledezma

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Christian plans to attend Chapman University this fall to study graphic design.

"I am an aspiring graphic designer and content creator with experience in design, film, photography and printed media," he writes. Christian took the first steps into his career in his middle school video production class and took up commercial design through his high school's video-game design program. He hopes to become an art director.

Christian worked as visual editor for his high school newspaper, captained the school's drumline and was president of the Gay Straight Alliance. "With help from the San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ center, my co-president and I put on the first ever Queer Prom for all the LGBTQ youths in the San Gabriel Valley."

Christian is the son of Arturo Ledezma, Transportation.

## Kandyce Leger

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Kandyce plans to attend Northern Arizona University this fall and study in the college of Social and Behavioral Sciences, majoring in criminal justice and criminology. "Being a detective and studying criminal activities has always been an interest of mine," she writes. "Working for law enforcement requires hard work and determination."

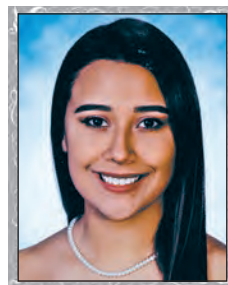
Kandyce is an alumna of Canyon High School. "If I keep my goals in mind as I start my first year of college, I will be able to accomplish my future goals."

Kandyce acknowledges that being the daughter of a single father is hard, but she is doing all she can to pay her way towards college.

Kandyce is the daughter of McKandy Leger, L.A. County.

## Natalie Lopez

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Natalie is a sophomore at Cal State, Fullerton, where she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in communications, with an emphasis on public relations.

Natalie is the first in her family to go to college and gained a place on the Abrego Future Scholars program, which helped her in her transition to college life. "This program provided me with support services to ensure my success at CSUF," she writes. Natalie also joined a sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha. "ZTA's philanthropy is breast cancer awareness, which is something I hold dear, since my grandmother is a breast cancer survivor."

Natalie's dream is to attend graduate school and become a lawyer specializing in family law.

Natalie is the daughter of Nancy Lopez, Public Works/Project Restore.

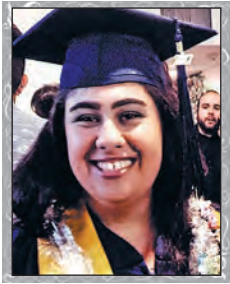


# Mukai Scholarships

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## Jennifer Marques

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Jennifer has been a consistent honors student as well as taking home Student of the Month awards from kindergarten through the 12th grade. Jennifer was class valedictorian with a GPA of 4.33. Now, she has her sights set on the business world. She plans to attend Harding University this fall, where she will major in business.

"With my degree, I plan to run my own business or help run the business that my mom currently manages," she writes. "Having a business has always been a dream of mine since I was little because I was able to watch my mother be so successful in hers."

Jennifer is the daughter of Andrew Marques, California State Hospitals.

## Peter Marquez

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Peter attends Cal State Northridge.

Peter works for the City and also attends college and teaches Taekwando. Originally from Lima, Peru, he relocated to California where he opened his own Taekwando school and taught martial arts for 19 years. "Some of my students were able to win state, national and international events," he writes. "I believe the most rewarding part of their success was that most of my students have become good people in our society."

Peter sold the business to go back to school and received an Associate of science degree in administration of justice. He is studying criminal justice at CSUN and hopes to study law and pass the California bar.

Peter works for Animal Services.

## Cameron Martinez

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Cameron is a second-year student at UCLA, majoring in business economics with a minor in accounting. She is taking additional classes per quarter over the summer months, aiming to graduate a year early. Her plans include joining a business society on campus during the year and heading to Washington, D.C. on an internship next summer.

During the past year, Cameron has managed a job in the Assistant Vice Chancellor's Office, liaising with many departments on campus. She is also a volunteer note-taker with the UCLA Center for Accessible Education.

"I am proud to be the daughter of a single parent who has overcome both emotional and financial burdens to be where I am today," she writes. "I still have a long way to go, but I am well on my way."

Cameron is the daughter of Edwina Romero, LAPD.

## Andielea Medinilla

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Andielea is in her second year at Cal State Los Angeles, majoring in kinesiology.

"I spent my first summer out of high school taking below remedial courses every day," she writes. "Long story short, I passed. And I was extremely relieved and proud."

Andielea attended the USC Med Cor program during summer school and every Saturday during high school. "They held tutoring, mentoring and SAT preparations. They held opportunities for students to volunteer at the hospital."

It was while volunteering that Andielea knew she wanted to pursue a career in the medical field. "I never realized how much time, effort, dedication and motivation it took to help someone recover. I am now, more than ever, motivated to complete this course."

Andielea is the daughter of Marie Saraos, General Services.

## Summer Moore

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Summer graduated from Cal State Fresno and now plans to attend USC.

While at college, Summer did two internships working with at-risk youth programs and realized she wanted to become a social worker. "I realized that working closely with youths was a passion growing deep in my heart ... the thought of being able to serve children as a role model and offering hope has inspired me to be to pursue social work," she writes. She plans to complete a doctorate in social work in the next five years and then hopes to work in the criminal justice system, advocating for youths who are transitioning from foster care and/or the justice system.

As an undergraduate, Summer served as a youth representative and youth leader, responsible for organizing programs for young people to engage in. She studied abroad in the Dominican Republic in her junior year. Summer maintained her academic excellence throughout college.

Summer is the daughter of Mildred Oates, retired municipal worker.

## Laura Muoh

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Laura is a twin, and her sister, Queenolive, is also a scholarship recipient.

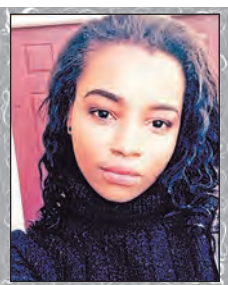
Laura attends San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, majoring in biology. She is taking pre-requisites to transfer to study medicine at UC Davis in Fall 2018. During her first year at Delta College, Laura has been part of the Affirm organization, which promotes and supports African American culture and development. She was given an award of merit from the organization for academic excellence and exemplary behavior.

Laura works assisting nurses and also volunteers as a caregiver. "I believe that to get what I want, I must go the extra mile."

Laura is the daughter of Pet Muoh, California Dept. of Corrections.

## Queenolive Muoh

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Queenolive is a twin, and her sister, Laura, is also a Mukai scholarship recipient.

"My career goal is to be a pharmacist," Queenolive writes. "I have always been fascinated by the world of science because it deals with influencing society in a positive way." Queenolive has volunteered in pharmacies and hospitals to gain more experience in her chosen field. She is attending San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton and plans to transfer to a four-year college to gain a Bachelor's degree in biochemistry and then go to pharmacy school.

Originally from Nigeria, Queenolive says: "Attending college here has made me believe that my goal could be accomplished because of great opportunities such as this."

Queenolive is the daughter of Pet Muoh, California Dept. of Corrections.

## Eli Lopez Ortiz

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Eli plans to attend U.C. Davis this fall as a freshman. This, Eli hopes, is the start of what he knows to be a long road in becoming a surgeon.

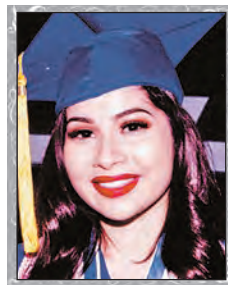
"I am going to have to persevere through tough times to become a surgeon because it is exciting and I am willing to work hard," he writes. "My motivation is to help people so that everyone in the world can feel that there are people who are willing to help."

Eli volunteers at Children's Hospital and at Cedars Sinai. "I aim to help people because I believe we can create a positive chain reaction that will help this world become peaceful."

Eli is the son of Cesar Valdez, Transportation.

## Michelle Perales

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Michelle attends the University of California, Berkeley, where she entered as an English major. Now, however, she intends to gain a degree in biology and go on to pursue a career in optometry.

"Attending UC Berkeley has been, among other things, quite a humbling experience," she writes. "I have met brilliant scholars from all over the state, the country and the world - Australia, India, England. The amount of talent in the 17-mile radius that is the city of Berkeley is truly remarkable."

Michelle worked at the school newspaper, The Daily Californian, and gained enough experience there to know that she won't continue in that field. Science calls to her now, and she is taking the prerequisites to attend optometry school following her degree.

Michelle is the daughter of Larry Perales, Rec and Parks

## Raul Perez

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Raul is in his third year at Cal State Channel Islands, where he is working towards his Bachelor's degree in environmental science with an emphasis on resource management with a minor in economics.

He partakes in many student activities, but one of the most notable is student government. Raul has been elected for the second year as the Senator of Sustainability and Technology. "I have worked toward creating a community garden, composting bins and a swap-meet to alleviate the daily trash load, and Raul has organized other environmentally conscious events," she writes.

Raul has plans to attend law school after he graduates and get a law degree in environmental policy.

Raul is the son of Desiree Nunez, County Assessor's Office.

## Ariyan Prothro

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Ariyan plans to attend the School of Social Ecology at UC Irvine, this fall, where she will study psychology and social behavior.

Ariyan attributes her success to stepping outside of her comfort zone during high school and taking on some of the most challenging courses offered at her school, all while staying on the volleyball team. She managed to stay on top of it all while applying to colleges and moving home. Graduating with honors meant she has had her pick of colleges, but has chosen University College Irvine.

"Being the daughter of a single mother, I have accomplished quite a lot despite certain circumstances that may break some people down, instead they assisted in building me up," she writes.

Ariyan is the daughter of Michi Slaughter, Airports.

## Jessica Rojas

Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship



Jessica is a sophomore at UC Riverside.

Jessica has both personal and academic achievements from her first year of college. Personally, she has conquered Riverside and LA's public transport systems to get to classes. Academically, Jessica has challenged herself, passed all her courses and is still on track to enter the school of business. She plans to graduate with her Bachelor's degree in business administration, with a focus on marketing and work for a television channel.

Jessica joined a college club "in which not only did my grades matter but also my social skills in networking. I had the opportunity to create events, make posters and was in charge of the organization's social network," she writes.

Jessica is the daughter of Florencio Rojas, Public Works/ Street Services.

**Rosalia Rojas**

*Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship*



Rosalia attends Cal State Northridge and wants to be a pediatrician.

During high school, she volunteered at a hospital and worked with a patient who knew only Spanish. "It was hard for her to tell the doctor what hurt, but also to say what meal she wanted. Not only was I able to help the patient medically, but I was able to help by social-

izing," she writes.

Rosalia works part-time at Valley Performing Arts Center as an usher, which "has given me the chance to expand my knowledge in the arts. Getting a job outside my comfort zone was surprisingly amazing."

Rosalia is the daughter of Florencio Rojas, Public Works/Street Services.

**Trevor Sepulveda**

*Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship*



"Whereas graduation was a celebration for other students, I simply didn't see an academic future ahead of me," Trevor writes. "Nevertheless, I began taking courses at my local community college."

Trevor had graduated from Bonita Vista High School in 2016 and went on to graduate from San Diego City College in 2017 with an Associate's degrees in

liberal arts and political science. He plans to transfer to UCLA this fall as a political science major and hopes to graduate in 2019. His graduate plans are to earn a law degree and a Master's degree in public policy and practice civil rights or environmental law. Another career goal is to work for the U.S. Dept. of State or the United Nations.

Trevor is the son of Alan Sepulveda, formerly of General Services and the LAPD.

**Marisol Serrano**

*Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship*



Marisol plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona this fall.

Marisol has performed more 200 hours of service to the community. "I served mostly in cultural organizations inside the Cal Poly Pomona campus, collaborating with other volunteers to provide a comfortable environment," she writes. "Working in those organizations, I was able to relate to others and that led

me to understand the different struggles a community goes through in pursuing higher education."

She would like to become a civil engineer and work for a public company. "I believe that engineering was made to strengthen and to help society live better." Marisol hopes to be able to give back to the community of her childhood in East Los Angeles.

Marisol is the daughter of Angel Serrano, General Services.

**Natalie Vail**

*Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship*



Natalie plans to attend UCLA this fall, having transferred from Pierce College with honors. While at Pierce, she had the opportunity to present a research paper at UC Irvine's Honors Transfer Council of California conference. Natalie's paper argues that the growing diversity of the American population calls for a critical look at the health disparities present in medicine.

"I also evaluated contemporary research that presented findings on the harmful effects from medical professionals' unconscious racial biases," she writes.

These topics will continue to intrigue Natalie at UCLA: "I know shedding light on these social problems is part of social change and progress in and of itself, for our American community."

Natalie is the daughter of Libia Becerra-Vail, DWP.

**Dominique Williams**

*Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship*



Dominique is halfway through her four-year degree course at Loyola Marymount University, pursuing a sociology major with a journalism minor. "The introductory course taught me about the imperative role journalists play in maintaining a democracy and also challenged me to step out of my shy demeanor in order to write and report stories," she writes.

Another significant achievement for Dominique has been her rise through Event Services on campus: From starting with part-time work to full-time during this summer, progressing to student manager for this coming semester. She will combine her campus work with ongoing academic research studies in sociology.

Dominique is the daughter of Anita Williams, who works in municipal administration.

**Tou Lia Xiong**

*Recipient of a \$500 Joannie Mukai Scholarship*



Tou Lia is an immigrant who came to the United States from his war-torn homeland.

"Trying to assimilate into mainstream America was not an easy task for me and my family," he writes. "I have to say that learning English has been one of the most difficult tasks for me personally."

Tou Lia has obtained his degree in English and is pursuing a graduate degree in English at Cal State, Sacramento. "Words and phrases that were once foreign and confusing to me are now part of my everyday speech. I know that there is still a long way to go to achieve my goals." He would like to earn a Master's degree in English and teach English as a second language. "I have walked the path before and know the struggles from firsthand experience."

Tou Lia Xiong works for the state of California.

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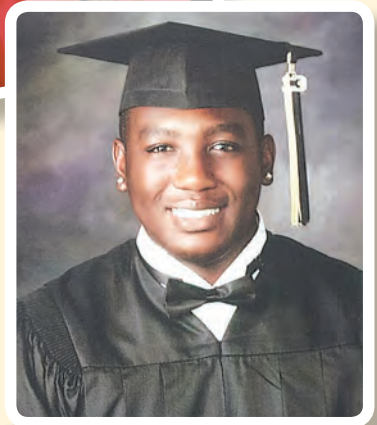
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*Congratulations,*  
**GRADUATES**





# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO



"My husband, David, took these pictures at Cub Lake (across from our home) in Bear Valley Springs, Tehachapi. They are Rocky Mountain elk – aren't they magnificent?!"

— **Cheri Hadley, wife of David Hadley, Retired, LAFD**

**John's comment:** Yes, they are, Cheri! Please let your husband know that I love this picture – it almost looks like the elk posed for this shot. The lighting is perfect as it enhances the three-dimensional aspect of the elk as well as the lake's depth of field. The framing of the reeds is a photographic bonus!



