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Sept. 19: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.



JOHN'S BLOG

by John Hawkins, President and CEO, The Club

Toward a Cleaner Future

Treating the City's wastewater is probably not something you think about a lot ... unless of course you work for Public Works, or you're otherwise interested in how cities work.

But that's why the City employs a bunch of very smart people in our LA Sanitation department. While we go on presuming that water treatment is being handled, the professionals are stopping to think – what is the best way to treat the water? Is it enough just to scrub it a little and pump it into the ocean?

Not anymore, by a long shot. The City of LA is way beyond that. LA is on a constant mission to try to reclaim as much of the wastewater as possible, and even to create energy out of the operation, and make a statement about how to live sustainably. They are on it, as people say these days. And they're doing a great job.



That's what I learned from reading the in-depth interview this month with **Traci Minamide**, LA Sanitation's Chief Operating Officer and one of the top female Sanitation professionals in the world. The City is in good hands with experts like Traci figuring out how to make a better, cleaner world. I learned a lot, and I hope you do, too.

Congratulations to the Sports Dude (Club COO **Robert Larios**) and all the players in the Club Softball League on its 10th anniversary. Have a great time in your 11th season! And I love the story about

Geno Gandara, who's played in every Club Softball League since the start. His children

are now old enough to play, too! Awesome! As we head into the fall, and all our lives turn incredibly busy, I hope we all take the time to enjoy the most important thing of all – family.

From left: Club COO Robert Larios; Sanitation COO Traci Minamide; and Club Director of Marketing Summy Lam overlooking the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant and the Pacific Ocean in Playa del Rey.

JOHN

Softball Veteran Geno!



Geno Gandara (left) with his children Amanda, Eugene and Phillip.

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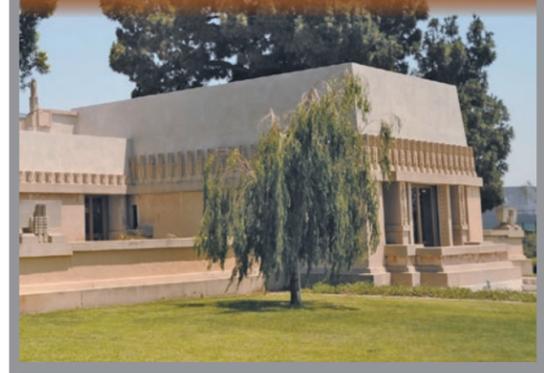
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JOHN'S Picture Perfect
Club Members send in their best shots (and you can, too!).

More From the Hollyhock House
See more great photos as the City's Hollyhock House, an architectural masterpiece, wins international acclaim.



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PUBLIC WORKS

They Got It Wright

The fully restored Hollyhock House.

Renovation photos by Tom Hawkins, Club photographer. New photos by JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks

City's Hollyhock House, a Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece, wins prestigious international honor.

Back in 2011 and 2012, as *Alive!* chronicled, Project Restore, Public Works, General Services, Rec and Parks and other departments restored the City's **Hollyhock House**, a masterpiece by architect and designer Frank Lloyd Wright.

And now that hard, painstaking work has paid off in a big way.

The fully restored Hollyhock House, situated in Barnsdall Art Park in East Hollywood, has been awarded with one of the world's most prestigious honors – it's now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** – the only one in the City. The house is considered a precursor to the style now called California modernism and was one of eight Frank Lloyd Wright designs so designated in the U.S.

Nearly a decade ago, the City put together a team, lead at the time by Kevin Jew, Project Manager, Public Works/Project Restore, and Hsiao-Ling Ting, Architect, Public Works/Engineering, to execute the decade-long restoration. *Alive!* featured the restoration during the renovation's 2011-12 second phase.

The Aline Barnsdall Hollyhock House was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright as a residence for oil heiress Aline Barnsdall, built from 1919-21. The building is now the centerpiece of the City's Barnsdall Art Park.

This was Wright's second project in California, but he was not able to supervise much of the construction due to his commission to design the Imperial Hotel in Japan at the time. He delegated many of the responsibilities involved in designing the house to his assistant, Rudolph Schindler, and his son, Lloyd Wright.

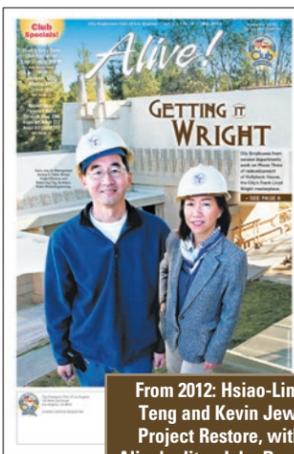
Barnsdall donated the house to the City in 1927. Beginning in 1974, the City sponsored a series of restorations, but the structure was damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. It was again restored, and is currently open to the public. The current restoration is phase two of the long-term restoration project: it's both repairing damage and undoing earlier restorations that were not done correctly.

The U.S. Department of the Interior designated Hollyhock House a National Historic Landmark in 2007.

The Hollyhock House is open for viewing.

See the details here:

<https://barnsdall.org/hollyhock-house>



From 2012: Hsiao-Ling Teng and Kevin Jew, Project Restore, with *Alive!* editor John Burnes.



The fully restored Hollyhock House.



The fully restored Hollyhock House.



Comments the Club received on its Facebook page about the honor:

"This is my favorite FLW [Frank Lloyd Wright]. So many hidden passageways, vistas and conversation points." – **John Tobin**

"Some of my best City memories." – **Larry Patrich**

"Thank you, Employees Club, for the mention! This has been a long process, and you were there early on to witness the work. Kevin Jew and team have worked tirelessly to get the structure ready for its big debut." – **Project Restore**

"I have many memories of this place, some good, some not so good. Maintaining the plumbing in a facility like this was challenging." – **Sherrie and Brad Torres**



Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

Faroe Islands

"In July, we visited the Faroe Islands. It is a tiny, autonomous country under the Kingdom of Denmark located in the Atlantic Ocean between Iceland, Norway and the United Kingdom."

Norman T. Faner, Retired, DWP, and Florian D. Faner, Retired, General Services

"The Mulafossur waterfall discharges into the Atlantic Ocean. Just above it is the picturesque little village of Gasadalur."



"In the distance is the seastack Drangarnir, and the islet Trindholmur."



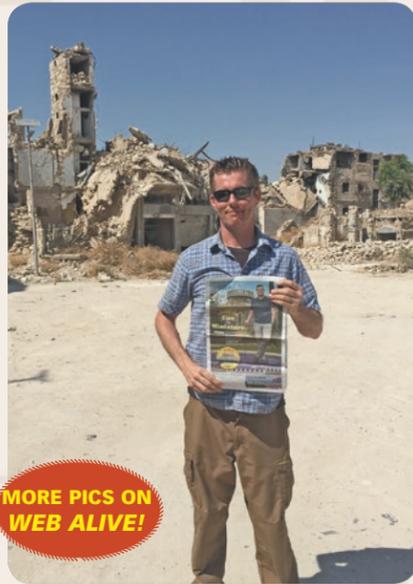
France

Here's *Alive!* editor **John Burnes** in Sainte-Mère Église, France, where many of the 82nd and 101st Airborne dropped on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The event is commemorated in the church bell tower (background) and in a stained-glass panel inside the church, which is still a functioning Catholic church. Utah and Omaha beaches, the site of the U.S. invasion, lie just a few miles away."



Syria

Here's **Officer Doug Scarborough, Airport Police**, in Aleppo, Syria, the location of heavy fighting in the country's continuing civil war.



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Hawaii

Club COO Robert Larios and his wife, Patty, visited Hawai'i.

