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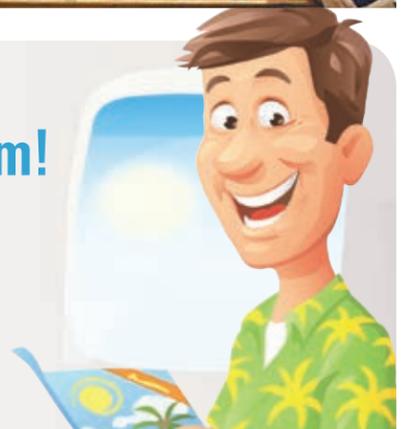
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JOHN'S BLOG by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

Working Today for Tomorrow

People ask me how we come up with our cover stories. The answer is – all sorts of ways. We look for them. Club Members let us know about them. And sometimes a little of both.

Alive! editor John Burnes was talking with Rec and Parks Public Information Director **Rose Watson** about some ideas for our August issue (Summer in the City) when Rose mentioned a program they had coming up this month. It's called Pretty in Pink, Rose said, and it's one of their fastest growing programs.

We were interested. And then when she explained what it was – an empowerment conference for young and teen girls that had grown from 10 participants less than 10 years ago to more than 600 this year – we were all in. And then when Rose said it was developed by employees **Reneshia White** and **Yessica Famoso**, and we found out they were Club Members, we couldn't do the story fast enough! (For the record, though, we cover stories involving all employees, of course not just

Club Members! But it just proves the quality of the people who see the value of Club membership.)

Reneshia, who grew up in and around City parks, and Yessica are doing something awesome – they're mentoring and leading young girls to look to their future to become young women of strength, confidence and self-assurance. It speaks to Reneshia's and Yessica's passion for what they do, and the amazing variety of programs available in a modern recreation department like the one we have in the City. We're lucky for the department's service.

So thanks, Rose, for the tip, and Club Members, – keep your ideas coming in!

Moving on ... here's a quick shoutout to the **Enforcers/Guzzlers**, who defeated the **Blue Dragons** to be crowned the champs of the north division of our Club Softball League. It was the first season for the north division, but the tenth (a decade already!) for our overall league. Sports is an important part of the Club experience, and it's fun



From left: Yessica Famoso and Reneshia White with *Alive!* editor John Burnes.

and social! Thanks to all who participated, including our "Commishes," **Lady Smith** and **Amanda Cadena**, and the Sports Dude, Club COO **Robert Larios**. See you all next season.

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SOFTBALL

It's the Enforcers!

WINNER: The Enforcers/Guzzlers



When the weeks of rain delays finally cleared, it was starry skies and awesome sportsmanship for the Club Softball's north league championship game March 6 at El Sereno Park. And the winner: the **Enforcers/Guzzlers**, which defeated the **Blue Dragons** 17-6.

The game featured high-level action, lead changes and lots of good, supportive fans.

The Club thanks everyone who participated in the inaugural season of the north league (and the 10th Club Softball League season overall), despite the City's record rainfall. It was a strong season, and the Club looks forward to more fun softball action in the years to come.

Enjoy, and see you the next time when we call out the familiar cry: Batter up!

RUNNER UP: Blue Dragons



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: sports-dude@employeesclub.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.



SOFTBALL PHOTOS ON FACEBOOK!

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PUBLIC WORKS

Honoring the Earth

Sanitation to host fourth Earth Day sustainability event in Highland Park.

On Sat., April 27, Public Works/Sanitation plans to hold its fourth annual Citywide Earth Day LA event, this year at Woodley Park in Van Nuys. Feature plans include City vehicles for kids to explore, games to play, prizes to win, seeds to plant, more than 50 exhibitors to visit, and fun for all ages. Free beverages and snacks will be available while supplies lasted. All exhibits will be related to City services and sustainability.



Tom Harvey, Cindy Chow Snavelly and Eddie Ramirez at Earth Cafe.



LASAN Lopez Canyon booth.

ECONOMIC/WORKFORCE DEV.



At Jan Perry's retirement party.

Story and photo courtesy Jamie Francisco, Economic/Workforce Dev.

Goodbye, Jan

Jan Perry retires from a 28-year City career.

Economic and Workforce Development staff gathered for a Parisian-themed celebration Dec. 18 to bid au revoir to General Manager Jan Perry, who completed her tenure at the end of the year. Jan Perry, longtime Councilwoman, General Manager and Club Member, retired from the City after 28 years of City service. She began her new position as the Executive Director of the Infrastructure Funding Alliance, a statewide group dedicated to developing and advocating approaches and strategies that motivate government at all levels to implement environmentally and fiscally sustainable infrastructure projects.

At the Dec. 18 retirement party, Mayor Eric Garcetti's Chief of Staff Ana Guerrero presented a certificate to Jan on behalf of the mayor and thanked her for her five years and six months of leadership of Economic and Workforce Development. Longtime colleagues including General Managers from other departments and EWDD Retirees also attended the party.

In her farewell speech, Jan thanked the EWDD staff for their hard work and issued one last request – for EWDD to stand together and move EWDD forward. "Work with integrity," she said. "You are doing the people's work. You are taking federal money, you are making people's lives better and you need to fight for that. When you come to

work every day, you are not here to be liked. You are here to do the right thing, and that is to be honest and to protect the people's interests above all else. If you do that, you will never have to look over your shoulder, you'll never have to remember what you said, and you will always be on the right side of history.

"It's been the privilege of my life to serve the people of the City of Los Angeles," Perry said. "I look forward to this next phase in my journey where I will continue to serve the people of California by promoting infrastructure projects that will stimulate economic development and create good paying jobs."

Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Ms. Perry to the General Manager post after she successfully served three terms on the Los Angeles City Council, serving the 9th District communities of Little Tokyo, Downtown and South Los Angeles. The impact she made during her 12 years in office brought visibility to the newly formed EWDD, because of her work on economic development projects that revitalized neglected neighborhoods.

Ms. Perry successfully led the transition as the former Community Development Dept. was dismantled to form EWDD, which also included the creation and integration of a new Economic Development Division (EDD) designed to stimulate LA's economy by leveraging the City's real estate assets into devel-

opment projects that could create jobs and revitalize struggling communities.

During her five-year tenure as General Manager, Ms. Perry led an interconnected system of 14 YouthSource Centers, 16 WorkSource Centers and nine BusinessSource Centers. These resource and training centers are strategically located in LA's underserved neighborhoods and provide Angelenos at key stages of life – youth, job seekers and entrepreneurs – an opportunity for success. EWDD and these centers also provide the platform to implement and execute many of Mayor Eric Garcetti's Executive Orders and key initiatives by administering programs that invest in LA's most valuable resource – its people.