"I went on an overnight fishing trip in San Diego. The boat went about 60 miles south into Mexican waters to find the fish. On the way back in the evening there was a beautiful view of the sunrises breaking through the clouds."

— **Marco Sanchez, Harbor**

**John's comment:** While Erik's picture (below, left) reminded me of *The Old Man and the Sea* on the short, this one reminds me of when Santiago, the old character in that book, was at sea, fighting with the giant marlin. I imagine this is what he saw as he continued fighting while the sun went down. A wonderful burst of sunlight blasting through the clouds juxtaposed by the immense power of the ocean. Great shot, Marco!

"This trip was part of my daughter Sofia's 'bucket list' before she goes to college in New York. We got up early and were able to catch the desert sunrise."

— **Luis Aguilar, LAPD/Property Division**

**John's comment:** Luis! Good hearing from you – in fact I see you every day on the wall of the Club Store, where we have the April 2009 poster hanging of you on the front page of *Alive!* Those were good times when you were pushing the Convention Center into the future and getting them LEED certified. And this photo is amazing! I don't think our readers will be able to see the detail of the mountain under the sun because of the newspaper print ... but trust me it's incredible. I really like how there is an abundance of contrast between the Joshua trees and the sunrise; it makes it pop and also gives you that "morning" feeling. Thanks, Luis, and congrats to your daughter as she opens a new chapter in her life!



"I took this picture November 1980 with a Kodak Instamatic, and when it was developed it came back to me just as we see it. The towers look almost transparent. An eerie portent."

— **John Nance, Retired, DWP**

**John's comment:** An eerie portent is exactly the right description, John, as the distortion and texture add a sad relevance for what happened to these World Trade Center twin tower buildings this month back in 2001. The emotion this photo embodies is what we feel for the nearly 3,000 innocent people killed here, and in D.C., and in Pennsylvania. We mourn for them, and for a way of life that seems so far away now. Thanks for sending, and for the reminder.



"Best day of my life: my daughter's wedding day, July 29, Pismo Beach."

— **John Hicks, Firefighter/Paramedic, LAFD**

**John's comment:** Congratulations John! And I got to say that this is an *amazing* photograph; the expression on your daughter's face is so candid and real, so peaceful and happy ... simply *amazing!* Thank you, John!



"Tulum, Mexico."

— **Erik Depaz, Housing**

**John's comment:** Start with wispy muted skies and a bleached beach ... add turquoise waters, and you have a scene from Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*. It's a wonderfully peaceful photo, Erik!



"Malibu Creek State Park, on the former M.A.S.H. set site."

— **Joshua Martinez, Rec and Parks**

**John's comment:** Memories! This reminds me of the time when Angel Gomez, my brother Tom and I went and did a "Be Alive!" hiking column at this location. It was pretty neat – and farther on is where they filmed the original *Planet of the Apes*, an all-time classic. In fact, my daughter and I just finished watching all of the *Planet of the Apes* movies ... good times!

## 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.
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# Ice Cream... at the Club Store!

Cool off at the Club Store!

The Club is now offering single ice cream treats to Members and non-members alike! Robert Larios, the Club COO responsible for the great idea, explained, "It gets hot downtown. We always welcome Club Members and others to come inside, rest and relax, and pick up some great Club-discounted tickets, gifts and apparel.

"But I thought, what could help cool them down? Ice cream!"

Chef Larios noted that most of what's available is of the Blue Bunny brand, from "the ice cream capital of the world," Le Mars, Iowa. Other brands available are ice cream Snickers and ice cream Twix.

Treats are \$1 for Club Members, \$2 for non-members.

"Come on into the Club Store and enjoy an ice cream treat at a great Club discount!" he says.



Airports



Photos by CSI Officer Darrius J. Lewis

Chief of Airport Police David Maggard swears in Officer Kristin Fuentes.



From left: Chief of Airport Police David Maggard, Officer Kristin Fuentes and Capt. Greg Staar.

# Welcome, Officer Fuentes

Airport Police welcomes new police graduate.

On Aug. 4, a new Police Officer joined the ranks of the Airport Police Dept. following the graduation of class 2-17 from the LAPD Elysian Park Academy.

Officer Kristin Fuentes was sworn in by Airport Police Chief David Maggard. Officer Fuentes, a former TSA Playbook Team member, was known for her dedication to help passengers at LAX and the airport community. TSA management awarded her several on-the-spot awards for her strong work ethic. Chief

Maggard said, "She will make a great addition to our department. Please join me in welcoming her as she begins a new adventure in this very honorable and humble profession."

Officer Fuentes will begin a six-month Field Training Program specific to aviation law enforcement under the guidance of a field training officer before being assigned to the Patrol Services Section.

Welcome to the City, Officer Fuentes!

# Rest Insured

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



## The Dangers of Distracted Driving

I was recently asked: "What's the big deal with texting and driving? Is the media just blowing this up into something bigger than it actually is?"

**Distracted driving is a very big deal. The numbers are quite convincing:**

Texting gets all the press, but the idea of distracted driving goes way beyond cellphone use.

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving.

- The number of people killed in distraction-affected crashes was 3,154 in 2013. Unfortunately, approximately 424,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver.
- More than six billion text messages are sent every day in the United States.
- 10 percent of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted.
- Drivers in their 20s make up 27 percent of the distracted drivers in fatal crashes.
- At any given daylight moment across America, more than 750,000 drivers are using cell phones while driving.
- Engaging in tasks including reaching for a phone, dialing and texting increases the risk of getting into a crash by three times.
- Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded.
- 25 percent of teens respond to a text message once or more every time they drive. 20 percent of teens and 10 percent of adults acknowledge that they have extended, multi-message text conversations while driving.

**All distractions endanger driver, passenger and bystander safety. These types of distractions include:**

- Texting
- Making a phone call
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player

(On a personal note: I've been in only one accident in my life, and that was when I was reaching around into the back seat to discipline my five-year-old son! It's a perfect example of distracted driving, years before cellphones were invented.)

But text messaging is by far the biggest culprit. Because texting requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.

The best way to end distracted driving is to educate your family about the danger it poses. My wife and I have a pledge to each other that we will leave our cellphones in the trunk when we drive. That way we won't be tempted to check email or send a text even while at a red light.

Together we can help to save lives!

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**AIRPORTS**

# DATA, DATA, DATA

*Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing*

**Chief Information Officer Aura Moore keeps LAX on the cutting edge of the rapidly evolving tech curve – and safe against cyber and other threats.**

Technology is changing all our lives. In many cases, rapidly. Nowhere is that advancement parade more prominent than at the airport. The growing Los Angeles International Airport, now the country's second busiest and world's fourth busiest by passenger traffic, depends heavily on advancing technology to enhance security, passenger convenience and overall efficiency.

And with LAX in an unprecedented building spurt – with major terminal upgrades, a midfield international terminal expansion and a major new people mover/Metro connection all under construction or in the deep design phase – technology will make them all work together to enhance the passenger experience. Things are going to be different for all those flying in or out of LAX.

How different? Are you ready for a future of encountering no personnel to clear you all the way from your parking spot or Metro stop all the way into your seat? "That future is coming," says Aura Moore, LAWA's Chief Information Officer (CIO), "and we are building that digital infrastructure for the city." That purely seamless experience is not here yet, but it's on its way. And to be able to do all that safely and securely is a main airport goal.

Aura, who has over 25 years of City service, talks to *Alive!* about rapid technology advancement and protecting the airport against increasing security and hacking risks.

Meet Aura Moore and her capable team of technology gurus in the Information Management and Technology Group at LAWA. ■

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Aura Moore,  
Airports' Chief  
Information Officer,  
in LAX's Security  
Operations Center.

Aura Moore, Airports' Chief Information Officer, in LAX's Security Operations Center.



The *Alive!* Interview

# SOARING ON TECHNOLOGY

On Thursday, July 29, Club COO Robert Larios and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed Aura Moore, Deputy Executive Director and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in her office near the airport. Aura has 27 years of City service.

**Thanks for talking to us today. First, talk about your City career. Did you transfer into LAWA, or did you start your City service here?**

**Aura Moore:** I transferred into LAWA from Information Technology (ITA), and I started my career at the Dept. of Water and Power.

**What was your job at the DWP?**

I came in as a student engineer when I was in college. I worked part time during the school year, and then I was hired full time when I graduated.

**And then you went to ITA from there?**

Yes. I was a telecommunications planner at ITA.

**Okay. When did you come over to LAWA?**

In 2005. I've been here for about 12 years.

**So the City is your career; you didn't start in private industry.**

The city is my career, yes.

## All About Information

**In a general sense, what do you do, and what does the Information Management & Technology Group (IMTG) do?**

Basically I run the network and the systems at the airport. That includes the computer network, the phone network, the radio system, the systems in the terminals, Wi-Fi, and the business systems that are required to run and operate the airport. That includes our Enterprise Resource Management (ERP) and our asset management system.

We also manage the video surveillance system, the access control system, the badging system – we have about 50,000 people badged at the airport; some of the terminal systems, not all of them, but the flight information displays that show the flights, the gates and baggage information; many of the kiosks that aren't proprietary to individual airline. We have those primarily in our international terminal where we have many carriers, so they share the use.

So the list goes on and on, as you can see.

**It sure does. What's your public face? Of all the things that you do, what elements would the public know the best?**

Well, certainly Wi-Fi in the terminals. We have a concessionaire who provides the Wi-Fi service, but we are responsible for managing that contract and working with them to build out the network in the public

space, so they definitely would know that. Our Website pushes information out to the passengers. We manage that technology platform. And then I really consider the security system to be public – it's somewhat behind the scenes but it's keeping those passengers safe and secure. We have cameras everywhere, and there are controls as to where you can go.

We also do other things, like we implement automation at the checkpoints. We do that to improve that passenger experience going through the checkpoints and making it faster and streamlining the process. Automated

## ABOUT AURA MOORE

**Chief Information Officer  
Deputy Executive Director  
Los Angeles World Airports**

Aura Moore was appointed Deputy Executive Director and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) in July 2016. She oversees day-to-day information technology operations and serves as top technology infrastructure and systems leader Los Angeles International (LAX) and Van Nuys general aviation airports.

### Professional Experience

Moore draws from a public service career of more than 20 years at agencies throughout the City. Her previous positions with LAWA included Network Infrastructure Program Manager, IT Project Management Director and Deputy CIO. She also served as Interim CIO prior to her appointment.

As Deputy CIO, Moore created the Office of Airport Technology and Business Systems, a group tasked with strengthening LAWA's security, business and airport operations through efficiently delivering large-scale airport technology projects. During her tenure as Interim CIO, she expanded her focus to enhancing the guest experience through implementing self-service technologies and establishing partnerships designed to improve passenger processing.

Moore is credited with modernizing technology infrastructure throughout the LAX campus, where she consolidated surveillance systems and expanded coverage for enhanced security and safety. She also worked to replace manual processes with new systems that have improved airport operational efficiencies.

### Educational Background

Moore earned a Master of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Cal State, Long Beach.

screening, so if you've been in some of the terminals like United, you can have multiple people putting their stuff in the bins simultaneously, whereas in the standard process, it's just a single-file line, one after the other. We do that, and we implement those systems as well.

**How much of what you do is connected to outside agencies like the TSA? I presume you commonly liaise with them.**

Commonly. The checkpoints are con-

trolled by TSA (Transportation Security Administration). It's all the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS), but within DHS we've got TSA and CBP (Customs and Border Protection), and interestingly enough, they operate pretty independently under that DHS umbrella. The TSA really controls the checkpoints and CBP controls the federal inspection area where you clear customs for immigration purposes. We deal with them on both aspects, so we help with putting in the video surveillance in the checkpoints; they have specific requirements that we have to meet. And then we also put in the screening technology. They

put in the scanning, like the CT scans – when you walk in and it takes a photo, they provide all of that technology.

And then in the customs area, we put in the automated passport kiosk, so you have multiple options for clearing customs – you can go stand in the longer line to see a CBP officer to show your passport, to show your declaration form and go through all of that clearance, or we have many kiosks where you can go, and the kiosk has the ability to scan your passport go through the declaration form questions so you don't have to complete the paper form. That helps improve the speed. We have 100 kiosks right now in the International Terminal. In addition to that, we're beginning to roll out the Mobile Passport app, which will offer a third option for U.S and Canadian nationals entering a U.S. port. So we are responsible for rolling out those technologies in partnership with CBP. We work with those guys frequently.

**The IMTG, is involved in so much, so maybe it's easier to ask it this way: Is there anything at the airport that you're not involved in?**

The FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) controls the planes taking off and landing and all of that good stuff. We assign the gates, but they really control the air traffic. Technology is really integral in an airport, so we're almost involved in pretty much everything. The domestic carriers have their proprietary systems, but as we continue to move forward with technology, and as the airlines like to move around so frequently, they are also now starting to become a little more open to talking about sharing infrastructure in an airport that helps them save in their costs. Every time they move, they have to build everything all over again. Believe it or not, we move a lot in the airport.

# DATA, DRIVEN

*Alive!* Feature

## The *Alive!* Interview

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### Yes, you just moved like half of the airline's terminal assignments.

Yes, we just had a big move, but that certainly won't be the last move I'm sure.

### Right, as business pushes things together and apart.

### Toward a Hindrance-Free LAX Experience

There are a lot more people coming through LAX, even considering five or 10 years ago. Is part of the strategy to implement technologies that will assist in that kind of traffic flow?

Yes. The automated screening technology at the checkpoints – each checkpoint has a certain capacity for processing passengers per hour, for example. With the automated screening lanes, you can get more people through.

I'm sure you're familiar with our new Landslide Access Modernization Program and some of our current capital improvement projects under way, where we are building additional gates midfield at the Midfield Satellite Concourse. All of those folks at both of those major new facilities will need to be processed through that same Tom Bradley terminal. Automating that screening process is a part of that plan to be able to process more passengers because we know that we are going to have to address increased demands. Last year, we processed close to 81 million passengers, and we anticipate that number will increase as more people choose to travel through LAX. We're always looking at automation technologies. The federal agencies are looking at how to use biometrics to speed up processing, which is also enhanced security.

In general, ultimately we look at how to develop technology to provide more of a seamless travel experience for the passenger where, should he or she desire, won't really have to talk to anybody much in the future – you can walk in and you can drop your bag. The bag will be routed through an automated process. You have your boarding pass on your phone, and you'll be able to walk through security, use your biometric clearance whether that's a fingerprint or facial recognition to walk through security. The long-term plan is working with the federal agencies to look at how to leverage technology. As you said, there will be many more people traveling over the next five to ten years.

### Will you be managing the people mover from Metro into the central terminal area, the one that LAX will be building soon?