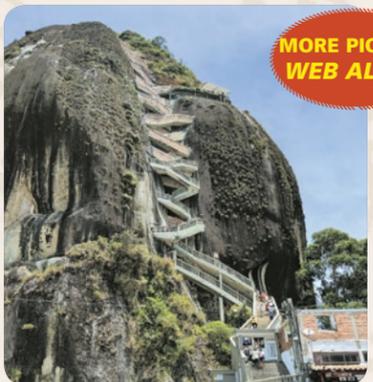


Patty and Robert Larios stand at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park near the volcano rim.

Velina Espinosa, Santa Ana School District, 36 years of service; and Antonio Espinosa, Retired Santa Ana School District, 43 years, at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park near the volcano rim.

Colombia

Michael Barnes, Retired, Harbor, visited Guatapé, Colombia. This is La Piedra de Penol in Guatapé.



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THE CLUB

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With Mobile Team visits expanding on Mondays and Tuesdays, the physical Club Store downtown will be closed on those days. But it will be open later with extended hours Wednesdays through Fridays, the days you most heavily visit the physical store.

The physical Club Store's fall hours will be:

Monday	CLOSED <i>(Club Store Mobile Team visits available)</i>
Tuesday	CLOSED <i>(Club Store Mobile Team visits available)</i>
Wednesday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
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This new schedule is for Sept. 2 – Nov. 15.



Club Webstore

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Mobile Team

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The Club's Mobile Team is available for workplace visits any weekday, but the Club has expanded mobile availability on Tuesdays.

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Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer



Anthony Fenderson

Retired from Public Works/Sanitation with 38 years of City service.



Henry Magdaleno

Retired from Public Works/Street Services with 35 years of City service.

Congratulations!

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



Fred Starkey

Retired from the LAPD with 32 years of City service.



Charlotte Rodgers Starkey

Retired from Personnel with 32 years of City service.

Larios in the City is also available on the *Alive!* website for viewing and sharing:

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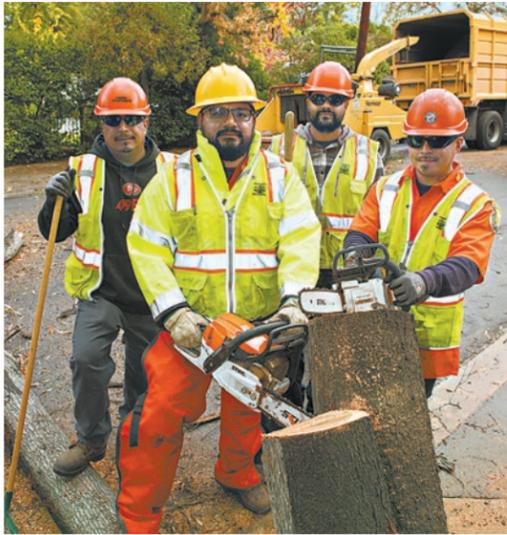
Story and photos courtesy Dylan Noel, Club Counselor

Adios, Carlos

Urban Forestry Div. holds going-away party for Carlos Leon, who leaves for the DWP.

The guys at the West Valley Street Services' Urban Forestry Division held a fun and very informal good-bye barbecue for Carlos Leon, Tree Surgeon (Leadman), who was leaving the unit and transferring to the DWP.

Congratulations on your promotion, Carlos. All the best at the world's largest municipal utility. We're not sure the City will find another who can trim those trees from the cherry picker bucket as well as you did, but we can only hope!



On the right, Carlos Leon, Tree Surgeon (Leadman), as we captured him in the January 2019 issue of *Alive!*



Carlos Leon and his Public Works Urban Forestry crew at the goodbye barbecue.



From left: Carlos Leon and Scott Harmon, Tree Surgeon Supervisor II, Club Member.

LACECA

Story and photos courtesy Jose Del Rio, LACECA

Scholarship Awarded

Chicano Employees Association awards its annual scholarship.

On Aug. 13, the Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) held its annual scholarship awards ceremony in the Board of Civil Service Room.

LACECA Director and trustee of the Mexican American Bar Foundation Christopher David Ruiz Cameron presented this year's award recipient, Daniel Gomez, with a check for \$1,500.

"We wish Daniel the best of luck as he pursues a degree in communications at Chapman University," Cameron said.

Gomez is the son of LACECA Member Lettie Ortiz, Airports, Club Member.



Award recipient Daniel Gomez (second from left), with award presenter Christopher David Ruiz Cameron and the Gomez family.



LACECA Scholarship presenter Christopher David Ruiz Cameron with the Executive Board of LACECA



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Ready Your Neighborhood

September is National Preparedness Month. Is your neighborhood ready?

The City's Emergency Management Dept. (EMD) has developed a program called Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) to help your family and neighbors prepare for disasters.

RYLAN gives LA residents the steps to take immediately after a disaster, keeping you and your family safe. It provides the tools necessary to organize the neighborhood's response plan within that first critical hour, reducing injuries, protecting property and saving lives.

EMD offers walkthroughs, orientations, workshops and drills. A walkthrough enables the Emergency Management Coordinator to assess the area and develop a comprehensive plan taking approximately one hour. Orientations are generally 15 to 20 minutes long and give the viewer a summarized version of what RYLAN offers. Workshops take a minimum of 90 minutes and go over the nine steps immediately after a disaster. They also identify a gathering site and care center, cover neighborhood skills and equipment inventory, roles and response teams, and complete a map/contact list.

Finally, EMD offers drills for those who have completed a workshop. Neighbors can practice what they learned by responding to lifelike scenarios. Those interested can register on our website (www.emergency.lacity.org), or call (213) 484-4800.



Veronica Hendrix, Emergency Management Coordinator I, EMD.



Crisanta Gonzalez, Emergency Management Coordinator I, EMD.



The City's leaders want you to Ready Your Neighborhood.



Jillian De Vela, Emergency Management Coordinator I, EMD.



Jackie Koci Tamayo, Emergency Management Coordinator I, EMD.



Middle: Jon Brown, Emergency Management Coordinator I, EMD.



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ABOUT TRACI

Traci Minamide, Chief Operating Officer of LA Sanitation and Environment, assists the Director in the bureau's activities with an emphasis on wastewater treatment and water reclamation. She has been with the City for 31 years, serving in many capacities including water planning, industrial pretreatment, environmental regulations, wastewater treatment, biosolids and water reclamation.

Traci holds a Bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Cal Poly Pomona, a Master of science degree in environmental engineering from Loyola Marymount University and certification in executive management for state and local government from Harvard University. She is also a licensed professional civil engineer in the state of California and a board certified environmental engineer through the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. She serves on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) and the State's Advisory Panel on Direct Potable Reuse.

Waste Not

Public Works

LA Sanitation's Traci Minamide is leading the City into a future of innovative wastewater recycling and clean water operations.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing; John Burnes, Alive! editor; and courtesy Sanitation

Sanitation is no longer about getting rid of materials and wastewater. It's now increasingly about reclaiming waste materials, and making them usable again.

Those are the main responsibilities of Traci Minamide, Chief Operating Officer of LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN), 31 years of City service. She's one of the most important Sanitation executives in the country.

About Reclamation in LA

Sanitation operates four water reclamation plants that serve more than four million people within two service areas covering 600 square miles. These plants effectively remove pollutants from the sewage to produce recycled water, protecting our river and marine environments as well as public health. Together, they have a combined capacity of 580 million gallons of recycled water per day. The water can be used in place of potable water for industrial, landscape

and recreational purposes in addition to other beneficial uses.

Biosolids, a byproduct of wastewater treatment, can be used as a fertilizer and soil amendment for agricultural and landscape applications. Another byproduct of the plant operation is energy.

Biogas from Hyperion is converted into electricity and used to run the plant.

As is true in everything else, data and technology are fueling new innovations, and the Bureau of Sanitation is at the forefront of these new innovations.

In this feature, read an interview with Traci Minamide (pronounced Minna-meedee) for more insight into what

Sanitation has been doing about reclaiming more wastewater, and what's in store in the future.