Ms. Perry provided strength and stability to EWDD, and as the voice of the department she often provided inspirational messages to graduates of job training programs, including youth, job seekers recently released from prison, homeless, older adults, and other vulnerable and underrepresented populations. She emphasized success stories featuring people of color, especially female entrepreneurs, to show real life examples to people from the City of LA's underrepresented neighborhoods that success is achievable and possible.

Congratulations, Jan, from the Club on a great City career!

AIRPORTS

Cool Cats

Airport Police Officers read to travelers as part of national program.

On March 2, in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday all over the country, educators and first responders participated in Read Across America, a program designed to highlight the importance of reading and reading to our children. LAX and the Airport Police were proud to participate in the annual event held this year at Terminal 1.



From left: Officer Chris Faytol, the Cat in the Hat, Officer Allison Meier and Traffic Control Unit Officer Roger Cuevas.

Looking great, Officers!



Reading to the children were (from left) Officer Allison Meier, Officer Chris Faytol and Traffic Control Officer Roger Cuevas.



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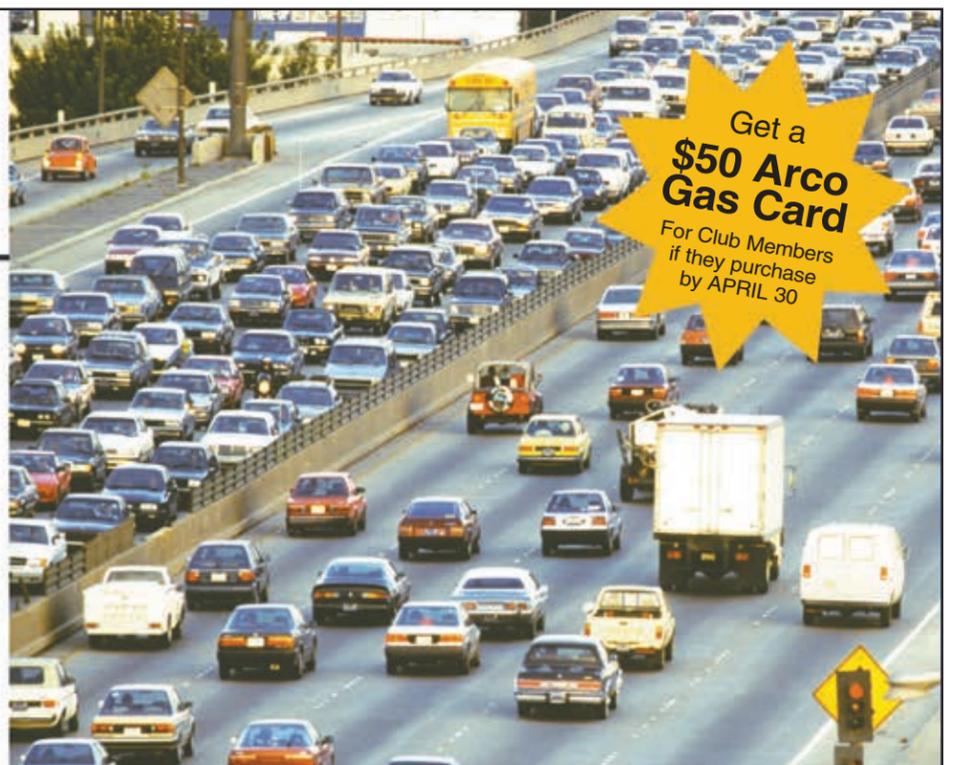
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PUBLIC WORKS

Open Houses Start This Month

Sanitation's popular open houses at six yards begin May 4.

Sanitation has released its schedule of popular open houses for 2019.

Each of Sanitation's six waste shed district yards will open to the public in a series of free Saturday events. The Open House program showcases Sanitation's residential curbside collection programs with the promotion of proper recycling practices and information about bulky item collections. Each event will feature trash truck



and equipment demonstrations in addition to facility tours, information booths, recycling games, and refreshments.

Last year, more than 6,000 residents attended the open houses with more than 230 City Employees who volunteered their time to give back to the neighborhoods they serve.

There is no charge for admission and all ages are welcome, but Sanitation requests that pets be left at home for safety.

TREES FOR ADOPTION

Sanitation's Lopez Canyon Environmental & Education Center

will host an information booth about the City's green bin recycling program and give away small vegetable plants with mulch and compost made from yard trimmings. Sanitation will also partner with City Plants to provide shade trees for adoption by City residents, on a first-come-served basis at each yard, while supplies last.

(City residents must present valid identification with their city address or a current DWP bill to adopt a tree. Note: The limit is one tree per property address.)



Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

<p>East Valley Yard</p> <p>May 4</p> <p>11050 Pendleton St Sun Valley</p>	<p>West Valley Yard</p> <p>May 18</p> <p>8840 Vanalden Ave. Northridge</p>	<p>North Central Yard</p> <p>June 1</p> <p>452 N. San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles</p>	<p>South LA Yard (Expo Center)</p> <p>June 8</p> <p>Expo Center 3990 Menlo Ave Los Angeles</p>	<p>Harbor District Yard</p> <p>June 22</p> <p>1400 N. Gaffey St. San Pedro</p>	<p>West LA Yard</p> <p>June 29</p> <p>2027 Stoner Ave. Los Angeles</p>
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Alive! publishes its Grownup Coloring Contest only once a year. But when we do, Club Members go above and beyond, and send us some amazing works of art.

Thanks for your contributions, and look forward to another Grownup Coloring Contest in the future!

Other Notable Entries

Albert Hinton Jr. Retired	Delia Sevilla Retired	Mary Hinton Retired	Rita Lindsey Public Works
Angelica Gutierrez DWP	Eduardo Hernandez Rec and Parks	Michael McPhillips Retired	Robert Cordova Public Works
Apisit Kaisri DWP	Evelyn Fitzpatrick Retired	Milagros Lumbang Retired	Samantha Townsend LAPD
Augusto Parcerero Public Works	George Burciaga Sr. Retired	Paul Pope DWP	Susan Girard-Manzo LAFD
Chris Bartlett LAPD	John Sousa Airport Police	Phillip Orosco DWP	
Chris Lucero DWP	Kyle Remolino LAPD	Richard Andrade Airport Police	
David Hadley Retired	Mario Duarte Retired	Richard Contreras DWP	

Alive! Feature

Rec and Parks

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From left: Reneshia White, Recreation Coordinator, 18 years of City service, Club Member, and Yessica Famoso, Facility Director, 13 years, Club Member.

The event photos on the page are from last year's Pre-Girls Empowerment Conference, the fifth annual, held at Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center in the Park neighborhood. Last year's conference carried a Rosie Riveter theme, with the slogan "We Can Do It!"

The Alive! Interview

'The Dream Is Coming True'

On Feb. 13, Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Reneshia White, currently the Recreation Coordinator at Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center, 18 years of City service, and Yessica Famoso, Facility Director at Trinity Recreation Center, 13 years. Reneshia began the Pretty in Pink as a girls club party. Once Yessica arrived to South Park, they joined forces to expand it and make it into a conference. Both women are Club Members.

