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**For the
City Employee
on your list:**
Head to the Club Store
for gifts, apparel, ticket
packs and lots of holiday
favorites this Christmas!

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Club staff clockwise from the top: Lupe Lira, Club Store Manager; Cristina Ramos, Customer Service Associate; Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor; and Angel Reyes, Customer Service Associate.

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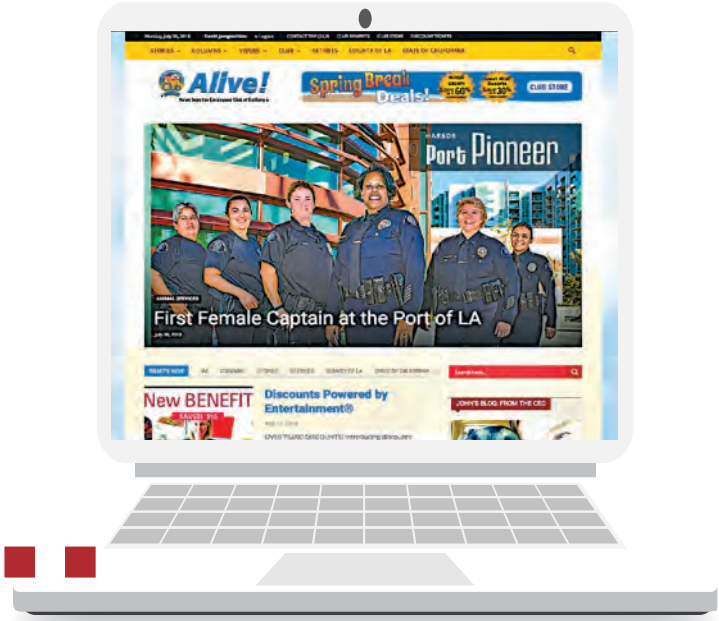


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Alive! on the Web — coming January 2019.





Disney Tickets Are Back!

Club partners with reseller to bring Disney tickets back to Members.

Welcome back, Disneyland tickets!

The Club has partnered with Employee Benefit Group to offer Disneyland tickets in time for the holidays!

"We have worked feverishly, combing through several possible partner sites, to be able to offer these highly sought-after tickets to Club Members," said Mariana Guevara, the Club's Director of Tickets and Retail Operations. "We've got them again!"

"It was never our choice to end our sales of tickets to Disneyland – they pulled their tickets from the market," explained Club CEO John Hawkins. "We heard you loud and clear, so we're happy to find a partner so that we can bring Disneyland tickets back to you, our Club Members."

Get one **\$25 restaurant.com certificate** with every ticket you buy.

See Key Points (on right) for details.

Pricing Options As of Dec. 1, here are some current prices:

One-Day ticket options:

(one park and Park Hoppers) have three pricing options – value, regular, and peak. A calendar link is included in the 1-Day Product Page for Members.

- 1-Day 1-Park tickets start at \$99 for adults and \$95 for children (3-9)
- 1-Day Park Hopper tickets start at \$145 for adults and \$139 for children (3-9)

Two-Day ticket options:

- 2-Day 1-Park tickets are \$197 for adults and \$189 for children (3-9)
- 2-Day Park Hopper tickets are \$247 for adults and \$235 for children (3-9)

Three-Day ticket options:

- 3-Day 1-Park tickets are \$253 for adults and \$240 for children (3-9)
- 3-Day Park Hopper tickets are \$298 for adults and \$285 for children (3-9)

Four-Day ticket options:

- 4-Day 1-Park tickets are \$276 for adults & \$260 for children (3-9)
- 4-Day Park Hoppers are \$321 for adults & \$305 for children (3-9)

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- 5-Day 1-Park tickets are \$289 for adults & \$273 for children (3-9)
- 5-Day Park Hoppers are \$334 for adults & \$318 for children (3-9)

BEST DISCOUNTS



Some key points:

- Each ticket comes with a \$25 restaurant.com gift card that is valid at more than 62,000 restaurants nationwide. This is an amazing deal! (Some restrictions apply.)
- Optimal discounts are found when purchasing three- to five-day tickets.
- Members will need to be logged in to our Website to view details and access the link that will direct them to a secure Member Deals site.
- Tickets can take up to 72 hours to be emailed to our members, especially during peak times like summer and holidays, so planning is important.
- Each product page carefully outlines details and limitations.
- These tickets are not available by visiting the physical Club Store. Orders must be placed online at employees-club.com using the link provided.
- Because we are not processing the tickets ourselves, we cannot expedite, refund, or exchange tickets purchased. Members will need to take extra precautions when purchasing these tickets.



Disney tickets are back at the Club!

A Message From the CEO

Alive! Success Is By Design

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

Let me introduce you to **David and Marie Jamgotchian**, two people you've known for more than 15 years, but might not realize it.

David and Marie of JJLA Associates art-directed this month's gorgeous Club Store Christmas feature, and last December's. They have designed and produced every *Alive!* since the Club's beginning in October 2002 ... the membership cards you carry ... some of the literature you receive from us ... the Club logos you see on Club materials ... and many other things. I'll spare you all the details, but it's quite a feat putting *Alive!* together every month from a production standpoint. There's a lot that goes into producing the newspaper you love, and we have David and Marie to thank for pulling it off every month.



Marie and David Jamgotchian of JJLA Associates, longtime designers of *Alive!* and the upcoming Web *Alive!*

I bring this up not only to shine a light on talented people working on behalf of City employees, but also to preview what is to come next month: *Alive!* on the Web, the exciting development we've been talking about for months now. David, Marie and their team at

JJLA have been pulling double-duty, continuing to produce the print version while creating our new Web product. Combined with a streamlined print *Alive!*, Club Members will have the best of both worlds: a very appealing print product, plus a Website that reflects the way you live your lives now. No other municipal employee association in the country that we know of is producing anything like this. It truly will give Club Members more – more room for photos and videos, more opportunities for sharing and for your comments; more timely posting; and other benefits. As we move into the future of Club communications, I want to thank David and Marie on your behalf for all the hard work they've done, for their dedication and professionalism, and for their commitment to producing the awesome content that celebrates your lives.

We might not have planned these changes with this in mind, but I think it's significant that we're modernizing in this, our 90th year of operation. Ever reliable, but ever new, the Club keeps innovating to bring you the best benefits, and that includes great communication. Let us know how we're doing, what you like about our new Web *Alive!*, and what we can do better. We do it all for you, and we look forward to continuing it for the next 90 years, and beyond.

Speaking of longevity, I wanted to mention a few people:

Congratulations to Club Member **Karl Guder**, who just retired from General Services after 32 years of City service. Karl appeared on our October 2014 cover and has contributed to *Alive!* many times. Enjoy your retirement, Karl ... and congratulations to **Patricia Novak**, Building and Safety, who just retired after 52 years (!) of City service, and **Keiji Okimoto**, Public Works, who just retired after 55 years. That's incredible dedication; here's to your well-deserved retirements!

We know many of you are raising families, and budgets can get tight over the holidays. Our awesome Club discounts help make your holidays more affordable and lots of fun in the process. Take advantage of our great deals on gifts, See's Candies, Honeybaked Hams, and my favorite stocking stuffers, the holiday ticket packs. Save money!

This December issue is packed with stories of people doing good: the Custodian Appreciation Day; LAPD's Above and Beyond; the City toy drives, and so forth. There are a lot of good things going on in the City, and I'm glad we can tell you about them.

With that, from my wife, Kelley Hawkins, and me, and from everyone here at the Club, we wish you a joyful Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Don't forget those in need, and then enjoy your time with your loved ones.

JOHN



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The Club's claims service is "excellent. Everyone was very helpful and caring. It was a difficult time with so many things are going on. It took just one call and everything was explained and so simple. I can't thank you enough. I would like to thank everyone there for the wonderful card I received. I also read it to each of my grandkids. The book *[The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]* remains on my shelf with all the cards that came."

—Kathryn Paraska, March 2017

"The [Club's claims] service was great. Everything was very beneficial. At our time of need, the Employees Club of California came through like a good neighbor. Thank you. Our needs were met. We appreciated your care and concern."

— Mary Joseph, November 2016

Meet the Club Team

These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.

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if you have an event you want covered in the *Alive!* or if you have questions about insurance. Or call us at: (800) 464-0452

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City Employees:
Let's Talk

Clear advice from the Club's insurance experts.



Does anyone rely on your income? If so, you need life insurance!



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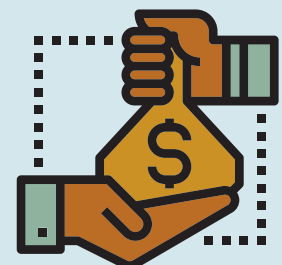
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- Think about your mortgage, children's tuition, funeral expenses and serious unforeseen expenses
- You should be covered for at least four to five times your salary
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- The Club Difference: The Club has in-house claims experts to assist with paperwork and ensure your benefit arrives as soon as possible

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- You can choose to apply for \$10,000 to \$500,000 of coverage
- Your spouse/domestic partner can apply for up to Member's coverage
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- It's portable: If you leave the City for any reason, the coverage goes with you



Did you know?

The Club has an annual refund check!

After claims and expenses are paid each year, the leftover life insurance premiums are divided up and given back to policyholders!

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Note: The Club Store and offices will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and all day Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24-25 for Christmas, and Dec. 31-Jan. 1 for the New Year.

The United Agencies reps are appearing at the Club Store on select Thursdays:



Patty Pulido
Personal Insurance Agent
Dec. 13: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Rosa Calderon
Personal Insurance Agent
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LAPD

Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman,
Club Member Services Manager



Cathy Signs Off

Cathy Sotos, Club Member, retires from the LAPD after 30 years of City service.

On Oct. 14, colleagues, friends, and family of Cathy Sotos gathered together to celebrate her retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to the LAPD. Cathy retired as a Sr. PSR II for the Communications Division.

The retirement party was held at the beautiful 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant in Van Nuys and included heavy appetizers, a photo booth, and a candy bar.

Congratulations, Cathy for your service to the City, and congratulations on your retirement.

The Club thanks Jean Sarfaty for her assistance.



From left: Sgt. Sunil Dutta, Retired, 20 years of City service; and Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years.



Tony and Cathy; Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years of City service.



From left: Robert Lopez, Sr. PSR, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years; and Paulina Lopez, wife of Robert Lopez.



From left: Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years of City service; and Sandy Rennie, Sr. PSR, Retired, 19 years.



From left: Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years of City service; and Lidia Marcial, PSR III, 17 years, Club Member.



From left: Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years of City service, with her sister, Cheryl Mears.



Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years of City service; and Jorge Rios, PSR III, 20 years, Club Member.



From left: Cathi Pearson, Retired, Sr. PSR, 32 years of City service; Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years; and Cathy Bushey, Retired, Sr. PSR, 30 years, Club Member.



From left: Seanean Durden, Sr. PSR I, 30 years of City service, Club Member; and Randi Miller, Sr. PSR I, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years of City service; and Seanean Durden, Sr. PSR I, 30 years, Club Member.



From left: Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years of City service; and Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Dori Adler, Sr. PSR II, 30 years of City service, Club Member; and Randi Miller, Sr. PSR I, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Kim Calloway, PSR III, 15 years of City service, Club Member; and Jeff Brown, Sr. PSR, 16 years, Club Member.



From left: Cathy Sotos, Retiree, PSR II, 30 years of City service; and Sandra Barraza, PSR III, 21 years, Club Member.



From left: Sue Lepre, Retired, PSR III, 30 years of City service; Cherry Teter, Retired, Sr. PSR II, 34 years; and Beth Hicks, Retired, PSR II, 34 years.

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Guests welcome!

Letters to the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Holidays Include Feeling Grateful for Living in LA

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and a very prosperous 2019. I have been alive for 50 years, and I still feel the excitement of the season as I did when I was a young boy in Detroit. Although I miss the snow that is synonymous with the season up there, I very much love spending winter in sunny Los Angeles. We are all so very fortunate to live in such beautiful weather. Whenever I may feel down, I take a walk and look around my surroundings to help me feel better. I hope you all can do the same. Merry Christmas!



— Jack Harbaugh, General Services

Club's Chronicling of City Employees to Include Web

I want to thank the Employees Club and Alive! for the wonderful years they published the history of our lives as civil servants in the City. I remember the first edition when it under 20 pages of great reading. Now that it is 48 pages, it is one of the must read publications for me. It is focused in as a snapshot of what is happening with employees.

Keep up the fine job going forward as you enter a new age of Alive! on the Web.

— Regina Jenkins, LAFD

Thanks, Regina ... we love what we do. The print Alive! will continue in streamlined form, as we introduce a new Web Alive! where will have the space and immediacy to bring all that great Club news in a way that reflects the way Club Members live their lives today. Come along for new Alive! adventures! — Ed.

Cheryl, MaryAnn Helpful at Open Enrollment Meetings

I want to recognize two of your employees who have exhibited professionalism and expertise at our LACERS open enrollment event: Cheryl Martin and MaryAnn Urdiales have helped me and my other retired City friends get the answers to our questions in long-term care insurance. It's nice to know that they are part of the Employees Club, which we have trusted for decades with our benefits. Keep up the good work.

— Hilda Kramer, Retired

Club Membership Extends Through State of California

I went to Sacramento to visit family, and I was surprised to be approached by people who said, "You are with the Employees Club?" How did they know, you ask? I wore my Employees Club hat on my trip. There is quite the following up there, and I didn't know you had that many members there, too, who work in and around the State capital. It felt as though they were extended family, too.

— Mike Larkin, LAPD

Great Club Discounts Means Savings Can Really Add Up

I want all those who will read this message to know that I saved exactly \$341.89 on auto insurance and at Office Depot (combined) last month. And it all happened with my membership at the Club. I encourage you to get hold of Noelle Kauffman and her member services staff to help you get started. The savings has me excited and I have told everyone at work too. It is almost unbelievable at first but if it happens to me and it can happen to you too. It certainly pays to be a member. Wishing the Employees Club staff a wonderful holiday season.

— Jenny Claremont, General Services

Great tip, Jenny! Club Members can contact Noelle Kauffman at nkauffman@cityemployeesclub.com — Ed.

Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer
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Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

What will you remember most about 2018?

"All the fires that have damaged so much of California."

— Angelica Turrietta, LAPD



"The incredible way things are going with politics and the direction of the country."

— Valerie Lockhart, LAPD



"The Dodgers making it to the World Series for the second year in a row!"

— Margarita Guevara, LAPD



"The large amounts of retirements in the City."

— Cindy Romeo, LAPD



"A great year of Employees Club softball."

— Jordan Price, DWP



"Making more than one birdie on the golf course."

— Ralph Esparza, Retired



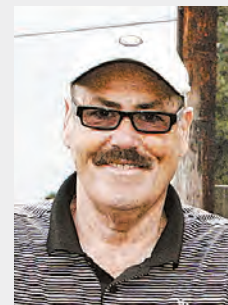
"Visiting Sears for the last time as they close, forever."

— Phil Meyerson, Retired



"It was a terrific year to see the SpaceX rockets fly over Southern California."

— Frank Allen, Retired



"A year that brought LeBron James to the Lakers!"

— Chip Villanueva, Rec and Parks



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GENERAL SERVICES

Story and photos by MaryAnn Urdiales (right), Club Counselor, and Noelle Kauffman (far right), Member Services Manager



Custodian Appreciation Day

Thanks, Custodians!

General Services hosts annual Custodian Appreciation Day.

On Nov. 1, General Services held its 21st annual Custodian Appreciation Day and Custodial Service Awards downtown.

Custodians, Dept. Directors, elected officials and union representatives gathered in the Ronald Deaton Civic Auditorium inside the LAPD headquarters and on the south lawn of City Hall for the appreciation event.

SEIU Local 721 and LIUNA Local 777 sponsored the event and provided the delicious food and prizes. Many awards were presented, including Custodian of the Year, Sr. Custodian of the Year, Custodian Supervisor of the Year, and pins and certificates.

The Employees Club of California proudly supports the City's Custodians and loves covering this event each year. Thank you for all your hard work!

Special thanks go to Loretta M. Quenon, Director; Tony Royster, General Manager; and Valerie Melloff, Assistant General Manager.

2018 honorees included:

Custodian of the Year:

- Ahmed Wako, Civic Center District, 21 years of City service
- Warren Green, LAPD District, 16 years of City service
- Juan Duarte, Outlying Districts, 2 years of City service

Sr. Custodian of the Year:

- Lloyd Lewis, LAPD District, 19 years of City service
- Chante Andrews, Civic Center District, 1 year of City service
- Santiago Barajas, Outlying District, 10 months of City service

Custodian Supervisor of the Year:

- LaQuan Cunningham, Custodian Supervisor of the Year



From left: Santos Barragan, Custodian, 17 years of City service, and Cesar Gonzalez, custodian, 17 years.



Jerome Mccants, Sr. Custodian, 17 years of City service.



A full house of support: Eric Garcetti, Mayor; Ron Galperin, City Controller; Mike Feuer, City Attorney; Mitch O'Farrell, District 13 Councilman; and David Sanders, Regional Director, SEIU Local 721.



Las Tres Marias, from left: Maria Coreas Arias, Custodian, 17 years of City service; Maria Aguilar, Custodian, 3 years; and Maria Warb, Custodian, 28 years.



From left: Valerie Melloff, Assistant General Manager; Loretta M. Quenon, Director and host; Ahmed Wako, Custodian of the Year for Civic Center District, 21 years of City service; Warren Green, Custodian of the Year for LAPD District, 16 years; Juan Duarte, Custodian of the Year for Outlying Districts, 2 years; and David Sanders, Regional Director, SEIU local 721.



From left: Devilon Riley, Custodian, 18 years of City service; and Linda Taren, custodian, 11 years.



Jacqueline Shannon, Retired; and Derrick Shannon, Custodian, 18 years of City service.



From left: Brett Lewis, Custodian, 3 years of City service, and Sean Barrett, Custodian, 2 years.



From left: Anastacio Flores, Custodian, 28 years of City service; Silvia Valladares, Custodian, 10 years; and Leticia Solorzano, Custodial Assistant, 18 years.



Eduardo Sermeno, Custodian, 4 years of City service.



Bertha Mata, Payment Services, 34 years of City service



From left: LaQuan Cunningham, Custodian Supervisor of the Year; Kim Tatarsky, Custodian, 15 years of City service; and Lisa Edwards, Sr. Custodian, 28 years.



From left: Lloyd Lewis, Sr. Custodian of the Year Recipient, LAPD District, 19 years of City service; Chante Andrews, Sr. Custodian of the Year Recipient, Civic Center District, 1 year; and Santiago Barajas, Sr. Custodian of the Year Recipient, Outlying District, 10 months.

Thank you, Custodians, for everything you do to make our City great!



From left: Anthony Zamora, Sr. Custodian, 18 years of City service; Alma Mayes, Custodian Supervisor, 19 years; and Yvette Loyd, Sr. Custodian, 18 years.



From left: David Sanders, Regional Director, SEIU Local 721, and Tony M. Royster, General Manager, shake hands with award recipient Warren Green, Custodian of the Year for LAPD District, 16 years of City service.



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LIBRARY

Staff Meeting!

Library gathers all staff together for first time in dept. history.

On Nov. 14, Library closed all 73 libraries so that staff could gather together for the department's first ever staff development day, held at the Convention Center.

The day included keynote addresses that everyone attended – City Librarian John F. Szabo as well as authors Casey Gerald and Priya Parker – and breakout sessions that covered topics ranging from Library Family Feud to Jumpstart Your Retirement to Chair Yoga. We even had Ghost, the therapy dog, on hand for cuddle breaks throughout the day.

The Club thanks Susan Lendroth, Library, for her assistance.

Library staff gathered Nov. 14 at the Convention Center for staff development day.





For Retired Club Members

The Best Years

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CITY RETIREE ASSOCIATIONS

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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If you change your address, notify Michael A. Perez, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145, x705.

Have News About Yourself?

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

Three Retirees Groups Hold Events; Make Sure You're at the Right One

RESERVATION LINES:

RLACEI events: (800) 678-4145, Ext. 701

DWP events: (949) 388-1206 (Dolores Foley)

LARFPA events: (888) 288-5063

DEC. 6: RLACEI annual holiday party, noon, Grace E. Simons Lodge.