So from a management perspective, a developer (vendor) will design, build, finance, operate and maintain that program. The developer will be responsible for maintaining and operating the train. But we will have telecom infrastructure built as a part of the train guideway because we need to extend our infrastructure out to those new facili-

ties. We're building a consolidated rent-a-car facility and new intermodal transportation facilities. In those facilities we need video surveillance, access control, Wi-Fi and good cellular coverage, and all of that requires connectivity. We will be responsible for maintaining and coordinating all of that development to make sure that the technology is built along with what they are building. And of course there will digital displays, kiosks and other kinds of information that's going to be pushed out to the passengers in those facilities; all of that requires infrastructure. So that's our role. We won't be maintaining the train but there's certainly technology that will be involved. We're expanding the airport out to the 405, and our technology will also expand out to the 405.

### Qualitative Growth More Than Numbers

#### With all that's going on, how much has the IMTG grown? The airport's growing. Are you?

Actually, we have not had much growth. We have probably gone from maybe 150 or 175 employees to a little more than 200, but the thing is, we don't have a full staff all the time. Right now, we have about 160 positions filled out of 200-plus. We have a huge vacancy rate. Also, with the fast technology development going on here at the airport, a lot of that involves new technology that we've never built before, so there are lots of consultants and contractors who work at the airport that augment our teams to help us build all this out at the fast pace that we have to build it.

It's really about moving forward – not only about building the size of the team, but it's about a lot of the new technologies that we're looking at, the Internet of Things, I'm sure you've heard about that.

With automation and all the new digital services, whether it's data analytics, business intelligence, artificial intelligence, virtual reality or any of these types of technologies that are not broadly deployed today that will be utilized in the next five years are going to require different skill sets. It's not so much a matter of looking at how we're going to build volume as it is looking at what will be the new skill sets that we'll need to start recruiting for those technologies. They will change the dynamic of the team.

I expect the team will maintain around the same size, with a small increase as time goes on.

### Honors

Recently your group won a Mayor's Innovation Award for a parking utility on the LAX Website.

Right! We have significant traffic problems here, which you probably already know about, and we have high pas-

# IMTG

## Information Management and Technology Group

LAWA's Information Management and Technology Group (IMTG) employees more than 150 system engineers, system analysts and many other classifications. They are busy; here are those who had time to stop and be photographed for *Alive!*



### Infrastructure Technology Group

Top row, from left: Allan Suyao, Communications Engineer Associate I; Dennis Paragas, Systems Programmer III; Thomas Wang, Systems Programmer II; Michi Slaughter, Systems Analyst; James Burnett, Systems Programmer II; Jeff Turner, Telecommunications Planner; Brian Bustamante, Systems Programmer II; Kim Lauri, Senior Systems Analyst II; Esteban Moledo, Systems Analyst; Irene Watler, Systems Programmer II; Hector Quintanilla, Systems Programmer III; and Larry Genuth, Systems Programmer I. Bottom: Aura Moore, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief Information Officer; Kevin Le, Systems Programmer II; Eddie Quach, Sr. Communications Engineer; Nathan Look, Deputy Chief Information Officer; Phillip Delmundo, Communications Engineer Associate IV; Napa Dumriwat, Sr. Systems Analyst I; and Shahla Dallalzadeh, Information Systems Manager I.



### Service Desk

From left: Edmund Tabio; Phirom Sean, Systems Analyst, 2 years of City service; Oliver Sangalang; Martin Dalan, Systems Analyst, 10 years; Nike Caballo; Michael Torres, Sr. Systems Analyst, 12 years; Hayedan Scott, CASW; Kenneth Fitzer, Communications Electrician, 12 years; Shirnee Cross, Systems Aide, 11 years; and Ian Ong, Systems Programmer, 23 years.



### IT Security and Public Safety Group

Back row, from left: Melodie Johnson, Information Systems Manager II; and Marine Mandoyan, Sr. Communications Engineer, 22 years of City service. Front: Philip Delmundo, Communications Engineering Associate IV, 8 years; Fidel Fernandez, Programmer Analyst V, 27 years; and Patrick Pham, Communications Engineering Associate IV, 15 years.



### Digital Strategy Group

From left: Carlos Zuccarini, Programmer Analyst III; Ismael Cabral, Programmer Analyst V; Leon Leung, Database Architect; Remedios Aquino, Information Systems Manager II; Sika Touch, Programmer Analyst V; Anita Tan, Database Architect; Rolando Serna, Programmer Analyst V; Raymond Siu, Information Systems Manager I; and Fabian Raygosa, Systems Programmer III.

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# THE NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER

Keeping Airports' computer network – a complex, powerful and secure system that keeps LAX running – is of course critical. Monitoring the system is handled by LAWA's Information Management and Technology Group in the Network Operations Center.

Nathan Look, Deputy Chief Information Officer, 30 years of City service, is responsible for keeping the network humming and operational.



In the Network Operations Center are (from left) Nathan Look, Deputy Chief Information Officer, 30 years of City service; Club COO Robert Larios; and Ruben Garcia, Systems Analyst II, 1 year.



Ruben Garcia, Systems Analyst II, 1 year of City service, monitors LAX's very complex computer system in the Network Operations Center.

# DATA, DRIVEN

Alive! Feature

## The Alive! Interview

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senger loads here. Many of our parking structures get filled frequently, and we wanted to get information out to the passengers so they know in advance which parking structures are full and which ones are available. We basically leveraged the parking system that we have and just extracted the data, and then we pushed that out to our Website so folks can go online to get the status. We also partnered with Waze and included that people could start seeing what the parking status is. The problem with the traffic is that drivers don't have the luxury to continuously go around the

### And the department won a cybersecurity award, too.

We've won several cybersecurity awards, actually. We were the first City department to have a Security Operations Center built, and we somewhat advise other departments on how they can develop cybersecurity programs in their organization.

It's a pretty formal operation. We see cyber attempts coming from all across the world; we get thousands of attempts a day, which you will see when you go down. And for our most important system, our ERP system, we monitor that significantly.

We also protect all of our server infrastructure. The Web servers are really the first point of attack; we train our guys in how to analyze malicious emails, how to identify phishing emails and how to track the source, so we send them to training. That's what we got that first award for. We have received several awards after that for our business continuity plan if systems go down due to God forbid a ransomware or some type of attack that impacts our systems; our business can operate for a short period of time until we get those systems back online. That's a pretty extensive process – you have to go through and understand the business processes and come

### LAX Live Available Parking

**Parking Facilities and Rates**

Convenient Airport Terminal Parking      Economy Parking - Lot C (96<sup>th</sup> Street and Sepulveda Boulevard)

| Parking Lot                     | Capacity                      | Rates |
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| P-2B <a href="#">Directions</a> | 83 % Full <a href="#">Map</a> | *     |
| P-3 <a href="#">Directions</a>  | 74 % Full <a href="#">Map</a> | *     |
| P-4 <a href="#">Directions</a>  | 68 % Full <a href="#">Map</a> | *     |
| P-5 <a href="#">Directions</a>  | 90 % Full <a href="#">Map</a> | *     |
| P-6 <a href="#">Directions</a>  | 83 % Full <a href="#">Map</a> | *     |
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\$4 for each additional hour or fraction thereof.  
\$12 maximum for each 24 hours.

### Know before you go!

Did you know LAX had a parking utility on its Website? Check it out at: <http://www.lawa.org/parking/>

traffic circle, so it's better to know which parking structure they can target. It's a win-win for the passengers and folks who are picking them up as well as for the airport, which is trying to manage the traffic as best as possible. We can't push out information more granular than that, like where the parking spaces are in the garages, because we don't have that infrastructure in the parking structures yet. But that is a part of the long-term vision to have infrastructure in all of our parking facilities where people will be able to know where parking spaces are available, just like when you go to the mall, as well as reserve and pay for parking in advance. So that's coming, but of course we need to build out that infrastructure to be able to do that.

up with workarounds for how to operate in a manual mode until you can get the automated processes back online.

### An Excellent Team

**Talk about IMTG. Talk about your crew and your team.**

I have an awesome team. We have fiber optic experts; our network folks are highly trained. We have strong security experts. Our team is technically strong, but also many of them are self-motivated as well, and maybe that's attributed to all the exciting things that are going on at the airport right now. It's a great place to work. Technology has become much more important at the airport than maybe ten years ago, when it seemed like the brick and mortar were the more sexy aspects of all the development. Technology is almost as sexy as the brick and mortar these days, so I think staff really feels more connected and understands how they are contributing value

**‘HOW** do we deploy cutting-edge technology infrastructure to support all of the new digital services that you’re going to see in the airport of the future? It’s not going to operate like it’s operating today.’

— Aura Moore

on an individual level to the organization. We really have a great team and people share their ideas.

People might feel like they’re over-worked and we need more staff, so there’s always an issue of figuring out how to balance the work. We can’t grow infinitely, but at the same time we need to look at how we best manage the workload that we have. The team is great and highly skilled. We do need to get more diverse young talent in the programming space, in the development space, in the new technology areas. We have an exceptionally strong programming team, but the team is too small for what we need it to do. We need more than five or six folks.

### Eyes on Van Nuys

**Your work responsibility includes Van Nuys Airport as well, correct?**

It does, it does. It’s definitely on a smaller scale. We provide the network and the phones, but we don’t have the terminal systems that we have here at LAX. The business systems are an extension of our ERP, so they don’t have separate systems. So asset management is the same thing; we just manage those assets within the same infrastructure and systems that we manage here.

### A Passion for the New

**What do you love about what you do?**

It’s not a mundane, do-the-same-thing everyday job. Although I run the day-to-day operations, every day there’s still an opportunity to do something new. With all the development that’s going on, there’s always a new challenge to tackle every day, and I think that’s what I love most about the job. Whether it’s talking to vendors about new technology solutions that we can pilot, to developing long-range plans, to managing about a \$180 million capital improvement program, there are many IT projects that we manage within IMTG for the airport. All the security enhancements that we’re looking at give me an opportunity to always be looking at the new technologies that are coming out with video analytics and biometrics. As I’m looking at how to build this infrastructure of the future, we’re going to need to connect everything wired and predominately wirelessly. That’s really the exciting part about that job.

### L.A. is on the cutting edge.

A lot of cutting-edge development, yes. How do we deploy cutting-edge technology infrastructure to support all of the new digital services that you’re going to see in the airport of the future? It’s not going to operate like it’s operating today. That’s the exciting thing about the job.

**Aura, thank you very much for the interview.**

Thank you! ■



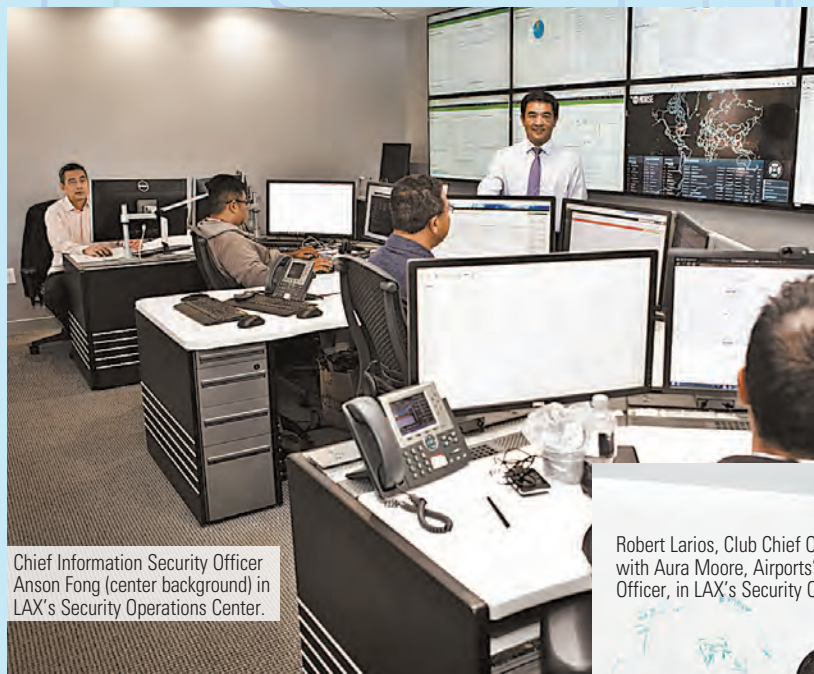
Personnel monitoring LAX’s network security from hackers are (from background to foreground) Brian Cao, Systems Programmer III; Dang Lim, Systems Programmer II, Club Member; James Garner, Systems Programmer III, Club Member; and Ruben Gaviola, Systems Programmer II.

## THE SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER

One of the concentrated areas of security operations at LAX is the Security Operations Center, located off the airport property. Admission to the center is highly protected.

The center monitors the security of all LAWA information systems from outside attacks. “It’s how we detect and prevent malicious attacks and how we protect the airport,” Aura Moore says.

“We’ve been fortunate and hope to continue to be fortunate to block attacks, but cybersecurity is a continuous thing. It’s not a put-the-tools-in-place-and-do-nothing-more situation. We always have to look at additional software to put into the network, and add various levels of security. The hackers are out there developing new ways to hack our network. We always look at what we can do to further protect the environment. It’s really important to keep up with all the cybersecurity technologies that are out there. Our team does that.”



Chief Information Security Officer Anson Fong (center background) in LAX’s Security Operations Center.



Aura Moore, Chief Information Officer, and Anson Fong, Chief Information Security Officer, in the Security Operations Center.



Robert Larios, Club Chief Operations Officer, with Aura Moore, Airports’ Chief Information Officer, in LAX’s Security Operations Center.



The Security Operations Center is highly protected.

**Airports**

*Story and photos courtesy Melissa Molina, Airports*

# Thanks for the Service!

**Airports employees honored for years of service.**



On Aug. 2, Airports' Human Resources Division and CEO Deborah Flint recognized employees who have dedicated their time and service to the department over the past 30, 35 and 55 years.

Airports understands that the foundation of its success is built upon its staff and their commitment to exceptional service.

Airports thanks and congratulates all those hard-working employees who have demonstrated what it means to deliver gold-standard service.

***Congratulations to all those employees honored for their service.***



From left: Jonathan Ahmanson, IMTG; Diane Imori, PDG; Zachary Thompson, PDG; Fatima Hashim, PDG; CEO Deborah Flint; Paula Adams, Director of Airports Administration; Robert Gilbert, Chief Development Officer; David McCombs, PDG; Jeffrey Smith, PDG; Robert Falcon, PDG; and Patrick Tomcheck, PDG.