The interview took place at Jackie Tatum Harvard Recreation Center.

Reneshia and Yessica, thanks for talking to us about Pretty in Pink today. Is the program centered here at the Jackie Tatum Harvard Rec Center?

Yessica Famoso: Well, now that the program has gotten bigger, this isn't so much the center.



From left: Yessica Famoso and Reneshia White talk to Alive! editor John Burnes about Rec and Parks' Pretty in Pink conference program.

Reneshia White: The program is us, basically. Wherever we go, the program goes! *[laughs]*

Got it! But before we get into all of that, tell us about your City careers – how you got to where you are now.

Reneshia: Sure. For me, I was a park kid, so I participated in all the programs growing up. My mom worked for Rec and Parks.

Who's your mom?

Reneshia: Bernice Young. She's no longer with the City anymore, but she worked as a Rec Assistant. She would bring us to work with her and turn us into participating in the programs after school – sports like baseball, softball and basketball. We were in childcare. And then from there, by the time I turned 13 or 14, it was like, "Okay, time for you to volunteer, and time for you to get a job." So at 14 I started working as a Rec Aide, and I've been in the department ever since as I continued my education to get my Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

Yessica, how did you get here?

Yessica: I wasn't a City park kid, but I was into different sports. I actually didn't know that this was a major or a career until I nearly graduated

from UC Santa Barbara. I was actually a psych major but I didn't want to get a Master's. I saw that coordinator position, so I applied.

How long have you two known each other?

Yessica: We met at South Park [Rec Center].

How long ago?

Yessica: Like 10 years.

Reneshia: Wow, 10 years already!

The Program

So tell me very broadly about this program that you've started and are now developing.

Reneshia: Pretty in Pink started at South Park

Whose idea was that title?

Reneshia: Mine. The program was based on a group of girls with about 10 members.

What year was that?

Reneshia: 2009. Valentine's Day. When it was maybe ten girls, nobody knew about it.

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Supporting Young Women

Alive! photos by Glenn Marzano and John Burnes; and by Stephanie Chitica, Rec and Parks



A group picture from last year's Pretty in Pink: Girls Empowerment Conference.

Pretty in Pink empowerment conference for teen girls, started by two employees making a difference, is one of the department's fastest growing programs.



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Yessica: It started like a teen program. It was just for that park itself, just for those girls.

Reneshia: And we talked about maybe just one topic. I think it was peer pressure, and we had food, crafts and games.

Yessica: They did their nails. They did a lot of girlie stuff.

So let's step back for a second. What does it do? What's it all about?

Reneshia: It's a day full of girls and young women participating in different activities. We always start off with some type of entertainment. We've had dancers; we had cheer. We also have guest speakers, and these are women that are influential in the community. They come out; they talk to the girls. Maybe they're lawyers or judges or police chiefs. We want the girls to see that people who look like them can achieve these things. Then after that, we break them out into sections like self-esteem.

Yessica: Hygiene.

Reneshia: Right. What else have we done?

Yessica: We do active sessions. Self-defense.

Reneshia: Yes. We've done soccer, so we'll have the girls do some drills, but then they'll play human foosball, so we add some fun components in there.

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What began seven years ago with one Recreation Assistant and ten young girls has now blossomed into two major events and more than 600 participants. And growing.

That's **Pretty in Pink: Girls Empowerment Conference**, expanding to daylong events at two locations (for the first time) April 6 and 13. It's become one of the fastest growing programs at Rec and Parks.

Reneshia White, Recreation Coordinator, Club Member, who grew up hanging out at LA Parks facilities, started the program at South Park Rec Center in 2009 under the department's CLASS Parks program. The 10 girls from the club wanted to have a party. They decide to have party, which included "girl talk" sessions. They ate food, listened to music, and made crafts. The girls enjoyed it so much that, in 2012, Reneshia, with **Yessica Famoso**, then a Facilities Coordinator, decided to make it an annual event in a conference format, with the support of Mireya Coronado with the CLASS Parks program at the time. Over the years the numbers have expanded from 10 to 30 to 100 to 200 and now more than 600 (300 at two separate events). Not only have the numbers expanded, but they also receive support from the Department, the Neighborhood Council, Council offices, the LAPD, and other outside agencies.

Pretty in Pink is a youth conference created with a goal of empowering young girls in the urban community. Pretty in Pink provides a safe space for them to be open and discuss daily life challenges among women who truly care for them. The girls get opportunities to socialize with young girls from other parks/communities. The conference is designed to encourage and empower the girls to achieve their goals and aspirations. They leave the conference knowing that they are not alone with issues that may be occurring in their

lives and that they have people that care about them.

One of Pretty in Pinks major event components is the "girl talk" sessions that cover hot topics including healthy relationships, peer pressure, education, hygiene, self-esteem, self-image, anti-bullying, and suicide prevention. In addition, they participate in a rotation of five sessions that include dance, sports, creative art, self-defense sessions, and yoga. The event is free for girls 8-17.

Many of the participants have grown up, gone off to college, or have moved away. Through social media, Yessica and Reneshia have managed to keep in contact with them.

The daylong conference has featured speakers and supporters throughout its seven years, including:

- **Alexis Las** from the Harvard park community. She went to USC for her doctorate. She spoke to the girls and donated craft items.
- **Jasmine Johnson**, another Harvard Park community member with a degree in child development, spoke to the girls.
- **Sgt. Emada Tingirides**, born and raised in Los Angeles, came and spoke to the girls about how she overcame her barriers in life and shared her success.
- **Joe Marrone** of the LAPD helped raise funds for the 2017 event shirts. He also has LAPD cadets come to each event to help volunteer.
- **Tyesha Amy** from Have a Heart Foundation has hosted two of our girl talk sessions. She makes the girls feel comfortable about opening up.
- **Lisa Flenoury** from the LAPD 77th Division has donated resources and has held two girl talk sessions.
- **Commissioner Pilar Diaz**, Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners, and Det. II Supervisor Shondie Jackson LAPD, have also supported the day. ■

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RLACEI RETIREE HELPLINE:

(800) 678-4145, Ext. 0

For retirement assistance, call the Retiree Hotline and leave a message. A Director of RLACEI will return your call and assist you with your concerns.

RLACEI WEBSITE

Visit the RLACEI website www.RLACEI.org to find the latest retirement news. Call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 0 to make suggestions.
EMAIL: Contact@RLACEI.org

MAILING ADDRESS:

Retired Los Angeles City Employees Inc.
Terminal Annex
P.O. Box 86264
Los Angeles, CA 90086

or

Retired Los Angeles City Employees Inc.
1100 S. Flower Street, Suite 3300
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Change of Address?