DEC. 8: LARFPA annual holiday party, 11 a.m., Sportsmen's Lodge.

RLACEI Website

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

Contact the LA City Employees' Retirement System

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

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LACERS to Create Trust to Keep Health Costs Down



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update, By Michael R. Wilkinson

The LACERS Benefits Administration Committee and the full board has approved the creation of a special trust to keep premium savings from years when health premium costs are down so that it can be used to provide relief in other years when health premiums would otherwise spike upward.

In total the medical, dental and vision premiums were down 1.2 percent for the 2019 renewals for a total of approximately \$133 million. The medical premiums were down 1.6 percent; dental was up 3.7 percent; and vision was also up 3.7 percent.

For the health carriers, Anthem was down 2.4 percent, Kaiser down 0.8 percent, United Healthcare down 5.6 percent and SCAN unchanged.

The premiums will be renewed with the most of the plans being renewed at the 2018 rates and savings, for plans with reductions, going into the trust to be used for sharp medical increases in the futures. The Anthem HMO plan (under 65, or Medicare Part B only) experienced a 9.7 percent decrease, which will be passed on to the premium renewal. Kaiser Senior Advantage experienced a 2

percent increase.

This is a great time to think about the relationship between good health and reasonable health premiums. If we are eating well, getting our exercise, going in for regular health checkups and taking our medications, then we feel better and enjoy life. Another benefit is that our health dollars go further because preventive medicine is doing its job and we need less trips to the doctor and the hospital.

Anthem has now added SilverSneakers, the program that provides for a free gym membership, to its HMO and PPO plans. Previously this was available only to members with Medicare Parts A and B.

The LACERS board also took up the medical subsidy. The maximum medical subsidy for most members who are under 65 or Medicare Part B only will stay at \$1,790.80, for Tier 1 members, even though the Kaiser premium dropped to \$1,599.32. The LACERS Board exercised its discretion to keep the higher premium amount to provide for its members. This subsidy more than covers the amount needed for Kaiser's two-party coverage. The maximum subsidy for members with Medicare Parts A and B was set at \$542.51. Tier 2 members only get a subsidy if they are at least 65 and have Medicare Parts A and B.

Will Govts. Raise Taxes, Spend Less to Pay Pensions?



Michael Karsch

Legislative Report: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

Bloomberg reported at the end of September that the Federal Reserve's Quarterly Financial Accounts include a change to accounting for state and local pension-fund programs. For unfunded liabilities the report changed the way of measuring such liabilities from the prior "accumulated benefit obligation" to a "projected benefit obligation." This means, according to the Bloomberg article, that the unfunded liability increases to a nationwide figure of \$2.3 trillion, more than double the previous total, the result being akin to dropping a "bomb."

Stephanie Pomboy, a researcher for MacroMavens LLC, says this means cutting spending or raising taxes to make up this debt. In "Fullerton Watch" in September, David Crane claims that the Feds revised its measure of liabilities by state and local governments to \$4.1 trillion. So we have two resources who are widely divergent on the same subject - \$2.3 trillion vs. \$4.1 trillion!

The "City Journal" on Oct. 21 released a report entitled "The Ticking Pension Bomb" that noted governments across the country have increased

annual pension contributions by 90 percent to pay down the unfunded liability, but that most state pension funds were only 70 percent funded, down from 87 percent in 2007. The video listed the states in the "worst condition" as California, Connecticut, Illinois and New Jersey. This appears to be focused only on the state pension funds, not including independent city funds.

These depressing debt holes have been a standard story in the pension news for several years. The opposite side of the argument is that governments do have tremendous "deep pockets," and a dependable life span that seldom faces bankruptcy. Only a few cities have fallen that far. The reason, as argued by viewpoints from the Haas Institute in Berkeley, is that accounting for paybacks to current liabilities can be done with projections into the future, like 15- or 20-year cycles. It is true that demographics are another serious factor, the aging population growing larger and larger, and Retirees living longer and longer. Forecasting what is to come and to set aside by financial policy for those expenses in the future is a first step in keeping the pension systems afloat.

Make Sure to Update Your Medicare Info

LACERS would like to remind Members and their dependents of the importance of having your updated Medicare information on file with them. Upon receipt of you and/or your dependent's new Medicare card, please be sure to send LACERS a copy. You can provide LACERS with a copy of your new card in the following ways:

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If you have any questions, please contact LACERS at (800) 779 - 8328 or TTY: (888) 349 - 3996.

Retirees Association Fees Increasing

RLACEI

To continue to bring the highest quality of service and to continue to serve and advocate for Retired Los Angeles City employees, RLACEI will increase its membership dues to \$3 per month, effective January 2019. Dues have not increased since 2010.

Although dues will increase, members who

have insurance products with the Employees Club of California will see a reduction in contributions. The Club will no longer assess fees to RLACEI members, and members will continue to receive *Alive!*

(This does not affect general membership fees to the Club, which remain the same.)

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Who to call? Call the Helpline to reach a director of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI).

If you move or change your address, contact Ruth B. Perry at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 717. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA and LAFCU. For information or concerns, activities, meetings, events or membership. Each director's extension is listed below.

**RLACEI Retirement
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LACERS

In Memory of Phil Skarin

**Retired City Employee, RLACEI director,
Alive! columnist was champion for Retirees.**

**Philip (Phil) Skarin, longtime advocate for Retirees,
passed away Nov. 2.**



Phil Skarin

Phil was born in Los Angeles and graduated from North Hollywood High School. While attending Los Angeles City College, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. and in 1943 he was ordered to active duty. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his degree in civil engineering. Phil worked for the City's Department of Engineering for 41 years, retiring in 1987 as the Division Engineer. He also was the newsletter editor for the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc., a publicity chair for RLACEI and a longtime *Alive!* columnist on retiree issues.

Phil was the state heavyweight weightlifting champion from 1946 to 1949, and he resumed the sport in 1997. He also was the current national and World Masters Champion and always made time for his weekly golf games.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam, of 50 years; and four children, Ronald Skarin of Chatsworth, Kenneth Skarin of Northridge, Carol Williams of Oregon and Barbara Hunt of Monrovia, and eight grandchildren.

The Club sends its condolences to the entire Skarin family. Phil remains in our thoughts and prayers.



Phil and Miriam Skarin

Open Enrollment Meetings a Hit

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

Meetings were held Oct. 16 – Nov. 14 in LA, Oxnard, Van Nuys, Ontario, Las Vegas and Lakewood.

The meetings helped Retirees and soon-to-be-retirees learn about any changes to LACERS health plans for the 2019 plan year. The meetings provided attendees an opportunity to talk to health plan representatives. Also, LACERS staff was available to answer any health plan questions and assist with the enrollment process.

Club Counselors MaryAnn Urdiales and Cheryl Martin attended the meetings, too, to greet all our existing Club Members and welcome new ones.

Thanks, LACERS, for putting these important meetings together!



At the open enrollment meeting in Van Nuys.



Club Counselors Cheryl Martin and MaryAnn Urdiales greeted existing and new Club Members at the open enrollment meetings. This photo is from the Las Vegas meeting.



At the open enrollment meeting in Ontario.



The Best Years

For Retired Club Members

Mombasa and Zanzibar



Hal and Evelyn continue their five-week cruise. Part 8.

2013 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

From Nov. 2 to Dec. 10, 2017, Hal and his wife, Evelyn, enjoyed a six-week cruise from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to Cape Town, South Africa. They began by flying to Dubai via New York City and London. They spent three nights in Dubai before boarding Oceania's Nautica for a 30-day cruise to Cape Town, where they spent three nights before flying home.

Mombasa, Kenya, is on Mombasa Island, which is separated from the mainland by two creeks. There are three bridges that connect the island to the mainland. The city is populated mainly by Mijikenda and Swahili people. The population is 2 million, and English is the official language; additionally, there are 240 tribes that each had their own language in Kenya. Swahili is the common language for most people. The weather today is hot and muggy.

As we continue the story Nov. 25, we docked around 8 a.m., and we had a tour booked: "Mombasa: A Glimpse of the Past." The tour started at 8:15 a.m. and was a four-hour tour.

The TV in our cabin had lots of channels, but not much on it. We got MSNBC, Fox News, CNBC, BBC and Sky News. There was only one sports channel, and it was from the UK. There were lots of ad channels for the Oceania cruise line. There were three movie channels and one for TV programs, but they followed an odd schedule. We sort of used it for background noise. They carried reruns of *The Big Bang Theory*, but after 20-some days at sea, those were being rerun.

Our tour started out a little crazily. First there were more than 400 people going on tour, and there was little to no organization in the Nautica Lounge where they passed out the bus assignments. When we got our bus assignment, we thought we had lucked out because it was a small bus holding just 20-passengers, but it was a mistake, and we had to change to a larger bus. All of this must have killed a half hour.

The first stop was the Akamba Wood Carving Factory, a cooperative where local artists carved items to be sold in the cooperative's store. The artist got 80 percent of the sales price, with 20 percent for overhead. The carvers came from all over Kenya, and they worked seven days a week with no time off. They sent money home to their families, and part of the overhead was used to send their body home if they died. The conditions were primitive, and when we got off the bus we could smell sewage – there was an open sewage stream running right through the work area. The work was done in open huts using crude tools, however they produced very well-done wood carvings. Evelyn brought several items, as did most people on the bus. It was smart to stop here first, because we did not see anything that was as good afterwards.

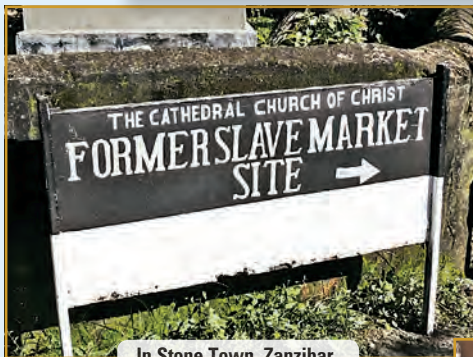
We stopped at two Hindu temples and then drove to old town and Fort Jesus. Before we entered the fort, we did a short walk around what used to be the center of Mombasa. Fort Jesus was built by the Portuguese in 1592. At the fort the guide told us how Mombasa got its name. When the first Portuguese explorer landed they asked the natives what the name of this place was, and they replied "Mom Ba Sa," which means, "What did you say?" in Swahili. And it stuck.

Before returning to the ship we stopped to photograph the Elephant Tusks, large aluminum tusks overhanging Main Street.

We got back to the ship a little after 1 p.m. and decided to do laundry. We were lucky to get two machines when we got to the laundry room. After loading the machines, we had 25 minutes until the wash was done and needed to go into the dryer. Because of the limited machines, you get dirty looks if you let the laundry just sit in the machine. The dryer takes 45 minutes, so there



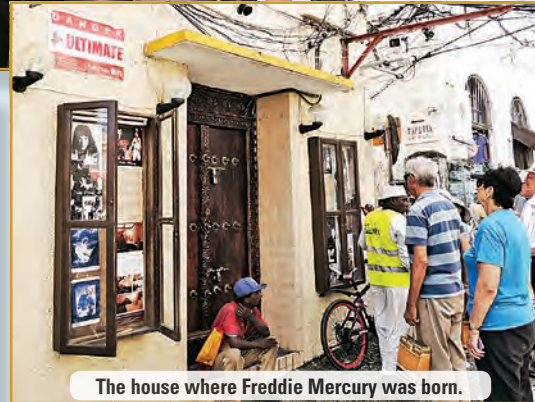
Hal and Evelyn outside the Hindu temple.



In Stone Town, Zanzibar.



Evelyn at the Wood Carving factory.



The house where Freddie Mercury was born.



Evelyn at the Wood Carving factory.

was more time to kill. The cost was \$4 per wash, and we were limited to using three machines at a time.

Because we ate lunch late, we ate a light dinner in the buffet. The show featured Phillip Browne, who is British. He worked mostly in London's West End theater area and had the high energy of a stage performer. He had the audience on our feet and dancing, which with this crowd was a major accomplishment. We looked forward to his next show.

The next day, Nov. 26, we docked at 7 a.m. after an overnight sail from Mombasa. Zanzibar (Coast of Blacks) is a semi-autonomous part of Tanzania, in East Africa. It is an archipelago in the Indian Ocean, 16 to 31 miles off the coast of the mainland, and consists of numerous small islands and two large ones: Unguja (the main island referred to as Zanzibar) and Pemba. The capital is Zanzibar City. Its historic center is known as Stone Town, a World Heritage site with claims to be the only functioning ancient city center in East Africa. Zanzibar's main industries are spice, raffia export and tourism. Raffia is a fiber obtained from the leaves of the raffia palm used for tying plants and other objects together and for making mats, baskets, hats and things like that.

That day's tour was of Stone Town. We had a small 20-passenger bus that day, and our first stop was the vegetable, meat and fish market. Our tour left the dock at 8 a.m., so everything was being brought in and being set up. We then walked to the Great Slave Market. While walking we didn't see any trash in the street, and

while the buildings could use some work, there were no shacks like we saw in Mombasa. The slave market was one of the world's last operating ones but was now mostly covered over by the nearby Anglican cathedral. We did visit the underground chambers where the slaves were held before being sold and shipped. The market processed up to 60,000 slaves each year. It left me wondering how man could be so cruel. We continued our walk and stopped at a shop where Evelyn could get some retail therapy, and it was air-conditioned.

We took the bus to the old fort and walked through the winding streets to the Sultan's Palace where we got a tour by a local "docent." The sultan's daughter married a German officer and converted to Christianity. The palace was very well persevered with lots of the original furniture. We then walked to the old fort, built in the 18th century. We walked around the outside of the House of Wonder, which is closed for renovation. It contained information on the Swahili culture. Maybe we'll get to see it next time. We stopped at the sea wall to take photos.

On our walk we saw where Freddie Mercury, Queen's lead singer, was born. We also saw the house, which was the English Consul's, where David Livingston stayed before his last expedition in 1866.

From there it as a short drive to the ship. It was very warm. The humidity was 100 percent, and I was sweating like a pig. I carry NUUN, an electrolyte tablet to add to bottled water, which helped me keep moving. We had started to take it on trips where you know it will be hot.

After lunch we sat in the Horizon Lounge, which provided a great view of the harbor activities. We could see ships being loaded and unloaded and the comings and goings of the ferries.

We left Zanzibar at 4 p.m. After we had sailed, there was an emergency announcement all through the ship for a medical emergency

by the pool. About 90 minutes later, the Captain said we were returning to Zanzibar because of a medical emergency. We later heard that a woman was taken off the ship, but we don't know what had happened. The ship didn't dock but transferred her by pilot boat. At about 10 p.m. we set sail again heading south. I told Evelyn before the return announcement that we were heading in the wrong direction because I could see the sun starting to set. It should have been on the other side of the ship.

That night's entertainment was Jory Rossiter, a singer with the cruise staff. At first, I didn't want to go, but we did, and he was very good. In fact, it was one of the best shows we have seen.

The next four days (Nov. 27-30) were at sea as we headed toward Maputo, Mozambique. We were scheduled to stop in Madagascar, but that stop was canceled because of an outbreak of plague. And no one likes plague. So we had an extra day at sea.

That morning Nov. 27, the sun was shining, and the temperature was in the mid-80s with 100 percent humidity, but no rain. I still didn't understand that. The seas had a little roll to them, and you could feel the movement of the ship.

Last night before dinner we had a drink in the Grand Bar, and the bartender, Maria, who was from Russia, was saying that she got seasick. This was her first time on a ship – she came on board in October, and she didn't know if she would sail again if she didn't get over the sickness. She liked the job, but not the seasickness. She made a great Cosmo and was cute. I have never been seasick, so I didn't know how it felt, but it must not be pleasant.

Evelyn walked the track and I had breakfast. So far, I hadn't found anyone who could cook my eggs over easy correctly, and the eggs had a different taste than at home. Evelyn said it was caused by whatever they fed the chickens affected the taste. Who knew where these eggs came from. I did like the Cream of Wheat, which I hadn't had since I was a kid. The lox was good, and they had many kinds of pickled herring, which was great. The bagels were too doughy, but edible. In the next couple of days, I planned to try the dining room for breakfast and lunch once each.

Evelyn reported that she completed 43 revolutions, which meant she walked a long way in a circle.

The lecture that day was about comedy in Africa, what it was is a presentation by Tira Shubart of a BBC series called *Taking the Flax*, which she co-wrote. She mixed it in with the John Wayne movie *Hatari*, which translates as danger in Swahili. Both her series and *Hatari* were filmed in Tanzania in the same city. I wasn't sure what was the point, except I may watch the series when we get home. I can find it on Netflix.

Evelyn did needlepoint and then mahjong, and we met for lunch at noon. We skipped dessert and planned to go to the 4 p.m. tea because that day was cupcake day.

That day there were seven tables of duplicate; we played two-boards per table. Because we played quickly, we got to play three boards the next day. We played okay but couldn't manage to get out of the middle of the pack. There was always tomorrow.

At tea we sat with a couple we met through bridge. The cupcakes were not very good. The cake was dry liked they were baked a couple of days ago and then frosted. The scones were much better. They weren't worth the calories but were very pretty to look at.

We had drinks in the martini bar and had a nice talk with a guy we met at bridge. He and his wife retired to Hilton Head.

After dinner we watched "Celebrity Liars," which was the entertainment for the evening. There was a panel of four staff from the ship, and they had to give the meaning of a word. Three of them were lying and one was telling the truth. There were words like mute jack and lira poo. It was very funny, and I remember seeing it on other cruises. I'll continue in the next *Web Alive!*

By Tara Miller, MS RD/N, LACERS Well Program Manager, and Candace Wilkie, LACERS Well Intern



The Gift of Healthy Holidays



There are many reasons why this *could* be the most wonderful time of the year: spending quality time with loved ones and friends, sipping hot chocolate, nibbling on holiday treats, and celebrating traditions. But if your holiday season seems more like an exercise in overeating, overspending and oversteering, it may leave you thinking, "Is it over yet?" Find the joy this time of year can bring by using these tips to keep this holiday season *healthier*.

Never Arrive Hungry

You've probably heard experts say to never be hungry when you do your grocery shopping, but that same advice goes for holiday gatherings. Despite popular belief, opting to "save" calories by skipping a meal usually results in over-consuming later, especially when there's open access to party fare. Instead, plan on having a small meal or a moderate snack *before* social engagements, and you'll likely make better food choices throughout the event.

Bring Your Favorite "Fitter" Dish

As the social calendar ramps up, maintaining a healthy routine can be challenging. Luckily, you may not be alone in wanting to stay on track. Resources like www.cooking-light.com or www.sparkpeople.com can help you lighten up favorite holiday dishes, and may even prove to be a welcome and delicious surprise to your guests or host/hostess.

Be Mind-FULL

According to WebMD, by simply giving people a larger plate size, the average person will end up eating 25 -50 percent more food. To avoid this, consider using a small cocktail plate and refrain from overloading or stacking your portions. Indulgences can be just as rewarding in little packages, so mindfully enjoy small portions of your holiday favorites and skip the food items that are unhealthy, and less appealing to you.

Plan a Food-Free Event

Food, as the main attraction, is *not* required for making memories that last a lifetime. The real ingredient needed is quality time with friends and families, so try planning an event that centers on conversation. Consider creating holiday greeting cards and customizable gift tags, decorating ornaments and wreaths, or wrapping gifts together. You can add physical activity to the mix by leading a stroll through your neighborhood to enjoy the lights and festivities, or walking the mall before the stores open.

Additionally, you can join a volunteer organization and use the holiday season as an opportunity to make sure those who are less fortunate enjoy the season.

It's the Most Expensive Time of the Year

A well-planned budget is the linchpin of a stress-free holiday season. An NBC News poll indicated that of those surveyed with holiday debt, 59 percent of participants expected to take that debt into the New Year. This year, take a moment to plan out a budget that includes the practical dollar amount for everyone on your list and potential gift items that are within your means. Additionally, if using a credit or debit card, consider maintaining a notebook to track receipts, total amount spent on each transaction, and payment method (cash or charge). Reviewing your budget regularly will ensure you stay debt-free.

For a tool you can use now, and to add a point to your "Passport to Health," check out the featured challenge "Healthy Stress-Free Holiday Budget" at www.LACERS.org/lacerswell.