## Honored Employees

**55 Years of Service:**

Ethel Pattison, Community Relations

**35 Years of Service:**

Elliott Wade, Airport Police

Kay Gonzales, Information Management Technology Group

Nephtali Vasquez, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

**30 Years of Service:**

Alex Lemos, Information Management Technology Group

Arturo Galvan, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

Barbara Yamamoto, Chief Experience Officer

Bennie Jenkins, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

Christophe Johnson, Airport Police

David Green, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

David McCombs, Planning and Development Group

Fatima Hashim, Planning and Development Group

Floyd Clark, Airport Police

Gary Johnson, Airport Police

Glendra Perkins, Airport Police

James Drummond, Airport Police

Jeffrey Smith, Planning and Development Group

Jonathan Ahmanson, Information Management Technology Group

La Vinia Dimitra, Airport Police

Laura Palka, Airport Police

Lisa Wellik, Finance and Budget

Mercio Williams, Operations and Emergency Management

Michael Morgan, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

Nathan Look, Information Management Technology Group

Steve Jimenez, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

Terry Robinson, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

Tommy Robinson, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

Tony Chen, Information Management Technology Group

Vincent Mouton, Facilities Maintenance and Utilities Group

Zachary Thompson, Planning and Development Group

## Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer [rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com)  
 TWITTER: @robertlarioscoo



**Robert Larios, the Club's Chief Operating Officer, honors these Club member with the coveted Club Retirement Plaque.**

**Congratulations!**



**Scott A Kramer** Retired from Transportation with 32 years of City service.



**Kenny D. Estrada** Retired from the DWP with 30 years of City service.



**Leopoldo Hernandez** Retired from Convention Center with 33 years of City service.



**Jeff K. Rickey** Retired from LAFD with 35 years of City service.



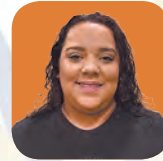
**Barbara D. Davis** Retired from Library with 33 years of City service.

Look for our next contest in the October edition of *Alive!*

# Coloring with The Clubs

Compiled by Club Customer Service Associates:

Guadalupe Lira Mia Victoria Garcia Karina Lopez Cristina Ramos

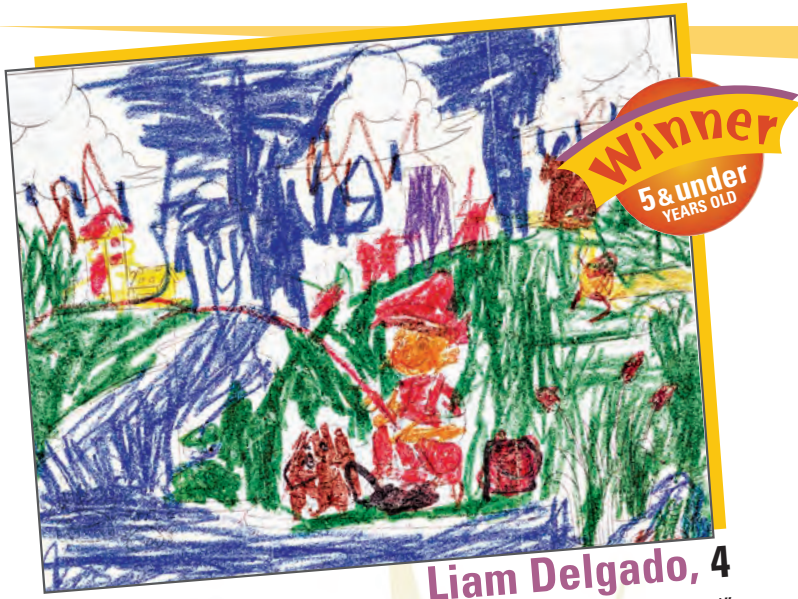


## Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win **4 Free Tickets to Knott's Berry Farm**

### Honorable Mention

| CHILD             | AGE | PARENT/GUARDIAN      | DEPT.               |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------|---------------------|
| Matthew Rosas     | 2   | Nicholas Rosas       | DWP                 |
| Liam Delgado      | 4   | Moises Delgado       | Transportation      |
| Paige Curtis      | 4   | David Hadley         | LAFD                |
| Daniel Melendez   | 5   | Daniel Melendez      | DWP                 |
| Elliot Grimm      | 5   | Emma Grimm           | Building and Safety |
| William Wamsley   | 5   | Steve Wamsley        | Rec and Parks       |
| Emma Valencia     | 6   | Hugo Valencia        | Retiree             |
| Braden Barbieto   | 7   | Emmanuel Barbieto    | LAPD                |
| Emma Christopher  | 7   | James Christopher    | DWP                 |
| Henry Girard      | 7   | Susan Girard         | LAFD                |
| Matthew Lansang   | 7   | Leann Lansang        | LAPD                |
| Natalia Romero    | 7   | Eloy Mendoza         | Rec and Parks       |
| Nathan Villamar   | 7   | Luis Lara            | Airports            |
| Sam Girard        | 7   | Susan Girard         | LAFD                |
| Alina Machuca     | 8   | Ricardo Machuca      | City Attorney       |
| Angel Arteaga     | 8   | Jose Arteaga         | General Services    |
| Ashle Yamamoto    | 8   | Bradley Yamamoto     | Transportation      |
| Blak Watrin       | 8   | Michael Watrin       | Public Works        |
| Faith Johnson     | 8   | Camille Carapetian   | General Services    |
| Jade Glenchur     | 8   | Mark Glenchur        | LAFD                |
| Joshua Jensen     | 8   | James Jensen         | Building and Safety |
| Kelsey Remolino   | 8   | Kyle Remolino        | LAPD                |
| Malia Murga       | 8   | Vicky Citan          | Retiree             |
| Belle Hernandez   | 9   | Mark Hernandez       | DWP                 |
| Camila Doublesin  | 9   | Daniel Doublesin     | Public Works        |
| Derick Silva      | 9   | Alan Silva           | DWP                 |
| Isaac Lucero      | 9   | Chris Lucero         | DWP                 |
| Jane Girard       | 10  | Susan Girard         | LAFD                |
| Nickolas Valadez  | 10  | Jesus Valadez        | DWP                 |
| Polly Kruchinina  | 10  | Anna Kruchinina      | DWP                 |
| Rossalyn Glenchur | 10  | Mark Glenchur        | LAFD                |
| Jael Rayo         | 11  | Juan Carlos Rayo     | General Services    |
| Joel Duarte       | 11  | Mario Duarte         | General Services    |
| Kayla Yamamoto    | 11  | Bradley Yamamoto     | Transportation      |
| Sydney Hernandez  | 11  | Eduardo Hernandez    | Rec and Parks       |
| Amanda Lucero     | 12  | Christopher Lucero   | DWP                 |
| Arianna Roberts   | 12  | Satoru Tanaka        | Retiree             |
| Jaylin Couch      | 12  | Maria Couch          | LAPD                |
| Victor Tario      | 12  | Jenipher Quintanilla | Airports            |
| Elisa Ruiz        | 13  | Robert Ruiz          | DWP                 |



**Liam Delgado, 4**

BIRTHDAY: November 9 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Lion Guard"  
 FAVORITE SNACK: popsicles • BEST FRIEND: Vivian  
 WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM?  
 I want to take my autistic friend, Vivian, and my twin sisters to have a good time.  
 • PARENT: Moises delgado, Transportation Engineer



**Matthew John Lansang, 7**

BIRTHDAY: August 29 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Henry Danger"  
 FAVORITE SNACK: Stuffed Hawaiian Pizza • BEST FRIEND: Loius  
 WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM? I like the park because it has fun rides, activities, and cotton candy.  
 PARENT: Leann John Lansang, Sr. Detention Officer, LAPD



**Belle Analise Hernandez, 9**

BIRTHDAY: February 15 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Amazing world of Gumball"  
 FAVORITE SNACK: Chips • BEST FRIEND: Cassie  
 WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM?  
 I've never been there before. Not even when I was little..  
 • PARENT: Mark Hernandez, Sr. Electrical Mechanic



**Sydney Hernandez, 11**

BIRTHDAY: September 25 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Stranger Things"  
 FAVORITE SNACK: Cheatos • BEST FRIEND: Ella  
 WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM? I want to go to Knott's Berry Farm because I love Snoopy so much and want to meet him in person • PARENT: Eduardo Hernandez.

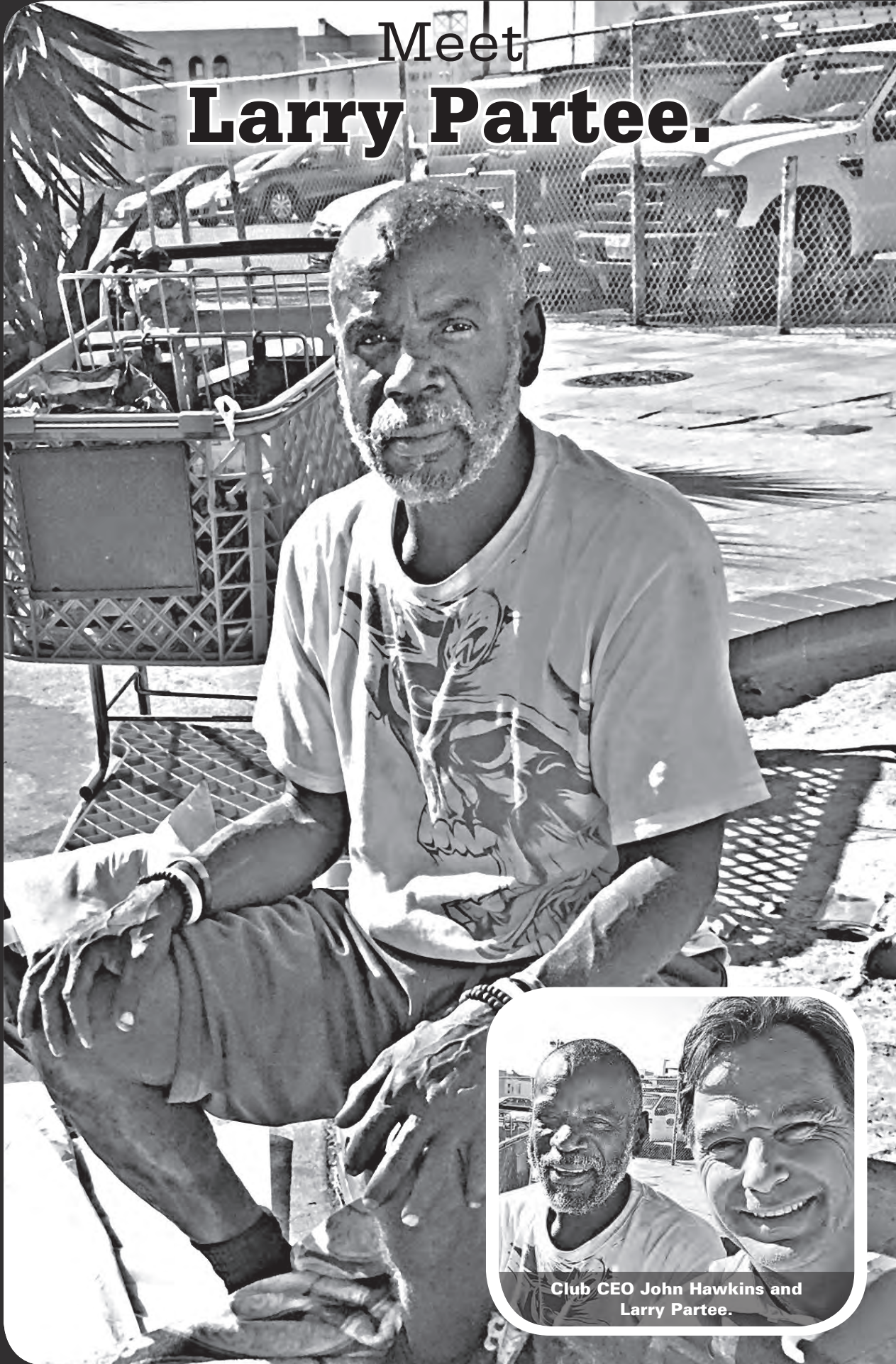
{ Who are the people you see every day? }

**No. 95**  
in a series.



# People We See

*Shelterless in Los Angeles.*



## Meet Larry Partee.

I met Larry Partee (he pronounces it Par-TAY) at the corner of Main and Third, behind the State Building. It was only 9 a.m. but just passing 90 degrees. Larry was alone. They recently trimmed the trees back at this popular homeless corner, so the sun was blazing, giving no escape. But Larry didn't seem to mind, and he was more than happy to do the interview. Larry was born July 20, 1959 in Jackson, Miss. He came to California shortly after his mom died; he was 11. He had eight brothers and sisters but only five of them moved across the country with Larry; his father stayed in Mississippi. He and his siblings ended up settling in Compton.

When doing these interviews I like to start out asking about high school. From my experience it seems that a critical period for many homeless is from 9th to 12th grade (14 to 18 years old). Because of this I really like to hone in to see what happened that made their lives take a turn that led them to where they are today. Larry told me he went to Harriet Tubman Continuation School in Compton. I asked him if there was a reason he didn't go to a traditional high school, and he said he just didn't fit in with the gangbangers.

It turns out that Larry didn't graduate from the continuation school. In his late teens he ended up working with the Job Corps for a bit. However, at 20, his sister kicked him out of the house, telling him it was time to live on his own. Larry worked very little other than odd jobs until 1992, when he worked in a warehouse of an oil company. He ran the forklift, among other tasks. That job didn't last long, and he began temporary spurts of homelessness.

So what went wrong in Larry's life? I doubled back and asked him more questions about substance abuse. Larry acknowledged he drank and smoked pot. I asked him when he started and he said at 15 he started drinking alcohol. I asked him when he started smoking pot, and he said 13. I asked him if he did other drugs and he said he used to smoke a lot of PCP in the late 1970s and early '80s, used cocaine frequently and that he shot heroin once. I asked him if he had ever been to jail and he said that he had, five times. Personally I don't like asking interviewees too much about their jail time, as I find it brings up bad memories. But he acknowledged that one stint in jail was for selling drugs and another was for a robbery of some sort.

I asked Larry where he spent the night the night before, and he pointed to the ground and said, "Right there." The last thing Larry ate was half a burrito someone left him the night before, putting it in the bottom of Larry's shopping cart. I asked Larry what his most prized possession is, and he said, "Me." We laughed, and then he said his favorite quote is from the movie *Heat*, when the actor Robert De Niro said something to the effect of, "Never fall in love with nothing you can't leave in 10 seconds."

Larry could be a Danny Glover body double with the personality to go with it. Larry was funny, friendly, patient and appreciative, probably the nicest guy I have ever interviewed. I gave him \$20, shook his hand and thanked him for his time. I hope I see him again, and if so, he's getting a case of Snicker bars and Baby Ruth's, his favorite candy.

Thanks for reading.

— John Hawkins, Club CEO

*The Club gave Larry bottled water and \$20 for food.*

*The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place Aug. 29 on Main and Third Streets downtown.*



Club CEO John Hawkins and Larry Partee.



## Buckets and Blankets!

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

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

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

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{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins introduces 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. }



# Pipes and Cigars

**LA Police Pipes and Drums band to hold fundraiser this month.**

The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Band is planning to host its fifth fun, upscale and important fundraiser Sept. 16 at the Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia.