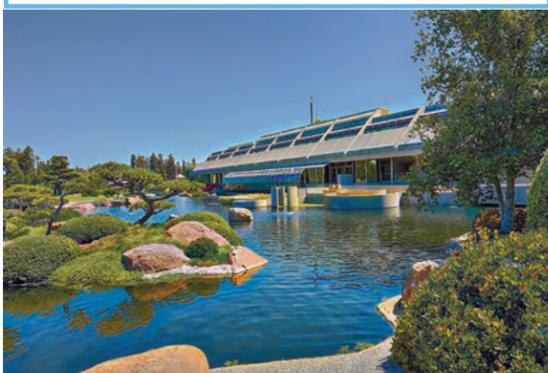
Alive! thanks Pamela Perez and Kenneth Jeong at Sanitation for their assistance in producing this feature. ■



Sanitation's Water Reclamation Plants

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Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant



Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant began continuous operation in 1985. The plant combines advanced wastewater treatment technology with the beauty and tranquility of its landscaped Japanese Garden.

Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant combines advanced wastewater treatment technology with the beauty and tranquility of its landscaped garden. The Japanese Garden is irrigated with recycled water from the plant and is open to the public year round. The plant provides recycled water to many users in the San Fernando Valley, and Public Works is collaborating with other City departments to expand this program.

The Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant began continuous operation in 1985. Its facilities were designed to treat 40 million gallons of wastewater per day and serve the area between Chatsworth and Van Nuys in the San Fernando Valley. The plant was named after Mr. Tillman, who was the City Engineer from 1972 to 1980.

A major construction project that doubled the capacity of DCTWRP was completed in 1991, expanding the plant from 40 million gallons of water per day (MGD) to 80 MGD. The Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (LAG) are the leading producers of reclaimed water in the San Fernando Valley.

Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant



Built in 1935, Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant has undergone numerous upgrades over the years – including an upgrade to full tertiary treatment, which allows for advanced water purification using microfiltration and reverse osmosis.

The Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant treats approximately 15 million gallons of wastewater every day on its 21-acre facility. Seventy-one employees work in all different capacities at the plant, running the everyday operations at TIWRP, conducting preventative maintenance and planning projects for the future. The three branches at TIWRP—operations, maintenance, and engineering—work together to ensure the success of the plant.

Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant

The Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant is the City's oldest and largest wastewater treatment facility, and it's one of the largest in the world. The plant has been operating since 1894. The plant has been expanded and improved numerous times over the last 100-plus years. It has a capacity of 450 million gallons per dxaay (mgd), up to 800 mgd during wet weather.

Leading edge technological innovations capitalize upon the opportunity to recover wastewater bio-resources that are used for energy generation and agricultural applications. In addition, air emission controls and odor management facilities are integrated in all improvements. More of these forward-thinking strategies will become realities at Hyperion in the coming years to better protect our coastal environment and serve our communities.

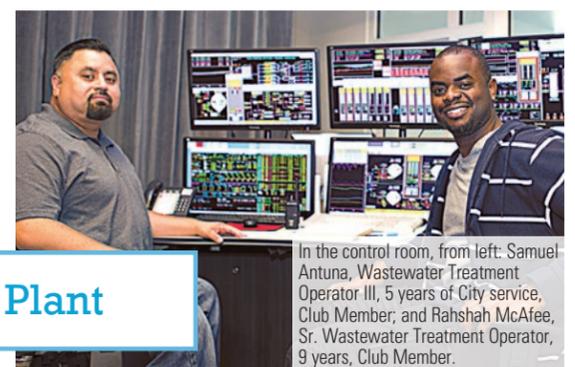
Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant



Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (LAG) is in the eastern San Fernando Valley. The plant has a capacity of 80 million gallons per day.

Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (LAG) is strategically located to serve east San Fernando Valley communities that are both within and outside of the Los Angeles City limits. The plant's highly treated wastewater meets and exceeds the water quality standards for recycle water for irrigation and industrial processes. This water reuse conserves over one billion gallons of potable water per year. The plant is highly automated, and staff can control processes from the onsite control room or at remote locations.

In 1976 the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant started operations as the first water reclamation plant in the City. The cities of Los Angeles and Glendale co-own the plant, and LA Sanitation operates and maintains it. Each city pays 50 percent of the costs and receives an equal share of the recycled water. The plant processes approximately 20 million gallons of wastewater per day.



In the control room, from left: Samuel Antuna, Wastewater Treatment Operator III, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Rahshah McAfee, Sr. Wastewater Treatment Operator, 9 years, Club Member.

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LASAN's Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant in Playa del Rey.

The *Alive!* Interview

The Challenge of Reclamation

On May 9, Club COO Robert Larios and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Traci Minamide (pronounced Minna-meedee), Chief Operating Officer, LA Sanitation and Environment, 31 years of City service, about her career and duties, the current state of LA Sanitation, and how the bureau is meeting today's needs while preparing for the future.

The interview took place above the bureau's Learning Resource Center at the Hyperion Treatment Plant in Playa del Rey.

Thanks for joining us today, Traci, and giving us a tour. We tried to do this several weeks ago, but the rescue of the young man trapped in the pipe got in the way!

Traci Minamide: Right! We got word that there was a young man, 13 years old, who had fallen into the sewer. We're still trying to figure out exactly how that happened. But he was in the sewer and we were notified, along with LAPD and LAFD. Immediately we released our teams to look at the collection system map, about all of our underground sewers, to try to pinpoint where it happened and where we might be able to find him. Through our CCTV, we were able to locate him. And via the cameras that we put into the sewer, we found exactly where he was. We started lifting the maintenance holes. We looked down and he was looking up at us saying, "Help!" We found him and got him out of there.

It took about 12 hours. It was just the happiest ending you could imagine, to find him safe and well, waiting right there in that location in the maintenance hole. We were able to pull him out, and one of our guys gave him his cellphone and said, "Call your parents. Let them know that you're safe." It was a miracle. It was a very tense, very scary situation for everybody.

With a happy ending.

Traci: With a very happy ending, yes.

The two Sanitation employees who did the rescue – Michael Adams and Kurt Boyer – are Club Members.

Traci: Great.

So very generally now, give us an overview of your responsibilities here with Sanitation.

Traci: Sure. As Chief Operating Officer, I help our General Manager in support of the work that we do here. In Sanitation, we cover three main areas: One is on wastewater collection and treatment; another is on storm water quality; and the third is on our solid resources – our trash collection and recycling programs. My responsibility falls mainly within wastewater treatment. We call that our clean water program, and that entails the four water reclamation plants that we have. Hyperion here is our largest, and one of the largest treatment plants in the country. We have a lot of activity going on, a lot of interesting and exciting and innovative projects as well as general running of the plant 24/7 and dealing with all of the operational issues that come up every day.

How did you come to this position? How did you get to this point?

Traci: I finished college with a Bachelor of science degree in civil engineering and then a Masters in environmental engineering degree. I started with LASAN as an Assistant Engineer, supporting the Terminal Island, Los Angeles, Glendale and the Tillman plants when I first came to Sanitation. Then I moved into our industrial waste pretreatment program. We regulate all the industry that discharges into our sewer system. I was part of that program for several years and then part of our regulatory affairs division.



The Club's Robert Larios with LASAN's Traci Minamide.

I was the Division Manager both in our industrial waste pretreatment program and then in our regulatory affairs department. We're very highly regulated. That was our main function in that division – helping make sure we were in compliance with regulations and help deal with stakeholder participation and the development of regulations. After that, I moved into the executive office and have been focusing on water reclamation since then.

Changing Approach

How has the function of the Bureau of Sanitation changed since you started? What is it more concerned with now than before?

Traci: Well, 31 years ago, it was more about how we collect waste and how we do it safely, to protect the public, to treat it to a sufficient degree that we can discharge it and get rid of it. Nowadays, it's about resource recovery. The shift has been that this isn't waste, this is a resource. This is water.