We here at LACERS Well wish you a happy and health holiday season!
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LACERS website (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), or you can contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328, TDD (888) 349-3996, for assistance.

Information on all upcoming events for Retirees is available at www.lacers.org

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

Retiree Holiday Parties in December

Don't forget to attend a retiree party this holiday season!

RLACEI: The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers event is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr., Los Angeles. Lunch will be served, and there will be entertainment and valuable door prizes. Please make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines.

LARFPA: For Retired Fire and Police, your Christmas party is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8, at Sportsmen's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City. Contact LARFPA for more information.

Life after Retirement



Stay Connected

- If you have news about yourself, family or other retirees that you would like to share with our readers, send it and we will publish it.
- If you would like to contact a former City Employee that you met or worked with, send your contact information and we will publish it so they can contact you.

If you are a Retiree and have interesting news or updates about yourself, your family or other retirees, or would like to connect with coworkers, send information to mbeetz@4841@aol.com, or mail to **Mary Beetz**: 137 Westmont Drive, Alhambra, CA 91801

NOTE: Due to our confidentiality policy, we do not give out any information without authorization.

Show Us Your Grandkids!



Julia Crowder, Retired, Rec and Parks, 26 years of City service, showed off her grandchildren.

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

Send Prints To: Grandkids
Employees Club of California
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



Monthly Griffith Park Hike:

Note: The monthly Griffith Park Hike has been suspended for the time being. We'll let you know when it's up and running again. Meanwhile - there are plenty of opportunities to take your own walk. Stay active!



Monthly Bike Ride in Griffith Park

- 3rd Saturday or Sunday of the month
- 10 a.m.
- Contact Ron Skarin at ronskarin@sbcglobal.net



Seniors: Stay Active!

The LACERS *Well* program sponsors walking/social events that are perfect for helping you keep in shape and take care of your health. And they're open to all fitness levels.

For outside walks and events, make sure to bring comfortable shoes, sunblock, sunglasses and water.

Questions? Contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or lacers.services@lacers.org

Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Medical Facility Walk and Fitness

- Every Thursday
- 11 a.m.
- Contact Avis Ridley-Thomas, avisridleythomas@me.com

West Covina Mall Walk

- Every Wednesday
- 8:30-10 a.m.
- Contact Pablo and Vivian Cortez at pabcrt6@aol.com

Lakewood Center Mall Walk

- Every Monday
- 6 a.m.
- Contact Beverly Anderson at the.andersons@verizon.net

Madrugada Trail Hike, Chino Hills

- Every Sunday
- 4-5:30 p.m.
- Contact Eugene Mandelcorn at firstfeatures@mail.com

Buddy Walk for Life

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

Playa del Rey Beach Walk

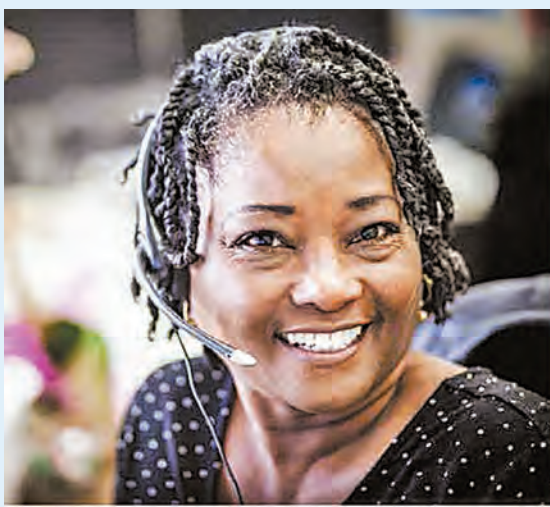
- Every Friday
- 8:30 a.m.
- Contact Frankie Gallagher at Frankiequeenofhearts@yahoo.com

Van Nuys Sherman Oaks Park Walk

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

El Cariso Park Walk, Sylmar

- Every Monday
- 8:00 a.m.
- Contact Irene Galvan at ronnie20dav@gmail.com



New LACERS Business Hours

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

Starting **September 1, 2018**, LACERS will have new office and phone hours.

Please plan accordingly when visiting the LACERS offices and when calling the Member Service Center.

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Los Angeles, CA 90012-4401
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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
Agravante, Mercyrose A.	Accounting Clerk	Finance	10	Harris, Benjamin	Police Service Rep	LAPD	15	Pazos, John	Cement Finisher	Public Works	17
Aguilar, Feliciano	Window Cleaner	Airports	21	Hayes, June Marie	Traffic Officer	Transportation	29	Patterson, Dale M.	Dup. Machine Op.	General Serv.	3
Aguirre, David C.	Chief Security Officer	LAPD	34	Hayes, Susan Leigh	Background Inv.	Personnel	16	Peltier, Steven	Security Officer	Airports	29
Alecxiu, Lu L.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Airports	23	Hays Jr., Gary	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Perez, Daniel	Pr. Construction Ins.	Airports	32
Alfaro, Andres C.	Asst. Signal Sys. Elect.	Transportation	17	Hernandez, Manolito D.	Detention Officer	LAPD	15	Ping, Delbert Leon	Signal System Super.	Transportation	22
Alonso Lundgren, May M.	Sr. Systems Analyst	Public Works	31	Helsom, Robert E.	Sergeant	Airport Police	28	Porter, Jeannie M.	Administrative Clerk	LAFD	20
Alyea, Stephen	Integrated Support Ser.	DWP	N/D	Henderson, Billye F.	Officer	Airport Police	38	Power, Robert K.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Serv.	32
Anderson, Brenda R.	Asst. Chief Grants Adm.	Econ/Wrkfrce Dev.	16	Heumann, David	Water Quality	DWP	N/D	Ramirez, Frank	Metering Serv.	DWP	N/D
Asencio, Caroline E.	Management Assist.	El Pueblo Hist. Mo.	41	Hinkson, Rosemary M.	Sr. Manag. Analyst	City Clerk	23	Ramirez, Judith A.	Tax Compliance Off.	Finance	32
Aspen, Maritta H.	Sr. Labor Rel. Spec.	CAO	33	Hinojosa, Sergio	Sandblast Op.	Rec and Parks	34	Ramirez, Manuel R.	Environmental Spec.	Harbor	30
Ayala, Alvaro	Custodian	Airports	15	Holloway, Lisa L.	Exec. Admin. Asst.	Airports	34	Rara, Rolando B.	Transp. Eng. Aide	Transportation	30
Baker, Steven F.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Harbor	31	Holston, Donald Ray	Security Officer	LAPD	15	Reynolds, Rufus J.	Custodian Supervisor	Airports	29
Baugh, Terry E.	Equipment Op.	Public Works	23	Howard, Ronald J.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	22	Rinaldi, Francesco	Chief Constr. Insp.	Public Works	31
Beasley, Michelle A.	Officer	Airport Police	35	Howey, Kerry	ITS	DWP	N/D	Rincon, Santos R.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	30
Becerra, Robert V.	Pr. Security Officer	LAPD	31	Huynh, Nga	Systems Analyst	Public Works	19	Rios, Lisa Margarita	Police Service Rep	LAPD	30
Beh, Richard G.	Building Op. Eng.	Airports	19	Huynh, Peter K.	Constr./Maint. Supv.	General Serv.	30	Rivera, Mariana M.	Sr. Manag. Analyst	LAFD	32
Belsito, Orazio	Wastewater Treat. Op.	Public Works	31	Iseri, Karen	Street Utility	DWP	N/D	Rojas, Francisco J.	Structural Engr. Assoc.	Bldg. & Safety	22
Bergeson, Robert R.	Executive Director	Employee Rel. Board	25	Jacobs, Roy W.	Supt. of Operations	Airports	18	Ruiz, Angel	Security Officer	LAPD	31
Bergner, William R.	Polygraph Examiner	LAPD	18	Jenouere, Heather P.	Info. Systems Mgr.	ITA	33	Rush, Leslie M.	Tax Compliance Off.	Finance	33
Bessette, Jean C.	Sr. Custodian	General Serv.	34	Jessop, Ernest K.	Equipment Supervisor	Public Works	36	Sabel, Rodney G.	Electrical Inspector	Bldg. & Safety	29
Beysinger, Bridget	Power New Business	DWP	N/D	Joe, Minsoo	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	31	Saenz, Arturo	Maintenance Laborer	Airports	14
Biagi, Michael P.	Chief Manage. Analyst	Airports	23	Johnson, Richard	Sr. Computer Op.	ITA	27	Sam, Vincent	Geo. Info. Sys. Spec.	Public Works	35
Bowers, Wendell L.	Sr. Animal Control Off.	Animal Serv.	35	Juarez, Fernando	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Santiago, Francisco	Airport Police Officer	Airports	30
Brousseau, Lisa Ann	Police Service Rep	LAPD	30	Kazarian, Johnny R.	Sr. Building Inspector	Bldg. & Safety	32	Sarmiento, Ellen A.	Sr. Assist. City Attorney	City Attorney	36
Brown, Diann	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	34	Kenney, Sean J.	Sr. Construction Eng.	Public Works	29	Schwebke, Rickie L.	Equipment Mechanic	General Serv.	18
Brown, Dwight K.	Traffic Officer	Transportation	20	Kim, Yoon O.	Sr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	30	Serna, Jesus	St. Serv. Worker	Public Works	20
Busing, Armando B.	Accountant	Transportation	12	Kirkpatrick, Joseph K.	Structural Eng. Assoc.	Bldg. & Safety	13	Sgambellone, Jeffrey	Sr. Carpenter	General Serv.	26
Canada, Maria C.	Officer	LAPD	12	Koutris, Anthony G.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	20	Sievers, Jeffrey M.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	10
Castilla, Marco A.	Admin. Clerk	Housing	29	Lackey, Vivian D.	Pr. Clery	City Attorney	38	Sinohue, David	Traf. Painter Sign Post	Transportation	36
Castillo, Carlos E.	Carpenter	Harbor	10	Landeros, Michael	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D	Skow, James N.	Wastewater Treat. Op.	Public Works	30
Castro, Bernardo	Motor Sweeper Op.	Public Works	20	Lango, David	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Smith, Shannon E.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	22
Chapman, James D.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	21	Lara, Leticia	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Sogules, Bob Irigha	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAPD	25
Chiu, Rafael Hoo	Env. Compliance Insp.	Public Works	17	Lechuga, Margaret	Legal Clerk	City Attorney	16	Stilling, Jeffrey E.	Wastewater Treat. Op.	Public Works	35
Coate, William O.	Systems Analyst	Airports	19	Lee, Tony C.	Architect	Public Works	40	Stoyanova, Galina	Librarian	Library	11
Coleman, Gloria A.	Workers Comp. Analyst	Personnel	26	Leviton, Diane	Occupational Psych.	Personnel	19	Striker, Richard D.	Security Officer	Airports	16
Collins, Lynette	Crossing Guard	Transportation	6	Lopez, Carlos	Municipal Sgt.	LAPD	30	Strother, David S.	Administrative Clerk	Library	35
Cooksey, Laron L.	Drill Rig Op.	General Serv.	30	Lopez, Carlos E.	Survey Party Chief	Public Works	28	Telles, Michael A.	Sergeant	Airports	22
Cordova, Danny	Wastewater Treat. Op.	Public Works	10	Lucero, Daniel E.	Refuse Coll. Super.	Public Works	31	Tesfai, Fessehaie	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	32
Coroalles, Tony	Assist. General Mgr.	Rec and Parks	2	Lugo, Luis M.	St. Serv. Supervisor	Public Works	25	Thomas, Sharon J.	Management Analyst	Rec and Parks	29
Creighton, Dorance L.	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	30	Lujan, Teresa	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	34	Tinniste, Eric	Instrument Mechanic	Airports	30
Cudiamat III, Manuel	ITS	DWP	N/D	Mack, Debra Joan	Admin. Clerk	Bldg. & Safety	10	Valdez, Sergio D.	Transportation Eng.	Transportation	33
Cuevas, Santiago	Sr. Rec Director	Rec and Parks	34	MacLellan, James W.	Dir., Port Marketing	Harbor	25	Vanvakaris, Mark	Power Executive Off.	DWP	N/D
Davis, James Allen	Engineer	Harbor	32	Mai, Hong Phuong	Sr. Env. Compl. Insp.	Public Works	32	Van Vuren, Linda A.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	14
Desir, Stanley	Management Analyst	Aging	23	Maiberger, Kevin	Police Service Rep	LAPD	16	Vasooghi, Dariush	Water Quality	DWP	N/D
Diaz, Isidro	Vocational Worker	General Serv.	15	Martinez, Alberto	Gardener Caretaker	Airports	29	Vaughn, Neil A.	Fiscal Systems Spec.	Controller's Off.	18
Drew, Debra A.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	General Serv.	34	Mellon, Louis L.	Sr. Recreation Dir.	Rec and Parks	28	Villanueva, Laura N.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Public Works	31
Eason, Tafalla N.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	ITA	24	Menard, Judy A.	Airport Guide	Airports	7	Vinson, Nelson S.	Internal Auditor	Transportation	26
Espinoza, Leonida D.	Legislative Assistant	City Clerk	38	Messano, Neil A.	Fiscal Systems Spec.	Controller	30	Vizcarra, Maria C.	Building Repairer	Airports	20
Evans, Harold L.	Sergeant	Airports	38	Miloslavic, Kristo	Wastewater Treat. Op.	Public Works	34	Wade, Mario V.	Airport Police Officer	Airports	32
Falcon, Rosana	Comm. Info Rep	LAPD	32	Miranda, Gaspar	Special Prog. Assist.	Rec and Parks	7	Walker, Darryl W.	Motor Sweeper Op.	Airports	30
Fann, John L.	Constr. Inspector	Public Works	29	Molina, Richard	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D	Warden, Gary	Water Operations	DWP	N/D
Firoozabadi, Charlie R.	Comm. Eng. Associate	ITA	26	Moreno, Arthur J.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Public Works	19	Ware, Robert W.	Crossing Guard	Transportation	3
Flemings, Cheryl R.	Payroll Supervisor	LAFD	38	Mowatt, Michael	ITS	DWP	N/D	Watson, Mark C.	Traffic Officer	Transportation	31
Fonseca, Rachel M.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	31	Mustafa, Johnnetta R.	Sr. Systems Analyst	General Serv.	38	Watts, Larklyn L.	Forensic Print Spec.	LAPD	31
Francisco, Fernando C.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	17	Nakakura, Wade A.	Sr. Manag. Analyst	LAPD	30	Wesdy, Theodore	Safety Engineer	Bldg. & Safety	30
Funchess, Kelvin	Wastewater Coll. Work	LAPD	29	Nava, Jose D.	Cement Finisher	Public Works	35	Wesdy, Therese C.	Systems Analyst	Public Works	33
Garcia, Alfonso C.	Carpenter	Airports	15	Navarro, Rod	Field Engineer Aide	Public Works	12	Williams, Gwendolyn	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D
Garcia, Ruben M.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	34	Neyman, Afanasiy G.	Security Officer	Airports	16	Wolf, Maria D.	Airport Guide	Airports	7
Garcia, Tomas	Special Program Asst.	Rec and Parks	6	Nguyen, Christine	Sr. Admin. Clerk	CAO	18	Woods, David E.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Serv.	10
Gebremeskel, Dawit H.	Accountant	LAFD	11	Nguyen, Dien H.	Electrician	Rec and Parks	12	Wright, Steven E.	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	31
Gerhardt, Newton W.	Sr. Bldg. Mech. Insp.	Bldg. & Safety	19	Nobregas, Barbara H.	Management Analyst	Fire/Police Pens.	34	Wu, Josephine H.	Sr. Systems Analyst	CAO	17
Gonzales, Tomas	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	8	Novak, Patricia R.	Administrative Clerk	Bldg. & Safety	52	Wynn, Michael D.	Sr. Project Coord.	Econ/Wrkfrce Dev.	18
Gonzalez, Robert	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D	Obacz, Reid F.	Sr. Electrician	General Serv.	34	Yabut, Ricardo C.	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	27
Gosden, Susan M.	Sr. Manag. Analyst	Housing	34	Odegaard, Esther M.	Systems Programmer	LAPD	28	Yeargin, William	Fleet Serv.	DWP	N/D
Graham, Robert L.	Background Inv.	Personnel	8	Okimoto, Keiji	Structural Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	55	Yee, Victor K.	Chief Manag. Analyst	General Serv.	31
Grierson, Phyllis A.	Sr. Recreation Dir.	Rec and Parks	30	Ortega, Raul	Welder	General Serv.	14	Zaldivar, Luis	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D
Guder, Karl	Stores Supervisor	General Serv.	32	Ortiz, Rosa	Customer Billing	DWP	N/D	Zambory, Shannon	Customer Service	DWP	N/D
Halena, Clifford Joe	Sr. Systems Analyst	Transportation	43	Owsley, Gail C.	Administrative Clerk	Bldg. & Safety	20	Zenner, Robert L.	Maint./Constr. Helper	Public Works	26
Halverson, William D.	Sr. Manag. Analyst	Transportation	30	Parada, Leslie G.	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAFD	39	Zimmerman, John	Water Operations	DWP	N/D
Hamvas, Cassandra	Water Eng./Tech.	DWP	N/D	Paragas, Elsa P.	Real Estate Associate	Harbor	33				
Harmon, Daniel	Water Eng./Tech.	DWP	N/D	Parker, Carol Ann	Environmental Spec.	Public Works	25				

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The Best Years

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RETIREES AROUND THE WORLD

Illinois



"In Streator, Ill., 80 miles southwest of Chicago, there are 14 wall murals painted by Walldogs. Each depicted people from Streator with great accomplishments back in the day."

Sharyn Gunter, Retired, LAPD, traveled to central Illinois.

"At the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill., are six trolls made from recycled wood – a sight to behold. The second one can be seen from the I-355 freeway, which inspired me to go."

Grand Canyon



Gerald Smith Sr., Retired, Public Works/Sanitation, 34 years of City service, and his wife Mary celebrated her 79th birthday at the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

Canada/New England

Larry Campita, Retired, Controller's Office, took a cruise to Canada and New England.



Larry and his wife, Fina Campita in Bar Harbor, Maine. This place serves ice cream with Lobster flavor.



Here's Larry in the middle of heavy rains in Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia, Canada. In the background is Peggy's Pointy Lighthouse.

Eastern Europe



"Wadowice, Poland – at St. John Paul II's birthplace and childhood home, now a museum (right) and church (left), where he was baptized. From left: Grace, Peggy, Lourdes and Jocelyn."

Three sisters – Lourdes Owen, Retired, General Services; Grace Ramos, Library; and Peggy Robillard, LA County Mental Health Services – took their annual religious pilgrimage, this year in Eastern Europe. Many Catholic shrines of saints, icons, cathedrals, basilicas and UNESCO sites were visited in Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovakia and Croatia. The sisters also made a solemn and heart-wrenching visit to Auschwitz, Poland, but no pictures were allowed inside the compound out of respect for all the Holocaust victims.



"Vienna, Austria – by the Imperial Palace Square behind Emperor of Austria, Francis II, (Amorem Meum Populis Meis – I give my love to my people!)."



"Warsaw, Poland – at Old Town and Royal Castle."



"Dubrovnik, Croatia – atop City Walls, a 1.2-mile walk with a view of Dubrovnik's Old Town."



Take the Club with you, wherever you go!