"Cigars Under the Stars" provides the funds for the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums band to offer its services free to all safety officer funerals and other events throughout the year that it can attend (event donations are accepted). The band performs a great and much-needed service to the families of active and retired safety officers, and the fundraiser is a primary way for the band to be able to continue with its mission.

And it's fun!

"Cigars Under the Stars" is a formal event, with cigar and whiskey tastings, an auction with some items signed by celebrity friends of the band, an elegant meal, and so forth. This event, where stylish hats and semi-formal wear are appreciated (kilts and formal wear encouraged), usually sells out, and has been expanded to accommodate the demand.

Tickets, priced at \$125 per person, are partially tax-exempt; check with your tax adviser.

For more information, write to cliff3914@sbc-global.net, or see the band's events page for ongoing information: [lapespipesanddrums.org/events/](http://lapespipesanddrums.org/events/)



**Sept. 16, 2017**

The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band, shown here, plans to host its annual "Cigars Under the Stars" fundraiser Sept. 16.



*Proceeds from the annual "Cigars Under the Stars" fundraiser allows the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums Band to offer its services to police funerals, memorials and other events free of charge to police families.*

THIS MONTH AT THE



# Griffith Observatory

## Sunset Walk

**Wed., Oct. 4  
6:10 – 7:10 p.m.**

The Observatory offers a sunset walk 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.

**FREE!**

Information:

[griffithobservatory.org/programs/programs.html#walktalk](http://griffithobservatory.org/programs/programs.html#walktalk)

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## Airports

*Incident details courtesy Airport Police*

# Lifesaver

**Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough, Club Member, saves a dying man.**

Officer Doug Scarborough, Club Member, saved the life of a guest visiting LAX. And now Doug and the man have formed a connection.

But let's start from the top: Officer Scarborough was having a routine day at work July 19 when he responded to the Terminal 4 parking structure to assist in a rescue follow-up call. The call was for a 46 year-old man who, after picking up his arriving family, walked to the parking structure where he suddenly lost consciousness and collapsed.

Officer Scarborough rushed over to the man, who was lying motionless on the ground and immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation while LAFD personnel prepared the AED. The victim was unresponsive. The AED delivered the first shock, but no pulse was detected, and the situation seemed to be deteriorating.

Officer Scarborough continued the chest compressions. As he did, his hands felt the sudden change in pressure as the victim's heart began to pump once again, and his breathing returned. Vital signs were detected as the man regained consciousness. The LAFD took him to a medical facility for further treatment.

"This was the most rewarding experience of my life," Doug told *Alive!* (Doug was pictured on the cover of *Alive!* after he scaled the top of Mt. Everest, and he's a world traveler, so he knows all about rewarding experiences.) "I can't explain how happy I was when the victim regained a pulse and started talking.

"Any officer would have done the same thing, and we've all had valuable CPR training with some great instructors."

He's now bonded with the victim, whom *Alive!* is not naming for privacy reasons.

"He actually reached out to me and let me know that he was back at work the following week, which was remarkable," Doug continues. "I think I'd want some time off after experiencing something like that in my life."

"I plan to stay in touch with him, and we are arranging a time to hang out in the future."

"We are all proud of Officer Scarborough's quick reactions to this high-intensity and stressful situation," said Airport Police Chief Dave Maggard. "There is no better way to impact someone's life than to save it."

**Thanks, Doug, for your service to the people of Los Angeles.**



Airport Police Officer Doug Scarborough, from an *Alive!* story, July 2013.

Harbor

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development



Pons Rongavilla, Sr., Mechanical Engineering Associate III, retiring after 27 years of City service.

# Goodbye, Pons

**Pons Rongavilla retires from the Port after 27 years of City service.**

A retirement luncheon was held June 20 for Pons Rongavilla, who retires from the Port after 27 years of City service. He retires as a Sr. Mechanical Engineering Associate II.

The event was held at Szechwan restaurant.

Pons' retirement plans include spending time with his family and grandchildren and more frequent and longer trips to the Philippines. He was joined at the luncheon by his wife, Josie; daughter, Maria; son-in-law, Elvis; sons, Pons Jr. and Jose; daughter-in-law, Evelyn; and grandchildren, Kai, Keon and Ethan.

Congratulations on your career, Pons, and here's to a happy retirement!

The Club thanks Maria Rongavilla-Cruz, Club Member, the daughter of Pons, for her assistance.



From left: Chris Trinidad, CE, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Brian Correa, CE, 11 years; and Scott Gilmour, CE, 12 years. Standing: Jason Ho, CE Associate, 10 years.



The dessert table offered treats for everyone to enjoy.



From left: Stacey Hashimoto, Management Analyst II, 20 years of City service, Club Member; Joann Esparza, Sr. Administrative Clerk, 33 years; Gary Cardamon, Retired Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer, 31 years, Club Member; Janie Cardamon, Sr. Management Analyst II, 36 years; and Christina Sar, Sr. CE, 27 years. Standing: Adrienne Newbold, CE, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Sue Lai, Sr. Transportation Engineer, 26 years of City service; Fortino Ramirez, CE, 5 years; Angela Ragusa, CE Associate, 2 years; and Lizeth Vazquez, Mechanical Engineering Associate, 9 months.



From left: Carlos Baldenegro, Civil Engineer, 24 years of City service, Club Member; Long Nguyen, CEA, 10 years, Club Member; Chris Grossi, Sr. CE, 28 years; and Ernie Robledo, Civil Engineer, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Boyd Bostre, Retired Architect, 28 years of City service; Steve Yoshioka, Sr. Construction Inspector, 26 years, Club Member; Oscar Insong, Sr. Construction Inspector, 33 years, Club Member; Robel Afeweki, Sr. Civil Engineer, 25 years, Club Member; and Brad Jenkins, Principal Construction Inspector, 27 years.



From left: Christine Honeybone, CE, 15 years of City service, Club Member; Geraldine Shima, Sr. CE, 17 years; and Melissa Harne, CE, 12 years.



Standing, from left: Evelyn Rongavilla, daughter-in-law; Jose Rongavilla, son; and Dominic Rongavilla, son. Seated: Kai, grandson; Pons Jr., son; Ethan, grandson; Pons Rongavilla Sr., Retiree, and his wife, Josie; Maria Rongavilla-Cruz, daughter, Sr. Admin Public Works/Engineering, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Elvis Cruz, son-in law; and Keon, grandson.



From left: Tsion Abebe, GIS Supervisor, 10 years of City service; Tamura Fatherree, CE Associate, 27 years, Club Member; and Lily Becaria, CE, 17 years.



From left: Ricardo Concepcion, AC Mechanic, 17 years of City service, Club Member; Wayne Mukogawa, Sr. Building Operations Engineer, 25 years; and Rene Fregoso, AC Mechanic, 13 years, Club Member.



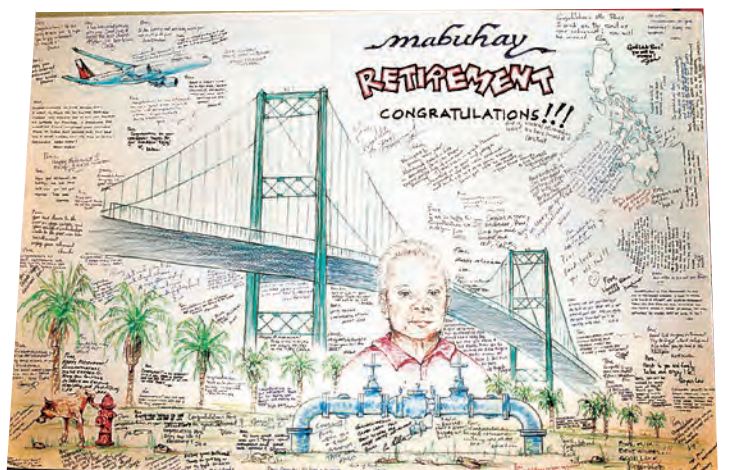
From left: Marco Sanchez, CE, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Ed Han, CE, 12 years; Carlos Quintana, Sr. CE, 28 years, Club Member; Dac Hoang, Building Electric Engineer, 9 years; and Mike Young, Sr. MA, 11 years.



From left: Camila Sanchez, Student Worker, 9 months of City service; Naven Meas, Associate CE, 1 year; Noe Preciado, CE Associate, 1 year; Christian Castro, CE Associate, 1 year; Phoebe Hoang, CEA II, 10 years; and Cyearstal Lee, CE, 9 years.



From left: Peter Ouk, CE Associate III, 23 years of City service; David Bickel, Principal Construction Inspector, 29 years, Club Member; Chinh Le, CE Associate II, 16 years, Club Member; Angel Lim, Sr. Structural Engineer, 26 years; and Pablo Ninofranco, Retired CE Associate, 32 years, Club Member.



The retirement poster board signed with well wishes for Pons.

Harbor

**Goodbye, Pons** *(continued)*



From left: Curt Henderson, Sheet Metal Worker, 14 years of City service; Chris Pirt, HVA Supervisor, 10 years; Tony Carrillo, AC Mechanic, 8 years, Club Member; and Delfin Octoman, BOE, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Mahsa Pan, CE, 10 years of City service; Susan Renteria, CE Draft Tech, 5 months; James Davis, Harbor Engineer II, 31 years, Club Member; and Hugo Cisneros, CE, 15 years.



From left: Mort Rowghani, Harbor Engineer, 36 years of City service; Stuart Fricke, Harbor Engineer, 33 years, Club Member; Chris Brown, Harbor Engineer, 17 years; and John Ibrahim, CE Associate III, 35 years.



From left: Roy Benjamins, Principal Civil Drafting Tech, 36 years of City service, Club Member; Laura Leon, CEA III, 26 years, Club Member; Lisa Roberts, CEA III, 27 years, Club Member; and To Maraotic, Sr. Administrator Clerk, 36 years.



From left: Jin Kim, Sr. CE, 29 years of City service, Club Member; Leonel Martin, Student Engineer, 8 months, Club Member; Frank Camal, Student Engineer, 16 months; Enrique Polanco, Student Engineer, 2 years; and Ken Soo Hoo, Engineering Associate, 9 years, Club Member.



From left: Leslie Dunlap, Plumber, 11 years of City service, Club Member; Carlos Rodriguez, Plumber, 17 years, Club Member; David Jaime, Acting Plumbing Supervisor, 15 years, Club Member; Armando Godinez, Mechanical Helper, 10 years, Club Member; and Phil Hazelett, Operations Manager, 25 years.



From left: Kin Kwong, CE Drafting Technician, 17 years of City service; Zizhan Liu, CE Drafting Technician, 14 years, Club Member; Jess Cruz, Financial Analyst II, 29 years, Club Member; Tom Asuncion, Architectural Associate, 30 years, Club Member; and Rodger Kuo, Architect, 10 years.

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Kathryn Barger  
LA County Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> Dist.



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Grammy Award Nominee



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## INTERVIEW

DWP

## Putting the City First

Jeff Peltola, Chief Financial Officer, DWP, 34 years of City service, Club Member, has accomplished a lot in his long tenure. He plans to retire at the end of the year. So *Alive!* decided to get some of his final thoughts on what he's most proud of, what was the most challenging, and what he plans to do when he's retired. Club COO Robert Larios interviewed Jeff Aug. 8 in his office in the Ferraro Building downtown.

**T**hanks for talking to us today, Jeff, about your career in the DWP. Tell us the path you took to your current position.

**Jeff Peltola:** I was born in Los Angeles, but when I was four, I moved to Connecticut with my family. I grew up in Connecticut and then came back to go to USC, and I started here at the DWP as a student engineer in 1983.

#### Water or power side?

**Jeff Peltola:** Both. I was working for Fleet Engineering, so I was building all the vehicles. I then went to work out at the filtration plant, which again showing how old I am, is now being redone; I was there for the original construction. While I was doing that, I was continuing my education. I had a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, a Master's degree in industrial systems engineering, and then an MBA.

I worked a variety of engineering assignments. I actually ran this Ferraro office building for a while. I was the building engineer. And then as part of deregulation in 1997, I came to financial services as the Budget Director. I've had additional things added to that – rates, financial planning, all of that, and ultimately becoming CFO in 2015.

#### You're not just from finance but from utility, water and power.

Yes, both the engineering and the business side of it.

#### Will you have a retirement event?

I'm trying to decide what to do. I don't want to have a whole bunch of them, but I'll probably have something like an open house or something like that.

#### So generally, tell us the functions of the finance office.

Financial services has five main pieces. One is the financial planning, budget and rates, and that obviously is the rate critical part. We determine how much money we need going forward, how do we set that with industry rate standards for all of our various customers; we have about 1.5 million customers on the power side. Then we have accounting, which does all the financial statements. Finance issues all our bonds; we issue about \$1.5 billion a year of bonds on both water and power. We have internal audit, which looks at various things within the department. And then we have corporate performance, which does metrics and benchmarking.

### Relationship With the City

#### As the largest of the Proprietary departments, what's the DWP's relationship to the City?

First and foremost, the DWP has always been about providing reliable water and power to the citizens of L.A. at a reasonable price. Ensuring responsive and reliable services for customers while maintaining our fiscal health has made this Department resilient, and I am proud to have been a part of that.



An interview with  
**Jeff Peltola,**  
retiring Chief  
Financial Officer.

That said, the DWP has a long history with the City and was one of the first City Departments. In addition to coordination on major infrastructure projects and collaborations with departments for a variety of programs, the DWP also collects the utility user's tax on behalf of the City. This tax, 12.5 percent on our commercial revenues and 10 percent on our residential revenues, amounts to roughly \$300 million annually. And we have a City transfer of about \$240 million, which has been the subject of litigation that was recently settled, pending final approval by the Court. This settlement is very important because it provides certainty that the City will have roughly \$240 million a year. Other cities are dealing with the same issue; we'll see how it shakes out for them.

### Efficiencies and Assets

#### What's the biggest misconception about how finance works at DWP?

I think the biggest misconception about the DWP and for that matter, even the City, is how efficient we are. The financial community sees this – when you look at the power system, it's rated at roughly five levels by the rating agencies. That's higher than Southern California Edison, and most people don't think that. Our rates are lower, our reliability is better, and we have incredible assets. We're very fiscally responsible.

For both the DWP and the City, there's an issue coming up – Retiree healthcare. The City is funded at a similar level to us, which is roughly 75 percent. That will come out as a new governmental accounting standard where you're going to have to put that on your financial statements. The City and the DWP are well suited for it. Nearly every other governmental agency in the whole country is not well suited – many have funded zero for it. It's very important. Let's look at the assets of DWP – water first. On the eastern side of the Sierras is the L.A. Aqueduct. The western side of the Sierras is the California Aqueduct, which we have rights to. You have the Colorado Basin – we have rights to the Colorado River Aqueduct through MWD, and then within the San Fernando Valley, we have the aquifer. With all those assets, you have to virtually miss the entire Western United States for us not to have access to water. The conservation that our customers have done is incredible. We're using less than we used in 1970, yet we have a million more people.

#### That's amazing.

It's amazing, it really is. I don't think the ratepayers realize that.

### The Cost of New Energy

#### What are the responsibilities of generating sustainable energy? There has to be a balance between cost and sustainability. New energies coming in sometimes aren't as cheap or affordable as the energies that we were using.

Right, and this ties into the assets. Let's look on the power side. We have incredible transmission assets. We go all the way up to the Oregon border, and all the way up to Utah with transmission. We go out to the Hoover Dam area, and out near Phoenix. We have incredible transmission assets.

That allows us to get the best renewables because there are some great locations where we can get solar and wind. We have access to very low-cost renewables, but we get it through our existing transmission assets.

Now that being said, it's still more expensive, but we've redesigned the rates so that we can take those lower costs, and gather that from the customers. And it's been reasonable rate increases all the way along doing that ...

#### ... to be able to make that transition?

Right. But the one thing about solar is that the most solar you get is on a spring day. In April, you're going to get the most production out of solar.

#### Interesting.

It's cool and you have a lot of sun. As it gets warmer, you don't get as much production. Well, we need it when it's really warm, so that's where we have operations like Hoover Dam, where we have energy storage. We already have Castaic, the very big pump storage, and we store power with that. Storing the renewables is always a bigger challenge.

Our renewables are going to be close to 33 percent [of DWP's total customer use] this year because we got a lot of snow patch.

#### That's good.

It's phenomenal.

#### Of these sources, what percent is owned by DWP and what is by contract?

It's complicated. Some is owned. Within the L.A. area, it's all DWP owned. Outside, we have different agreements, either directly or indirectly owned by the DWP. When I say indirectly, I mean we're a joint participant, but we have the right to the power. For example, at Palo Verde [the nuclear power plant just west of Phoenix], we have roughly about a five percent direct ownership, then we have another five percent ownership through SCPA, the Southern California Public Power Authority, which we have the rights to that. So it's either direct or indirect.

At Lake Mojave, we're going to be storing power in the same way we do it at Castaic. Lake Mojave is the huge lower lake. About halfway down Lake Mojave, there's a huge basin just south of Cottonwood Cove. We're we're going to pump the water from there back up over the hill into Lake Mead. We'll have all that water up there and we're going to use the existing generation facilities, which aren't used as much because there's not as much water going through, to produce the power when we need it.

### Funding Infrastructure

#### What are you most proud of accomplishing?

Clearly the most recent rate action of five years for both water and power with provisions for funding the infrastructure replacement going into the future – that's what



Jeff Peltola as a defenseman on the USC hockey team, early 1980s.

## JEFF PELTOLA



Robert Larios (left), Club COO, interviews Jeff Peltola.

Jeff Peltola (left) and Robert Larios, Club COO.

**Ron Deaton 'taught me so much about working with City leaders – always put the City and its citizens first.'**

– Jeff Peltola

I think I'm most proud of accomplishing. Building and/or replacing infrastructure is boring. It's always boring when you're talking about infrastructure, but examples are out there. The water main break at UCLA on Wilshire is an example – it's boring until something goes wrong. That main was 100 years old. The real danger is all this infrastructure that breaks at the same time if you don't fund it. But again, we've made the strategic decision. We're going to start replacing infrastructure. We're in the process of doing that now. The rate structure we put in place has set that now so we can go forward. It's going to take decades to do this. But that's really one of the most important things. Like I say, it's boring.

During the recent rains, the danger of Lake Oroville breaking was a real issue. That's not our facility. But it's the same issue – funding infrastructure. We've done that.

#### The new rates set your future in place.

In place. That will go forward and just keep going. We have to report the metrics on it, which the control and the board can look at. The trouble with a three-year plan is that it can take 18 months just to get a contract set up. With the pass-through, which we have, we've got it going forward for both water and power.

#### What's been your biggest challenge?

Clearly that rate action. This was something that I worked on for about two years. Marcie Edwards, the prior GM, and I did roughly 100 meetings throughout the City – community meetings, E&E [City Council energy and environment] meetings, constituent meetings, meetings with the L.A. Business Council, the L.A. Chamber of Commerce. Everywhere. It was a huge challenge, but I think the benefit of it going forward is going to be huge, and to just get all the infrastructure replaced so we don't have any big reliability events. It will mean we did our job if you don't hear about it.

### General Managers

#### Speaking about GMs, what's it been like working for different general managers over the course of your career?

At the DWP, there's been quite a few. I'll talk about two. The first one is Ron Deaton. It was not "like" working for a legend, it was working for an actual legend, when you get a GM who has their name on a building. He taught me so much about working with City leaders – always put the City and its citizens first. He provided the support to get things done. At one point he gave me energy efficiency to lead, which I really didn't want. I remember the meeting, going up there, and Ron says that there's going to be a reorg on energy efficiency. I thought, "Oh, sounds great, who's going to do it?" "You." [He laughs.] "Okay." But again, he provided the support to do it. I learned a tremendous amount.

Marcie Edwards just recently retired. She was great. A story about her: So we were meeting with the rating agencies before we had secured the rate action, and this was a true statement, even though the way she says it, it was great. She told the rating agencies, "There are going to be articles, interviews and complaints, but at the end of the day, the City Council will give the DWP not what it's asking for, maybe, but what it needs." And that's true. She was saying that to the rating agencies, and the big risk we had is whether we were going to get the rates from the City Council. Then after we got the rates, the agencies came back in again, and Marcie walked into the meeting and said, "Okay, what part of what I told you before did you not believe?" It was great. It was absolutely true and it just goes back to City Council – the City of Los Angeles does things in a fiscally responsible way. There's a lot of up and down and a lot of articles, but it always does, and it's just been a proven fact going forward.

None of the success at the DWP or the City of Los Angeles is by mistake. These are strategic efforts that were put in place, and the hard work by its employees and

elected officials. The DWP gets a bad rap a lot of times in the newspapers, but when you look at the benchmarking efforts that we've done, our rates are low. We can't print money, so we have to do it by being efficient, and we are. The City of Los Angeles is the same way. It is a well-run city. Most cities just don't do the things that L.A. did.

### Leaving Proudly

#### Are you happy with what you've accomplished?

I am. I'm very happy with the team I'm leaving as well. Neil Guglielmo did great things at the City with its budget and he's going to take over. He's actually already the CFO technically. I'm helping him and mentoring him as we go forward. I'm happy with the team that I've left, and I think they're going to do a great job going forward.

A big issue within the City is having people in position ready to go. With all the people we have, we have someone just below them who will step in as well. We've done a very good job of getting people in place to keep this going forward. The key part is to provide support for them.

#### Is the CFO office position in good shape? Is it well positioned for future growth? Basically, how are you leaving the office?

The biggest issue you can have as a CFO coming in is having to do rates. I faced that when I came in. We don't have to do rates for a little while. The rates are good until fiscal year 2019/20. In 2020/21, Neil will have to work on getting a new rate action. Because we have the pass-throughs in place, a lot of that is going to be talking about base rates only. It's still a ton of work, but the office is in a pretty good position right now.

### Retirement

#### Let's talk about your plans for after you leave the DWP. What's your retirement plan?

I've been working since I was 14 years old. I started off in the tobacco fields of Connecticut. The first thing I'm going to do is take some time off. I'll probably play some golf.

#### Right. I see your golf clubs leaning against your desk. You're starting early.

Then once I realize that indeed my game's not going to improve much even when I have time, I'll probably look at something else. My daughter's going into her junior year of high school, so I'll be able to check up on her full time, as I've told her. I'll have all sorts of time to do that. We'll

go about two years and then we'll decide what we want to do, whether my wife and I want to move somewhere else, if my daughter goes away to school. It's hard to beat this weather. I've looked everywhere. You can't beat the weather. That's why we all live here.

#### Will you leave satisfied?

I will. It seems like just yesterday when I started. Look at me in these photos of the USC hockey team. It seems like yesterday.

#### Did you block a lot of shots?

I was third in scoring.

#### From defense. You were an offensive defenseman.

I had a pretty wicked slapshot. It used to be funny to watch the parting of the Red Sea. I'd wind up and take the slapshot and everybody would get the hell out of the way.

#### Smart people.

That was the guy who showed up here 34 years ago, and it seems like just yesterday. But obviously it was a long time ago. [President Ronald] Reagan was in his first term.

#### You still have a lot of life left though.

I told my wife I may work up until I'm 60, so I may consult or do something like that. But for now, I'm ready for some time off.

#### Jeff, congratulations on your career, and thank you very much for your time.

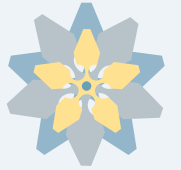
Thank you. ■



Jeff Peltola, retiring Chief Financial Officer, DWP, Club Member.



# Life's Important Moments



## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

#### Airports

Meghan Adams  
Fabian Ambriz  
Derek Braggs  
Angela Coleman  
Paul Dougherty  
John Erickson  
Christian Hernandez  
Louis Jimenez  
Ricardo Martinez  
Aireaunn Webb  
Tracey Zuliani

#### Animal Services

Antonio Esparza  
Danilo Gimena  
Dana Knepper  
Jasmine Poblano  
Steven Sosa

#### Building and Safety

James Vorhis

#### City Attorney

Jose Martinez  
Jeremy Rogers

#### City Clerk

Frederick Chung

#### City Council

Randall Jeffrey Ang  
Brenda Contreras

#### Department on Disability

Rosemarie Punzalan

#### Finance

Araceli Milian  
Leslie Moore

#### Fire/Police Pension

Jennifer Shimatsu

#### General Services

Michael Baker  
Tomas Estanislao  
Angelina Huang  
Jordan Kutzly  
Esther Owens  
Olga Ramirez  
Greg Tonkin

#### Harbor

Ashley Ingrum  
Tina Mesropyan  
Alma Salazar

#### ITA

Amanda Cadena  
Brian Jung  
Veronica Nevarez

#### LACERS

Ashia Souder

#### Library

Sylvia Calzada  
Ernesto Gomez

#### LAFD

Jeffrey Blake  
Brandon Caro  
Detrion Dunn  
Edward Hengst  
Benjamin Reyes

#### LAPD

Rochena Reiko Brillo  
David Carrillo  
Bryan Castillo  
Nicole Chery  
Adaniz Cook  
Steven Cornell  
Philip Dinapoli  
Terrell Dolberry  
Briana Eid  
Juan Espinoza  
Dominique Flores  
Saul Guardado  
Elizabeth Gutierrez  
Taylor Hanamaikai  
Isaac Hilario  
Channing Lang  
Anthony Montoya  
Francisca Navarro  
Araceli Negrete  
Scarlett Nuno  
Desmond Onley  
Michael Orellana  
Nicolas Ramos  
Anastacio Reyes  
Andrew Romero  
Rocky Sherwood  
Joanna Stupak  
Christine Takessian  
Dustin Tennant  
Tyler Tran  
Salvador Valdez  
David Vavasseur  
David Velarde  
Daniel Vizcaino  
Robin Wilson

#### Personnel

Sharita Johnson

#### Planning

Leonard Perez

#### PUBLIC WORKS

#### Engineering

Alisa Blake  
Victoria Fragoso  
Gladys Nakanishi  
Raymond Uyemura

#### Rec and Parks

Christina Aceves  
Alejandro Garcia

Thomas Horta-Montoya  
Youngin Kang  
Christian Lutz  
William Nash  
Richard Villa

#### Sanitation

David Carlson Jr.  
Joshua Granados  
Orval Hernandez-Marcial  
Celeste Hosler  
Ricardo Nunez  
Kathleen Pehrson  
Marissa Rodriguez  
Jesse Salazar  
Eric Sanchez  
Ricardo Sesena  
Mario Torres  
Brian Williams

#### Street Services

Bryan Ramirez

#### Transportation

Anthony Cortez  
Testy McTester  
Maria Valdez

#### Zoo

Gladys Contreras  
Noemi Gonzalez

#### DWP

Fernando Cano  
Jerry Combs Jr  
Carl Dunham  
Juan Munoz  
Carmen Webb  
Mark Zumwalt

#### Other

FIRST NAME LAST NAME  
John Anderson  
Carol Chavez  
Yixing Dai  
Henry Duenas  
Raymundo Esparza Jr.  
Jose Hernandez  
William Hoffman  
Kevin La  
Philip Leitner  
Karina Lopez  
Ruben Lopez Cabrera  
Marvel Macall  
Leonard Manighas  
Martin Martinez  
Yanina Mejia  
Andrea Moore  
Mario Moreno  
Angelika Moskova  
Andrew Nguyen  
Richard Owens  
Gabriel Paredes  
Cory Ridgway  
Patricia Tate  
David Velis

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## Graduations

**Sherell Mikaka Smith** graduated from Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita and plans to attend community college in the fall and continue her education in social work. She is the daughter of **Chermaine Fontenette, Public Works/Sanitation.**



**Laura Jessica Reyes** graduated from El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera and plans to be a registered nurse. She's the daughter of **Rosie and Alfredo Reyes, Public Works/Sanitation.** "God bless you on your journey through life. Mom and Dad love you and we'll always be your biggest fans."



## In Memoriam

### In Memoriam

Information courtesy Carolyn James,  
*Rec and Parks*



### Derrick Gerald Bible

**Died July 27**  
Rec and Parks,  
Public Works

**D**errick Bible, who spent most of his City career in Rec and Parks as a Recreation Coordinator but concluded his career in Public Works/Street Services, died July 27. He was in his late 30s.

*The memo from Rec and Parks reads:*

"It is with sadness that we report the loss of Derrick Gerald Bible, a Recreation Coordinator assigned to Ross Snyder Recreation Center, Wilmington Recreation Center, Leland Recreation Center, and Peck Park Recreation Center and who just left for a promotion to Street Services in December.

"Derrick began his career as a part-time Recreation Assistant in 2002 and became a full-time Recreation Coordinator in 2008. He was a cherished and well-liked employee. He had a great sense of humor; he demonstrated kindness and energy, and he had gracious spirit. He was greatly loved and respected by his family, friends, co-workers, and the many youths in the communities he served.

"The City of Los Angeles has lost one of its angels with the passing of Derrick Gerald Bible."

## 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.*

### It's Time to Tell Their Story

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*

| Active                  |  | DEPARTMENT          | YEARS OF SERVICE | DEPARTMENT         | YEARS OF SERVICE |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Anaya, Victoria         |  | Harbor              | 18               | LAPD               | 28               |
| Williams, Pleasant      |  | General Services    | 18               | General Services   | 28               |
| Retired                 |  |                     |                  | General Services   | 29               |
| Alexander, Ernest       |  | DWP                 | 19               | DWP                | 34               |
| Alexander, Ollie        |  | Public Works        | 13               | DWP                | 20               |
| Anderson, Luther        |  | DWP                 | 29               | Public Works       | 25               |
| Buckner, James          |  | ITA                 | 28               | Rec and Parks      | 44               |
| Buergey, Donald         |  | Airports            | 9                | Council            | 13               |
| Candelaria Jr., Gerardo |  | DWP                 | 42               | DWP                | 34               |
| Cantoría, Federico      |  | DWP                 | 30               | Public Works       | 30               |
| Casanova, Lear          |  | Library             | 18               | Public Works       | 27               |
| Chapman, Eve            |  | Neighborhood Empow. | 20               | City Attorney      | 34               |
| Chavez, Jesus           |  | Rec and Parks       | 35               | Airports           | 30               |
| Coates, Alvin           |  | DWP                 | 27               | DWP                | 31               |
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Transportation

# Zaki Retires From the Fast Lane

**Zaki Mustafa, lead traffic guru and Club Member, retires.**

Zaki Mustafa, Principal Transportation Engineer, the City's lead traffic maverick and Club Member, retired May 31 after 32 years of City service.

Zaki requested a quiet retirement, so there was no official party. But there was plenty of recognition nonetheless – five City Councilman and a General Manager made sure of that.

First, at one of his last public events, which was held May 24 to introduce a new "all red" safe pedestrian system in front of Thomas Starr King Middle School on Fountain Avenue, Councilmen Mitch O'Farrell and David Ryu surprised Zaki by presenting him with "Zaki Mustafa Way." The symbolic sign was Zaki's to keep.

The surprises kept coming. On May 30, Councilmen O'Farrell, Ryu, Mike Bonin and Mitchell Englander lured Zaki to Council Chambers under other pretenses. Formally, the recognition was for Zaki's Boy Scout Troup 655, which had assisted Bonin at a community service project. The Councilman thanked the scouts ... and then it was Zaki's turn.

The City Council, which had depended on L.A.'s roads, presented him with a City proclamation.

It was "a bittersweet, fond farewell to our dear friend Zaki Mustafa, who is retiring after over three decades of service to Los Angeles," Englander wrote on Instagram. "In his time at LADOT, Zaki has not only made LA a safer place to walk, bike, and drive, he has inspired generations to be creative problem solvers and public servants."

Some highlights of Zaki's City career include major, Citywide systemic safety and mobility improvements, notably: the design and implementation of numerous livability projects; the addition of more than 100 miles of bike lanes; implementing L.A.'s scramble crosswalks (marked with a big "X," where pedestrians can cross in any direction; the crosswalk at Hollywood and Highland is an example); building

sidewalk parklets/plazas; bus-only lanes; adding high-visibility crosswalks; and many more.

Zaki's influence extended beyond L.A. – he served as international president of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, and continues to serve that group. "I was taught by our Council President Herb Wesson and our former Councilmember Tom LaBonge 28 years ago that we work for our constituents, and it is our job to improve their quality of life," Zaki says. "I've always believed that anything is possible as long as we are all working toward that one common goal. I've used the slogan, 'Together we are the best,' for the last 27 years with our City."

Zaki was instrumental in private efforts to purchase and give away more than 2,600 jackets and other apparel items to the homeless downtown and near Transportation yards. He recruited hundreds of other Transportation employees to join the effort on their own time.

In retirement he plans to continue and add to his charitable efforts, to lead his Boy Scout Troup, to travel and to spend time with his family, and continue with his photography hobby. And he continues to commute by bus, which he did from his home in the Inland Empire to downtown most every day.

Thanks for your great City career, Zaki, and congratulations on your retirement.



City leaders honor Zaki Mustafa, Principal Traffic Engineer, with a personalized street sign. From left: Councilmember David Ryu, Zaki Mustafa, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Transportation General Manager Seleta Reynolds, and School Principal Mark Nauils.



Transportation General Manager Seleta Reynolds and employees from Transportation pose with Zaki Mustafa with his proclamation.



Zaki speaks to the City Council, with Councilmen Mike Bonin (left) and Mitchell Englander flanking him, and his family behind him.

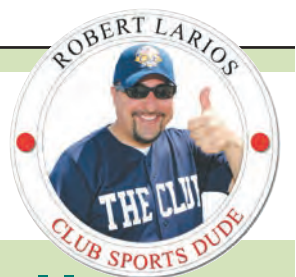


Zaki Mustafa with his Scout Troup 655 and Councilman Mitch Englander.

Councilman Mitchell Englander (left) with Zaki Mustafa (center) and his family, from left: son, Nathan; wife, Loretta; and daughter, Melissa.

## CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Sept. 2017



# Softball Pushed to Late Fall

New season expects to start in late fall.



Welcome to the 2017 season of Club softball! Games are planned to start in the Los Angeles area sometime in late fall. Stay tuned for field locations and official game schedules.

But for now, go ahead and register your team.

### Who can join?

Managers of teams with at least nine players are welcome to register.

All new players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club Membership rules and regulations.

### FREE AGENTS: Want to play but don't have a team?

Are you a softball player who's not part of a team but would like to play on one? Contact the Sports Dude at (800) 464-0452 x 134, or via email [rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com)

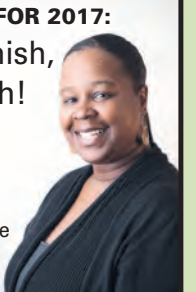
Players who are not Club Members must join to play in the Club Softball League. Some exceptions might be made for specific relatives of Club Members. Contact the Sports Dude for more information. Club membership fees are \$2.25 a pay period for City and DWP employees and \$2.50 a month for retired City employees. Exceptions to eligibility requirements are offered for relatives of Club members over 18 years of age. Players who are not eligible to play may cause forfeit of games and/or season.

All new players must be City, State or County employees. Exceptions must be approved by the league office.

**This is a co-ed league: for both men and women.**

### RETURNING FOR 2017: The Commish, Lady Smith!

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



## Hoops, Bowling, Softball: 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, bowling and softball. Please contact [rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com) or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent and for more information.

Visit the Club's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts for highlights, updates and other Club Sports news.





# Cooking with the Club

Photos: Patty M. Larios

with Chef Robert Larios



## Salmon *a la* Vegetables & Almond Cucumber Salad

Salmon is a wonderful ingredient for a multitude of recipes. It is very versatile, but using it to make a simple but delicious dish can be a challenge. In this recipe, I take some of that difficulty out of the equation. Think of this recipe as three mini recipes that will eventually marry into one dish on one plate: (1) the almond,

cucumber and red pepper salsa; (2) the salmon; and (3) the cooked carrots and snap peas. Feel free to experiment with other fishes, including tuna and mahi-mahi. For this dish, it is best to pan-sear the fish (rather than grilling it) for maximum flavors. Enjoy!

*Buen provecho!* *Chef Larios*

### Salmon *a la* Vegetables & Almond Cucumber Salad

Serves 2

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cucumber
- 1 ounce roasted red peppers
- 1 lime
- 3 tablespoons roasted almonds
- 1 or 2 carrots
- 3 ounces sugar snap peas
- ½ teaspoon coriander or ¼ cup of finely chopped cilantro
- 2 wild salmon fillets (6 to 8 ounces each)
- Sea salt and fresh-cracked pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

#### Cooking TIDBIT

Feel free to use a different type of fish such as wild tuna or mahi-mahi. Always season the fish on both sides with sea salt and fresh cracked pepper.

#### [ Food Lover's Dictionary: ]



#### Sugar snap pea:

Also called sugar pea, this sweet pea is a cross between the English pea and snow pea. It's entirely edible – pod and all. Sugar snap peas are available year-round. Choose plump, crisp pods with a bright green color. Refrigerate in a plastic bag for up to 3 days. Sugar snap peas should be served raw or only briefly cooked to retain their crisp texture.

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### Food Quote

"People who love to eat are always the best people."

– Julia Child

#### DIRECTIONS:



- 1** Make the red pepper–almond salsa, with cilantro and olive oil. Trim the ends from the cucumber; cut the cucumber in half lengthwise, then into ¼-inch-thick strips. Cut the strips crosswise into ¼-inch cubes. Set aside. Scrape off any seeds from the roasted red peppers; finely chop the peppers. Juice the lime. Coarsely chop the almonds. In a medium bowl, stir together the cucumber, red peppers, 1 tablespoon lime juice, almonds, and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Season the salsa to taste with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, stir the remaining lime juice.

- 2** Cook the carrots and snap peas. Peel the carrots and trim off the ends; cut the carrots on the diagonal into ¼-inch-thick slices. In a medium frying pan over medium heat, warm 2 to 3 teaspoons of olive oil until hot but not smoking. Add the carrots and cook, stirring occasionally, until just starting to soften, 2 to 4 minutes. Add the sugar snap peas, season with salt and pepper, and cook, stirring occasionally, until just tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the coriander and cook until just fragrant, about 30 seconds. Transfer to a plate. Do not clean the pan.



- 3** Cook the salmon. Pat the salmon dry with a paper towel; season generously with salt and pepper. In the same pan used for the carrots, add 2 to 3 teaspoons oil, if dry, and warm over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Add the salmon, skin side down, and cook until the skin is browned and crisp, 4 to 5 minutes. Turn and cook until the flesh is opaque and flaky, 2 to 4 minutes, depending on thickness.



- 4** Serve. Transfer the vegetables to individual plates and top with the salmon then some of the salsa mix.

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Rec and Parks

Story courtesy Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

# Seafood Expo

**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium introduces sustainable food event Oct. 1.**

Choosing the right fish for your dish can have a positive impact on the marine environment, and Cabrillo Marine Aquarium would like to help educate local consumers on this important topic.

On Sunday, Oct. 1, Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium plans to host its fourth Sustainable Seafood Expo, a fun and delicious way to sample new seafood dishes, wines and craft beers while learning how to make the best selections when dining out or cooking at home. And the event is at a beautiful waterfront location. Actor Adrian Grenier of "Entourage" fame and a U.N. Goodwill Ambassador, will discuss the Strawless Ocean initiative dedicated to reducing plastics in the ocean.

The expo and tasting event will take place from noon to 5 p.m. at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro and will feature seafood samples, chef demonstrations, educational displays and numerous exhibitors from local restaurants.

More than 40 exhibitors will be featured, including a growing list of local restaurants, seafood purveyors and others. Participants include 22nd Street Landing Restaurant, Parker's Lighthouse, Gladstone's Long Beach, Ports O'Call Waterfront Dining, J. Trani's and Executive Chef Bernard Ibarra of Terranea Resort. A yet-to-be revealed top seafood chef



will curate an exclusive chef's table dinner hosted by Grenier immediately following the Expo at a beautiful beachside location. The Expo, hosted by Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and Friends, is Southern California's only major sustainable seafood event

**New this year — two ticket options!**

Purchase one ticket for \$10 that includes two tastes, or purchase an all-inclusive ticket for \$60 that includes one taste from each seafood booth plus one drink. Chef's Table tickets are \$175. Special discounts are available for members of Friends. For information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.sustainableseafood-expo.org](http://www.sustainableseafood-expo.org) or call (310) 548-7562, ext. 211.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is one of 200 partners in the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch, which produces pocket guides and a smart phone app recommending which seafood items are "best choices," "good alternatives" or "avoid." Since 1999, more than 40 million guides have been distributed. According to Seafood Watch, nearly 85 percent of the world's fisheries are at capacity or overfished.

*Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a Rec and Parks facility. Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is a nonprofit support group devoted to raising funds for the Aquarium's activities and programs.*



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Participants will meet on outer Cabrillo Beach at 9 a.m. Aquarium staff will provide bags, instructions and light refreshments. In the spirit of keeping the event close to "zero waste," we ask volunteers to bring their own reusable buckets, bags, pillowcases, gloves and water bottle if possible. And remember to check out the Styrofoam contest!

All participants must bring a signed waiver, for children under the age of 18 the waiver needs to be signed by a parent or guardian. Groups are requested to call ahead at (310) 548-7562.

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| All Park Pass - (Ventura Location)   | \$20.00                                 | \$15.25            |
| <b>GRAMMY MUSEUM </b>  |   |                    |
| General Admission  | \$18.95                                 | \$12.00            |
| <b>IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING </b>  |   |                    |
| San Francisco - Save 15% Off All Flight Packages   | \$59.95                                 | \$50.96            |
| <b>K1 SPEED RACING</b>   |   |                    |
| This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and a annual license for the day.  | \$25.95                                 | \$15.25            |
| <b>MADAME TUSSAUDS WAX ATTRACTION </b><br>All Access Pass includes Marvel Super Heroes 4D Experience.  |   |                    |
| Hollywood  | Adult \$40.00<br>Child (4 - 12) \$35.00 | \$17.00<br>\$15.00 |
| Las Vegas (eTickets Only)  | Adult \$29.95                           | \$12.50            |
| <b>MEDIEVAL TIMES </b><br>E-ticket prices will vary depending on date/time selections.   |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$57.95                                 | \$43.50            |
| Child (0 - 12)   | \$35.95                                 | \$31.50            |
| <b>MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM </b>  |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$49.95                                 | \$41.95            |
| Child (3 - 12)   | \$29.95                                 | \$24.95            |
| Senior (65+)   | \$39.95                                 | \$33.95            |
| <b>MULLIGAN'S FAMILY FUN CENTER</b>  |   |                    |
| All Day Pass   | Adult/Child \$36.99                     | \$16.50            |
| All Day Pass (Hard Stock at Club Store)  | \$36.99                                 | \$19.25            |
| <i>- Unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. Valid at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</i> |   |                    |
| <b>PIRATES DINNER ADVENTURE </b>   |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$56.95                                 | \$37.00            |
| Child (3 - 11)   | \$37.95                                 | \$28.50            |
| <b>QUEEN MARY / BATTLESHIP IOWA COMBO </b>   |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$42.95                                 | \$31.92            |
| Youth (12 - 17)  | \$34.95                                 | \$25.95            |
| Child (6 - 11)   | \$23.95                                 | \$17.95            |
| <b>RACERS EDGE INDOOR KARTING</b>  |   |                    |
| Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race   | \$23.00                                 | \$18.00            |
| Junior (50" tall): 11-Lap Junior Race  | \$20.00                                 | \$15.00            |
| <b>SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK  SEASONAL</b>  |   |                    |
| Unlimited Ride Wristband   | \$48.95                                 | \$41.95            |
| <b>SANTA MONICA PIER &amp; PACIFIC PARK </b>   |   |                    |
| Unlimited Ride Wristband   | \$29.95                                 | \$18.00            |
| <b>SPEEDZONE </b>  |   |                    |
| 3 Hour Unlimited Pass on Rides and Mini-Golf   | \$49.99                                 | \$28.00            |
| <b>TEATRO MARTINI </b><br>Buena Park, California   |   |                    |
|  | \$75.75                                 | \$36.00 to \$42.00 |