We need to treat it to a much higher standard, and now we're not going to get rid of it. We're going to reuse it on the biosolid side, the solids treatment of wastewater. We're not just going to send it seven miles out in a pipe and discharge it into Santa Monica Bay. We're going to reuse it. Now it's used as a fertilizer and a soil amendment. We have Green Acres Farm in Kern County. It's a 5,000-acre farm. We take the biosolids and we land-apply it, incorporate it into the soil like a fertilizer, and grow crops that are used for dairy feed. We bring them back here, and some of those crops are used to feed L.A. Zoo animals and the horses at L.A. Police Dept. We really love that full circle.

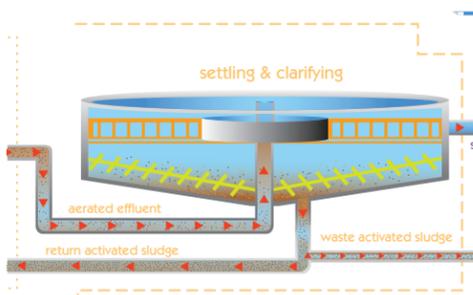
We love the multi-departmental stories. You're working with two other departments in the City.

Traci: Right. And another component that's really exciting, a year ago we started our bio-energy facility. As part of the wastewater treatment process, we produce a gas – we call it digester gas. That gas has a heat value. So we run it through combustion turbine generators and steam turbine generators, and

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How Water Is Cleaned



Find out how Sanitation's Hyperion reclamation plant cleans LA's wastewater.



Traci Minamide, LASAN COO.



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2019 RETIREE EVENTS

Dec. 5: RLACEI annual holiday party and general meeting

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Meet Your Board: A look at RLACEI Board Members

Submitted by Beverly J. Clark, Publicity Director

Michael Karsch RLACEI Board Member

Michael retired from the City of Los Angeles in 2007 after completing a little more than 31 years of City service. He joined the City in 1976, in the Chief Legislative Analyst's (CLA) office, where he spent all of his City service.

Prior to working for the City, Michael worked for Security Pacific Bank in the legal department as its first Legislative Analyst. Since he did not finish law school, he searched for a job similar to what he did when he was employed at Security Pacific. The City of LA's CLA office looked like a good fit.

Upon retiring in 2007, Michael was invited to work with the consulting firm of Ken Spiker, Sr. Ken Spiker Sr. encouraged him to join RLACEI and to serve on the Board. He chose to contribute by writing a column in the ACEBSA newsletter *El Pueblo* and then later *Alive!* His subject

matter is retirement issues, mostly looking at the financial side of government pensions in the United States.

Michael was born and raised in rural Missouri. He left Missouri for California and

began at the University of California at Berkeley in 1962. He was in the Air Force ROTC, graduating in 1966 with a commission. For four-and-a-half years, he was assigned as a special agent in the Office of Special Investigations (OSI). He was assigned to Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, New Mexico, then El Paso, Texas (Biggs AFB), then Kadena Air Base in Okinawa. Eventually he made it back to Pasadena.

His next step was marriage – he found a great lady, Virginia, to whom he remains very happily married. He says, "Her five children are fantastic, as is our goddaughter. What could be better? It is a good life. We enjoy socializing at a formal dinner dance club. My hobby at home is helping my wife in the garden every day for hours. Once we begin gardening, it's more gardening and more gardening!" ■



Virginia and Michael Karsch.

National Report Cites Strength In Local Pension Funding



Michael Karsch

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

New confidence in local and state pensions in this country came from the Brookings Institution in mid-July. Their experts got together with Brandeis International Business School's Rosenberg Institute of Public Finance, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of Chicago's Harris Institute of Public Policy to discuss recent research on municipal capital markets and state and local fiscal issues.

While prefunding of pension liabilities is a real issue for local governments, there is also the other side of the coin, which is that the pensions are sustainable and consistent with history. This is where one can reflect on the fact that nearly all governments will continue to exist and not go bankrupt. There are exceptions, like the city of Detroit and some counties in California.

By and large, the pension benefits can be paid reliably by nearly all government agencies. Contributions by active employees may have to be increased, new hires with different pensions can gradually reduce liabilities, and local cities may have to increase their budgetary support to keep the pension plans solvent.

Almost all plans for local pensions "have always operated far short of full prefunding," according to the Bookings paper, and to try for full prefunding would not be an enhancement of the general welfare. This refers to the impact that any city's full funding of the pension program by spending a larger and larger percentage of their budget on just pensions would mean cutting more and more municipal programs and vital services. The report sees slow but substantial improvement in the predicted funding shortfalls.

Wilshire Consulting reports that the aggregate funded ratio for state pension plans increased by 1.4 percent, resulting in a funding ratio of 73 percent, which is considered not too bad (80 percent is the real goal). Asset values increased 2.6 percent versus a 0.7 percent increase in liability values. Wilshire attributes the asset values increase to more contributions by the state budgets, not to exciting investment returns. Wilshire also reports that CalPERS, the largest public pension fund in the United States, is assuming that its investments will generate a return of 6.1 percent annually over the next decade. But just a one percent point change in its assumed discount rate would reduce its funded level by eight or nine percentage points, increasing its funding gap by around \$30 billion. That is CalPERS, to which the City does not belong. ■

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

Board Has Vacancy, Seeks New Director

The RLACEI Board of Directors is looking for members to serve on the Board. The Board ensures that our retirement benefits are protected.

Qualifications:

- Retired City Employee
- Enjoy Working to improve and maintain City Benefits
- Want to make a difference
- Enjoy being involved

Please email **Beverly Clark** at Beverly.Clark@RLACEI.org or leave a message at (800) 678-4145, ext. 716.

LACERS Begins Process of Rebuilding its Retiree Website

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS is in the process of a major upgrade to its Internet website to make it more user friendly. This follows a user survey looking at what works and what needs improvement. The goal is not only to improve the overall operation of the site,

but also to make it easy to use from smartphones, since the current site is not easy to use on the smaller screens.

The first step was the in-depth survey, to which 842 retirees and beneficiaries responded along with responses from active members, staff and Board Members. Not surprisingly, Retirees used the webpages to be confident about the performance of the LACERS fund. The top reasons to visit the webpage were tabulated as: news and updates, health benefits, contact persons for questions, and forms and handbooks.

LACERS asked for comments on shortcomings of the current website, and feedback indicated that members want the pages to be easy to use from smartphones and easy to navigate. The users commented that they wanted functionality over fancy graphics and an ability to find information quickly to go to where the answers could be found. One person asked to have more information in language without jargon, while another stressed the ability to go right to the information that applied to Retirees without having to plow through the pages that do not apply to Retirees.

LACERS used computer analytics to determine how long users stayed on the homepage, an indication of how effective the homepage is in helping members. A long time spent on the webpage could mean that the member could not easily navigate to the page that contained the needed information. The goal is to make the website so that the users can quickly find the link on the homepage to calculators, or forms, or whatever is needed without going in confusing circles.

The average member spent nearly 2.5 minutes on the home page and then went on to these top destinations on the website: Active Member, Retired Member, Retirement Seminars, Calculators, and Board Meetings. This survey is one of the first steps in the process, so stay tuned for a new and improved website to help you get to what you want to know quickly. ■

RLACEI

Picnic Time!

Retirees Association hosts annual summer picnic.

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual summer picnic Aug. 8 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. Everyone had a good time socializing and eating the delicious gourmet hamburgers and hot dogs.

James Vita, guitarist, provided the musical entertainment for the day. It was a beautiful day in sunny Southern California to come out and enjoy the festivities of fun, food and retirement!