Please notify Ruth B. Perry, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 ext. 717 or Ruth.Perry@RLACEI.org for a change of address or to add or change your email address. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA, LAPCU, and LAFUCU as applicable.

Send in your Interesting



Contact **Beverly J. Clark**, Publicity Director
Email: Beverly.Clark@RLACEI.org or
Phone: (800) 678-4145 ext 716

2019 RETIREE EVENTS

June 6: RLACEI golf tournament and general meeting

Aug. 8: RLACEI annual picnic and general meeting

Dec. 5: RLACEI annual holiday party and general meeting

RESERVATION LINES:

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

Meet Your Board:

A look at RLACEI Board Members

Hal Danowitz RLACEI Board Member

Submitted by Beverly J. Clark, Publicity Director



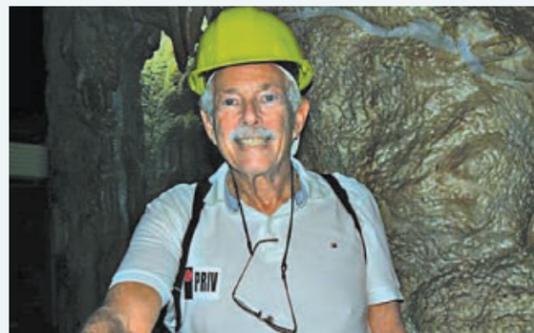
Hal Danowitz

Hal Danowitz retired in 1999 from the Office of the Controller as the Director of Systems. Hal is married and has two stepchildren and three granddaughters.

Hal joined RLACEI as soon as he retired. His desire was to maintain a relationship with his retired friends. During his tenure as a Board member, Hal has made many contributions and currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer.

Hal and his wife, Evelyn, enjoy traveling, and for many years he has shared his travels in a monthly article in *Alive!* He and Evelyn also enjoy playing bridge and canasta.

Hal feels that RLACEI is the only organization whose primary goals are to maintain retirement benefits and support retirees. To increase communication and visibility, Hal recalls, that upon joining the Board, "I installed the 800-phone system and set up the first Website." ■



Hal in the caves in Barbados from his Amazon cruise last fall.

LACERS Board Approves Cost of Living Increase

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson



Michael R. Wilkinson

It is that time of year again. No, I don't mean spring training and one more chance that the Dodgers will not break our hearts again. No, it is COLA time. The time when the LACERS Board considers granting a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) based on changes to the federal Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area. This is an average increase for the year-to-year change from the 2017 to 2018 calendar year.

The increases, taking effect in the paychecks this July, will be 3 percent for Tier 1 and Tier 1 Enhanced Members, and 2 percent for Tier 3 members. This represents the maximum COLA amount for each tier based on a CPI of 3.8 percent. Tier 1 members will have 0.8 percent banked for future years, and Tier 3 members are not entitled to banking. Banking means that any CPI above the 3.0 percent maximum allowed is put in a bank that can be reclaimed when the CPI is less than 3 percent. So if there is a 2 percent CPI in a future year, then Tier 1 members would get the 2.0 percent plus 0.8 percent from the COLA bank for a total COLA of 2.8 percent. The COLA bank would then be reset to zero.

I often get questions when someone finds out that another pension plan or Social Security got a higher increase and asks why. The COLA is set by statute, and we follow that CPI that is set in the Administrative Code. Other plans follow other groups, some follow a national standard, and some plans use different regions or different time periods. So, as they say, your mileage may vary, but over time things tend to even out.

Correction: In last month's LACERS Financial Report, I wrote incorrectly that the LACERS health plan is 70.1 percent funded. The correct figure is 80.1 percent funded. ■

State Supreme Court Upholds California Rule



LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

The California Supreme Court finally decided on the first of the public pension cases attacking various aspects of how pensions for government workers in this state are determined, as the hiring government agencies react to mounting costs of such pensions and exploding unfunded pension liabilities. The *Los Angeles Times* described this as a matter about whether government pensions "can be cut." From the conservative side, Joel Fox of Fox & Hounds, a Website focusing on California business and politics, said the court "focused on the issue immediately before it, dealing with whether particular benefits such as buying years to inflate work time on which pension benefits are calculated are vested rights and prohibiting them is a violation of the state constitution. The court said no." The focus on the benefit of buying additional work time (air time) was deemed not to be a constitutionally protected pension benefit. The California Rule, which developed over several decades last century, generally protected pensions as of the day a person started working for a government agency (city, county, state, school district, etc.). And this rule came to be understood as protecting deferred compensation to a worker for his or her years of work for the government.

The California Rule is now viewed as generally unchanged, which is good for us retirees, but still subject to some changes that touch on some add-ons to a pension package that do not measure up to the idea

of a pension being payment to a worker for his or her work performed. As summed up by the *LA Times*: "safeguard the reasonable pension benefits without making the excesses untouchable as well." Those on the other side of the issue believe that not enough discretion is given to employing agencies that see rapidly escalating unfunded liabilities eating up ever-greater portions of their budgets. Mr. Fox commented that resorting to an initiative is the only way to really reform the pension issue.

Warren Buffett has warned businesses to avoid states with unfunded pension liabilities when deciding where to relocate. He added that moving to such states could mean corporate income tax boosts on the business, or personal income tax hikes on the managers and workers (Lane Report, *Kentucky's Business News*).

Bloomberg reported that three new governors face three old pension disasters: Connecticut (Gov. Ned Lamont), Illinois (Gov. J.B. Pritzker) and New Jersey (Gov. Philip Murphy). Each state has less than 50 percent of assets needed to meet future liabilities, and are the only states with GO Bond grades below AA from the three biggest credit rating companies.

Armstrong Economics had this headline: "The Pension Crisis Is Starting to Explode." Nevada Policy Research Institute says that Gov. Steve Sisolak is the latest to be enveloped by Nevada's pension fog. *Ai-cio.com* (*Chief Investment Officer* magazine) investment research announced in late February that U.S. public pension assets tumbled in the fourth quarter. In South Carolina the *Post and Courier* headlined an article on Feb. 24, 2019, titled "State Pensions Still Unsustainable."

That's just a sampling of news around the country on pensions. California looks rather good right now. ■

RLACEI Mission

RLACEI has been 'Protecting Retirement Benefits Since 1973.'

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) was established in 1973 as an advocate for Retired City employees. Its goal is to maintain current benefits and look forward to assisting in the changing needs and concerns of its retired community. It works closely with the City Council and LACERS (Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System) on the behalf of its members.

RLACEI keeps members up to date on actions of the RLACEI Board, state and local legislation and LACERS by publishing monthly articles in the Employees Club of California's *Alive!* newspaper.

Members of RLACEI are entitled to apply for group life insurance, auto insurance, pet insurance and home insurance through the Club. Members may also purchase discounted tickets to amusement parks, movie theaters and other places of interest, and certificates to See's Candies.