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

Coloring with The Clubs

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 Medieval Times!**

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT.
Dorothy Pugsley	2	Timothy Pugsley	LAPD
Alyanna Lopez	4	Jasmine Lopez	Rec and Parks
Emilia Sanchez	4	Miguel Sanchez	LAPD
Allison Tiet	4	Than Tiet	DWP
Delilah Marquez	4	Arleen Sanchez	LAPD
Janelle Parra	4	Armando Parra	General Services
Jaxson Pendorf	4	Nick Pendorf	Retired
Lylah Lopez	4	Jasmine Lopez	Rec and Parks
Savannah Birdsong	4	Jasmin Mendez-Chavez	LAPD
Tahj Benjamin	4	George Benjamin	Retired
Brooklyn Kerkenny	5	Carol Karkenny	Retired
Emma Tiet	5	Than Tiet	DWP
Julian Gonzalez	5	Daniel Gonzalez	Building and Safety
Marissa Jimenez	5	Adrian Jimenez	Rec and Parks
Milana Mihalek	5	Gary Kenton	Retired
Paige Curtis	5	David Hadley	Retired
Taneiya Blackman	5	George Benjamin	Retired
Valentina Jimenez	6	Adrian Jimenez	Rec and Parks
Denim Honeycutt	6	George Benjamin	Retired
Harper Taft	6	Brian Taft	LAPD
JD Quach	6	Frank Gonzalez	Retired
Leila Hernandez	6	Manuel Hernandez	Harbor
Jasmine Parra	6	Janelle Parra	Econ./Wrkfc. Dev.
Jayden Soulema	6	Marc Soulema	LAPD
Valentina Jimenez	6	Adrian Jimenez	Rec and Parks
William Wamsley	6	Steve Wamsley	Rec and Parks
Emma Valencia	7	Hugo Valencia	Retired
Jaythan Newman	7	Nathaniel Newman	Animal Services
Jake Hernandez	7	Alan Hernandez	Airports
Jet Flores	7	Guadalupe Mendoza	Retired
Julianne Munoz	7	Tiana Munoz	LAFD
Marlowe Rathbun	7	Ed Rathbun	City Attorney
Micayah Blackman	7	George Benjamin	Retired
Nevaeh Rowe	7	George Benjamin	Retired
Sophia Gonzalez	7	Frank Gonzalez	Retired
Ram Ravid	7	Gilberto Barrera	Retired
Abigail Kaisiri	8	Apisit Kaisiri	DWP
Alyssa Valencia	8	Alberto Valencia	DWP
Angie Lindsey	8	Rita Lindsey	Public Works
Chris Zavala	8	Charles Garcia	Retired
Elizabeth Bartlett	8	Chris Bartlett	LAPD
Emiko Kirkland	8	Mark Kirkland	DWP
Emily Leng	8	Ly Leng	LAFD
Emma Torres	8	Richard Contreras	DWP
Gigi Rosales	8	Walter Rosales	DWP
Leo Schodorg	8	Paul Fung	Retired
Megan Dormani	8	Farhad Dormani	DWP
Natalie Padilla	8	Danielle Padilla	LAPD
Aaniyah Currie	9	Louise Currie	Public Works
Collin Sousa	9	John Sousa	LAPD
Jewel Willoughby	9	George Benjamin	Retired
Kelsey Remolino	9	Kyle Remolino	LAPD
Luci Pemble	9	Gail Staugaard	Retired
Malia Murga	9	Vicky Chan	City Attorney
Maya Torres	9	Mark Torres	LAFD
Leah Hargrove	9	Ean Hargrove	DWP
Natalee Hernandez	9	Marco Hernandez	Public Works
Aliyah Smith	10	Regina Smith	LAPD
Emily Simmons	10	Doug Donovan	Public Works
Ethan Alvarado	10	Carlos Alvarado	DWP
Giuliana Figueroa	10	Jose Figueroa	General Services
Jayden Vogt	10	Eric Vogt	LAFD
Payton Smith	10	Joseph Smith	LAPD
Rebecca Wamsley	10	Steve Wamsley	Rec and Parks
Sierra Hernandez	10	Manuel Hernandez	Harbor
Stacy Fabela	10	Luis Fabela	Harbor
Raquel Hurtado	11	Gabriela Melchor	Rec and Parks
Rossalyn Glenchur	11	Mark Glenchur	LAFD
Teliyah Roberson	11	George Benjamin	Retired
Andrea Pantoja	12	Daniel Pantoja	DAS
Giovanna Pemble	12	Gail Staugaard	Retired
Joel Duarte	12	Mario Duarte	Retired
Kiara Mackett	12	Robin O'dell	Retired
Arianna Roberts	13	Satoru Tanaka	Retired
Sydney Hernandez	13	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks



Brooklyn Karkenny, 5

BIRTHDAY: Aug. 1 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Fancy Nancy" • FAVORITE SNACK: Strawberries • BEST FRIEND: Emrie • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO MEDIEVAL TIMES? To take my daddy for his birthday! • PARENT: Carol Karkenny, DWP Secretary RET.



Jayden Soulema, 6

BIRTHDAY: Dec. 2 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Incredible Hulk" FAVORITE SNACK: Cookies • BEST FRIEND: JC • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO MEDIEVAL TIMES? Because it looks cool and fun • PARENT: Marc & Sarah Soulema, LAPD Sgt.



Payton Smith, 10

BIRTHDAY: Sep. 13 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Gravity Falls" • FAVORITE SNACK: Chips • BEST FRIEND: Lily • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO MEDIEVAL TIMES? So I can spend time with my family! • PARENT: Joseph Smith, Sr. PSRI, LAPD



Sydney Hernandez, 13

BIRTHDAY: Sep. 25 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Dance Moms" FAVORITE SNACK: Cheetos • BEST FRIEND: Ashly • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO MEDIEVAL TIMES? Because I always see it on commercials about the park and it seems very exciting. I also love the medieval times era • PARENT: Eduardo Hernandez, Sr. Gardner, Rec & Parks



Story and photo courtesy Airport Police

Congrats on the Promotions!

Airport Police promotes seven to leadership positions.

On Nov. 2, Airport Police promoted seven to its leadership ranks. The newest Captains are Imer Chavez and Michael Scolaro; and newest Lieutenants are Darren Gilbert, William Handley, Louis Hoffman, Karla Rodriguez and Troy Takaki. **Congratulations!**

ABOVE AND BELOW: Chief of Police David L. Maggard Jr. presented the oath of office to the department's newest Captains – Imer Chavez and Michael Scolaro – and Lieutenants Darren Gilbert, William Handley, Louis Hoffman, Karla Rodriguez and Troy Takaki.



THIS MONTH AT THE Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Walk Cabrillo

Wed., Dec. 26
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Pack a snack and join a walk guided by CMA's education staff. Starting at the Aquarium courtyard, you'll visit the native garden, salt marsh, beaches and tidepools. Explore each habitat and discover signs of the season along the shore. Examine fossils, native plants and beach wrack.

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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



Memphis

David Orduno, Light Equipment Operator, Rec and Parks, visited Graceland.



Mexico

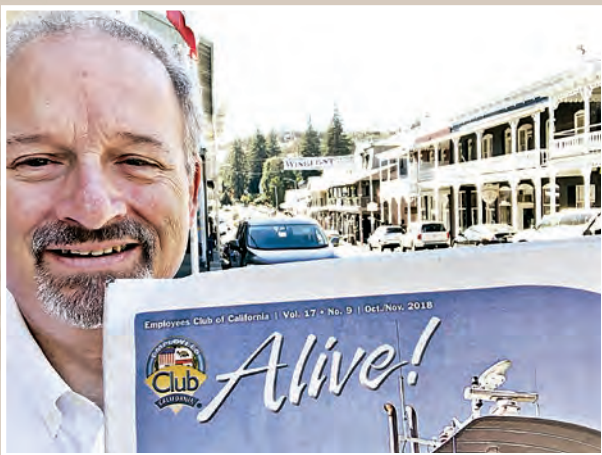
Sepou Ohanian, Airports, visited Cozumel with his wife, Karolin, and son, Tadeh.

"This island with a total area of 250 square miles is a beautiful place to vacation. It is covered with mangrove forest, which has many endemic animal species. My daughter Tanya says: 'In Cozumel, I surrender myself to island time, where minutes become moments on the beach watching the tide rolling in and out.'"



Sutter Creek

Alive! editor John Burnes in Sutter Creek, Calif., tracing the steps of his ancestors who came from Ireland during the Gold Rush.



East Coast

Alfredo Fajardo, Library, recently took a vacation to the East Coast.



"Rockefeller Center, New York."



"The JFK Museum in Hyannis, Mass. is near where John F. Kennedy spent his days relaxing with family on Cape Cod."



"New York: The Statue of Liberty is a colossal neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island, New Jersey. It was a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States. The statue was dedicated Oct. 28, 1886."



"New York: The last column. It was removed from this site in a solemn ceremony May 30, 2002. Recovery workers, first responders, volunteers and victims' relatives signed the column and affixed memorial messages, photographs and other tributes to it."



"Maine: Known for its jagged, rocky coastline, rolling mountains and picturesque waterways as well as its seafood cuisine, including lobster and clams."



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CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues
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NORTH DIVISION

As Games Intensify, So Does Sportsmanship



North
Commissioner
Amanda Cadena

Happy Holidays!
**'Tis the season for
family, friends,
gatherings and
holiday cheer.**

With the end of the softball season coming up and playoffs around the corner, we have great team standings so far. Team camaraderie is at its highest, and so is the intensity for the final stretch of games before the playoffs. With the Enforcers and the Sewer Rats in the lead, we still have teams fighting for a chance to hold that number-one spot.

The cold weather is not stopping these teams from coming out to cheer on one another and play their hardest till the last minute. I especially want to highlight the DOTgers, who have demonstrated great sportsmanship no matter what the score is. Team manager Carlos Rodriguez from DOTgers was all smiles as he hit a double and slid into second base to advance a base for his team during a tough game. The DOTgers did not let their loss to It Ain't Over stop them from demonstrating great team spirit, which is what this league is all about.

You also have Jordan Price for the Sewer Rats and Mike McCommas from It Ain't Over battling out at the pitchers' mounds as they both fight to get that 1-2-3 out for their teams. With back-to-back hits in every inning you can feel the intensity in the air. Emotions are high nearing the postseason playoffs, so stay tuned as we come into these crucial last games of the season!

— **Commish Amanda**
ITA/It Ain't Over team member



SOFTBALL 2018



Enforcers, Rats Lead Into Playoffs

New Division looking to crown champs Dec. 19.

The Club Softball League's North Division is deep into its first season, with the playoffs set to start Dec. 5, and the championship game Dec. 19.

North Division games are played at Shatto Recreation Center, 3191 W. Fourth St., and Yosemite Recreation Center, 1840 Yosemite Dr.

COME AND HAVE FUN!

Cheer on your favorite City teams! Attendance is free, of course, and the friendships and fun you will have are all courtesy the Club Softball League. Get in on the fun!

Game nights are Wednesday nights.

SOUTH DIVISION FORMING:

South Division Still Forming: The Club Softball League's South Division, which plays its games in Inglewood, is forming and accepting new teams and players. Contact the Sports Dude: sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com

The Club Softball League is open to Members from the City, County and state. It is also open to their family members over 18 years old.

GAME PICTURES ONLINE:

Images of past sporting events can be found on Club social media (see below).

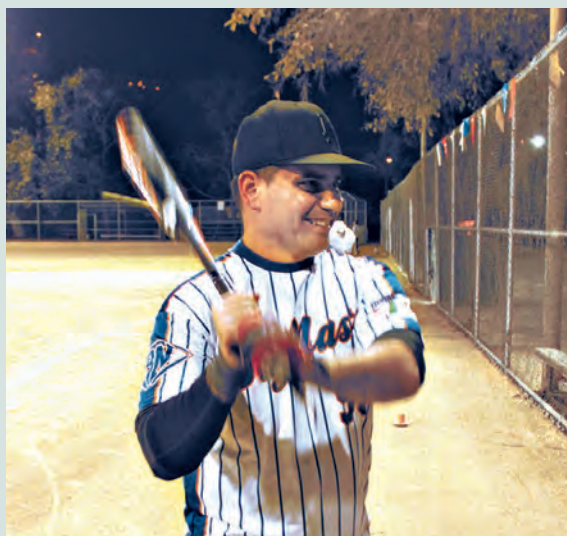
Standings (thru Sept. 12)

Yosemite

Enforcers	8-2
Blue Dragons	7-3
Sluggers	6-5
GameTime	5-5
Operaiders	0-11

Shatto

Sewer Rats	8-3
Kilawatts	7-4
Transformers	5-6
It Ain't Over	5-6
Dot-Gers	3-9



Robert Larios,
The Sports Dude

Club Sports on the Horizon

The Club Sports Office welcomes all individual players to inquire about the Club's sports leagues. Please contact sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com or call the Club at (800) 464-0452 to be placed as a free agent or for more information.

For the latest Sports news and pictures, follow the Club:



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The Smart Move

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

It's About Survival

Critical illness insurance was created to remove financial stress so the insured person can focus on recovery. There is something about financial worry and stress that impedes the healing and recovery process. It's one of those invisible enemies of the mind and body. It can be fixed only by removing the source of the stress – lack of money. When we lack money in the midst of the recovery process, our mind tends to focus on the lack when it should be focusing on positive thoughts about healing.

Research finds financial burdens of cancer care make it hard for patients to focus on recovery.

Numbers don't lie, and a recent survey conducted by the Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) shows that more than one half of cancer patients indicate cancer costs negatively impact their focus on recovery. Those who work with these patients know the stressors firsthand and understand the negative impact they can have on family, caregivers, and most importantly the patients.

Accordingly, 66 percent of patients with major financial challenges suffer depression or anxiety; 29 percent delay filling prescriptions due to financial pressures; and 22 percent skip doses of their medications. Sixty-three percent of oncology social

workers surveyed said financial issues reduce patients' compliance with their cancer treatment, even though that treatment is key to their recovery. Additionally, 40 percent of patients reported depleting their savings, almost 30 percent reported dealing with bill collectors, and 54 percent of those handling a major/catastrophic financial burden said it had become more difficult in the past year to afford treatment.

Furthermore, 68 percent of cancer patients and caregivers surveyed reported that the patient is experiencing financial hardship due to medical bills, and 55 percent of all cancer patients surveyed said the stress of dealing with costs negatively affects their ability to focus on their recovery.

Most of us have witnessed a relative or friend who has gone through this stressful time in their lives and have seen how financial worries take over to the point that

they hinder the recovery process. One solution is to protect yourself with a critical illness insurance policy, which can pay you a lump sum benefit on the initial diagnosis of certain critical illnesses. Club partner CBLife offers a plan that can pay a cash lump sum on the initial diagnosis of specified critical illnesses. Money is paid directly to you to be used wherever you need it. Ask your Club Counselor for details. You can contact CBLife at (888) 443-8829.



CBLife is The Club's partner for four areas – life insurance, critical illness insurance, retirement income and accident medical expense insurance. Currently the Club offers three CBLife products: the Security Builder Plan, the Timber Ridge Critical Illness Plan and the Accident Medical Expense Plan. Ask your Club Counselor for details. **You can contact CBLife at (888) 443-8829.**

THIS MONTH AT THE

Griffith Observatory

Sunset Walk

Wednesday,
Dec. 19
4:35 - 5:35 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.

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Information:

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REC & PARKS

All's Whale at Cabrillo

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium to host annual Whale Fiesta in January.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is scheduled to present the 49th Annual Whale Fiesta from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Aquarium.

This fun-filled family event, co-sponsored by Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Cetacean Society, celebrates marine mammals, and the beginning of the migration of the Pacific gray whales along Southern California.

More than 20 marine life organizations are expected to be on exhibit and provide information about their efforts to bring awareness and protection to these animals. Throughout the day, expert Cabrillo whale-watch naturalists will give talks on various marine mammals.

The highlight of the day is the "Great Duct Tape Whale Contest," where model whales are created by all ages. Other special activities throughout the day will include face painting, music, marine mammal-related arts and crafts projects for all ages, a puppet show, a life-sized walk-through whale and a passport contest for prizes.

The fiesta's grand finale will be "Expando the Whale," where participants walk through a life-sized whale.

The Aquarium's Exploration Center, Aquatic Nursery and the Marine Library will be open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend the whole day enjoying the many activities; there is no admission charge.

The Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro, and is a Rec and Parks facility with support from Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. For more information or to receive a calendar of events call (310) 548-7562 or visit our Website at www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org



At a previous Whale Fiesta.





From left: Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor; Cristina Ramos, Customer Service Associate; Lupe Lira, Club Store Manager; and Angel Reyes, Customer Service Associate.

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Lupe Lira, Club Store Manager.

Don't Forget the Club Webstore!

Most of the items available at the Club Store downtown are also available on the Club Webstore! Go online for a great selection of Club tickets, apparel and other gifts.

NOTE: If you want your delivery before Christmas using standard shipping, Club Webstore orders need to be completed by close of business Dec. 12.



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Santa would be jealous of the City-themed gifts for sale at the Club Store!

From left: Cristina Ramos, Customer Service Associate and Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor.

Great Gift Packs and Stocking Stuffers!

Do you have a City Employee on your list? (Or, as a City Employee, maybe you want to drop hints!) The Club Store has a great selection of fun and thoughtful gifts that are just right for the City Employee's holiday stocking.

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Gift Certificates!



Club Members can get a certificate for a one-pound box of **See's Candies** for only \$15.50* each. That's a savings of nearly 25 percent! (Limit: 10 See's certificates per Member.) *Special holiday price

Also popular for the holidays are gift cards for **Honeybaked Hams**. Cards are only \$21.95 for a \$25 card, a 12 percent savings. (Limit: Four cards per Member.)

These certificates will go fast, so make sure you stop by the Club Store at your earliest opportunity!



Movie Tickets Packs!

A Club holiday hit when they were introduced five years ago, Club Movie Ticket

Packs are beautifully wrapped bundles of movie tickets ready to go, at the great Club discount. As always, they're the cheapest in the state:

- Regal\$27
 - AMC\$33
- (Limit of 10 per member.)

They're perfect as stocking stuffers, gifts for co-workers or as part of a Secret Santa program, or as regular gifts.



City Seal Ornament
Etched metal..... \$8
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DWP Seal Mug Set
DWP seal diner mug, retractable badge holder, DWP leather key fob..... \$19.95



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Stein Ornaments
City Seal or DWP Seal beer stein, 34 oz., \$15
Ornament..... \$4.50
(each, available in royal blue, gold, silver and red) (sold separately)



City Seal Mug Set
City Seal diner mug, coaster and matching retro skyline bookmark (also available with Van Gogh designs) \$9.95



City Seal Stein with Cap
City Seal beer stein, B-label cap and City Seal key chain..... \$24.95

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Angel Reyes,
Customer Service Associate.





This Year's Honorees

Purple Heart

Officer Edgar Soto
Policeman Russell Stevens

Medal of Valor

Sgt. Scott Davis
Officer Hans Almaraz
Officer Steve Carnevale
Officer Nhut Huynh
Officer Steve Jenkins
Officer Alan Ramirez
Officer Jason Schwab
Officer Lloyd De Charmoy Bouchet
Officer Juan Lopez
Officer Andrew Paxton
Officer Thomas Schoonyan
Officer Evan Mott
Officer Sal Obaidee
Officer Anthony Valenzuela
Officer Jeromy Paciorkowski
Officer Paul Razo
Special consideration: K-9 Edo

Preservation of Life

Sgt. Michael Porter
Officer John Acosta
Officer Bruce Adam
Officer Enrique Anzaldo
Officer Rene Gonzalez
Officer Suzanna Kazarian
Officer Gregory Martin
Officer Timothy McCarthy
Officer Isaac Moreno
Officer Brandon Greiner
Officer Isidro Rodriguez

LAPD

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Police Dept.'s annual event honors 29 heroes with Purple Heart, Medal of Valor and Preservation of Life honors.

On Sept. 27, the LAPD hosted its important annual "Above and Beyond" ceremony, which this year honored 29 officers who have demonstrated the highest level of courage and bravery in protecting the City.

The event was held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel downtown.

This year's event contained the awarding of not just Medals of Valor, but also Purple Heart medals. Purple Hearts have been distributed only seven times in the history of the event. This year, two LAPD Officers were honored with the Purple Heart, 16 with the Medal of Honor, and 11 with the Preservation of Life. One officer received both the Purple Heart and the Medal of Valor.

For the third time, the LAPD awarded the Preservation of Life medal, a recognition of new efforts at de-escalation of public safety situations by avoiding the use of deadly force during dangerous encounters. The Dept. is one of only a handful in the country to bestow such an honor.

The Purple Heart recognizes officers who have sustained grievous physical injury during a tactical situation and posthumously to the next of kin of those officers who did not survive their injuries.

The Medal of Valor is awarded to officers who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer shall have preformed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.

The medals are awarded by the Board of Police Commissioners and presented by the Chief of Police in the name of the Department at the annual ceremony. The award consists of a medal, ribbon, and citation. The Medal of Valor was first presented in 1925, and the Purple Heart was first awarded in 2009.