Prizes were provided by the Employee Club of California and RLACEI. ■



From left: Michael Karsch, RLACEI Board Member; and Gary Boehm, LAPD and City Clerk, Retired, 10 years of City service.



From left: George Gonzalez, Retired, Rec and Parks, 42 years of City service; Rafael Cruz, Retired, Rec and Parks, 30 years; and Art Reyes, Retired, Rec and Parks, 27 years.



Ruth Perry, President and Membership Chair of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees Association, Inc. (RLACEI).



Norma Rosen, wife of Leo Rosen, Retired, Planning, 15 years of City service.



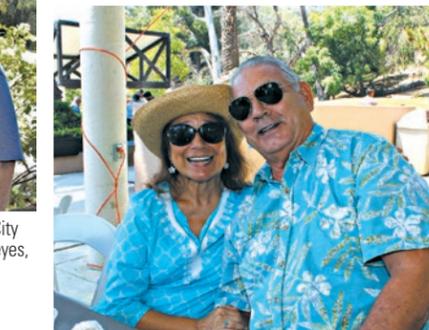
Lorenzo Porter, Retired, Public Works/Street Services, 35 years of City service.



Mico Rousso, Retired, Public Works/Engineering, 27 years of City service.



Ed Pina, Retired, General Services/Construction, 35 years of City service; and his wife, Theresa Pina, Retired, General Services, 16 years.



Sally Lopez, Retired, Library, 15 years of City service; and John Lopez.

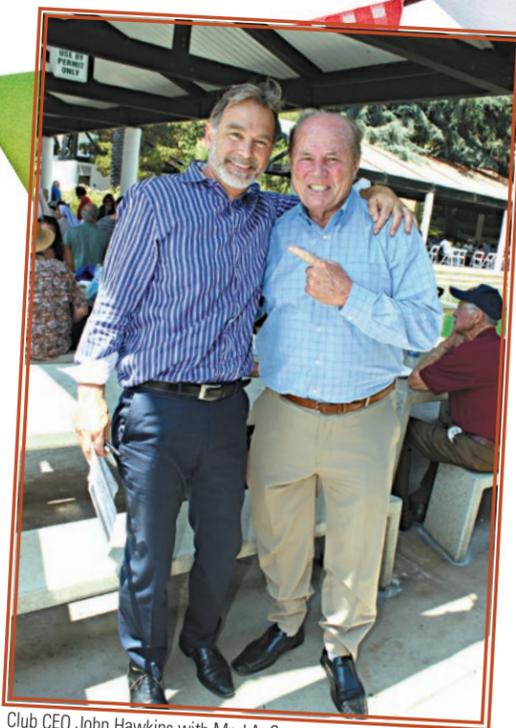


Tom Sternock, RLACEI Board Member, Retired, 15 years of City service.

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



Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Retired, Club Member, makes a welcomed appearance.



Club CEO John Hawkins with Mr. LA, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Retired.



Noelle Kauffman, the Club's Member Services Manager, handing out attendance tickets.



From left: Judy and Jim Iwaki, Retired, Community Development (CDD), 29 years of City service; and Jerry Bardwell, Retired, LACERS, 30 years.



Guitarist James Vita.



RLACEI Board Members Hal Danowitz and Dennis Harding.

Sign-in at the picnic.



Retirees on the Move

By Beverly Clark, RLACEI Publicity Chair



Meet Wil Halverson

Wil is a Retiree on the Move.

William Halverson retired last year from Transportation after 30 years of City service. During his City career, he worked at the DWP, Public Works/Engineering and Environmental Affairs.

His activities and hobbies include swing dancing, reading, bicycling and gardening.

Retirement for Wil has given his dogs much pleasure and glee because his days are kept busy by keeping up with the dogs; letting the dogs out in the morning, feeding the dogs, walking the dogs, playing ball with the dogs, cleaning up after the dogs, taking the dogs to the vet, and putting the dogs to bed.

Physical fitness is also one of the activities that Wil enjoys tremendously. He keeps in good physical condition by putting in a minimum of 17,000 steps a day. He works out on the elliptical trainer and visits the gym five times a week.

Wil says he is careful in monitoring where his money goes, and managing his personal investments is an activity he enjoys.

He also enjoys socializing with family and friends weekly. Wil and his wife, Bernadette, just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a party.



Wil's 25th wedding anniversary party with his wife, Bernadette.

Since retiring, he has enjoyed traveling and has traveled to Colorado, a winter trip to Europe (Paris, Prague, Vienna, and Dresden), and a spring trip to Denmark, Norway, Iceland, and Scotland.

Wil's words of wisdom for those who are about to retire is, "Retirement is not an end, but a beginning. Self-discipline is very important in retirement."

What does he miss about his years of service to the City of Los Angeles? "I truly miss the commuting to work. There is nothing like being stuck in traffic!"

Questioned about whether he would have changed anything in his City career, Wil says, "As I reflect on my City career, I think I would have worked in more City departments and would have contributed more to deferred compensation."

How do you fill your days? "I keep active. I have no problem filling my days."

If you could change one thing about retired life, what would that be?

"Retired life so far has been pretty good. I think I would spend more time with friends." ■

CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the Employees Club of California
— SEPTEMBER 2019



Celebrating 10 Years of Club Sports!

Congratulations Club Members! Because of your participation in Employees Club Sports, we have reached 10 years of team sports!



It all started back in 2009 when the Guzzlers, Enforcers, Warriors and Sluggers came to the Club and asked for help in keeping their league going after ACEBSA ended their involvement with these softball teams. Robert Larios, Club COO, became the Sports Dude overnight and the rest is history, resulting in thousands of employees and their families playing in Club Sports.

This 2019 season has 11 teams. The league is playing in three parks – Shatto Recreation Center, Eagle Rock Recreation Center and Yosemite Recreation (followed by Evergreen Recreation Center after September).

Guzzlers and the Blue Dragons have returned where they left off last season, when they played one another in the championship game, resulting in the Guzzlers taking the crown by defeating the Blue Dragons 17-6.

Other teams to watch out for this year are It Ain't Over and the Sewer Rats. The season started July 31 and is expected to continue until Nov. 13 with the championship game. Commissioners for the league are Lady Smith, Amanda Cadenas and Robert Larios.

We'll update you on the season standings next month, and online.

2019 Softball Teams

Blue Dragons
DEPT: Public Works/Street Lighting
MANAGER: Roger Martinez

DOTgers
DEPT: Transportation
MANAGER: Carlos Rodriguez

Game Time
MANAGER: Dominick King

Guzzlers
DEPT: Transportation
MANAGER: Dennis McCarthy

It Ain't Over
MANAGER: Mike McComas

Killawatts
DEPT: DWP
MANAGER: Angel Vidales

Operaiders
DEPT: LAPD
MANAGER: Oscar Berumen

Notorious D.O.T.
DEPT: Transportation
MANAGERS: Brandon Wong, Eddie Guerrero, Maverick Chengcuenca

Sewer Rats
DEPT: Public Works/Sanitation
MANAGER: Stacey Karyna

Transformers
DEPT: DWP
MANAGER: Raul Montenegro

Water Hammers
DEPT: DWP
MANAGER: Jane Hauptman

Game Locations

North Division games are played at:

Shatto Recreation Center
3191 W Fourth St.

Yosemite Recreation Center
1840 Yosemite Dr.

Eagle Rock Recreation Center
1100 Eagle Vista Dr.
(for September; Evergreen Recreation Center replaces Eagle Rock beginning in October.)



Club Softball League

Softball Veteran Geno!