RLACEI is dedicated to a stable retirement for retired City employees. Your membership strengthens its collective voice.



RLACEI

Retirees on the Move

Submitted by Beverly J. Clark, Publicity Director

Meet Jacqueline Stokes



Jacqueline Stokes

Jacqueline Stokes retired in April 2010 with more than 25 years of City service. During her City career she worked in four different City departments: the DWP, Public Works, Transportation and the LAPD.

In retirement, she enjoys several hobbies: traveling, dancing, reading, photography and genealogy. Jackie is also very active in planning trips for travel clients.

Jackie says that retirement has given her and her retired husband the opportunity to spend more time with family, and she is blessed to be able to enjoy so many experiences.

Although she keeps herself busy with many projects, her number one activity is traveling.

"Mention the word travel and I am ready to go!," she says. "As

far back as childhood I have dreamed of experiencing different countries and cultures. Among my travels are Israel, Egypt, the Panama Canal, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and just this past March I visited Europe."

Jackie is a member of LACERS *Well* and AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). She sings in a choir and hosts small group bible study at her church. She belongs to the International Association of Travel Agents (IATA) and Cruise Line International Association (CLIA). She also volunteers at the Latasha Wells Amerson Leadership Institute, Boardroom Leadership Academy and Road Chicks.

Her words of wisdom are to enjoy retirement and remind yourself that you are retired first and have a good time. Be sure to create balance, which is necessary to keep you on top.

For those who are still employed, her suggestions are to take advantage of all the current opportunities that will impact your retirement funds, i.e., getting promotions, saving, paying bills off, investing, deferred comp, etc.

Jackie feels that the smartest move she made for retirement was to evaluate her priorities when spending money. "I don't mean go without. Rather, ask yourself, do I need this? Where will this be in one month? The result will be more money to savings, investment, deferred compensation, etc."

Does she miss work? "I miss the socializing with co-workers. It's a treat to run into past co-workers at LACERS *Well* events, or while out. I don't miss the daily commute."

If she could have done anything differently, she would have learned more about investing and the impact of Medicare on her LACERS retirement.

Her days are filled with enjoying retirement and doing whatever she would like to do!

"If I could change one thing about my retired life, I would be more physically active, and maintain an overall healthy lifestyle. I want this retirement to last forever!" ■



From left: Jackie Stokes, Capt. Chris Waters, Dep. Chief Regina Scott and a participant attending a Breakfast With Cops Conference for the Boardroom Leadership Scholars.

RETIREES



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

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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.

TO SUBMIT, GO TO:

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RLACEI

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.

Annie Chao, Investment Officer, receives endorsement from the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. for LACERS Board of Administration Commissioner. If you are an Active City Employee, we encourage you to vote for Annie Chao to represent the welfare of ALL City employees and retirees and continue to safeguard LACERS pension fund.

Ballots must be delivered to the City Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.



AnnieChao4LACERS@gmail.com

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Membership Dues: An Update

Effective Jan. 1, 2019, RLACEI membership dues are now \$3 per month. This new fee includes free membership to the Employees Club of California for all RLACEI members. RLACEI members who carry insurance products with the Club will soon receive a reduction in their payroll contributions for the Club membership.

LACERS and the Club are working to process the appropriate reduction for all



applicable RLACEI members. RLACEI has been informed that the correct deduction should be reflected on your payroll statement in the next few months. All RLACEI members will be reimbursed for Club dues deducted from January through the effective date of the correct payroll processing.

Please contact RLACEI Membership Director Ruth Perry at (800) 678-4145, ext. 717, should you have any questions.

41st Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 6, 2019

The 41st Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check in is at 7:00 a.m. SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$70 for RLACEI & City Employees Club members. All others pay \$80, which includes greens fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Alhambra Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.00.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with your check made payable to: **RLACEI** by Thursday, May 30, 2019.
- Send to Tom Sternock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Sternock at (818) 487-6789.

2019 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Amount Included \$ _____ \$70 for RLACEI and City Employees Club Members
Luncheon Only: \$25 \$80 for all others

Make checks payable to RLACEI. NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

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Robert's Question of the Month



BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer
rlarios@employeesclub.com
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Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

What do you love most about California?



"The sunshine and easy access to the beaches."
- Lloyd Rein, Public Works/Contract Administration



"Considering all the record rain we have had, I used to love the sunny days."
- Jenetta Adams, LAPD



"It's why we all live here - the sunshine!"
- Ruth Perry, Retired, LACERS



"The rich diversity of people and cultures!"
- Phil Orland, Retired, Rec and Parks



"My top three: the beautiful City of Los Angeles, the Lakers and the Dodgers."
- Liberato Galan, Public Works/Engineering



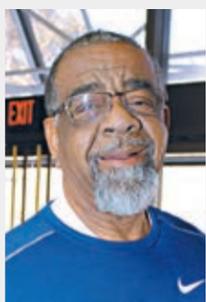
"Look around; it's the natural beauty from the beaches, mountains, deserts, cities and countrysides."
- Alex Rabrenovich, LACERS



"It's the best state to enjoy classic car shows!"
- Michael Holmes, Public Works/Street Services



"If you want to experience the world, just come to California. That's why I love it here."
- Miriam Cruz, Harbor



"If you like beaches and coastlines, you will love California just for that reason. Among the most beautiful in the world."
- Anthony Leonard, Public Works/Street Maintenance



"This could be the only state where you can experience any kind of recreation."
- Deborah Leonard, Los Angeles County

GENERAL SERVICES

MVPs!

General Services honors its MVP employees.

General Services held its Most Valued Performance (MVP) Award ceremony March 12 to honor its best employees from 2017 and 2018. The event was held in the Public Works Commission hearing room in City Hall.

The Most Valued Performance Awards are some of the highest awards the department gives.

The MVP (Most Valued Performance) Awards are given to General Services employees whom the General Manager finds has performed well above the call of duty. Nominations can be sent by anyone, any time.

The criterion for this award is that the employee has completed or continues to perform an extraordinary work-related accomplishment. Recipients receive a framed plaque and a trophy or cup. The General Manager presents the award to the

recipients at a gathering of managers, family and coworkers, and the employee's name is added to a wood scroll in the lobby of City Hall South.

The room in City Hall was filled with proud and excited employees. It was an honor to see all the amazing employees who really are the heart of the City! Keep up the good work.

General Manager Tony Royster, Club Member, hosted the event. Opening remarks were given by Matt Szabo, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Miguel Sangalang, Deputy Mayor, both of the Mayor's Office. Presentations were given by General Services Assistant General Managers David Paschal, Deborah Ramos, Valerie Melloff and Angela Sherick-Bright.

Thanks go to Aram Salmasi for inviting the Club to the event, and for providing information.

More Pictures on the web
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Honoree Wesley Chavez with General Manager Tony Royster and Assistant General Manager Valerie Melloff.