### SPORTING EVENTS

|                        |  |                        |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| LOS ANGELES DODGERS    |  | Games available online |
| ANGELS OF ANAHEIM      |  | Games available online |
| SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS   |  | Games available online |
| SAN DIEGO PADRES       |  | Games available online |
| LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS   |  | Games available online |
| LOS ANGELES GALAXY     |  | Games available online |
| LOS ANGELES SPARKS     |  | Games available online |
| LOS ANGELES KINGS      |  | Games available online |
| SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC FC |  | Games available online |
| ANAHEIM DUCKS          |  | Games available online |
| SACRAMENTO KINGS       |  | Games available online |
| OAKLAND A'S            |  | Games available online |

### GIFT CERTIFICATES

|                           | RETAIL  | CLUB    |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>HONEYBAKED HAM</b>     |         |         |
| \$25 Gift Card            | \$25.00 | \$22.50 |
| <b>SEE'S CANDIES</b>      |         |         |
| Good for 1lb of chocolate | \$19.90 | \$14.95 |

### ATTRACTIONS CONT'D

|                                    | RETAIL  | CLUB    |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| <b>USS IOWA </b><br>SAN PEDRO      |         |         |
| Adult                              | \$18.00 | \$13.50 |
| Child (6 - 11)                     | \$10.00 | \$7.50  |
| Senior (62+) or Military (with ID) | \$15.00 | \$10.50 |
| <b>USS MIDWAY </b><br>SAN DIEGO    |         |         |
| Adult                              | \$20.00 | \$13.00 |
| Child (6 - 11)                     | \$10.00 | \$7.00  |
| Senior (62+)                       | \$17.00 | \$10.00 |

### THEME PARKS

|  |   |                    |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>ADVENTURE CITY </b>   |   |                    |
| Adult/ Child   | \$18.95   | \$14.50            |
| <b>CALIFORNIA'S GREAT AMERICA  SEASONAL</b>                                      |   |                    |
| General Admission (Age 3+)   | \$69.00   | \$38.00            |
| <b>CASTLE PARK </b>  |   |                    |
| General Admission (over 36")   | \$24.99   | \$12.99            |
| <b>GILROY GARDENS  SEASONAL</b>  |   |                    |
| General Admission  | \$58.00   | \$30.00            |
| <b>HERSHEY PARK (PENNSYLVANIA) </b>  |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$65.80   | \$43.95            |
| Child (3-8)  | \$42.80   | \$37.95            |
| <b>KNOTT'S BERRY FARM</b>  |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$75.00   | \$42.00            |
| Child (3-11), Senior (62+)   | \$45.00   | \$39.00            |
| Cheaper for eTickets   | Adult \$75.00<br>Child (3-11), Senior (62+) \$45.00 | \$39.00<br>\$37.00 |
| <b>LOS ANGELES ZOO </b>  |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$20.00   | \$16.00            |
| Child (2-12)   | \$15.00   | \$12.00            |
| <b>LEGOLAND </b>   |   |                    |
| 1 - Day , 1- Park  | Adult \$99.00<br>Child (3 - 11) \$91.00             | \$76.00<br>\$71.00 |
| Legoland Resort Hopper<br>(Valid to Legoland, Water Park, and Sea Life Aquarium) | Adult \$119.00<br>Child (3 - 11) \$113.00           | \$81.00<br>\$76.00 |
| <b>Includes 2nd Day FREE (expires 12/30/17)</b>                                  |   |                    |
| <b>SAN DIEGO ZOO / SAFARI PARK </b>  |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$52.00   | \$42.64            |
| Child (3 - 11)   | \$42.00   | \$34.44            |
| <b>SEAWORLD - SAN DIEGO </b>   |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$94.99   | \$65.99            |
| Child (3 - 9)  | \$88.99   | \$65.99            |
| Weekday (Adult/Child)  | \$94.99   | \$52.79            |
| Admission with All Day Dining (3yr+)   | \$130.98  | \$85.80            |
| Fun Card - Adult (valid until 12/31/17)  | \$94.99   | \$85.49            |
| Fun Card - Child (valid until 12/31/17)  | \$88.99   | \$80.09            |
| <b>SILVERWOOD THEME PARK (IDAHO) </b>  |   |                    |
| Adult  | \$48.00   | \$39.00            |
| Child (3 - 7)  | \$25.00   | \$20.00            |
| <b>SIX FLAGS - MAGIC MOUNTAIN </b>   |   |                    |
| General Admission  | \$82.99   | \$49.99            |

Discount Tickets are also available at Six Flags parks in NY, IL, GA, TX & DC.

**THE CLUB DOES NOT CHARGE ANY PROCESSING OR HANDLING FEES!**

### WATER PARKS

|                                | RETAIL              | CLUB    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| <b>AQUATICA (Chula Vista) </b> |                     |         |
| Adult                          | \$46.00             | \$34.30 |
| Child                          | \$40.00             | \$29.05 |
| Season Splash Pass             | \$46.00             | \$44.10 |
| <b>HURRICANE HARBOR </b>       |                     |         |
| Adult                          | \$46.99             | \$27.99 |
| <b>KNOTT'S SOAK CITY </b>      |                     |         |
| Adult                          | \$48.00             | \$32.00 |
| Child                          | \$37.00             | \$32.00 |
| <b>RAGING WATERS </b>          |                     |         |
| San Dimas                      | Adult/Child \$45.99 | \$28.99 |
| San Jose                       | Adult/Child \$36.99 | \$23.99 |
| Season Pass                    | \$45.99             | \$42.99 |
| Sacramento                     | Adult/Child \$36.99 | \$24.99 |
| Season Pass                    | \$36.99             | \$29.99 |
| <b>SPLASH KINGDOM </b>         |                     |         |
| Adult                          | \$32.99             | \$19.00 |
| Child                          | \$18.99             | \$13.00 |
| <b>WET N WILD </b>             |                     |         |
| Adult/Child                    | \$38.99             | \$23.00 |
| <b>WILD WATER </b>             |                     |         |
| Adult/Child                    | \$34.99             | \$24.99 |



Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Director of Product Development

# Los Angeles Public Library Library's TOP 10

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

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

### Books loaned

1. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, J.D. Vance
2. *The Black Book*, James Patterson
3. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
4. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye*, Michael Connelly
5. *16th Seduction*, James Patterson
6. *Golden Prey*, John Sandford
7. *The Dark Prophecy*, Rick Riordan
8. *Murder Games*, James Patterson
9. *Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard*, Rick Riordan
10. *The Hidden Oracle*, Rick Riordan

### DVDs loaned

1. *Arrival*
2. *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*
3. *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*
4. *Fences*
5. *Moana*
6. *Life*
7. *Doctor Strange*
8. *Logan*
9. *Hacksaw Ridge*
10. *Split*

### Books downloaded

(e-books)

1. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
2. *Into the Water*, Paula Hawkins
3. *Camino Island*, John Grisham
4. *The Whistler*, John Grisham
5. *The Woman in Cabin 10*, Ruth Ware
6. *Come Sundown*, Nora Roberts
7. *The Wrong Side of Goodbye*, Michael Connelly
8. *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead
9. *The Martian*, Andy Weir
10. *The Fix*, David Baldacci

### Download-and-Keep songs\*

1. "Praying," Kesha
2. "Nothing's Wrong," HAIM
3. "Ready For You," HAIM
4. "Something to Tell You," HAIM
5. "Want You Back," HAIM
6. "Little of Your Love," HAIM
7. "You Never Knew," HAIM
8. "Kept Me Crying," HAIM
9. "Walking Away," HAIM
10. "Found It in Silence," HAIM

\* "Freemal" music via the Library lets users download and keep up to five songs a month – it's seriously free and legal! Check it out at <http://lapl.freemalmusic.com>

## DWP

# Lineman's Rodeo

DWP yard in Sun Valley hosts annual skills competition.

The Lineman's Rodeo returned for its 26th year to the DWP Sun Valley Yard April 29. The event was coordinated by LADWP and IBEW Local 18. "Safety and Skills" was the event's theme.

Apprentices and Journeyman participated in various competitions, including Hurtman, Pole Climb and Obstacle Course. Some participants came from as far as Portland, Oregon and Canada. Food and awards as well as family activities were enjoyed by participants and attendees. The Club Store's mobile team was busy all day, taking care of merchandise and ticket needs. Congratulations to all the participants!



From left: Hector Gomez, 3rd Step Apprentice with Edison; Alexander Moreno, ECH, 1 year of City service, Club Member; and Angel Salas, UPCT, 1 year.



From left: William Truefitt, Sr. Cable Splicer, 11 years of Club service, Club Member; Debbie Berenbach, volunteer; Austin Mathe, Journeyman Cable Splicer, 5 years, Club Member; Sally Slattery, volunteer; and John Munoz, ECH, Club Member.



From left: Vince Ganzano, Underground Distribution Construction Safety and Training Supervisor, 30 years of City service; Tony Flores, Underground Distribution Construction Safety and Training Supervisor, 32 years.



From left: Larry Valencia, Real Estate Business Developer, 4 years of City service; Sandie Ponce, Branch Sales Manager, 21 years; and Richard Silva, PABS, DWP Credit Union, 2 years.



From left: Michael Vega, Apprentice Cable Splicer, 5 years of City service, Club Member; William Truefitt, Sr. Cable Splicer, 11 years, Club Member; and John Bondio, Sr. EDM, 34 years.



From left: Larry Valencia, Real Estate Business Developer, 4 years of City service; and Richard Silva, PABS, DWP Credit Union, 2 years of City service.



Making sure all attendees are fed are (back row, from left): Patterson Bunch, ECH, 15 months of City service, Club Member; and Gill Mays, ECH, 2 years, Club Member. Front: Carlos Guevara, ECH, 7 months, Club Member; Nicolas Mata, ECH, 7 months, Club Member; and Julian Aviles, ECH, 7 months, Club Member.



The judges for the event were, from left: Belben Alivio, Retired Sr. EDM, 32 years of City service; Bob Rogan, Repairman, 40 years with Portland General Electric; John Gerguson, Line Patrol Mechanic, 29 years, Club Member; Ron Angst, Line Patrol Mechanic T51, 42 years, Club Member; and Ken Bushman, Retired Superintendent, 50-plus years.



From left: Robert Charles, Journeyman, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Travis Carmona, Journeyman, 7 years; Fabian Gutierrez, Journeyman, 4 years, Club Member; and Bill Herriott, Section Manager Power Distribution, 32 years, Club Member.



From left: Victor Landry, Warehouse Worker, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Bruce Collins, Warehouse Worker, 29 years, Club Member, help get the charging station up and running.



The Club Store team was there bright and early to set up the vendor booth.



Alex Lopez, Apprentice, 2 years of City service, Club Member; and Jameson Lovell, Lineman, 2 years, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Darran Davis Sr., 35 years of City service; and Officer K. Wells, 15 years.



The registration line.



"Safety and Skills" was the theme of the event.



Some were local participants such as Burbank Water and Power.



Kendrick Mah, DWP Retirement Office, 22 years of City service.



The Canadian Lineman's Rodeo team.



Another team that came from a distance is Portland General Electric's rodeo team.



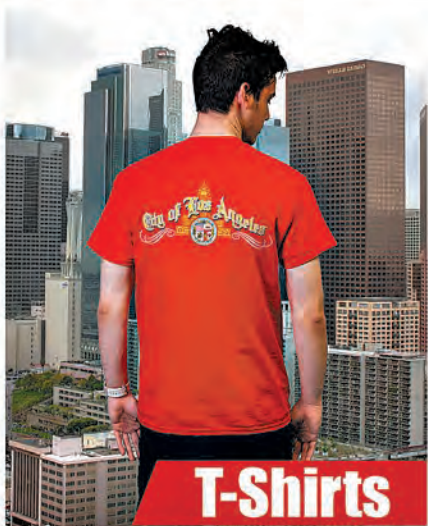
Some of the vehicles on display.

# The Club Store Is Now Mobile!

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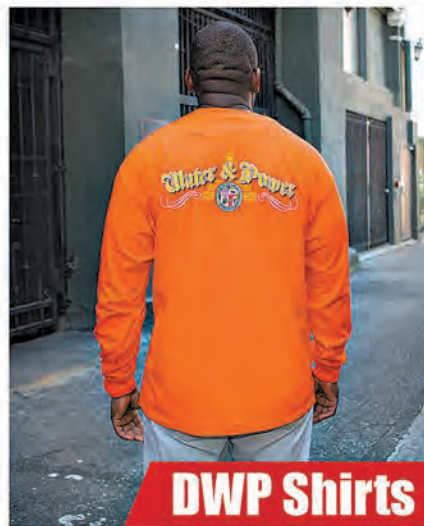
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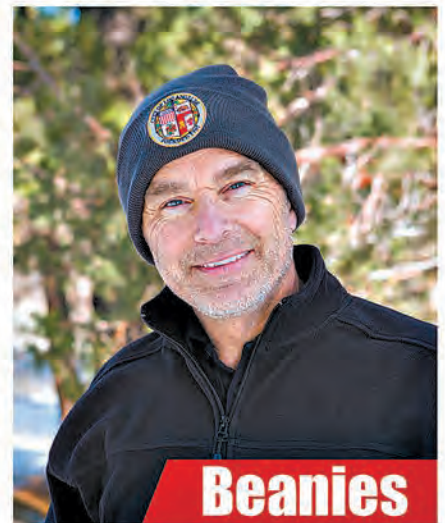
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# More Games Available Online!



## Playing at Dodger Stadium

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

|  |   |                              |                             |
|--|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | Thursday<br>September 7 @ 7:10 PM<br>Friday Night Fireworks | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>\$69</b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$139</b> |
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|  | Friday<br>September 8 @ 7:10 PM<br>Friday Night Fireworks | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>SOLD OUT</b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$139</b> |
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|  | Saturday<br>September 9 @ 6:10 PM<br>Great Dodgers Moment Coin | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>\$99</b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$149</b> |
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|  | Friday<br>September 22 @ 7:10 PM<br>Bobblehead #8 | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>\$129</b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$174</b> |
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|  | Saturday<br>September 23 @ 6:10 PM<br>La Gran Fiesta | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>\$99</b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$139</b> |
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|  | Sunday<br>September 24 @ 1:10 PM<br>Fan Appreciation Day | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>\$109</b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$164</b> |
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|  | Tuesday<br>September 26 @ 7:10 PM<br>Bobblehead #10 | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>\$79</b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$164</b> |
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|  | Sunday<br>September 27 @ 7:10 PM | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>\$69</b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$149</b> |
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**SOLD OUT**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT SECTION**

|  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
|  | Friday<br>August 11 @ 7:10 PM<br>Friday Night Fireworks | <b>MEMBER</b><br><b>\$39<sup>95</sup></b> | <b>GATE</b><br><b>\$67<sup>60</sup></b> |
|--|---|---|---|

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