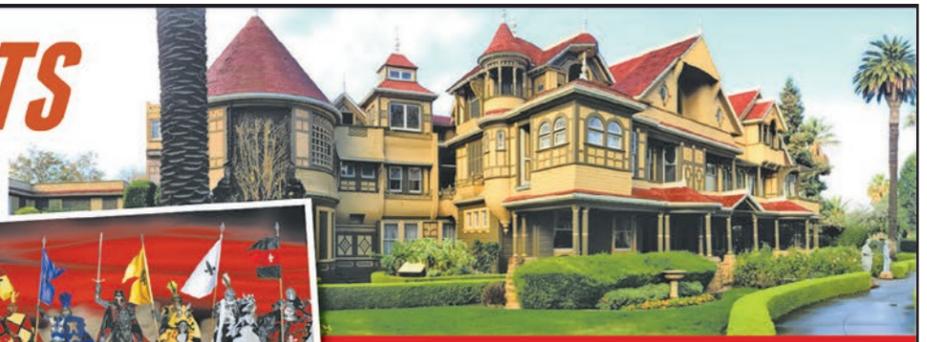
Club Member Eugene "Geno" Gandara has played in the league since it began in 2009. In those days, he brought his children – his daughter, Amanda, was 9 at the time. Today, Amanda and Geno's sons, Eugene and Phillip, play with their dad on the Sewer Rats.



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Letters to the Editor

A Family Story That Keeps Getting Better

You recently published a photo of my family and me on vacation in Manzanillo, Mexico, which in and of itself was great. But you added a very nice comment to the picture about a previous story you published about us.

As you can see, the kids are growing and experiencing a whole new life. We have come together as a family and are learning from each other. Both my wife and I have changed as much or more than our kids have, all for the good. So thank you for the kind words, and we'll keep *Alive!* abreast of their progress.

— **Pete De Leon, Retired, Public Works/Airports**

The story of the De Leon family is one of our favorites, Pete. Godspeed to you and yours! (Alive! featured Pete and Annie as they adopted their three children after retiring. It's a great, life-affirming story. Read it in the October 2016 issue.) – Ed.



The De Leon family, as pictured last month.

ZOO

Photos by Jamie Pham, Zoo

Final Night to Roar

Zoo's popular
Roaring Nights
for grown-ups
concludes in
September. Use
the Club deal!



At a previous
Roaring
Nights.

The L.A. Zoo's Roaring Nights summer series offers fun, fascinating explorations at the intersection of music, art, and wildlife on select Fridays through the summer.

The final party for 2019 is set for Friday, Sept. 27.

Guests 21 and older are invited to travel through an expanded area of the zoo until 8 p.m., with special animal encounters, feedings, and keeper talks. Once the sun sets, the focus shifts to music, with live bands, DJs, and an immersive silent disco experience. Throughout the evening, guests can enjoy interactive art activities and classic backyard games, dine on fare from L.A.'s favorite food trucks and enjoy specialty cocktails and "glamping" vibes at the Watering Hole, an open-air lounge. Zoo talks and special feedings will also be featured.



Here's the remaining schedule
(hours are 6 – 10:30 p.m.):

Friday, Sept. 27,
featuring DJ Richard Blade and Flash Back Heart Attack, DJ Severe, the Detroit Nights, and HUSH Silent Disco

Admission to Roaring Nights is additional to regular Zoo admission.

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Use a discount code to save \$5 off each ticket. Get the code by logging onto the Club's Webstore and using the link provided: employeesclub.com

The L.A. Zoo is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Tickets for Roaring Nights are \$21. Tickets for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members are \$16. Must be 21-plus to attend. Free parking is available. <http://www.lazoo.org/roaringnights/>

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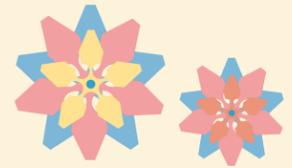
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Life's Important Moments



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
Abenoja, Aristotle R.	Metering Services	DWP	N/D	Fryer, Dennis Lee	St. Svcs. Supervisor	PW	29	Reily, Douglas Marshall	Cement Finisher	PW	17
Adams, Kenneth	Water Operations	DWP	N/D	Garcia, Alma	Public Benefits	DWP	N/D	Roberson, William	Recreation Assistant	Rec and Parks	4
Alvarado, Rosa M.	Custodian	Airports	16	Garrett, Gayle Francine	Librarian	Library	25	Roberts, Victor E.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	20
Argueta, William R.	St. Lghtng. Electrician	PW	25	Garth, Robert E.	Bldg. Mech. Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	36	Rodgers Starkey, Charlette E.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	32
Baldwin, Jeffrey L.	Air. Condntg. Mech.	Airports	36	Gebrehiwot, Makonnen	Sr. Security Officer	LAPD	14	Rodriguez, Elizabeth	Power Supply	DWP	N/D
Banos, Emilio	Sr. Systems Analyst	Econ./Wrkfc. Dev.	30	Glover, Lisa Michelle	Sr. Cooms. Operator	DOT	38	Rogers, Reginald	Refuse Coll Truck Oprtr.	PW	15
Barajas, Felicitas Ramos	Crossing Guard	DOT	8	Gomez, Guadalupe R.	Automotive Supervisor	General Services	38	Rowbotham, John	Energy Distribution	DWP	N/D
Bautista, Teresita A.	Internal Auditor	Housing	34	Gornick, Lance	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Ruckert, John M.	Maintenance Laborer	PW	32
Bergstrom, Sylvia Krall	Director of Systems	ITA	32	Graham, Ruby Nell	Crossing Guard	DOT	1	Rzepinski, David D.	Supervising Trans. Plnr.	DOT	18
Blake, Richard	Painter	Harbor	34	Grosvenor, Steven	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Sakuda-Campbell, Lynette	Customer Billing	DWP	N/D
Blorfroshan, Mohammad H.	Sr. Trsprtn. Engr.	DOT	32	Hake, Heather B.	Police Perform. Aud.	LAPD	19	Sands, Christopher A.	St. Services Supervisor	PW	20
Boldman, Alan C.	Management Analyst	PW	17	Harris, Darlene E.	Childcare Associate	Rec and Parks	18	Sarkany, Lynn	Bulk Power Business	DWP	N/D
Bondio, John	Power Safety	DWP	N/D	Hartman, Eric	St. Utility Coordination	DWP	N/D	Scrivens, Glen	JFB Facilities Mngmnt.	DWP	N/D
Bowen, Reyna A.	Spec. Programming Asst.	Rec and Parks	7	Hayashida, Paul Tsutomu	Chief Special Investigator	LAFD	8	Smith, Curtis	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D
Boyd, Richard	Power Safety	DWP	N/D	Heath, Richard	Security Officer	Airports	10	Smith Trigg, Eve R.	Witness Services Coord.	City Attorney	29
Boyd, Thomas A.	Airport Guide	Airports	8	Henry, Thomas Howard	City Planning Assoc.	Planning	31	Solis, Danny	Signal Systems Supvsr.	DOT	13
Brewer, Dorothy J.	Crossing Guard	DOT	18	Hernandez, George P.	St. Services Supervisor	PW	27	Soong, Jill Wu	Sr. Accountant	Rec and Parks	11
Bruce, Robert	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Hung, Sam M.	Comms. Electrician	Airports	18	Stone, Aaron	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D
Caprio, Nita J.	Management Analyst	Airports	28	Isenhower, Michael	New Business Dev.	DWP	N/D	Susim, Catalina	Police Service Rep	LAPD	37
Castro, Apolinar	Gardener Caretaker	Zoo	27	Ishii, Mark Steven	Systems Programmer	ITA	34	Swader, Latisha Louise	Accounting Clerk	Airports	35
Chai, Ngu Lyan	Laboratory Tech	PW	29	Joaquin, Anneli	Accounting/Finance	DWP	N/D	Strauch, John	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D
Chamanara, Shahla	Sr. Librarian	Library	33	Jones, Stanley D.	Custodian	PW	11	Taylor, Alfred B.	Light Equipment Oper.	Rec and Parks	33
Childress, Audrey C.	Tax Compliance Officer	Finance	20	Knighten, Kenneth Germone	Security Officer	LAPD	9	Taylor, Robert Eugene	Refuse Coll. Truck Oprtr.	PW	12
Corral, Edward	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	29	Lopez, Odilio	Custodian	General Services	10	Thorsteinson, Lori L.	Principal Clerk	Finance	33
Costa, Jeffrey D.	St. Services Supervisor	PW	33	Magdaleno, Henry	Truck Operator	PW	35	Torres, Diane	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D
Crane, Michael	Wastewater Coll. Spvsr.	PW	28	Mark, Raymond A.	Truck Operator	PW	19	Torres, Ricardo F.	City Planning Assoc.	Planning	39
Crisan, Mark Anthony	Director	Personnel	30	Maslovacic, Milic	Electrical Craft Helper	DOT	12	Toy, Robert	ITS	DWP	N/D
Cruz, Irma	Marketing Director	DWP	N/D	Mau, Donna L.	Management Analyst	Airports	6	Tran, Jacqueline	Database Architect	ITA	32
Darrow, Arnold	Asst. Park Svcs. Attdt.	Rec and Parks	4	Miranda, Gloria	Recreation Assistant	Rec and Parks	8	Vidauri, Segundo	Special Programs Asst.	Rec and Parks	12
D'Artois, Melanie	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Molden, Stanley B.	Security Officer	LAPD	33	Walker, Christopher Henry	Traffic Painter Sign Post	DOT	30
De Stefano, John	Main. and Constr. Helper	PW	12	Monroy Calleros, Charles E.	St. Services Supervisor	PW	33	West, Janet	Sr. Management Analyst	Housing	20
Detamore, Westley	Metering Services	DWP	N/D	Montes, Richard V.	St. Lghtng. Electrician	PW	35	Wildy, Donald S.	Management Analyst	LAPD	31
Dodgin, Sylvia	Aqueduct	DWP	N/D	Navarrete, Joe	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Williams, Lawriece	Custodian Supervisor	Airports	30
Dominguez, Deborah	Energy Distribution	DWP	N/D	Norona, Arturo Catli	Correctional Nurse	Personnel	15	Wood, Deborah M.	Asst. Ch. Grants Admin.	Housing	34
Donlin, Mary M.	Sr. Systems Analyst	Housing	36	Omorogieva, Thomas I.	Enrnmntl. Engineering Assoc.	PW	30	Woolfolk, Sheila L.	Pr. Clerk	LAPD	45
Eskander, Nashaat A.	Veterinary Technician	Animal Services	29	Palmer, Dana J. P.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Airports	14	Worden, Michele L.	Hearing Officer	City Attorney	37
Eskay, Gary F.	Sr. Electrical Inspector	Bldg. and Safety	21	Pelayo, Sergio A.	Refuse Coll Truck Oprtr.	PW	19				
Ferguson, Huong Tawny	Database Architect	ITA	31	Pilar Cooke, Linda D.	Airport Guide	Airports	10				
Ferraro, Peter Joseph	Photographer	LAPD	23	Polintan, Dario S.	Sr. Real Estate Officer	Airports	20				
Frank, Ruth C.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	Bldg. and Safety	16	Presto, Mary E.	Administrative Clerk	PW	32				
Friend, Brooks G.	Finance Specialist	CAO	32	Randall, Gregory B.	Animal Control Officer	Animal Services	27				