The awards ceremony is made possible thanks to the generosity of the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

The stories of their bravery follow.

Stories and photos courtesy Los Angeles Police Foundation



PURPLE HEART

Struck by SUV



Officer Edgar Soto

On the morning of Jan. 24, 2009, Officer Edgar Soto and his partner were working Northeast Area Patrol in full uniform and driving a clearly marked black and white police vehicle when they were struck by a DUI driver in a Hummer. The SUV hit the car with such force that it caused the black and white to become airborne, careening for approximately one block until it collided head-on into a post that was about 200 feet away from the initial collision.

The engine block, steering column, and pedals were pushed into the passenger compartment, crushing and trapping Officer Soto. The Los Angeles Fire Department needed the Jaws of Life to extricate him from the mangled remains of the vehicle.

Soto was hospitalized for 10 days, suffering a shattered right tibia and ankle that required reconstructive surgery along with a laceration to his face that needed sutures. Unable to walk following the accident, he worked tirelessly in physical therapy to regain strength and mobility and began walking

four months later. Ten months after the collision, Officer Soto returned to work in a light-duty capacity and was cleared for full duty eight months later. He has a titanium rod and pins in his right leg and still suffers lingering pain.

Park Patrol

In the late evening hours of Aug. 11, 1968, Central Division Policeman Russell Stevens was assigned traffic control duties at what is now known as Ted Watkins Memorial Park. A public disturbance broke out, and all of the officers were re-assigned to crowd control in the park.

As Stevens was moving people out of the park, he and his partners came under fire. He was hit in both legs with shotgun pellets.

Policeman Stevens returned to duty less than two weeks later and retired from the Department in 1990.



Policeman Russell D. Stevens



MEDAL OF VALOR

Hostage Shootout



Officer Hans Almaraz



Officer Steve Carnevale



Sgt. Scott Davis



Officer Nhut Huynh



Officer Steve Jenkins



Officer Alan Ramirez



Officer Jason Schwab



K-9 Edo

At approximately 10 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2016, Metro K-9 Platoon Sgt. Scott Davis and Officers Hans Almaraz, Steve Carnevale, Nhut Huynh, Steve Jenkins, Alan Ramirez, Jason Schwab, and K-9 Edo were in the process of completing a K-9 search for a burglary suspect in Newton Area while monitoring a pursuit in Harbor Division.

Harbor Officers were in pursuit of two suspects that had been identified as committing a grand theft auto and were thought to be responsible for a recent series of armed robberies and a homicide in the San Fernando Valley. During the course of the pursuit, the passenger exited the vehicle and carjacked another vehicle, firing shots at the two occupants. The pursuing Officers elected to follow this second suspect who just committed the carjacking. During the pursuit, he lost control of his vehicle and crashed, running from the car and forcing his way into a residence. The suspect stabbed the father inside and shot two of his sons. The father and the third son were able to escape, leaving the suspect and two wounded hostages inside.

While this situation was unfolding, the K-9 Officers broadcast that they were en-route to the scene. To prepare for what they were to encounter, Sgt. Davis contacted the on-scene Incident Commander to ensure containment was established and to get up-to-the-minute intelligence. Realizing that the K-9 team would arrive before SWAT, they knew they had quickly to form a plan of action. Carnevale was first to arrive and started gathering intelligence and putting a plan together.

When the K-9 Officers arrived, they were quickly briefed on the plan of action to rescue the two hostages and address the threat posed by the suspect. Final preparations for a tactical entry were made.

As the team approached, they were met by gunfire through the door. While the gunfire continued, Davis, without hesitation, moved forward

with a ballistic shield to provide cover as Jenkins worked to breach the door. Once the door was breached, K-9 Edo went in, followed by Huynh, Jenkins, Carnevale, Almaraz, Ramirez, and Schwab. They heard a single gunshot from close proximity. K-9 Edo went directly to the two wounded hostages but quickly turned to an adjoining room and located the suspect who had sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound. K-9 Edo took a bite-hold of the suspect's leg, pulling it to expose a handgun. The Officers provided aid to the two hostages until paramedics were given the all clear to approach. Both survived.

The Officers later learned that the suspect and his partner in the original pursuit were, in fact, responsible for the previously mentioned crime spree in the Valley, including the homicide.

Domestic Stabbing



Officer Lloyd De Charmoy Bouchet



Officer Juan Lopez



Officer Andrew Paxton



Officer Thomas Schoonyan

On Dec. 2, 2014, Central Division Officers Juan Lopez and Thomas Schoonyan responded to a 9-1-1 call from neighbors in an apartment building who heard one of the residents screaming for her life.

A man and woman had been in their apartment drinking and smoking marijuana and crack cocaine when the man became angry with the woman when she failed to give him the crack cocaine fast enough, police allege. He began attacking her with a pair of scissors, stabbing her multiple times in the face and neck, and blocked the front door so she could not leave. He also used a kitchen knife to stab her in the chest and arm, as she repeatedly screamed for help.

The building's security guard was notified of the problem and went to the unit when he heard the woman screaming that she was being stabbed. He tried to open the door, but it was locked. Officers Lopez and Schoonyan

arrived at this time and pounded on the door multiple times demanding that the residents open it. The woman screamed, "Help me! Help me! He's stabbing me! There is blood all over the place. I can't get to the door."

Schoonyan tried to breach the fire-rated steel-framed door multiple times but was unsuccessful. Officers Lloyd de Charmoy Bouchet and Andrew Paxton arrived at the scene, and Bouchet took over trying to breach the door when Paxton heard the male say, "I'm not going to unlock the door," as the woman continued to scream for help. Paxton broadcast an urgent request for breaching tools. The breaching ram was delivered, and Bouchet used it to hit the door multiple times, successfully breaking a hole through the handle. Seeing that Bouchet was becoming fatigued, Schoonyan took over and began striking the deadbolt, finally breaking the door open and then stepping back to tactically assess the situation. Lopez entered the apartment with his service weapon drawn, while Paxton entered armed with a Taser.

The Officers observed the man covered in blood, standing in front of the woman who was leaning across the sink with her legs dangling over the countertop. The man raised his arm with the knife in his hand. Lopez and Paxton ordered him to move back, but he ignored their commands and moved toward the woman while bringing the weapon down in her direction. Fearing for her life, Lopez fired one round while Paxton deployed his Taser at the same time. The man fell to the ground.

Schoonyan rushed to the female and used a towel to apply pressure to the bleeding from her neck. Paxton, who had prior EMT training, took over rendering aid until an ambulance arrived. The victim was treated for multiple stab wounds and lacerations to her face, neck, upper chest, upper left arm, and right hand and was hospitalized for nine days but survived.

Rescuing a Baby



Officer Evan Mott



Officer Sal Obaidee



Officer Anthony Valenzuela

In the early morning hours of Jan. 2, 2018, Officers Evan Mott and Sal Obaidee were conducting extra patrol in Southeast Division when they observed fire coming from a second floor unit of a two-story apartment complex. Officer Obaidee immediately broadcast for the Fire Dept. to respond and for backup. Without hesitation, the Officers began knocking on the doors of each unit to alert the residents to evacuate. They then made their way upstairs toward the burning apartment to see if anyone

was inside. They were joined by Officer Anthony Valenzuela, who had responded to the call for backup.

To reach the apartment that was on fire, the three Officers had to run past a wall of flames coming from a window. After knocking on the door and receiving no response, Officer Obaidee opened the front door and was met with thick black smoke. The Officers called out to see if anyone was inside, but no one responded. Believing everyone had already evacuated, they turned their attention to the unit next door where they heard screaming.

They told the occupants that they needed to immediately evacuate, but one of the residents started screaming, "Help my baby!" She then handed her seven-month-old infant to Officer Obaidee, who took him to safety by ducking underneath the flames and running past the burning unit. Mott assisted another resident by lifting her

over the balcony into the arms of a person downstairs because she was too afraid to go past the fire. Officers Obaidee and Mott returned to the unit to join Officer Valenzuela in making sure no one else was inside and to clear the rest of the building. In total, the Officers escorted four residents to safety.

Rescue From Fire



Officer Jeromy Paciorkowski

On the evening of Aug. 31, 2017, Officer Jeromy Paciorkowski and his partner were conducting crime suppression activities in Harbor Area when they observed thick black smoke coming from the second-story windows of a nearby residence.

They responded to the area and were immediately advised by other residents that people were trapped inside the burning building. As they approached the residence, they saw two men standing on the second story roof landing, trying to pry the security bars of the window off while yelling at them that a child was trapped inside.

Immediately and without hesitation, Officer Paciorkowski climbed a nearby ladder to the second floor landing just as the men pulled the security bars off of the window. He saw smoke billowing from the window and felt an intense heat coming from inside. With little regard for his own safety, Officer Paciorkowski positioned himself in front of the window, reached inside the burning structure,

and, together with the two men, pulled a child out of the apartment through the window and onto the roof.

Once the child was on the roof, he saw that she had significant burns to her legs and face and that she was not breathing. He immediately began CPR in an effort to revive the girl. She began breathing but did not regain consciousness. Officer Paciorkowski continued to administer first aid to the child until LAFD paramedics arrived and relieved him.

During the incident, Officer Paciorkowski suffered disorientation and pain to his lungs from the smoke inhalation. He was taken to the hospital for treatment.

The subsequent investigation into the cause of the fire revealed it was intentionally set by another resident who wanted to commit suicide.

LAPD

ABOVE AND BEYOND

MEDAL OF VALOR

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Car Accident



Officer Paul Razo

On the evening of July 19, 2016, Hollywood Division Officer Paul Razo was off-duty and driving in Glendora with his brother when they witnessed a car collide against a large tree in the center divider. Concerned for the vehicle's occupants, Officer Razo stopped to check on them when he saw that smoke was coming from the engine compartment. He ran to the driver's side door, but it would not open. He then ran to the passenger side door and noticed there was a person in the passenger seat.

Officer Razo used his hands to forcefully pull the glass window away from its frame, causing it to shatter. Once the window was broken, he reached in, moved the airbags, and observed the driver slumped over the steering wheel. Tragically, she was killed upon impact. However, the passenger was screaming frantically that he was trapped inside the car.

At this time, the car became engulfed in flames. Unable to open the passenger's door, Officer Razo leaned inside the burning car, unbuckled the passenger's seatbelt, and attempted to pull him out through the window opening. The intensity of the fire made it extremely difficult for Officer Razo to maintain his position. Determined to remove the man from the burning wreck, Officer Razo had to break away several times to catch his breath from the heavy smoke and intense heat. Without regard for his own life or safety, he continued his attempts to extract the passenger when he noticed the passenger's legs had caught on fire. He then had his brother help him pull the passenger out of the window so that he could drag him away from the car.

Officer Razo, who never once identified himself as an off-duty officer, was treated for minor cuts to his arms and hands and for smoke inhalation. But for his actions, the passenger surely would have perished in the fire.



PRESERVATION OF LIFE

Fire, Resisting Arrest



Officer John Acosta



Officer Bruce Adam



Officer Enrique Anzaldo



Officer Rene Gonzalez



Officer Gregory Martin



Officer Suzanna Kazarian



Officer Timothy McCarthy



Officer Isaac Moreno



Sgt. Michael Porter

On the morning of April 22, 2017, North Hollywood Division Officers John Acosta and Suzanna Kazarian responded to a radio call of a neighborhood dispute. Upon arrival, the Officers were met by the person who had made the call and were informed that there was an ongoing dispute between her and her neighbor and that she had a restraining order against him. However, the restraining order was not in effect because the neighbor had not been served.

While the Officers stood in the driveway explaining the process for serving a restraining order, the suspect approached them from behind and took an aggressive shooting stance while holding what looked like either a rifle or shotgun with a cloth over it. The officers immediately took cover behind a car parked in the driveway and ordered him to drop the weapon. He ignored the commands and fled toward an apartment complex. The Officers called for backup and chased the suspect on foot until he ran up the stairs of the complex. At that point, Officers Acosta and Kazarian held their position and directed responding units to establish containment.

Supervisors arrived on scene, confirmed containment had been established, and initiated a surround and callout with an airship. The suspect did not respond or make his whereabouts known. At that point, SWAT was notified of a barricaded suspect and a Forward Advisory Support Team (FAST) was dispatched to the location.

While they waited for the FAST team to arrive, the Officers on scene started to evacuate the apartment complex. During this process, two of the suspect's brothers arrived and informed the Officers that the suspect used methamphetamine and suffered from delusional paranoia. Additionally, he was known to booby trap his apartment and had a camera trained on his front door so he could see when people approached. The Officers also learned that one of the residents who evacuated was forced to leave behind a large oxygen tank.

By now, SWAT FAST team Officers Bruce Adam, Enrique Anzaldo, Rene Gonzalez, Gregory Martin, Timothy McCarthy and Isaac Moreno had arrived with Sgt. Michael Porter. Sgt. Porter assumed tactical command and tried to open a line of communication with the suspect. After hours of negotiations, the suspect opened his door, stepped out holding a stick in his hand, and yelled at Officers to shoot him. Officer Anzaldo told him the Officers would use force if he did not comply. The suspect responded that the Officers were scared of him and that he would start a fire to make them "do something." He then walked back into his apartment and closed the door.

A short time later, he reopened his door and exited while holding a stick in one hand and a metal pipe in another, and walked aggressively toward Officers Gonzalez and Adam. Officer Adam was forced to fire three 40-mm projectile rounds at his abdomen, which caused him to drop his weapons and fall to the ground temporarily. He got up, grabbed his weapons, and went back into the apartment. Each time the suspect reentered his apartment, FAST team Officers could hear him barricading the front door.

Officer McCarthy took a position at the backside of the apartment and saw the suspect place a mattress, which was engulfed in flames, onto the outside balcony. He also saw that the inside of the apartment was on fire. Officer McCarthy broadcasted his observations to FAST team members who immediately initiated rescue measures to try to save the suspect from serious bodily injury and/or death. Prior to entering the apartment, though, the FAST team had to consider the fact that a large oxygen tank was next door and could explode if the fire spread. To prevent this from happening, the

Officers used breaching tools to open the door manually. They entered and saw the suspect hiding behind the stove, but he refused to leave when they ordered him out. With fire and smoke engulfing the apartment, Officer Martin saw the suspect come out from the kitchen holding a long, jagged piece of wood. Martin fired one beanbag round and struck him in the abdomen, causing him to drop his weapon and fall. They immediately moved in to take him away from the burning apartment. Once outside, he continued to resist arrest, forcing Officer Anzaldo to deploy his Taser, which had little effect. Officers Moreno, Martin, Adam and Gonzalez collectively overcame the suspect's resistance and safely took him into custody.

Assault With Deadly Weapon



Officer Brandon Greiner



Officer Isidro Rodriguez

On the afternoon of Dec. 24, 2017, Officers Brandon Greiner and Isidro Rodriguez were working uniformed patrol in Southeast Division when they responded to a radio call of an assault with a deadly weapon suspect.

Upon arriving at the scene, the Officers encountered the suspect in the driveway of the location and observed a knife in his waistband. They ordered him to drop the knife, but he refused, pulled the knife from his waistband, and told the Officers they were going to have to shoot him. The suspect then started to walk toward the Officers while holding the knife in an attack-like position ready to stab or slash either officer. The Officers requested backup and drew their firearms in anticipation of having to defend themselves against a suspect who had created a life-threatening confrontation.

As the suspect walked toward the Officers, they backed up to maintain some distance and continued to calmly request that he drop the knife. The suspect again refused and walked towards them, causing them to back further down the driveway to where their police vehicle was parked, allowing them to take cover behind the car.

Once the sirens of the additional responding units could be heard in the background, the suspect finally dropped his knife on the ground but ignored Officers' commands and continued approaching the Officers near where the knife had fallen. At this point, the Officers deployed a Taser, which caused the suspect to fall to the ground. Officers Greiner and Rodriguez were then able to take the suspect into custody without further incident.

Larios In the City

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Cheryl R. Flemings
 Retired from LAFD, 38 years of City service.

Congratulations!

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



Rachel Fonseca and co-workers, from left: Angelica Turrietta, Sr. Administrative Clerk, LAPD, 31 years of City service; Valerie Lockhart, Management Analyst, LAPD, 26 years; Margarita Guevara, Sr. Administrative Clerk, LAPD, 24 years; Rachel M. Fonseca, Retired, LAPD, 33 years; Cindy Romeo, Sr. Administrative Clerk, LAPD, 1 year; and Wendy Supt, Sr. Administrative Clerk, LAPD, 13 years.



Rachel M. Fonseca
 Retired from LAPD, 33 years of City service.

LAPD

The Puck Stops Here

LAPD Hockey Team takes Vegas championship.

An incredible breakaway goal with only four seconds left crowned the LAPD headquarters hockey team as the Vegas 911 Cup champs.

Las Vegas Guns & Hoses hosted sixth annual Vegas 911 Cup Oct. 11-13 at the Vegas Golden Knights practice facility in Summerlin, Nev. It's a public safety hockey tournament open to all police, fire, EMS and military teams. Twenty-three teams were in the tournament, according to its Website.



LAPD Team 1

The LAPD headquarters hockey team, Vegas tournament champs.

Congratulations!



The Club...on Instagram!

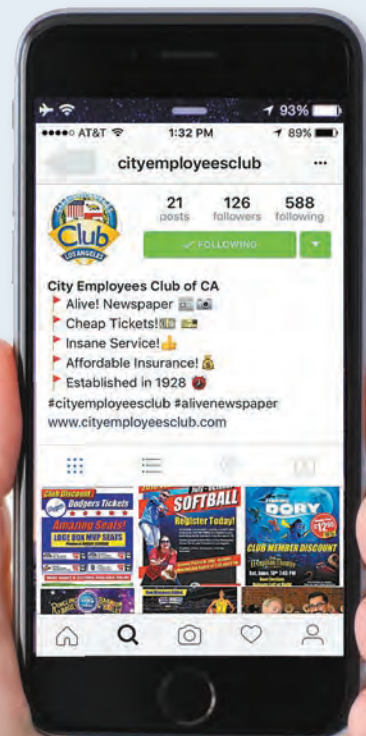
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Employees Club of California



Holiday Happenings

Here are two City-affiliated toy drives taking contributions.

Hyperion Treatment Plant

Last year, Hyperion's Maintenance Section broke its own record of collecting, assembling and donating more than 130 bikes to the LAFD's Spark of Love toy drive. Their goal this year? Try 150!

"We began to collect bikes after a suggestion by a now-former employee, John Baldwin, who said that, to a child, a bike means freedom," explained Efrain Gonzalez, Sanitation Wastewater Manager II, 37 years of City service. "So we began to focus our toy drive efforts collecting bicycles.

"Fifteen years ago or so, Nick Terrell, now a former employee, started the partnership with the LAFD's Spark of Love toy drive. After Nick retired, John Baldwin and I took over spearheading the program."

HOW TO DONATE: If you're interested in donating bikes (assembled or unassembled) to the cause, contact Efrain at efrain.gonzalez@lacity.org. They'll be handing the bikes to the LAFD's Spark of Love drive Dec. 21, so you'll need to donate before then.



West Valley Sanitation

Public Works' West Valley Sanitation Yard is once again hosting its annual Holiday Toy Drive.

HOW TO DONATE:

If you want to participate in this year's West Valley Sanitation Yard toy drive, drop them off at the yard, 8840 Vanalden Ave., Northridge, by Wednesday, Dec. 12, as West Valley donates the toys to the Guadalupe Center the next day.

It's best to bring an unwrapped toy that's not fragile. Please be generous!



Donate to a

Toy Drive!

The last two years, the Club has highlighted two City-affiliated toy drives for Christmas, and both are hosting toy drives. (City employees, of course, host many other toy drives, too, including the LAFD's Spark of Love toy drive; check with your local department or yard.)



Be a Part of a Club Holiday Tradition

It's Party Pix Time

We want to print pictures from your holiday office party in *Alive!*

Is your office having a holiday party? Here are two ways to get your holiday office party pictures into the January Alive!:

Take the photos yourself:

Take the photos yourself, and send them in as soon as you can. Digital photos are always best. And make sure you give us a description of the party: when it was, where it was, and if something significant happened, let us know that, too.

Email the photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

If there are a lot, it's best to send them in on a thumb drive; put 'em up on Dropbox, Box, or some other cloud service; or deliver (or mail) a CD or DVD to the Club. The address is on the inside front cover. Make sure the photos are as high resolution as you can make them.

We'll take your holiday photos for you:

Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a Club Counselor. Please note: There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Club Rep (Arlene Herrero, Gedina Bergstrom, Dalila Vielma, Jeanette Gadut, Tiffany Sy, Cheryl Martin or Noelle Kauffman) or email Robert Larios, Club Vice President of Operations, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com.

We'll do our best to get to as many parties as we can, but we can't guarantee it. Let us know.



See you at the party!





Holiday Happenings



REC & PARKS

Wicked Fun for Holiday Ice Skating

Rec and Parks' 21th annual ice skating rink in Pershing Square features Wicked, runs through Jan. 21.

The Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square returns downtown through Jan. 21.

For 21 years, open seasonally, the Bai Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square has brought winter fun to sunny Los Angeles. At 7,200 square feet, it is the City's largest outdoor rink, offering visitors professional-quality real ice for skating and entertainment, and welcoming more than 54,000 skaters and 450,000 spectators annually. The rink fosters community while embracing winter fitness and fun.

Every Wednesday throughout the ice rink season will be dedicated to **Wicked** and named **Wicked Wednesdays**. Ice rink lights will be predominantly green and every third song played will be from Wicked cast album during the 7 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. (if applicable) sessions.

Special Bai Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square events include **DJ Spotlight** every Thursday with DJ Howly; **Learn to Curl** (Dec. 15 and Jan. 12); and Silent Skate Party (Dec. 19).

- Tickets can be bought at the ice rink ticket window or in advance online at www.holidayicerinkdowntownla.com
- General admission to the rink is \$9
- skate rental is an additional \$5
- Lockers are available
- Special group rates are offered Monday through Thursday

Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square

What: Ice-skating rink in Pershing Square
Where: 532 S. Olive St. downtown
When: Every day through Jan. 21
Cost: Regular skate session admission \$9; skate rental is \$5. Purchase tickets at the rink or in advance at: www.holidayicerinkdowntownla.com
 Group rates, private party and special event pricing available.
Hours: *Now – Dec. 15:*
Monday–Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 – 30: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily
Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Dec. 25 (Christmas): 11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Jan. 2 – Jan. 21:
Mon-Thurs.: 11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.: 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Info: (213) 624-4289
www.holidayicerinkdowntownla.com

HARBOR

Christmas by the Sea

Port celebrates the season with two events Dec. 1

On Dec. 1, the Port is hosting an event – Wilmington Winter Wonderland – and sponsoring a second one, the LA Holiday Harbor Afloat Parade.



The Wilmington Winter Wonderland.

Wilmington Winter Wonderland

You'll believe it can snow in the Port during the Wilmington Winter Wonderland. Bring the family and let the kids play in the snow at Wilmington Waterfront Park, 1004 W. C Street in Wilmington. This free event, scheduled from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., is hosted by the Harbor.

Los Angeles Holiday Harbor Afloat Parade

Join harbor community members for this free and festive boat parade on the LA Waterfront, sponsored by the Port. Enjoy the sparkling spectacular parade of boats and celebrate the nation's busiest international trade gateway. Before the parade, at 4 p.m., viewers are invited to enjoy holiday festivities at Banning's Landing Community Center in Wilmington. 6-9 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.laharborholidayafloat.org/>



A previous Holiday Harbor Afloat Parade.

Holidays by the Sea

What: Two holiday-themed events
When: Sat., Dec. 2
 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.; 6 – 9 p.m.
Cost: Free
Info: www.portofla.org

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| Landmark Theaters | |



Holiday Happenings



Photos by Jamie Pham, L.A. Zoo

ZOO

You Herd It Here

The reindeer have returned to the Zoo for Christmas



Reindeer appear at the L.A. Zoo for the holidays.

Reindeer Romp

What: Reindeer Romp, Los Angeles Zoo: reindeer, holiday fun, visits from Santa Claus

When: Daily through Jan. 6 (except Christmas Day)

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

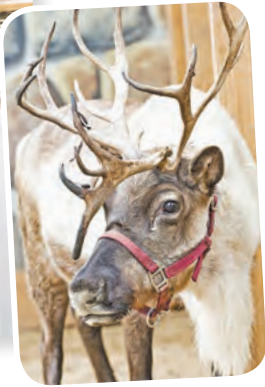
Cost: Free (except Santa photos) with paid Zoo admission (\$21 for general admission, 13 to 61; \$18 for seniors 62-plus), and \$16 for children 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under age two. Admission for Zoo Association members is free.

Location: LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, 5355 Zoo Dr.

Parking: Free.

Information: (323) 644-6042 or www.lazoo.org/reindeerromp

In addition to its big holiday lights festival, the Zoo also offers holiday fun during the day with its annual Reindeer Romp, the only opportunity to see a real live reindeer herd in Los Angeles, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through Jan. 6 (except Christmas Day). Guests are invited to make the most of the season with a full day of adventure highlighted by the sight of four wintry visitors – two adults and two adorable youngsters – in their Reindeer Village home. A flurry of other fun on weekends includes holiday crafts for youngsters, talks from keepers, “antler crafts,” and more. All Reindeer Romp activities, except Santa photos, are free with paid Zoo admission, which is \$21 for general admission (ages 13 to 61); \$18 for seniors (ages 62+), and \$16 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under 2. Zoo admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.



Daily activity schedules are posted at www.lazoo.org/reindeerromp



REC & PARKS

A Civil War Christmas

Drum Barracks Museum in Wilmington recalls the holidays of yesteryear.

Visit the holidays of the past at the Drum Barracks Museum, the City’s only surviving Civil War-era military structure. Experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

A Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 1-2
Regular hours: Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun. Closed Christmas Day.

Tickets: Free for special event (tickets for regular tours: \$5 suggested donation)

Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington

Info: (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org

The 18th annual “A Civil War Christmas” is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1-2. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horse-drawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds – visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a soldier’s Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event.

Drum Barracks Museum is a Rec and Parks facility.



Make your plans now to visit the Club Store for all your holiday shopping and end-of-year insurance needs!

Club Webstore
The Club Webstore will be open 24/7 online, but fulfillment of some orders will be processed according to the above schedule.

Shipping
If you want your Club Webstore order to arrive by Christmas using standard shipping, the Club recommends you order by the close of business Wednesday, Dec. 12. Don't wait!

Members can order from the Club Webstore at:
www.employeesclub.com

Club Store Hours
The Club Store will be open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the following exceptions:

- Dec. 4 (Tuesday): closed 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Dec. 24-25 (Monday-Tuesday): closed for Christmas
- Dec. 26 (Wednesday): open beginning at noon
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1 (Monday-Tuesday): closed for New Year's Day
- Jan. 2 (Wednesday): open beginning at noon

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Club Store!

The Club Store
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Holiday Happenings



REC & PARKS

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT BANNING

The Banning Museum to host annual Victorian Christmas celebration.

The Victorian in all of us is invited to welcome the holiday season at the Banning Museum's Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration and Open House, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 1-2 at the Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., in Wilmington.

This free event is open to the public and promises to be a weekend to remember. Visitors will enjoy period entertainment, tours of the museum decorated in holiday splendor, refreshments, a children's craft and a horse-drawn trolley ride between the Banning Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, which is also presenting a Christmas event that weekend.

Victorian Christmas at the Banning Museum has been an annual holiday tradition in the greater Los Angeles area for more than 30 years. The museum grounds are transformed into a Christmas Festival featuring Victorian-period entertainment, walk-through tours of the festively decorated Banning Mansion, blacksmith demonstrations, refreshments, family holiday crafts, a bake sale, local food vendors and handmade crafts by area artisans, and Jolly Old St. Nick himself will pose for photos with the little ones in an historic carriage. The visitor center will feature a new special exhibit, "The California Column to 900 Miles to Battle," based on the Civil War. The exhibit includes countless impressive artifacts.

Also, the annual Victorian Christmas luncheon is scheduled to take place Friday, Dec. 1, in the Banning Museum Stagecoach Barn and feature special live holiday entertainment. Those attending enjoy an elegant plated lunch, a special sneak preview of the Banning

Museum decorated for a Victorian Christmas, a tour of the Transportation Exhibition and a special exhibit in our Visitor Center. This event has limited seating and sells out quickly. Reservations are being taken now. Tickets for the special luncheon are \$95 for non-members and \$85 for Friends of Banning Museum Members. Information: (310) 548-2005.

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

Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

When: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1-2
Hours: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: The Banning Museum, 401 E. "M" St., Wilmington
Cost: Free admission

Regular museum tours:

Dates: Throughout December:
 Tues. – Thurs.: 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.;
 Sat. – Sun.: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.
 Closed Christmas Day

Cost (regular tours): \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)

Info: (310) 548-2005 or www.thebanningmuseum.org

ZOO

Wild Wonderland of Light

Holiday Lights is back for its fifth award-winning year

A new, great L.A. holiday tradition has returned for its fourth year.

L.A. Zoo Lights, named one of the "Best Zoo Lights 2016" by USA Today's Readers' Choice travel awards, has returned to illuminate a dazzling wonderland at the Los Angeles Zoo now through Sunday, Jan. 6.

The after-hours attraction, which requires a separate ticket from the Zoo's regular day hours, sets the Zoo's environment aglow with displays, among them tens of thousands of LED lights, flurries of illuminated snowflakes, 3-D animated projections, a musical light-and-water show and glittering light tunnels. A fanciful menagerie of shimmering animal characters brought to "life" include mischievous animated monkeys, a gigantic glowing snake coiled on a roof, animated elephants and much more.

This year's event features a dazzling new area to explore, luminous new displays, and reimagined favorites.

L.A. Zoo Lights creates an atmosphere of wonder and delight unlike anything seen in L.A. before, captivating guests with photo ops galore for an ideal family outing, meet-up with friends or date night.



A self-guided 60- to 90-minute walking tour through select areas of the Zoo – while most L.A. Zoo animal residents are asleep – offers a unique experience that features the only opportunity in Los Angeles to see real reindeer; visits with Santa Claus on select dates; and steaming hot chocolate, irresistible churros and other holiday treats and goodies for sale.

L.A. Zoo Lights was established in 2014 by the private, nonprofit Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) as a festive tradition to put a new spin on holiday lights in Griffith Park.

The attraction is open every night from 6 to 10 p.m. except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Dec. 24-25). Tickets are available at www.lazoolights.org/

L.A. Zoo Lights has been developed in collaboration with art director Gregg Lacy and Bionic League, entertainment-industry partners renowned for remarkable large-scale installations for festivals, stadiums, arenas, clubs, and artists like Daft Punk, Kanye West and many others.

LA Zoo Lights

What: L.A. Zoo Lights, an immersive display lights that guests walk through
When: Through Jan. 6 (nightly except closed Christmas Eve and Christmas)
Time: 6 to 10 p.m.
Cost: Requires a separate admission. PRICES FOR 2018: \$21.95 adults, \$11.95 children (premium nights); \$12 adults and children (value nights).

Children under age two are free.
Tickets Available: Online: LAZoolights.org
Location: LA Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Griffith Park, 5355 Zoo Dr.
Parking: Free
Info: (323) 644-6042 or www.lazoo.org

REC & PARKS

Let it Snow!

Do you like snow? Have you ever seen snow? Rec and Parks is once again planning on bringing lots of it to Pershing Square!

Rec and Parks plans to host the **Winter Holiday Festival** with 90 tons of snow for sledding, a trackless train ride, entertainment, food vendors, craft booths, and a free photo with Santa at Pershing Square. (Ice skating at the next-door Holiday Ice Rink Pershing Square is not free.)

Also featured will be a giant gingerbread house, bouncy houses, and food and craft booths.

The **Winter Holiday Festival** kicks off Saturday, Dec. 8, at 11 a.m. and features an ice skating rink, craft booths, family entertainment and photos with Santa.

For more information visit laparks.org/pershingsquare/winter-holiday-festival.



Winter Holiday Festival 2018

What: Ice-skating rink in Pershing Square
Where: Pershing Square, 532 South Olive St.
When: Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

A Wonderland Train Ride

Griffith Park children's railroad offers a holiday-themed experience.

The Griffith Park and Southern Railroad is back to offering its Holiday Light Festival train rides.

Families are invited for an evening train ride around the festively decorated one mile of track. Magical scenes and tens of thousands of lights are set to captivate families and set the mood for a wonderful holiday season.

The ride runs every night until Dec. 23. The holiday rides resume from Dec. 26 – 30, weather permitting. The trains do not operate in the rain.

The first train will leave at 5 p.m. every day. The last train leaves at 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

This event requires separate tickets that can be bought at the ticket booth in advance or the day of the ride, if available. Tickets, at \$5 per person, are not available online. 18 months and under ride free. Limited tickets will be sold for each evening.

The Griffith Park Railroad is different from Train Town, which used to offer holiday-themed rides as well.

The Griffith Park and Southern Railroad

What: Evening train ride around one mile of track decorated with holiday themes
Where: 4400 Crystal Springs Dr., Griffith Park
When: Through Dec. 23; Dec. 26-30
Hours: 5 – 8 p.m. weeknights; 5-9 p.m. Friday-Sunday
For Whom: Adults and children
Tickets: \$5 each; free for children 18 months and under
Information: (323) 662-9678, www.griffithparktrainrides.com

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LAABP

Fall Fundraiser

Black Personnel Association hosts annual fall fundraiser and business mixer.

The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) held its annual fall business mixer and scholarship fundraiser Nov. 10. The successful event was held at L'Cheriyve Studios in Gardena.

Incorporated in 1972 and approved by the Los Angeles City Council as the official representative for City employees of African American heritage, the LAABP has been in the forefront of the battle for equal employment within the City's workforce. The association has continued to move forward and work diligently to bring about greater opportunities for people of color to enhance their careers, to pursue progressive achievement in City service through examination preparation and advances in technology and to increase the number of positions with ultimate responsibility at the management level.

Special thanks go to Jameisha Robinson, Marget Peters and Hosie Thomas for their assistance.



From left: Annette and Littleton Gardner, Vernal Stanley Bill, Jovana Cowart, and Lawanda and Charles McElroy.



Felicia Ansley and Jim Adams.



From left: Julia Boyle, Jason Ling and Trina McDowell.



Kenneth Booth, DWP.



From left: Jameisha Robinson and Edwina Hunter



Ronald Roberson.



From left: Irma Hall and Edwina Chism.



From left: Angela Vasquez, Lorena Aguilar and guests.



From left: Brian and Yvette Bentley.



From left: Niesha Louis, Public Works/Sanitation, and DeMarol Sims, DWP.



Annette Anderson and Jeffrey Harris.



From left: Lorena Aguilar and Angela Vasquez.

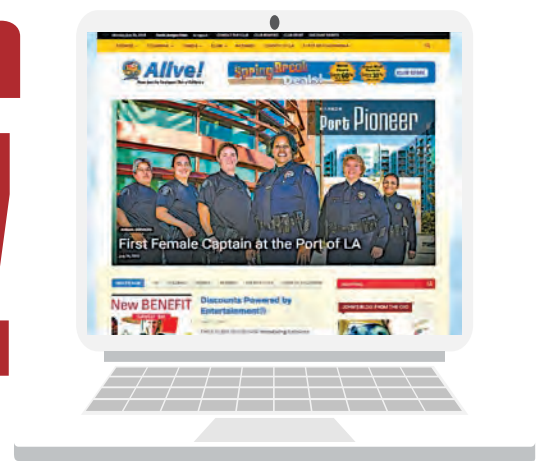


From left: DeWanna Sharp, Ramona McCauley and Margaret Peters.



Wendy Haro, DWP, and Ruben Vasquez, City Planning.

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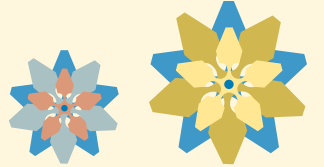


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Life's Important Moments



New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Joaquin Avena JR
 Brandon Banuelos
 Angel Bello
 Aaron Covarrubias
 Lonnie Edmond
 Jon Gee
 Albert Gonzalez-Rubio
 Seyed Masood Hassanzadeh
 Shirazi
 Tamu Johnson
 Sydney Knight
 Tranecia Magee
 Joe Mendoza
 Fausto Miranda-Lizarraga
 Kenneth O'Brien
 Brad O'Donnell
 Mary Overpeck
 Gregory Picard
 Don Santiago
 Fernando Sevilla
 Oscar Ventura
 Chris Whitzel

Animal Services

Raneshia McCruter

Building and Safety

Rahim Robinson

City Attorney

Thelma Flock
 Maria Mattera
 Javier Ramos

City Council

Joella Hopkins
 Juan Solorio

Economic/Workforce Dev.

Jessica Mendez
 Sarah Verin

Finance

FIRST NAME LAST NAME
 Maria Garza
 Jacqueline Ortega

LAFD

Kevin Green
 Ruby Mendez-Avila
 Ofa Tulikihifo

General Services

Lisa Brown
 Abraham Morin Calderon
 Ryan Davies
 Robert Diaz Sr
 Edwin Stinnett
 Hajra Syed

Housing

Jonathan James

LACERS

Steven Castilleja
 Maria Quintos

Library

Anita-Marie Martinez
 Emily Meehan

Mayor's Office

Markita Gains
 Amelia Munoz

Personnel

Jenny Abrego

Annette Ahn
 Tania Cirelli
 Ma Jenivee Elloran
 Cornia Escobedo
 Lara Escriba
 Kemberley Kennedy
 Andre Marroquin
 Roxanna Martinez
 Marisol Sanchez
 Christina Tandy
 Crystal Vasquez

LAPD

Shake Akopyan
 Alexander Aleshkevich
 Brandon Avila
 John Beaty
 Vincent Bonjoc
 Mario Carillo
 Andrew Carpenter
 Alan Chipres
 Spencer Clark
 Adam Cristi
 Destiny Curiel
 Dennis Eames
 Eric Espinosa
 Brandon Feria
 Brandon Fitzpatrick
 Alfred Foca
 Alyssa Gonzalez
 Alberto Gonzalez
 Nicholas Gonzalez
 Edwin Guerra
 Maribi Hernandez
 Armando Hernandez
 Humberto Irigoyen
 Jason Jacobson
 Reginald Johns
 Brandon Johnson
 Freddy Lazaro
 Jennifer Lerche

Elizabeth Liermann
 Travis Liggett
 Dashanay Linton
 Kimberly Lobos
 John Lockwood
 Angelica Lopez
 Ryan Lopez
 Curtis Lukenbill
 Oleksandr Lysytsyn
 Eliezer Martinez
 Christopher May
 Paulina Nina Mendezona
 Brandon Mendoza
 Oscar Meza
 Warren Moore Jr
 Ricardo Mota
 Christian Murillo
 Vito Nardulli
 Curtis Nelson
 Michael Newsom
 Rudy Ontiveros
 Mychal Ortiz
 Judith Parra
 Mike Peralta
 Jonathan Perez
 Kendall Pfaff
 Jose Portillo
 Mark Powell
 Miguel Quinonez
 Miguel Rodas Jr
 Miguel Romero
 Cassandra Roscher
 Angel Saldivar
 Ngabo Sekiyoba
 Angely Serrano Martinez
 Kathleen Shannon
 Camilo Soto
 Aaron Soto-Ortiz
 Michael Troy
 Dinh Tu
 Shay Vanderverter
 Jose Vasquez
 Elpidio Velazquez
 Nicholas Vincent
 Steve Warren
 Eric Watts
 Stephen Williams
 Eduardo Yanez

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Engineering

Oscar Castro
 Elen Smiley

Sanitation

Angel Alvarado
 Bianca Barajas
 Matthew Bates
 Bernard Dancel
 Derrick Gordon
 Howard Gordon Jr
 Paola Grano
 John Gray
 Mayang Gupta
 Hector Macias
 Shahriar Mottaghian
 Sergio Olmos
 Philip Pedrosa
 Vanessa Perez
 Jan Petty

Miguel Romero
 Madai Rosas-Aguirre
 Teodoro Salvacion
 Farzaneh Shabani Samgh
 Abadi
 Steven Thomas
 Federico Valencia
 Sung Joon Won
 Levon Wright
 Wilson Yan
 Nancy Zhou