Honorees the Generator Crew included Ruben Guzman, Julian Reyes, Assistant General Manager Angela D Sherick-Bright, Vidal Elizarraras and Rodrigo J Cobo. Pictured with General Manager Tony Royster and Assistant General Manager Angela Sherick-Bright.

The honorees were:

General Manager Special Recognition Awards:
Dan Yoshimura, Personnel Director III
Narvia Wells, Personnel Director I

MVP Honorees, 2016-17:
Tom Bylard, Construction Forces
Ron Gallegos, Publishing Services
David Bloomberg, Finance Division
Richard Simas, Fleet Services

MVP Honorees, 2017-18:
Marie Saraos Medinilla, Publishing Services
Wesley Chavez, Real Estate Services

Team Honorees, 2016-17:
Homeless Project
FMS Procurement Project
Mail Driver Team
State Water Board
Fuel Site Corrections

Team Honorees, 2017-18:
Project Management Group
Vendor Fair
AMS Implementation Team
Generator Crew
San Fernando Yard CNG

ITA HONOREES

(not all were able to attend the event)

35-Year Employees:

Rhonda Edwards

Jimmy Tran
Joey Tu
Kenneth Alexander
Franco Viteri
Lloyd White
Jonathan Luu

30-Year Employees:

Huong (Tawny) Ferguson
Jose Cheng
Jose Alvarez
Judy Chu
Kil (Kay) Park
Laura Ito
Nee Truong
Wayne Chan
Yosu Armendia
Francisco Castro
Abby Hsi
Sherry Teng
Quoc Le
Omotayo Ige
Val Alicante
Jonathan Kim
Nicanier Rosas

15-Year Employees:

Jayson Joseph
Sarina Khaw
Tracy Anderson
James Huynh
Wendell Ayala
Jeffrey Regino
Janie Hegedus
Kenneth Schultz
Sandra Corbett
Tony Tai
Syed Towhid
William Imperial
Thu Ngo
Gagik Tsovanyan
Jerry Morris
Charles Cook
Rick Sun
Jose Torres
John De Oca
Chito Pastor
Miguel Rivera
Virgilio Hermoso
Thomas Hoffman
Khanh Nguyen
Carlos Octoman

25-Year Employees:

Edwin Lorenzana
Truc Phan
Karen Dienhart
Gaidzag Shahbazian
Brian Lu
Kulieet Arora

20-Year Employees:

Ernest Banh
Howard Wolf
Jonathan Biton
Jonathan Luu
Khamheng (Emily) Wu
Joseph Tsang
Ronnie Rodriguez
Kim Anh Amancio
Howard Wolf
Hana Saad
John Hawkins
Binh Vuong
Jonathan Biton
Armando Perez

10-Year Employees:

Moses Dugay
Nigel Chan
Valerieann Palazzolo
Kien Trieu
Lisa Santos Claro
Amorfina Stubblefield
Sam Kim
Vincent Chang
Enrique Sanchez
Timur Lacey
Matthew Dill
Ryan Fong

ITA

Story and photos courtesy Marina Sanchez, ITA

Honoring Service

ITA honors employees with service pins.

On March 6, the City's Information Technology Agency (ITA) honored more than 40 of its employees celebrating service year milestones ending in 5 and 0. These employees were given service pins.

The event took place in City Hall East.

ITA held its first service pin event in November 2016. This was the agency's eighth such ceremony.



General Manager Ted Ross with Rhonda Edwards - 35 Year Pin.

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General Manager Ted Ross with Jase Cheng - 30 Year Pin.



General Manager Ted Ross with Jose Alvarez - 30 Year Pin.

Congratulations!

CLUB ANGELS

Applications for Club's Mukai Scholarship Now Available



Joannie Mukai.

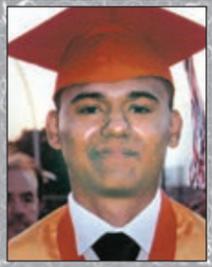
Applications for Club Scholarship are available for completion on the *Alive!* Website. Deadline is noon, July 31, 2019.

Fill out your application now for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship on the *Alive!* Website at alive.employeesclub.com/mukaischolarship

The 2019 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 20 awards and is named after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai, is now accepting applications.

Club Scholarship applications have been simplified, for greater ease in filling them out. And they are now available for completion directly on the Website – no more downloading a lengthy application form. We've made it easy!

All materials must be completed on the *Alive!* Website by noon, July 26, 2019.



Hector Castaneda received a stipend last year as part of Club Angels' Mukai Scholarship Program.

The Club expects to give each recipient a stipend of \$500.

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an

accredited college or university in Fall 2019.

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

"It's amazing how talented our Club family is. The Club celebrates the lives of municipal employees in the state of California, and this is one of the most important ways we do that every year. We're all about giving back, and the Club Scholarship reflects that."

The Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship program is part of the Club Angels outreach, which reflects the scholarships' nature of giving back.

Applications are available for online completion directly on the *Alive!* Website at:

alive.employeesclub.com/mukaischolarship

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

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club Members under the age of 25, are eligible to apply. Club Members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2019. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2019 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of \$500 (each).
- Deadline: Applications must be completed online at the *Alive!* Website by noon July 31, 2019. All applications must be completed in their entirety and submitted at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

LACERS WELL

Whale Watching!

Retirees enjoyed whale-watching trip.

The LACERS Well program sponsored a whale-watching trip March 12 off Redondo Beach. Participants report that they saw several whales.

This event was free for LACERS Members plus one guest.

LACERS Well is an innovative program designed to help Members attain the best retirement possible through health and general interest seminars and workshops, communications, coaching, biometric screenings and lots of regional activities. The whale-watching trip was just one of many sponsored by LACERS Well.

For more information, go to: www.lacers.org/lacerswell or call the LACERS Member Service Center at (800) 779-8328, or TTY (888) 349-3996, for assistance.



On the LACERS Well whale-watching trip March 12.

ZOO Photos by Jamie Pham, Zoo



At a previous Zoo Big Bunny event.

Spring Fling

Zoo's spring event features a very Big Bunny.

Big Bunny's Spring Fling at the Los Angeles Zoo celebrates the season with five bountiful days of "EGG-citing" adventure on two Easter weekends – April 13-14, and 19-21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

At this year's Spring Fling, which continues throughout April and ends April 28, guests can experience an expanded eco-event where kids can learn about birds, butterflies, bees and blossoms, and what kids can do to help them thrive. Weekends include special live performances, demos and crafts.

New this year to Spring Fling is a Pollination Celebration acrobat show each mid-day and green screen photo booth experiences, and honey tasting.

All events are free with paid Zoo admission, except "Big Bunny" photos and honey tasting, which are available for a nominal fee.

Zoo admission 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 age two. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

For additional information, contact (323) 644-4200 or visit www.lazoo.org

ZOO

Goodbye, John

Zoo bids farewell to longtime Zoo Director John Lewis.

More than 100 well-wishers came to bid a happy retirement to John Lewis, who left as General Manager of the Zoo in early January after 15 years of City service.

His retirement party was held Nov. 11 at the Zoo.

During his tenure, Lewis successfully oversaw the implementation of \$180 million in bond projects — including the addition of the Rainforest of the Americas exhibit and the Living Amphibians, Invertebrates, and Reptiles (LAIR) exhibit.

Under Lewis' leadership, the Zoo launched multiple conservation efforts, including the California Condor Rescue Zone, which helped bring the endangered birds back from the brink of extinction. Lewis also introduced innovative and popular programs — like Zoo Lights, a dazzling holiday display; and Brew at the Zoo, which brings local craft and microbreweries to the Zoo for a night of music, talks by animal keepers, and up-close animal encounters.

The Club worked with John Lewis on many projects, including our December 2014 cover story on LA Zoo Lights. The Zoo asked us to help them celebrate its 50th anniversary, which we did in *Alive!* in November 2016.

Godspeed to you, John, and congratulations on a great City career.



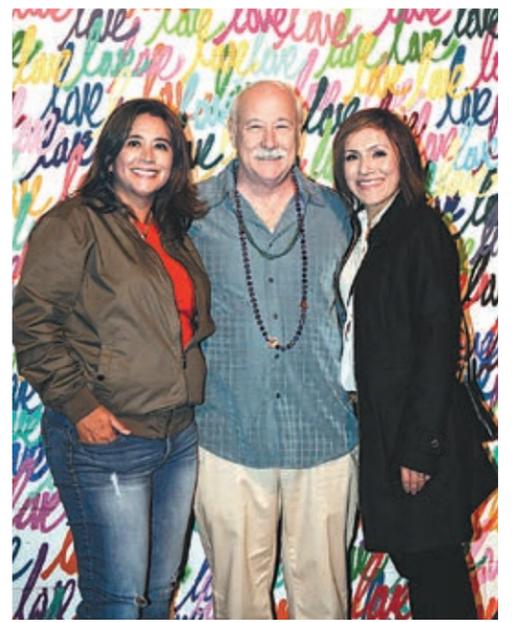
From left: Club CEO John Hawkins and then-Zoo Director John Lewis at the opening of LA Zoo Lights in December 2014.



From left: John Lewis' family Robert, son; Jill, daughter; John Lewis; Debbie, wife; and Ian, son.



From left: Councilmember David Ryu, John Lewis, and Mr. LA, former Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



From left: Barbara Romero, Deputy Mayor; John Lewis, Retiree; and Ana Guerrero, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office.

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Let the Club family celebrate with you...

Put your graduation photo in *Alive!*



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

Make sure you tell us:

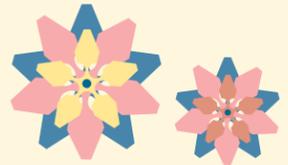
- The name of the graduate.
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major.
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to, and how they are related



To send a digital photo and your message, go to:
alive.employeesclub.com/graduations



Life's Important Moments



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
Abrot, Nellie Abuan	Accountant	Public Works	18	Lee, Jameson C.	Sr. Structural Engineer	Bldg. and Safety	33	Reeves, Naoko N.	Maintenance Supervisor	Airports	21
Adamson, Connie F.	Custodian	Airports	9	Lee, Ladrina	Sr. Administrative Clerk	LAPD	33	Reyes, Jo Ann	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	28
Bacani, Dominador B.	Electrical Engng. Assoc.	Public Works	27	Levy, Sheila R.	Management Analyst	LAPD	32	Rivas, Jesus	Special Programs Asst.	Rec and Parks	7
Batikian, Silva	Engineer	Public Works	34	Linton, Stephen J.	Comms. Engineering Assoc.	ITA	32	Robinson, Mary E.	Sr. Administrative Clerk	Airports	32
Beyard, Roberta D.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Airports	39	Lockhart, Valerie	Management Analyst	LAPD	26	Sanchez, Tommy A.	Truck Operator	General Services	36
Black, David	Painter	Rec and Parks	30	Madrid, John	Warehs. and T/R Worker	Public Works	20	Santesteban, Genevieve	Secretary	Airports	32
Bohlig, Christine Carol	Tax Compliance Officer	Finance	21	McCray, Susie	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	39	Schafer, Brian	Pile Driver Worker	Harbor	17
Brandon, Marsha	Occup. Health Nurse	Personnel	20	McGuirk, James G.	Risk Manager	Airports	34	Schonhardt, David	Electrician	General Services	13
Brausam, Camille Ann	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	30	Miller, Caryl B.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	33	Schwartz, Nancy	Librarian	Library	5
Brown, Kim	Project Assistant	Econ./Wrkfr. Dev.	8	Min, Kyungjoon	Sr. Systems Analyst	Library	30	Schooh, Mabel Y.	Accountant	Controller's Office	36
Butler, Mark Charles	Constr. and Mntnc. Supv.	General Services	31	Moody, Christophe	Supertintendent of Ops.	Airports	22	Spann, Cornell	Custodian	General Services	22
Capalla, Delfin S.	Civil Engng. Draft Tech.	Transportation	28	Mootz, Michael	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	30	Stiles, Susan	Exec. Asmin Assistant	Aging	41
Champion, Pamela	Sr. Administrative Clerk	LAPD	32	Morris, Kevin	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	32	Straughter, Norris	Systems Analyst	LAPD	31
Coe, George K.	Pr. Detention Officer	LAPD	16	Nelson, John W.	Construction Inspector	Public Works	12	Ukwu, Charles	Civil Engng. Associates	Public Works	32
Curtis, Kathryn	Marine Envrnmtl. Supv.	Harbor	32	Nguyen, Thuy T.	Sr. Systems Analyst	Finance	30	Van Reyn, Stefanie	Sr. Management Analyst	Airports	36
Deckert, Edmond T.	Bldg. Mech. Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	30	O'Conner, Barry	Electrical Mechanic	Harbor	31	Vasquez, Sylvia	Sr. Traffic Supervisor	Transportation	30
Fuggins, Bobbie J.	Crossing Guard	Transportation	3	Palmer, Sherell M.	Sr. Administrative Clerk	Airports	30	Villegas, Thomas P.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	35
Garza, Robert	Env. Compliance Insp.	Public Works	31	Park, Ronnie Y.	Programmer Analyst	ITA	33	Viola, Rica Marie M.	Property Manager	Harbor	30
Glick, Thomas Lee	City Planner	Planning	33	Paul, Carlan	Sr. Comms. Operator	Airports	30	Von Hodissen, Henriette	Messenger Clerk	Library	10
Hernandez, Daniel	Sr. Gardener	Public Works	29	Payne, Kevin David	Architectural Associate	Public Works	29	Warren, William	Supervisor	Public Works	35
Hightower, Wendy	Admin. Coordinator	City Attorney	30	Pond, Arthur T.	Sr. Librarian	Library	37	White, Victoria L.	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	38
Hill, Danny R.	Golf Starter	Rec and Parks	26	Porter, Paul Steven	Refuse Coll. Truck Oprtr.	Public Works	25	Williams, Carol	Sr. Administrative Clerk	Transportation	19
Hughes, Elizabeth	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	35	Pruitt, Gwen M.	Recreation Assistant	Rec and Parks	4	Wong, Yin Ming	Municipal Police Officer	LAPD	15
Johnson, Gary P.	Security Officer	Airports	31	Quainoo, Kathryn R.	Administrative Clerk	LAPD	38	Yee, Sang K.	Survey Party Chief	Airports	31
King, Maria G.	Security Officer	LAPD	11	Quan, Joe Loo	Sr. Systems Analyst	ITA	29	Yu, Jean	Systems Programmer	Housing	4
Lagunzad, Melchor	Civil Engng. Draft Tech.	Public Works	17	Redublo, Jocelyn De Jesus	Sr. Administrative Clerk	LAPD	20	Zerrudo, Phyllis J.	Sr. Management Analyst	Airports	16
Lathrop, Edward	Construction Inspector	Public Works	27	Reed, Robert O.	Management Analyst	Econ./Wrkfr. Dev.	16				

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Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away.

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Active		Jackson, Nelson	Public Works 31
La Lande, Shannon	DWP 22	Kassler II, Kenneth	DWP 30
Theprasit, Apithan	DWP 15	Lawler, Roy	Harbor 34
Retired		Lehmer, Darwin	DWP 20
Alatorre, Charles	DWP 32	Manley, David	Public Works 35
Antoniol, Victor	Bldg. and Safety 21	Matoi, Masaru	City Planning 31
Apodaca, Alfred	DWP 35	Mattingly, Joseph	Fire/Police Pns. 37
Blinn, William	DWP 32	Mears, Thomas	Personnel 15
Blish, Donald	DWP 25	McCloud, Ronald	Airports 11
Bourne, Lynton	Public Works 39	Meaglia, Catherine	City Attorney 18
Brantley, Randle	LAPD 17	Mitchell, David	Airports 17
Brown, Robert	Rec and Parks 35	Mitchell, Sheronda	Transportation 27
Burke, Earl	Public Works 6	Nakamura, Douglas	Bldg. and Safety 22
Carrasco, Kenneth	City Attorney 33	Nelson, William	Public Works 31
Colby, Patricia	LAPD 8	Nobuhiro, Ray	Public Works 30
Cole, Douglas	Public Works 14	Pearson, Gregory	DWP 26
Coleman, Pauline	LAPD 21	Petryka, Zbyslaw	Public Works 10
Cortez, Raymundo	Convention Center 11	Rifkin, Sam	City Clerk 16
Crowell, Robert	DWP 30	Ruidera, Julian	DWP 24
Davis, Jennie	LAPD 10	Sessler, Lennie	LAPD 18
Espiritu, Antonio	Rec and Parks 28	Shima, Andrew	DWP 34
Fields, Edna	Library 10	Solano, Joe	General Services 31
Fox, Howard	City Attorney 37	Taad, Manuela	Econ./Wrkfr. Dev. 20
Gabaldon, Richard	Airports 40	Tatum, Vanessa	DWP 37
Gamero, Jorge	Rec and Parks 6	Thomas, Joseph	Harbor 36
Garcia, Bennie	Transportation 36	Thrush, Dale	City Council 10
Grant, Mary	Library 10	Trujillo, Ralph	DWP 41
Greenwald, Evelyn	Library 43	Valentine, Ellis	Public Works 18
Hamilton, James	LAPD 15	Vasquez, David	DWP 27
Hammer, Donald	DWP 37	Victor, Ruben	General Services 25
Hanson, Patricia	DWP 39	Waggoner, Thelaine	Transportation 28
Hendrix, Ardis	Public Works 34	Walker, Eddie	Rec and Parks 13
Hernandez, Manuel	Public Works 23	Williams, Roger	General Services 29
Hokenson, Evelyn	DWP 38	Yale, Donald	DWP 30
Jackson, Dillard	Harbor 23	Yamaki, Audrey	Harbor 39
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Earth Day!

Cabrillo Aquarium's annual event focuses on beach cleanup.



At a previous Cabrillo Earth Day event.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium invites the public to participate in its Take Action Day! from 9 a.m. to noon Sat., April 20.

Guests are invited to take action to help the local environment on Earth Day where they can learn about the impact of microplastics and help clean the community's beautiful Cabrillo Beach.

Local volunteers will spend the morning cleaning marine debris off the beach for the benefit of both animals and people. Volunteers can take part in contests to help remove the smallest (and most dangerous!) pollution from the sand, including Styrofoam, nurdles (small pellets of plastic), bottle caps and more. Cleanup challenges are promised.

APRIL 20, 2019

Those with kayaks are invited to the "kayak cleanup" – bring your own boat and life vest to help clean the bay.

Volunteers are asked to help make this a "zero waste" event by bringing their own reusable gloves and buckets for trash pickup and refillable water bottles. For those who can't, the Aquarium will have supplies, and light refreshments for all. Groups are requested to call ahead. The event is free and open to the public.

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. There will be free parking for four hours on the museum lot.

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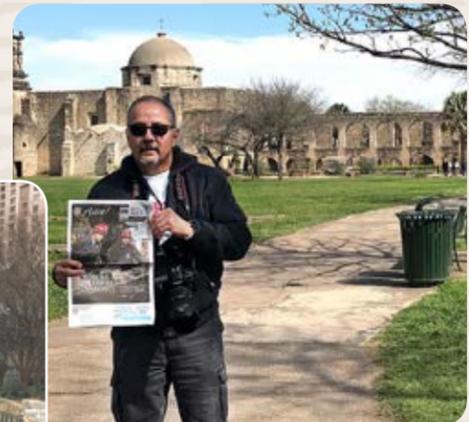
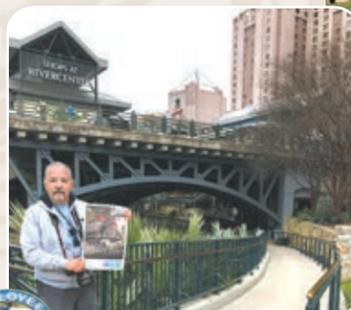
"The Lenin (Gdansk) Shipyard main gate." The Solidarity labor actions centered around this gate.

– Lech Kuzmicki, Retired, Public Works

Texas

"These photos were taken at the San Antonio Mission (Texas) and at the San Antonio Riverwalk."

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