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In Memoriam

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

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE		
Active					
Cerulle, Joseph	Transportation	29	Hidalgo, Charmaine	N/D	N/D
Escamilla, Richard	DWP	4	Ivison, Robert	N/D	N/D
Graham, Bradley	Building and Safety	15	Jackson, Arnell	N/D	N/D
Quemada, Yolanda	DWP	44	Jefferson, Roy	ITA	23
Robinson, Shakira	Housing	1	Jones, Willie	DWP	25
Rocha, Chrystal	LAPD	3	Layton, Ronald	General Services	34
Rondez, Julius	DWP	34	Lukasiak, Stephanie	N/D	N/D
Tamayo, Martha	LAPD	18	Marshall, Kathy	Public Works	15
Retired					
Abundis, Robert	Public Works	40	McAlpin, Cleophas	DWP	27
Atkin, Floyd	Public Works	20	Montoya, Faye	N/D	N/D
Becken, Luella	DWP	29	Murakami, Yukio	N/D	N/D
Blair, Alvon	Airports	35	Olguin, Albert	Public Works	33
Blanco, Gilbert	N/D	N/D	Palmersheim, Charles	DWP	36
Carpenter, Gordon	Transportation	34	Payne, Robert	N/D	N/D
Cates, Diana	DWP	23	Peterson, Elmer	N/D	N/D
Chang, Pyong	Rec and Parks	25	Pfann, Susan	City Attorney	34
Cornelius, Eric	N/D	N/D	Platte, William	N/D	N/D
Cuellar, Herman	DWP	34	Poticar, Pablo	DWP	27
Duffy, Michael	Airports	22	Reeser, Merle	N/D	N/D
Ennis, Patrick	DWP	25	Romero, Jose	Airports	10
Espinosa, Ricardo	DWP	31	Ronquillo, Ramon	Public Works	12
Esquero, Gilbert	Airports	23	Schindler, Michael	DWP	22
Fischer, Harvey	N/D	N/D	Swenson, Randall	DWP	20
Frazer, Charles	DWP	31	Tellez, Hector	N/D	N/D
Furst, Edith	DWP	17	Toscano, Dolores	DWP	20
Gordon, Sheryl	DWP	27	White, Robert	N/D	N/D
Greer, James	DWP	40	Whitney, John	DWP	23
Helfrich, Harry	DWP	32	Williams, Lee	DWP	30
			Wise, Albert	N/D	N/D
			Yu, Young	City Attorney	15

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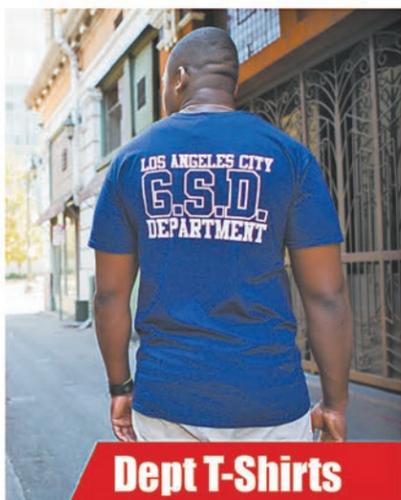
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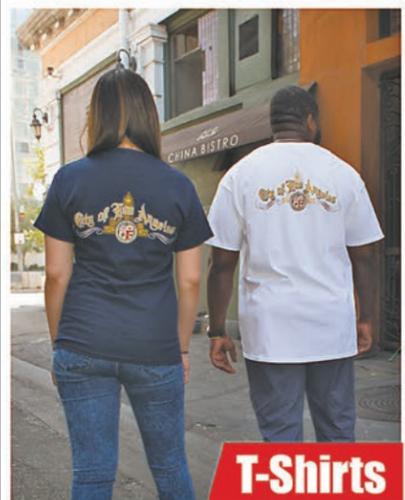
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Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, COO

Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

What makes the Employees Club Coed Softball League so much fun?



"Great attitude by league, players, managers and the Club. Well organized. Awesome camaraderie. It's fun, plain and simple. I've given up all the other leagues except for this one."

- Javier Vera, Umpire, Rec and Parks



"Meeting employees from other departments who are a lot younger than me helps me feel young."

- Jordan Price, DWP



"Playing with friends and family! And a little exercise never hurt anyone."

- Eugene P. Gandara, Public Works/Sanitation



"As a new City employee, getting to know my teammates and those from other teams is a natural way to network!"

- Brandon Wong, Transportation



"It's fun to play with department employees; we get to share time away from work and bond with one another."

- Brian Phan, Transportation



"We get very few opportunities to meet employees from other departments - this is a great venue to meet them."