Street Lighting

Donte Chandler

Street Services

Keith Adkins
 Abner Alay
 Aurecio Carranza
 Nicholas Missailidis
 Francisco Nunez
 Sergio Ontiveros
 Jonathan Pompey
 Adrian Quevedo
 Enrique Ramirez
 Jose Salazar
 Samuel Tapia
 Janet Tran
 Jimmy Zepeda

Rec and Parks

Katherine Andia-Vigo
 Adrian Arenas
 Demetra Arthur
 Joel Ayala Macias
 Denise Baltodano
 Monica Benyamin
 Jennifer Casillas
 Rodrick Charles
 Jorge De Loera
 Flor Escobar
 Esmeralda Espitia
 Jovanny Garcia
 Stephen Hartounian
 Omar Hernandez Macias
 Steven Knight
 Osvaldo Lozano
 Juan Carlos Luna Diaz
 Jimena Marquez Roman
 Vanessa Marrero
 Arlyn Marroquin
 James Muff
 Nayda Nevarez
 William Nguyen
 Brennen Obeto
 Thomas Ortiz
 Adan Pulido
 Diego Rivera
 Ben Rosario
 Jonathan Sanchez
 Cristabel Santos
 Michael Watkins
 Lorna Zamora
 Victoria Zavala
 Miguel Zuniga

Transportation

Hector Gallegos
 Rigoberto Gonzalez
 Lisa Hernandez

Zoo

Bernardo Vasquez

DWP

FIRST NAME LAST NAME
 Frank Aguiar
 Anthony Aguirre
 Elizabeth Beacom
 Doug Bei
 Victor Bolanos
 Amber Contreras
 Ryan Croft
 Jaimesha Dent Ferrell
 Stephany Escalante Galindo
 Gerardo Gatez Sr.
 Alberto Guerrero
 Richard Leon
 Michael Lopez
 Brandon Lyons
 Gerardo Mendoza Sr
 James Mojica
 Anthony Ramirez
 Edward Ugalde
 Marlena Urena

Other

Cheryl Brown
 David Brown
 Anthony Buenrostro
 Miguel Cortez Aquino
 Thomas Dabrowski
 Vincent Daniels Jr.
 April Davis
 Aura Echeverria
 Ron Engle
 Hector Flores Robles
 Ray Guerrero
 Chris Hamilton
 Orpah Haywood
 Henry Hernandez
 Ricardo Jauregui
 Kenneth Johnson
 Travis Kennedy
 David Kiefer
 Arturo Lozano-Rivera
 Leonard Manighas
 Philip Margolin
 Varood Markosian
 Jordan Mckimney
 Julian Mcpherson
 Vanessa Meade
 Dillon Megens
 Sheldon Miller
 Carol Moorman
 Salomeh Narimousa
 Martin Nwogu
 William Offerman
 Christopher Perez
 Vincent Perez
 Ismael Ponce
 Angel Reyes
 Ben Rubalcava
 Steven Salas
 Alejandro Sanchez
 Donald Smith
 James Talavera
 Steven Trujillo
 Peter Vosburg Jr.
 Brenna Washington
 Amber Wood

Graduations



Felicia Lay graduated from Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine.

She is attending graduate school at USC this fall. She's the daughter of **Albert Lay, Club Member** products supplier.

Alive! in the Military



Rick C. Thorstensen, General Services, has been serving in the Middle East since Dec. 29, 2017.

"I hope to be home by Thanksgiving."



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.

	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Active		
Acosta, Gabriel	Transportation	14
Banas, Stephen	Harbor	11
Cates, Michael	Public Works	34
Covington, Jennifer L.	Airports	29
Gray, Darwin	DWP	15
Lopez, Maria	Rec and Parks	16
Orozco, Carlos	LAFD	3mo.
Retired		
Babel, Linda	LAPD	34
Bakey, Frances	Council	38
Beers, Jinx	DWP	13
Blow, William	Public Works	27
Blyth, Robert	Harbor	34
Bozart, Ernest	Public Works	40
Brown, Juanita	LAPD	27
Carrasco, Allen	DWP	35
Clayton, Geraldine	Fire/Police Pens.	20
Cook, Earline	Transportation	4
Curtis, Roger	Public Works	39
Davis, Gerald	DWP	37
De La Cerda, Adolph	DWP	34
Drazich, Mike	Rec and Parks	14
Ebro, Romanita	General Services	30
Eshom, Ralph	DWP	31
Fernandez, Nancy	Cultural Affairs	33
Galvan, Henry	Rec and Parks	31
Gonzalez, Albert	DWP	31
Gordon, Roy	ITA	25
Gray, Houston	Airports	22
Grindle, Gary	DWP	28
Hughes, Joe	Bldg. & Safety	34
Kataoka, Saburo	Public Works	5
Marcotte, Eleanor	ITA	26
Mensey, Robert	Public Works	27
Merced, Frances	Finance	28
Nakada, James	General Services	35
Nelson, Constance	ITA	31
Nottingham, Bernard	Public Works	16
Ong, Henry	Public Works	25
Owens, David	Public Works	21
Price, Donald	DWP	20
Priester, William	DWP	36
Prinselaar, Dick	ITA	15
Pyros, Roy	DWP	34
Ree, Donald	DWP	38
Reid, David	DWP	28
Rodriguez, Gloria	DWP	30
Rodriguez, Louis	Rec and Parks	34
Roldan, Sederio	Planning	28
Rudolph, Horace	DWP	28
Ruzek, Janet	DWP	28
Schwartz, Bertha	LACERS	20
Smith, Glenn	DWP	35
Spielgelman, Joseph	Library	28
Steinberg, Howard	Controller	35
Stewart, Roger	Harbor	32
Taylor, Hubert	Rec and Parks	25
Thompson, John	Zoo	32
Tomboc, Sally	Harbor	29
Van Alstine, Fransetta	Bldg. & Safety	29
Vicuna, Daniel	Public Works	31
Virgil, William	Public Works	31
Wisner, William	General Services	22
Wood, Forrest	DWP	31
Woods, Willie	Rec and Parks	28

The Club wishes you...

Family to love you
 Friends to lift you
 Challenges to inspire you
 The stars and heavens to amaze you
 And a big smile knowing
 That life is pretty darn good.

This holiday season, may you be given
 All that you wish for
 Except one thing to grow on.



Celebrating the
 City family for 90 years.

Merry Christmas + Happy Hanukkah
 FROM THE CLUB



Celebrate With Cheryl!

Popular Club Counselor Cheryl Martin is turning 60 next year ... and celebrating in Europe. Sign up now to join the fun!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Travel dates: 10/16/19 – 10/26/19
- Deposit: \$300 per person at time of reservation
- Deadline to enroll: 1/31/19 (to avoid price increases) **MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE**
- Final payment date: 8/07/19
- Please make sure travelers have their passport information at time of booking.
 - All spots are first come first serve.
 - TRIP INCLUDES AIRFARE, HOTEL AND TOUR BASED UPON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

For questions about pricing, discounts and itinerary, email Cheryl at cmartin@cityemployeesclub.com

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To register and for more information, go to:
www.grouptoursite.com/cherylmartin
 Reservation tour number 70295428

"Celebrate my 60th with me in Europe!"

cmartin@cityemployeesclub.com
 (213) 819-0794



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.
Subject line: *Tell Their Story*



LAPD

Dressed to the Nines (One One)



Story and photos courtesy Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, Club Rep

On Oct. 31, the men and women of the LAPD Communications/Valley Emergency Call Center had their annual Halloween fun by dressing up for the holiday.

Pictured here are many of the participants. Thanks, LAPD Communications for sharing your fun with the Club!

Valley Communications Center PM Watch

The Winners



PM Watch First-Place Winner
Chris Maldonado as a C6C suspect, with Lt. II Thomas.



Valley PM Watch Second-Place Winner
Kenneth Winfrey as DJ Marshmello, with Lt. II Thomas.



Valley PM Watch Third-Place Winner
Kimberly Allen as Freddy Krueger, with Lt. II Thomas.



Jacque Dreben as a mermaid.



Kim Allen as Freddy Krueger.



Kenneth Winfrey as DJ Marshmello.



Quincy Mirage as Top Gun.



Nadezda Ferrer as a Gryffindor student.





Valley Communications Center AM Watch



Kelli Nunez as a unicorn.



Lasharae Session-Nelson as the Cookie Monster.



Abad Hernandez as Gilligan.



Michelle Vaca as a Skeleton Lady.



Kara Adame as a cat.



Janette Bagdrwicz as a mouse.



Yvonne Thompson as a Coke can.



Jeff Brown as a Jedi.



Tayler Green, Silvia Cruz-Campos, Gabriela Peeks & Raphael Olano as the Pokémon Crew.



Esther Lee as Stitch.



{ People we see but, don't really see. }

No. 99
in a series.



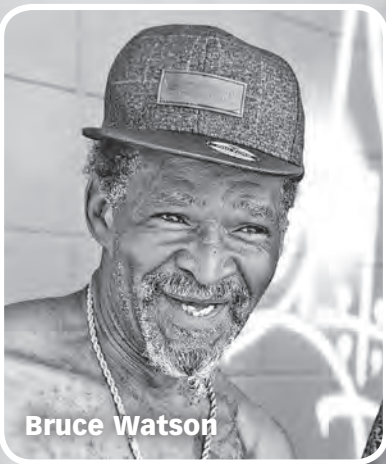
People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.

Meet Bruce Watson.



People We See on The full "People We See" interview can be seen on the Club's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityemployeesclub/videos>



Bruce Watson



Bruce Watson (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins (right), with Bruce's friend, Aaron Milssaps (center), who is also shelterless.

Bruce Watson, 58, was born and raised in California and attended Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles. He had two brothers and three sisters; both brothers have passed away due to what Bruce calls "street life." Two of his sisters are still alive, but unfortunately the third sister just passed away from cancer.

I asked Bruce what he would change if he could go back in time and do things over. "That's impossible," he said. "I would have had to have had different parents, and so that's impossible."

His memory of the first time living on the street goes back to when he was 11, caused by "domestic issues, problems at

home. The problems at home started a cycle of dysfunctional thinking" that he said he still battles today. "I was born and bred on dysfunction, but I'm trying to be functional; it's a war." He sees his current dysfunctional state as a phase, and that anything we go through in life is just a phase.

Where does he want to be five years from now? "I want to be sitting in a rocking chair with my grandkids ... I want to be off of skid row.

I asked Bruce what he feels the main problem is on the street – drugs or mental illness? He said he thinks it's 50/50. He feels the number-one drug on the street is alcohol. His friend Aaron said it's crystal meth.

Bruce closed by saying that he hopes that maybe someone who sees this interview could see what not to do. "You have to listen to your parents, and you pretty much know right from wrong. You can take the right and operate from that and disregard the wrong.

"Don't get stuck in things that happened to you in the past."

This month's "People We See" was conducted by Club CEO John Hawkins Nov. 9 at the corner of Stanford and Fifth Streets downtown. John gave Bruce food, water and \$20 for expenses.

The full interview can be seen soon on the Club's YouTube channel.

{ In this feature, the Club 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. }



Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



MEXICAN CHRISTMAS CUISINE: CHICKEN POZOLE

There are many wonderful dishes made especially for Christmas around the world. One of Mexico's favorites is *pozole*. *Pozole* is a hearty soup traditionally served during the holiday season. It is typically made with pork, but I have decided to make it with chicken.

The flavors created with this dish are comforting and delicious. If you have a Crock-Pot (slow cooker), you slow-cook this soup for hours and hours to extract the full potential. You can have tortillas with it, but tradition calls for tostadas, which are crispy tortillas. While it may sound strange, shredded cabbage is a wonderful addition to *pozole*. It adds a crunchiness that is unique to this dish.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all Chef Larios' fans! On these beautiful days and nights, may you celebrate your friends and family with food from the heart.

¡Buen provecho!

Chef Larios

Chicken Pozole

Makes 6 Servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound boneless chicken breast
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly cracked pepper
- 1 teaspoon chili flakes
- 2 cups hominy
- cabbage, shredded
- lemon or lime juice
- El Tapatio hot sauce (optional)
- tostadas (optional)

DIRECTIONS:



1 Cut the chicken breast into large chunks. Season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Add olive oil to a skillet or pan in medium heat and add the chicken. Let brown and then let cool to shred with a fork.



2 Add the diced onion and garlic, then the chicken broth and the shredded chicken to a large pot. Now add the chili flakes, oregano, and the rest of the salt and pepper. Let cook until it reaches to a boil then reduce heat to a simmer. Let cook for about an hour, then add the hominy and let cook for additional 30 minutes.



3 Take a bowl and add the *pozole* along with the shredded cabbage, the juice of a lemon and some hot sauce (optional).



4 Plate and enjoy!

Cooking TIDBIT

You may serve with cilantro and radishes to add to the flavor of this dish.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Pozole:

A thick, hearty soup usually eaten as a main course. It consists of pork (sometimes chicken) and broth, hominy, onion, garlic, dried chiles and cilantro. It's usually served with chopped lettuce, radishes, onions, cheese, and cilantro, which diners can add to the soup as they please. Pozole originated in Jalisco, in the middle of Mexico's Pacific Coast region, and is traditionally served at Christmastime.

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Fun Food Quote:

"Eat your *pozole* while it is still hot!"

– Frida Kahlo



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN A \$25 AMAZON E-GIFT CARD



“Here’s an image from today’s Huntington Beach Airshow. It shows two different kinds of birds – fortunately not on a collision course. And although one of the seven F-16 Thunderbirds was unable to partake in the show due to mechanical problems, the remaining pilots put on an amazing performance in the air. It certainly was a sight to behold.”

– Yves Didier, LAPD

John’s comment: Yves, I’ve been to many air shows in my life, but I don’t think I’ve been to one over a beach. This Fighting Falcon ... and the bird that seems to be in its exhaust ... are taking advantage of the proximity to the viewers. Cool shot!



“I took the photo last month in Cappadocia, Turkey, on an early morning hot air balloon ride.”

– Sam Lapides, LACERS

John’s comment: Lighter than air, yes! Most of the hot-air balloon photos I’ve seen are from the ground. But not this one – it’s from one of the balloons, and that makes a big difference. I feel like I’m floating. Thanks for the lift today!

“Here’s the Chicago skyline as seen from the White Sox ballpark.”

– Erik Depaz, Airports

John’s comment: A spectacular shot of a spectacular skyline! I love how you place the city between the billowy clouds and the rock-solid ground. Nice! (But I hope the game wasn’t that boring!)



“I never knew the orange butterfly’s antennae were stripped until I enlarged the photo. I also started shooting humming birds and butterflies on sport mode on my camera. It made all the difference over a single shot. This was shot in the afternoon, in the wind, on long-stemmed zinnias.”

– John Nance, DWP

John’s comment: The focus you achieved on this, John, is amazing. This is worthy of a science encyclopedia or *National Geographic*. Nature at its most amazing ... thanks!



“This photo was taken at dawn at Yellowstone. Upon first light I was lucky enough to witness the grandeur and beauty of Yellowstone’s geysers, with its steam rising against a tapestry of clouds over a colorful sky.”

– William Zhang, DWP

John’s comment: You’ve placed the geyser at the perfect location in this photo – the hillside comes down gently right into it, and the reflection on the pond frame it from below. Awesome!



“Sunrise at the Hollywood Reservoir, mid-October.”

– Mike Aubin, DWP

John’s comment: Mike, I can feel the damp mist on my skin from looking at this eerie, sublime photo. I wouldn’t have figured this was shot in LA, but I would have been wrong. Great shot!

RULES:

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

Members Marketplace

CLASSIFIED ADS

New Ads This Month!

For Sale: Cadillac Sedan De Ville. 1994. New transmission. 146,000 miles. Must see to appreciate. (818) 321-2340.

For Sale: motorcycle. Harley-Davidson Street Glide, 2009. 21,229 miles. Great cond. 17-inch APES w/Clarion speakers. Air ride. \$10,000 OBO. Jose, (818) 437-5694.

For Rent: condo. 2 bed/2 bath. Near Cal State LA. 2-car garage, laundry room. \$1,895/month. Letty, (626) 202-7093.

For Rent: 2 Br Resort Las Vegas Blvd Worldmark by Wyndham Baker to Vegas Race 3/21/19 - 3/25/19 \$800 Email contact info to: Bean, beanh1341@gmail.com

For Giveaway: Navajo loom for weaving Navajo rugs. 24-inches wide x 28 inches high. Free. Ben, (213) 484-2682.

For Sale: Mercedes-Benz C240 sport. 2006. 4-door, auto, V-6, sunroof, clean leather seats. Rear wheel drive. Exclnt. cond. Full service history. Clean title, low miles — 77,000. \$9,995 (cash only). (213) 200-5032.

For Sale: 10-speed Surface 604 motorized bicycle. The bike has hydraulic disk brakes, adjustable front shocks, a 500 watt motor and a rack with 100 pounds capacity. This bicycle only has about two miles on it. My doctor won't let me ride anymore due to health problems. The retail price is \$1799.00. I am selling it for \$1500.00. The bike rack for vehicles is the Hollywood Racks (top rated) electric bicycle rack for 2" hitch receivers. It sells for \$395.99 on Amazon. The bike rack valet is for easily moving the rack from your vehicle to your garage also comes from Hollywood Racks and sells for \$69.99. I am selling both for \$350.00. The bicycle helmet is a LIVALL BH60 Smart Safety Bluetooth Bicycle Helmet with Tail Light, Turn Signals, Hands-free Phone Call and Music Player. The phone calls and music do not interfere with recognizing traffic around you. Amazon now has it at \$49.99 and I will sell it for \$35.00. The total package is \$1885.00 firm. I am selling this as a package. Call Ken for information at (818) 995-6865.

Transport



For Sale: 2007 BMW 328i Coupe, Excellent Condition, original owner, Michelin Pilot Sport AS3 tires, perfectly maintained with all service records, Arctic Metallic Paint, Gray Leather Interior, BMW spare tire in trunk, best BMW Logic 7 Sound System, Automatic Transmission, Garmin Drive Smart GPS with backup camera, 92K miles, new airbag. \$6,500 OBO. Car is in Solvang, will be available by November 2018. Call Jay @ 805 697-7778.



For Sale: Toyota Celica GT-S convertible. 1985, 5-speed stick shift. Good cond., new electric top, new paint. \$3,500 OBO. Bob, (626) 968-3509.

For Sale: Chevy Nova. 1976, 2-door. 8 cylinder. New tires, original paint. Runs good. \$3,000 OBO. Reita, (323) 751-8234.

For Sale: Cadillac DeVille. 1984, near mint, family-owned. 64,900 miles. Newer Landau top, original purchase papers, all maintenance records. No dings, dents, scratches. \$6,900. (818) 368-7402.



For Sale: boat. 1978 Nordic jet boat w/trailer. Seats need work. Runs. Engine has cover. Bimini top. \$2,000. Barbara, (562) 234-7954.



For Sale: pickup truck. 1994 GMC SLE. 210,000 miles, runs great. 5.7 TBI, the best motor and truck Chevy ever built. Great daily driver. \$3,400. Rob, (626) 827-4386.



For Sale: Ford Thunderbird. 1964. Runs, needs work. Dog not included. \$5,000 OBO. Charlotte, (310) 957-1274, charluv2011@gmail.com



For Sale: motorcycle. Harley-Davidson FLTRX Road Glide, fewer than 500 miles. Like new. \$20,000 OBO. Dexter, (323) 778-2843. (Dog not included.)



For Sale: Ford Thunderbird. 1964. Runs, needs work. Dog not included. \$5,000 OBO. Charlotte, (310) 957-1274, charluv2011@gmail.com



For Sale: 2003 Ford Thunderbird. Beautiful, classic, 2-door. Platinum gray; light tinted windows, chrome wheels. Hard top w/stand, convertible, black leather seats, AM/FM/CD, air. 35,394 miles. \$25,000 OBO. Maxine, (323) 298-5274.

For Sale: Car. 1967 Volkswagen Beetle, good cond. New 1776cc engine. Freeway Flyer trans., front tires, upholstery, much more. Asking \$4,500. mcp794@hotmail.com, or text Mark, (626) 534-2004.

For Sale: Beautiful classical 2-door 2003 Ford Thunderbird. Platinum Gray; light tinted windows, chrome wheels. Hard top w/stand, convertible, black leather seats, AM/FM radio, CD player air, 36,000 miles. Asking. \$20K OBO. Maxine, (323) 298-5274.



For Sale: Motorcycle. Harley-Davidson, 2006. Road King Classic. 10,000 miles. Black/chrome. Windshield, cover, saddlebags, exclnt. cond. Rarely used. \$10,000 OBO. Tony, (562) 274-6251.

For Sale: RV trailer. 2003 Wanderer, fifth wheel, model 3677B. Onan generator, 12-ft. garage, power hitch, fuel station. AM/FM CD stereo, super slide. \$10,000 OBO. Mike, (661) 557-0975, maddad111@yahoo.com

Cemetery Plots

For Sale: cemetery plots. 2. Rose Hill, Whittier. Greenwood Gardens, side by side. Valued at \$12,000. Gregory, (903) 520-8053.

For Sale: 3 cemetery plots. Side by side. Forest Lawn Glendale. Section: Resurrection slope, log 2619. Valued at \$11,850, offered at \$10,350 (discount of \$1,500, \$500 per plot). Buyer pays transfer fee of \$250. Myrna, (323) 493-2224.

For Sale: Cemetery plots. 2 @ Eternal Valley Newhall. Highly desirable near entrance, Garden of Peace. Side by side. \$7,500 (total). Jim, (661) 713-6353.

For Sale: Cemetery plots. 2, side/side, on hill. Rose Hills Whittier, Garden of Comfort lot 1844, graves 3/4. Approx. value \$12,000. Asking \$3,000 each/OBO. Jackie, jmccl@pacbell.net

Furniture



For Sale: sofa set. 3-person, 2 seats auto recline. 2 chairs, 1 auto recline. \$950. Belinda, (213) 367-3345.



For Sale: bedroom set. California king frame/headset. 6-drawer dresser w/mirror. 2 nightstands. \$300. Belinda, (213) 367-3345.



For Sale: cabinet. Glass and mirror. Belinda, (213) 367-3345.



For Sale: rug. \$120. Belinda, (213) 367-3345.



For Sale: china cabinet, 10-foot dining table, 6 chairs. Best offer. Belinda, (213) 367-3345.

For Sale: furniture. 2002 Pennsylvania House cherry early American, like new: 9-foot-wide 3-piece cabinet; two twin beds, two large hi-boy chests. \$1,500 OBO. (626) 791-3942.

For Sale: Mattress. Tempur-Pedic. Top mattress, queen size. \$100. Serious inquiries only. Sylvia, spfour@yahoo.com

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Sale: timeshare. Maui Hills, Hawaii. Asking \$9,000, negotiable. James, (626) 338-4470.

For Sale: High-Rise Luxury Marina Del Rey Condo, Spectacular Beach, Ocean, City, Million\$ Views, ALL *****Amenities \$585K 1Br1Ba near Venice, Playa Vista 310-922-3148 Elena

For Sale: home. Bishop, Calif. Single family, 5 bd/3 bath, 2,900+ sq. ft. Creek in backyard, view of Sierras. 2 garages. \$590,000. Patty, (661) 965-9457.

For Rent: vacation house. Morongo Valley. 3 bd/2 bath, sleeps 8. 2,200 sq. ft., 1.5-acre lot. Views from all rooms. Pet friendly. Free Wi-Fi. Close to casinos, Joshua Tree. Maria, quintabjohn@gmail.com

For Sale: real estate plots. First plot: 10 acres near El Mirage, Calif. Appraised at \$16,000. Second plot: 160 acres (half-mile by half-mile) near Phelan, appraised at \$160,000. Make offer. (818) 787-3787.

For Rent: Condo. Big Island, Hawaii. Ocean view, vacation ready. 2 bd/2 bath. Heated pool, hot tub, barbecues. Ocean access across the street. Sleeps 5. Starting \$160/night. Jeff, (661) 510-6101.

For Rent: House. Morongo Valley. 2,200 sq. ft, 1 acre+ lot. View from all rooms. 3 bd./2 bath, 10 guests. Parking for trailers, RVs, etc. Many more details; email for more info. Maria, quintabjohn@gmail.com

For Sale: Land. Ranch near Victorville. Ten acres appraised at \$16,000; 160 acres appraised at \$160,000. All reasonable offers considered. (818) 787-3787.



For Rent: House. Rialto. Single story. 4 bd/2 bath, 2,100 sq. ft. RV parking. Garage, laundry, large back yard. Close to fwy, shops. \$1,850/month. (626) 513-9519.



For Rent: cabin, Lake Tahoe. 4 bd/3 bath. Laundry room, 2 sat. TVs. Nicely furnished. In woods, close to beach, bike paths, horseback riding, boat rentals. Jess, (626) 797-5992.

For Rent: House. 2 bed, 1 bath. Los Feliz adjacent. Garage. Remodeled, hardwood floors, dual-pane windows. Appliances. New paint. Safe, quiet. \$2,000/month. John, (619) 207-0939.

For Lease: home. 3 bd/2 bath, pool. 187 Teasdale St., Thousand Oaks. 1,600 sq. ft. Central air/heat, fireplace, recessed lighting, kitchen/dinette, new double oven, 2 car garage, low water landscaping, outside fire pit. Many features, near Cal Lutheran. \$3,000/month lease + sec. deposit, no smoking, no pets, credit history req. Kurt, kaufmankdk@gmail.com

For Sale: real estate. Full ocean view oversized lot. Undeveloped. Puerto Nuevo, Mexico. Exclnt. location, near Lobster Village. Electricity ready. \$60,000. Alan, (714) 348-1255.

For Rent: Lovely Remodeled 2 bedroom/1 bath apartment located on Don Tomaso Dr in Los Angeles/Baldwin Hills area (5-units). kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Hardwood floors and laundry facilities on site. Very quiet. Close to public transportation, parks, hiking trails and 15 mins from most major freeways and locations. Appliances included (stove and refrigerator - \$2100/month without appliances); Call for more details (310) 459-5881.

Household Items

For Sale: Art/photo equipment. Floodlights, timers, tools, easels, enlarger, framed photos 16x20, 30x40. John Shadle, (818) 846-5602.

For Sale: Riding mower. John Deere L130. Kohler engine. 125 hrs. 48-inch deck, sun shade, always garaged. \$900. (805) 239-2377, leave message.



For Sale: washer/dryer. Whirlpool electric, less than eight months old, like new. Includes manual and instructions. \$600; buyer must pick up. lipebbly14@gmail.com



For Sale: kitchen equipment. Oven, Whirlpool, 24-inch stainless steel, electric, double wall. 6.2 cubic feet, AccuBake, dual lighting, digital display, self cleaning, warm setting, Sabbath mode, more. (fire extinguisher not incl.) \$500. Kurt: kaufmankdk@gmail.com



For Sale: Lamps. 2. Tiffany style. 1 12-inch wide, 1 24-inch wide. Both are green. \$30, \$60. (626) 664-2172.

For Sale: stovetop/oven. GE, 1950s. Pink. Hood. Great condition. \$200 OBO. (818) 865-8104, leave msg.

Miscellaneous

For Sale: bidet. Advanced Clean/American Standard. In box. Remote. \$375 OBO, cash only. Chris, (323) 222-1492.

For Sale: motorbike, helmet, rack. 10-speed Surface 604. Hydraulic disk brakes, adjustable 500-watt motor, abt. 2 miles driven. Total package, \$1,885 firm. Ken, (818) 995-6865.

For Sale: Locks. Schlage. Entry, dead bolt, lever handle. Bright brass, like new. Total of 12. All for \$175. James, (626) 919-5209.

For Sale: Car parts. Spare wheel/tire, 2 rims from Hyundai Sonata, all for \$25. Garage door opener with 2 remotes, \$25. Must pick up. (909) 949-4556.

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For Giveaway: cat litter. 7-lb. bags, Trader Joe's premium pine. 100% natural pine pellets. Make pickup appt. w/Gary, (818) 269-7427.

For Sale: For sale: gift card. Firestone tires, products. \$500 value, sell for \$400 OBO. Cash only. Cathy, catden65@gmail.com

For Sale: portable patio/carport. Frame, white tarp, weights. Exclnt weather protection. \$50, cash. d_a385@yahoo.com

For Sale: photo darkroom equipment. Enlargers, printers, easels, trays, timers, chemicals. \$5-\$150. John, (818) 846-5602.

Travel/Timeshare

Timeshare: Welks Resort, San Diego, CA. For Sale. \$20K. Chermaine @ (661) 547-6707.

Wanted

Wanted: I buy Collectibles: Crystal, Disney, Fishing Gear, Military, Knives, Musical Instruments, Gold & Silver, Radko. Also Do Estate Sales! Michael (626) 592-2929

Wanted: room to rent. Senior man (75) looking to rent sleeping room only. Prefer Glendale, Montrose, Pasadena areas. Donald McAdams, (818) 445-6180.

Wanted: Salt and pepper shakers from Bob's Big Boy, circa 1950s/60s. Neil, (818) 304-3133.

Wanted: Baseball teams to join Saturday league. Recreational level. Tony, (310) 764-1792

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MOVIE THEATERS

	RETAIL	CLUB
AMC THEATERS		
Black Tickets - Good Any Time e	\$19.75	\$10.25
Small Popcorn	\$6.50	\$4.50
Small Drink	\$5.50	\$4.00
Movie Bundle	\$57.50	\$33.00
<i>- Includes 2 Black movie tickets, 2 small drinks, 1 small popcorn</i>		
CINEMARK THEATERS e		
Concessions (Good for one junior popcorn and one small fountain drink)	\$15.25	\$8.25
Cinemark Gift Pack (Contain 2 Unrestricted tickets & (1) one Concession Voucher good towards 1 Junior Popcorn and 1 Small Soft Drink)	\$8.00	\$6.00
Cinemark Gift Pack (Contain 2 Unrestricted tickets & (1) one Concession Voucher good towards 1 Junior Popcorn and 1 Small Soft Drink)	\$37.50	\$23.00
CINÉPOLIS THEATERS		
Premium Theaters	\$15.25	\$10.00
Luxury Theaters	\$22.50	\$17.50
GALAXY THEATERS - Good Any Time		
	\$12.75	\$8.00
HARKINS MOVIE THEATERS		
Restricted	\$13.00	\$7.00
Good Any Time	\$13.00	\$8.00
Small Popcorn	\$5.60	\$4.60
Small Drink	\$5.00	\$4.00
Harkins Movie Pack (Contains 2 Unrestricted tickets, 2 Small Soda Vouchers and 1 Small Popcorn Voucher)	\$41.60	\$28.50
KRIKORIAN THEATERS - Good Any Time		
Buena Park Only	\$12.50	\$7.50
LAEMMLE THEATERS - Good Any Time		
	\$11.00	\$7.50
LANDMARK THEATERS		
	\$14.00	\$9.00
METROPOLITAN THEATERS		
Unrestricted Tickets	\$13.00	\$8.00
Restricted Tickets	\$10.50	\$6.75
PACIFIC THEATERS - Restricted		
	\$15.75	\$10.00
READING CINEMAS - Restricted		
	\$11.00	\$8.50
REGAL/ EDWARDS/ UNITED ARTIST		
Good Any Time e	\$17.50	\$9.00
Movie Pack	\$30.00	\$27.00
<i>- Includes 2 Good Any Time movie tickets and a \$10 concession gift card</i>		
REGENCY THEATERS - Good Any Time		
	\$12.50	\$7.50
STUDIO MOVIE GRILL - Good Any Time		
	\$12.50	\$6.25
ULTRASTAR THEATERS - Good Any Time		
	\$11.00	\$6.00

ATTRACTIONS

	RETAIL	CLUB
AQUARIUM OF THE BAY e		
SAN FRANCISCO	Adult \$27.45	\$21.96
	Child (4 - 12) \$17.45	\$13.96
AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC e		
	Adult \$29.95	\$18.95
	Child (3 - 11) \$17.95	\$13.95

ATTRACTIONS CONT'D

	RETAIL	CLUB
BELMONT PARK SAN DIEGO e		
Unlimited Ride Wristband (over 48")	\$32.00	\$27.00
Jr Unlimited Ride Wristband (under 48")	\$22.00	\$19.00
Belmont Park Combo	\$54.00	\$45.00
Jr Belmont Park Combo	\$44.00	\$38.00
BIRCH AQUARIUM Δ		
SAN DIEGO	4 Hour Pass \$18.50	\$12.00
BOOMER'S FUN CENTERS e		
SELECT CALIFORNIA LOCATIONS	4 Hour Pass \$54.99	\$26.99
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE e		
Adult	\$39.95	\$33.96
Child (4 - 11)	\$29.95	\$25.46
Youth (12-17)/ Student (with ID) / Senior (65+)	\$34.95	\$29.71
CATALINA EXPRESS e		
Round Trip Fare	Adult \$75.50	\$61.00
	Child \$60.00	\$51.50
DAVEY'S LOCKER / NEWPORT LANDING e		
Whale Watching	Adult \$32.00	\$21.00
	Child \$26.00	\$15.75
Sport Fishing - 1/2 Day	Adult \$41.50	\$31.50
	Child \$34.00	\$25.21
Sport Fishing - 3/4 Day	Adult \$71.00	\$57.75
	Child \$61.00	\$47.25
Sunset / Evening Cruise	Adult \$25.00	\$12.61
GOLF N' STUFF		
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband - (Norwalk Location) e	\$34.00	\$16.25
All Park Pass - (Ventura Location)	\$25.00	\$15.25
GOLFLAND Discount prices vary depending on location		
GRAMMY MUSEUM e		
General Admission	\$18.95	\$12.00
IFLY INDOOR SKYDIVING e		
San Francisco - Save 15% Off All Flight Packages	\$59.95	\$50.96
K1 SPEED RACING e		
This pass entitles the owner to (1) 14 Lap race and an annual license for the day.	\$32.95	\$17.00
LOS ANGELES ZOO e		
Adult	\$21.00	\$17.00
Child (2-12)	\$16.00	\$13.00
Zoo Membership Discount starting at \$35 for Club Members (\$55 Retail)		
MADAME TUSSAUDS WAX ATTRACTION e		
All Access Pass includes Marvel Super Heroes 4D Experience.		
Hollywood	Adult \$30.99	\$17.00
	Child (4 - 12) \$25.99	\$15.00
Las Vegas (eTickets Only)	General Admission \$29.95	\$14.98
MEDIEVAL TIMES e		
eTicket prices will vary depending on date/time selections.	Adult \$61.95	\$43.50
	Child (0 - 12) \$36.95	\$31.50
MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM e		
Adult	\$49.95	\$41.95
Child (3 - 12)	\$29.95	\$24.95
Senior (65+)	\$39.95	\$33.95

ATTRACTIONS CONT'D

	RETAIL	CLUB
MULLIGAN'S FAMILY FUN CENTER		
All Day Pass e	Adult/Child \$39.99	\$17.50
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>		
PIRATES DINNER ADVENTURE e		
Adult	\$56.95	\$37.00
Child (3 - 11)	\$37.95	\$28.50
QUEEN MARY / BATTLESHIP e		
IOWA COMBO	Adult \$44.90	\$31.92
	Child (4 - 11) \$25.90	\$17.95
RACERS EDGE INDOOR KARTING		
Adult: 16-Lap Adult Race	\$23.00	\$18.00
Junior (50" tall): 11-Lap Junior Race	\$20.00	\$15.00
SAN DIEGO ZOO / SAFARI PARK Δ		
Adult	\$56.00	\$45.92
Child (3 - 11)	\$46.00	\$37.72
SANTA CRUZ BOARDWALK e SEASONAL		
Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$59.95	\$44.95
SANTA MONICA PIER & PACIFIC PARK e		
Unlimited Ride Wristband	\$32.95	\$20.00
Family 4 Pack (Includes 4 All Day Unlimited Ride Wristbands, 4 Meal Cards)	\$172.80	\$119.00
SKYSPACE LOS ANGELES e		
Adult	\$25.00	\$17.00
Child (5-12)	\$19.00	\$15.00
Slide Combo	Adult \$33.00	\$23.00
	Child (5-12) \$27.00	\$21.00
SPEEDZONE e		
3 Hour Unlimited Pass on Rides and Mini-Golf	\$49.99	\$28.00
TEATRO MARTINI e		
Buena Park, California	\$75.75	\$36.00 to \$42.00
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SAN PEDRO	Adult \$19.95	\$13.50
	Child (6 - 11) \$11.95	\$7.50
	Senior (62+) or Military (with ID) \$16.95	\$10.50
USS MIDWAY e		
SAN DIEGO	Adult \$23.00	\$15.00
	Child (6 - 11) \$10.00	\$7.00
	Senior (62+) \$20.00	\$14.00
WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE		
Adult	\$37.00	\$25.00
Child (6 - 12)	\$20.00	\$15.00

THEME PARKS

ADVENTURE CITY e		
Adult/ Child	\$19.95	\$15.50
CALIFORNIA'S GREAT AMERICA e SEASONAL		
General Admission (Age 3+)	\$71.00	\$39.99
CASTLE PARK e		
General Admission (over 36")	\$24.99	\$12.99

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3 Day Park Hopper		
4 Day 1 Park	} Prices vary depending on date. Go to EmployeesClub.com for current price.	
4 Day Park Hopper		
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5 Day Park Hopper		

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	Child (3 - 9) \$86.99	\$62.84
Fun Card - Adult (valid until 12/30/18)	\$91.99	\$80.03
Fun Card - Child (valid until 12/30/18)	\$86.99	\$75.68
General Admission + All Day Dine	\$127.98	\$82.15

SILVERWOOD THEME PARK (IDAHO) 		
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	Child (3 - 7) \$25.00	\$20.00

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VALLEJO General Admission (over 48")	\$69.99	\$42.99

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Library's TOP 10

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

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

Top 10 Books

1. *The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas
2. *Fear: Trump in the White House*, Bob Woodward
3. *Educated: A Memoir*, Tara Westover
4. *12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos*, Jordan B. Peterson
5. *Leverage in Death*, J.D. Robb
6. *Unhinged: An Insider's Account of the Trump White House*, Omarosa Manigault Newman
7. *Turtles All the Way Down*, John Green
8. *Lethal White*, Robert Galbraith
9. *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah
10. *Walking Shadows*, Faye Kellerman

Top 10 DVDs

1. *Deadpool 2*
2. *Avengers: Infinity War*
3. *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*
4. *Solo: A Star Wars Story*
5. *Rampage*
6. *Black Panther*
7. *Ready Player One*
8. *Tag*
9. *A Quiet Place*
10. *Ocean's 8*

* "Freegal" 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.freegalmusic.com>

Top 10 E-Books

1. *Fear: Trump in the White House*, Bob Woodward
2. *The Girl With the Red Balloon: The Balloon Makers Series, Book 1*, Katherine Locke
3. *Little Fires Everywhere*, Celeste Ng
4. *Crazy Rich Asians: Crazy Rich Asians Series, Book 1*, Kevin Kwan
5. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
6. *China Rich Girlfriend: Crazy Rich Asians Series, Book 2*, Kevin Kwan
7. *Educated: A Memoir*, Tara Westover
8. *Origin: A Novel*, Dan Brown
9. *Turtles All the Way Down*, John Green
10. *The Woman in the Window: A Novel*, A. J. Finn

Top 10 Songs Downloaded via Freegal*

1. *The Woman in the Window: A Novel*, A. J. Finn
2. "Consequences (orchestra)," Camila Cabello
3. "Here Comes the Change" (from the Motion Picture *On the Basis of Sex*), Kesha
4. "Está Rico," Marc Anthony, Will Smith and Bad Bunny
5. "Short Skirt Weather," Kane Brown
6. "Promises," Calvin Harris, Sam Smith
7. "Escape (the Pina Colada Song)," Rupert Holmes
8. "Moves, Olly Murs" feat. Snoop Dogg
9. "Diamond Heart," Alan Walker and Sophia Somajo
10. "Little Bit of Lovin'," Elle King



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Information:

<https://lachamber.com/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=World%20Trade%20Week%20Educational%20Initiatives>

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