- Diamond Smith, Transportation



"Two things - the camaraderie, and reliving childhood fun while we're at it."

-Raul Montenegro, DWP



"Sharing memories with co-workers in a competitive environment."

- Rick Silva, DWP



"It gets us married men out of the house."

- Rogelio Martinez, Public Works/Street Lighting



"The smiles and time shared with my co-workers is priceless."

-Carlos Rodriguez, Transportation



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



Samantha Lansang, 5

BIRTHDAY: Oct. 7 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Camp Kikiwaka" • FAVORITE SNACKS: Cheetos • BEST FRIEND: Victoria • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM: Because I want to go on the rides. • PARENT: John Lansang, Senior Detention Officer, LAPD



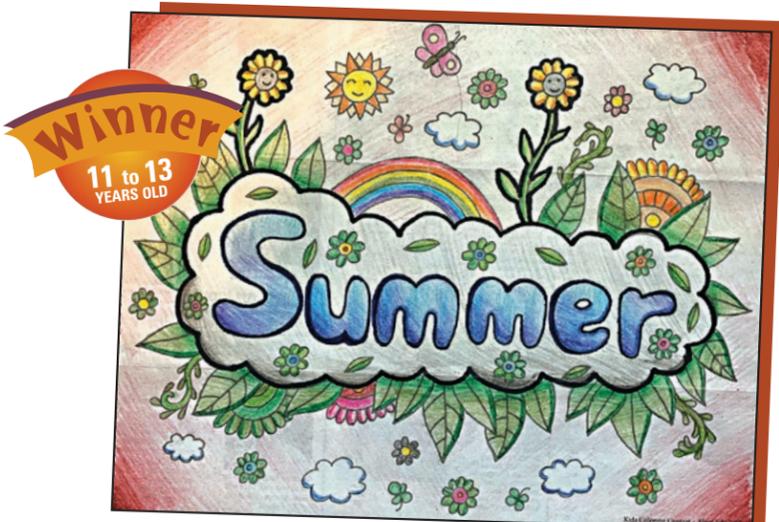
Aaron Grimm, 7

BIRTHDAY: May 17 • FAVORITE SNACK: Lay's Potato Chips • BEST FRIEND: Gabe • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM: To play. • GRANDMOTHER: Emma Grimm, Structural Engineering Associate II, Retired



Sarah Ilagan, 10

BIRTHDAY: Feb. 13 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Austin and Ally, Kickin' It" FAVORITE SNACK: Cotton Candy Ice Cream, Twix • BEST FRIEND: Angelina WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM: To spend time with my family and friends. • PARENT: Joan Ilagan, Senior Utility Accountant, LADWP



Olivia Cruz, 11

BIRTHDAY: April 13 • FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Stranger Things" FAVORITE SNACK: Takis • BEST FRIEND: Alexis • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM: I want to go on all the cool rides. PARENT: Mardoqueo Cruz, Truck Operator, PW Sanitation

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT.
Benjamin Grimm	2	Emma Grimm	Bldg. and Safety
Mica Flores	3	Leriza V. Flores	DWP
Emma Cooper	4	Milton James Hicks	Gen. Services
Emma Tiet	4	Than Tiet	DWP
Lia Maleryan	4	Marton Maleryan	Transportation
Mallory Menalik	4	Gary Kenton Grampue	Retiree
Tara Delgado	4	Moises Delgado	Transportation
Amanda Parra	5	Armando Parra	Gen. Services
Rebecca Grimm	5	Emma Grimm	Bldg. and Safety
Dylan Soto	6	Juan Soto	LAPD
Emily G.	6	Danielle Mero	City Council
Allison Tiet	6	Than Tiet	DWP
Jacqueline Alatorre	6	Margaret Sinclair	LAPD
Jaslynn Fernandez	6	Javier V. Montelongo	Airports
Jasmine Parra	6	Janelle A. Parra	Econ./Wrkfc. Dev.
Je'ion Perkins	6	Passion U. Perkins	Retiree
Makenna Ocampo	6	Cesar Ocampo	PW/Sanitation
Ori Ravid	6	Gilbert Barrera Dvanes	Library
Autumn Lira	7	Fred Lira	DWP
Camila Cruz	7	Patricia Cruz	Employees Club
Jayne Cavanaugh	7	Veronica Cavanaugh	Personnel
Leila Hernandez	7	Manuel Hernandez	Harbor
Macye Gaddi	7	Moses Gaddi	DWP
Sara Trance	7	Peter Trance	Airports
Tyce Yoshida	7	Eric Yoshida	DWP
Rylan Pilapil	7	Rhys Pilapil	DWP
William Wamsley	7	Steve Wamsley	Rec and Parks
Arianna Alatorre	8	Margaret Sinclair	LAPD
Derek Flores	8	Dianelys Santamarina	Airports
Jake Hernandez	8	Alan Hernandez	Airport Police
Juliette Yound	8	Megan Young	Library
Ruby Andrade	8	Richard Andrade	Airport Police
Sidney Scott	8	James Scott	Animal Services
Daren Scales	9	Larry Scales	Field Service
Emiko Kirkland	9	Mark Kirkland	DWP
Emmalyn Katnich	9	Marisa Katnich	Housing
Gigi Rosales	9	Walter Rosales	DWP
Giuliana Rodriguez	9	Jose Rodriguez	Public Works
Haylee Lynn Flowers	9	Jennifer Marshall	DWP
Leah Serna	9	Eusebio Serna	DWP
Leah Grimm	9	Emma Grimm	Bldg. and Safety
Melody Gaddi	9	Moses Gaddi	DWP
Sarah Yonemura	9	Doreen Yonemura	Airports
Alina Machuca	10	Ricardo Machuca	City Attorney
Anabelle Cirivello	10	Meghan Cirivello	LAPD
Blake Watrin	10	Michael Watrin	Public Works
Collin Sousa	10	John R. Sousa	Airport Police
Danira Jones	10	Myleah Jones	Airports
Ella Villegas	10	Carlos Villegas	DWP
Joanne Kim	10	Yang Kim	DWP
Kelsey Remolino	10	Kyle Remolino	LAPD
Madison Bullock	10	Renee Ramirez	LAFD
Micha Hargrove	10	Ean Hargrove	DWP
Ava Martinez	11	Alfonso Martinez	PW/Sanitation
Camila Doublesin	11	Daniel Doublesin	Public Works
Emily Simmons	11	Douglas Donovan	Public Works
Isaac Lucero	11	Chris Lucero	DWP
Jack Christopher	11	James Christopher	DWP
Jonathan Lloyd	11	Tracie Lloyd	Transportation
Kaylee Gallegos	11	Leonard Gallegos	Harbor
Sierra Barry	11	Amber England	DWP
Sierra Hernandez	11	Manuel Hernandez	Harbor
Tyler Sousa	11	John Sousa	Airport Police
Ximena Ibarra	11	Sergio Ibarra	Rec and Parks
Addison Sousa	12	John Sousa	Airport Police
Emma O'Neill	12	Jason Wyland	DWP
Gianna Moules	12	Tom Moutes	Retiree
Jack Rigney	12	Patrick Rigney	Public Works
Leilani Hsiao	12	Joseph Hsiao	DWP
Lily Rigney	12	Patrick Rigney	Public Works
Mayra Contreras	12	Cecilia Contreras	Transportation
McKenna Katnich	12	Marisa Katnich	Airports
Nickolas Valadez	12	Jesus Valadez	DWP
Amber Guerrero	13	Art Guerrero	Rec and Parks
Anthony Amie	13	Lawrence Amie	PW/Sanitation
Erica Orozco	13	Juan Orozco	LAPD
Jenna Valencia	13	Daniel Valencia	Public Works
Joel Duarte	13	Mario Duarte	Retiree
Sydney Hernandez	13	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks