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ClubFest '05 Marched to a Festive Tune

■ Bands, tents were a big hit as annual Club party drew big crowd of adults and families, and felt easy and comfortable. Photo gallery is inside.



THE CLUB — ClubFest 2005, held Sunday, Oct. 2, will go down as another great Club party and the first to add live music to the mix of sun, fun, good food, great folks and lots of awesome give-aways.

ClubFest continues to be a great part of Club membership.

"We're glad

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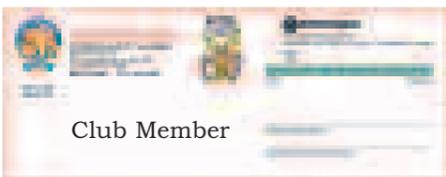
Refund Checks, Big Club Benefit, Arrive This Month

■ **The Club is distributing life insurance refunds of approx. \$800,000 as you read this. Are you eligible?**

THE CLUB — Here come the refund checks... right on time for your holiday needs!

The Board Of Directors has determined that for the year 2005 approximately \$800,000 is to be distributed back to the eligible Club members.

The Club is distributing the refund checks right now, during the first three weeks of December. Many are going through the payroll system, and others are being distributed through Club reps. If you have not received yours by



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Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square Through January 16
 — See page 62 for all the details.

■ **Downtown on Ice returns for the holiday season. Also this year: Holiday music and special events.**

REC AND PARKS — Holiday revelers are invited to glide into family fun at the Southland's largest outdoor skating rink, Downtown on Ice, opened for its eighth season last month, and will remain open through Jan. 16.

The rink is in Pershing Square (532 South Olive Street).

As the City's answer to New York's Rockefeller Center, the vast outdoor ice oasis lies nestled among the City's picturesque towering skyscrapers and historical landmarks, perfect for a memorable and con-

Downtown on Ice highlights the holiday season in Pershing Square, in this photo from last year.

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Happy Holidays From The Club Family to Yours

by **John Hawkins**
 President and CEO, The Club



The Hawkins family wishes you Season's Greetings, from left: Kelly, Isiah, John, Hannah and Noah.

Season's Greetings!

Do you need great gift ideas? How about a City seal hat, a City seal watch or a book that shows the past and present on either Los Angeles or Orange County? Or, you can give the tried and true gift, discount movie tickets! We've got quite a selection, and you can order either by phone or online. Simply go to www.cityemployeesclub.com, or call (800) 464-0452.

Okay, now that I've got your attention with some excellent gift ideas, if you haven't found yourself hooked on TG & EG's Popcorn page, then you need to find out what you've been missing (turn to pages 64-65). Their Popcorn column is an interactive and sometimes irreverent take on Hollywood, past and present. Now, most of you already know what "TG" stands for: Ticket Guy. But how many of you know what "EG" stands for? E-mail me the correct answer, and I'll send you a free movie ticket of your choice.

Oh, and make sure you get yourself (and your girlfriend, boyfriend, wife, husband, kids etc.) over to Rec and Parks' Downtown on Ice. If this ice-skating dream-come-true doesn't get you in the mood for the holidays, nothing will. It's truly a magical experience and will make you feel like you were transported to the outdoor rink at Rockefeller Center or Boston Common, but without the biting 20-degree freezing weather. I went a couple years ago with Kelley and Noah, and now it's time to take the new additions, Isiah and Hannah!

A couple times a year the Club's Ticket Guy arranges for a special event at Magic Mountain, when only 5,000 or so people are allowed in for a private party. The Club just had one Nov. 19, and it was awesome! I took Isiah (my five year old) with me; the first thing we did before hitting the rides was get a funnel cake, with lots of whipped cream (see picture). Ticket Guy is going to arrange another one in the spring, so keep an eye out for a notice in *Alive!* as we get closer to that season.

Well, that's it for this year. I look forward to celebrating the lives and work of City employees even more in 2006.

Happy Holidays from my family to yours.

John

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CEO John Hawkins and his son, Isiah, are ready to pounce on a funnel cake at November's special Club night at Magic Mountain. Did you go?

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LETTERS To the Editor



**Ed Krupp,
Katrina
Stories
Put Alive!
in High
Esteem**

Repeat after me....Pulitzer Prize!

The November *Alive!* newspaper was utterly amazing. Not only did you produce an award-winning story on Dr. Krupp and his observatory, but you put out a masterpiece regarding the City's relief effort in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

If the Mayor is behind this newspaper, he's got my vote because it's about time we publish the good that happening with the City and the employees who are making it happen.

Joseph Pulitzer would be proud of what you have accomplished, and I'm sure he would have selected you over the LA Times, which recently received one. Keep up the good work, Club. I wish I joined years ago.

— Miguel Librasante, Proud Club Member

Thanks for Katrina Stories, From One Who Was There

I just wanted to let you know that you did a great job on the special section in November's issue honoring the City folks who served in the Hurricane Katrina aftermath. You and your staff are pretty good at more than just insurance! Thank you again for the coverage and for highlighting all of the departments involved.

— Mike Fennessey, DWP,
Urban Search and Rescue Team

Ed Krupp Story Renewed Her Faith in Civil Service

I've got to say that I've never been prouder of being a City employee. For so many years our status as "civil servant" has been under a cloud of negative stereotypes. Last month's *Alive!* changed all that. Your story on the City employee [Dr. Ed Krupp], who runs the observatory, renewed my faith in my duty to the City. We really do have some fantastic people who we can call City brethren, don't we?

Thank you, thank you, thank you. No pun intended, but I guess the City of LA is really "Alive!"

— Margaret Williamson, Public Works, Club Member

Hynda Rudd's Column Makes History Come Alive

Alive! is wonderful newsletter. I wish I had known about it long ago. One of my favorite sections is Hynda Rudd's column, "History Comes Alive!"

As a researcher, I appreciate her sharing her knowledge with us, and I have learned many things. I also like her writing style. She presents each article in a way that, well, makes history come alive.

Her recent spotlight on our own City archives prompted me to write to you because I have had occasion to use the archives, and I would like to praise the staff for being so helpful to anyone who needs to use this treasure trove of material. My thanks to Todd Gaydowski, Jay Jones and Mike Holland, for their knowledge and professionalism.

Thanks, Hynda, for calling this remarkable resource to the attention of your readers.

— Sally Dumaux, Club Member

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Back Cover



Back, from left: Mounted Platoon Officer Joenador Nepomuceno, Club Member, with his wife, Sue; son Shane, 1.5; daughter Sydney, 8; and son, Sean, 6.



From left: Sgt. Paula Kreefft; Officer Mike Peters, K-9; and Sgt. Doug Roller, K-9.



Officer John Buckley poses with his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Caitlin, 6.



Officer Gary Copeland allows the children a closer look.

Metro Open House

■ LAPD Metro Division has annual open house.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD Metropolitan Division held its 17th annual open house Oct. 1 at the Mounted Platoon Barn.

Attendees were able to interact with the Mounted Platoon Officers and their horses. K-9 and SWAT exhibitions were also on hand. Lunch was also provided, including hot dogs, hot links (500 were cooked) and plenty of water to hydrate on a very warm day.

The Club thanks Officers Rudy De Leon and Ron Terrazas for their assistance.



From left: Jason, 11, and Josh, 12, with Jimbo and their dad, Mounted Platoon Officer Ulysses Gasca.



From left: Robert, 11, with Kit and Karen Martinez, Accounting Clerk I, Club Member.



Children line up to touch the horses.



A stagecoach.



Officer Peters, K-9 Officer, with his partner, Adjo.



From left: Ralonna Bell, with her father, Mounted Platoon Sergeant Lamar Bell, Club Member.



Mounted Platoon Officer Donnie Anderson Jr., plays the role of a kidnapper while Lindsey, daughter of Mounted Platoon Officer and Club Member Ron Terrazas, plays the victim.



Pat Kory, Trainer, explains the different tactical maneuvers done by the officers while on their horse.



From left: Officer Bill Pack and Officer Joe De Lorenzo cooked approximately 500 hot dogs and hot links for everyone to enjoy.



Officer Steve Griffith, Bomb Squad, 27.



Jim Hachtel receives a plaque for his generous and continues support of the Metropolitan Division Mounted Platoon. Jim was responsible for all the foods enjoyed at the event.



These children saw the Talon Robot, a new addition to the LAPD team.



Officer Mike Jolicoeur, Recruitment Officer, 16 years, Club Member.



From left: Mounted Platoon Officer Ron Terrazas, Club Member, with daughter, Lindsey. Lindsey did a great job portraying a kidnap victim during a SWAT demonstration.



Lt. Tingrides welcomes everyone and explains the duties of the Mounted Unit.



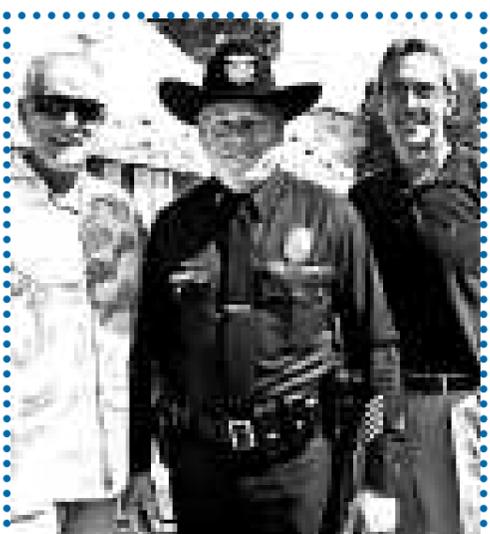
A SWAT demonstration uses the "BEAR" during kidnapping.



From left: Mounted Platoon Donna Shoates, P3, Club Member, Mike Odle, P3+1; and Chuck Coleman, P3.



From left: Sara, 8; Katie, 12; Mounted Platoon Officer Terry Keenan; Nikki, 11; and Amanda, 11



From left: Chief Mike Hillman; Lt. Tingrides; and Capt. Scot Kroeber.



A closer look at the horses.



From left: Lt. Tingrides; Margo Lee, President of Equestrian Fund; David Lee; and Capt. Scot Kroeber.



SWAT Officers are the heroes; during the demonstration they pose with their fans.



From left: Chief Mike Hillman; Officer Ron Terrazas, Club Member; Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member; Officer Rudy De Leon, Club Member; Capt. Scot Kroeber, and Lt. Tingirides, pictured with Certificate of Congratulations presented by Councilman Tom LaBonge.



From left: Sgt. Steve Richards and Officer Doug Datria from LAPD's Underwater Dive Unit.



Adjo attacks Sgt. Doug Roller on command during the demonstration. The K-9 unit handles an average of 300 to 600 calls a year, according to Officer Mike Peters. Most dogs are from Europe, requiring about 4 months of training.



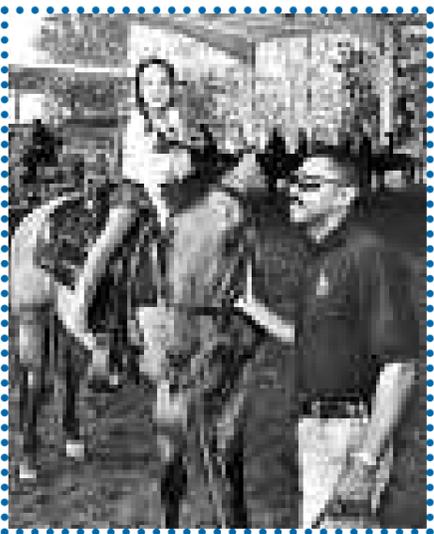
From left: Officer Mike Harrington, LAPD Mounted Unit; Gary Copeland, LAPD Mounted Unit; and Ralph Ward, LAPD SWAT.



Lt. Tingirides informs the gathered crowd of the next demonstration by SWAT.



Chief Mike Hillman helps with the demonstration as Capt. Kroeber looks on.



A lucky girl gets to ride the horse.



From Left: Emma, 3, and Alex, 6, enjoyed their day at the Open House. They also had a chance to pose riding the stagecoach.



Mounted Platoon Officer Gary Copeland with daughter Darby, 8, and son Garrett, 5.



Narcotics Officer Bob Alvarez with his K-9 partner, Kilo.

QUESTION ? of the Month

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

ASK A QUESTION:

What do you want Santa to bring you this Christmas?



"Win the Mega-Billion!"
- Lolita Sam, DWP, Club Member



"Health and happiness."
- Andy Fix, DWP, Club Member



"Lasik surgery!"
- Belen Dungca, DWP, Club Member



"Something sparkly."
- Amy Tariq, LAPD



"More love in the family."
- Eric Brown, Airports



"A large, new home."
- Patricia Perry, Transportation



"A good woman".
- John Miereles, LAFD



"To remodel my father's home."
- Lisa Kidd, Transportation



"More family love."
- Ruth Rodriguez, Housing



"Good health and family blessings."
- Ernesto Garcia, Public Works



"Retirement papers."
- Richard Losiro, DWP



From left: Ann Marie De La Riva, AAAW Director, Management Analyst II, DWP, 6 years; Joan Becker-Freese, AAAW Director, Management Analyst II, DWP, 24 years.



The 2005-07 Executive Board of the AAAW.



Guest speaker Controller Laura Chick.

In the Affirmative

■ Affirmative Action Association for Women installs officers. Several are Club Members.

Story by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing, and John Hawkins, Club CEO

The Affirmative Action Association for Women (AAAW) installed officers at an event Nov. 8 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

Guest speakers were City Controller Laura Chick and Councilwoman Jan Perry.

The group installed officers for the coming year and enjoyed light appetizers and networking.

"Women who still haven't taken our full place in the higher ranks across the board have different perspectives and a different style to bring to the table," Laura Chick said in her remarks. "Women, and especially men who have not always been at the steep of power, have an ability to be change agents and to continue to rattle things – to change things because they still need to be changed."

"My really benign rabble rousing message is that we've made great progress since this organization was formed, since Mayor Tom Bradley took leadership here and changed the face of the workforce, much less the management, since sexual harassment laws have come into place, with training and affirmative action training, [too]. We are a progressive City, with that kind of leadership."

"But I'm sorry. I still have to say, 'Not good enough, not far enough.' We could be so much better. We could be so much further. We could be doing so much more. It doesn't always have to be about a lot more resources, either. It could be a

lot more energy, a lot more focus, a lot more oompah-pah. So that's what I'm here to pitch is: Whatever your style or passion, your arena, always push your comfort zone."

"I believe, as a long-time City employee of organizations like this, it is vital for not just the women, but it's setting a tone or climate to 'lead by example,' said Councilwoman Jan Perry in her remarks. "We face some unique challenges. More often than not, we are not only working fulltime and taking care of business for the City, but taking care of families and running the household and battling the issue of a pay scale that doesn't necessarily favor women in the workplace. By continuing to empower ourselves to work together politically and legislatively we will continue to make strides and level the playing field. I feel we are very, very optimistic."

Established in 1974 and approved by the Los Angeles City Council as the official representative for female City employees, the Affirmative Action Association for Women has been representing women for 30 years.

As an employee advocate organization, the group's mission is to advance the status and support the upward mobility of women and minorities in government. As such, the AAAW has placed a special emphasis on training and development of its members in preparation for career advancement opportunities.

Membership consists of people from all levels

The incoming executive board consists of:

- Cecilia Weldon, DWP, President
- Linda Wah, DWP, First Vice President
- Diana Salas, DWP, Second Vice President, Club Member
- Rose Garcia, DWP Third Vice President
- Michele Nagin, DWP, Treasurer
- Susie Rodriguez, DWP, Secretary

The new slate of directors is:

- Joan Becker-Freese, DWP, Club Member
- Lilly Calvache, IBEW/DWP, Club Member
- Ann Marie De La Riva, DWP
- Jaime Truong, Building and Safety
- Michelle Wilson, DWP

of government with different backgrounds, willing and eager to engage in an exchange of a variety of knowledge and experiences. Members serve on department and Citywide committees that influence policies and practices that affect women and minorities. Finally, the AAAW's work supports its continuing commitment to affirmative action programs and equal employment opportunities as a basic principle of the City's merit system.

You can learn more about the group by accessing their Website: www.la-aaaw.org

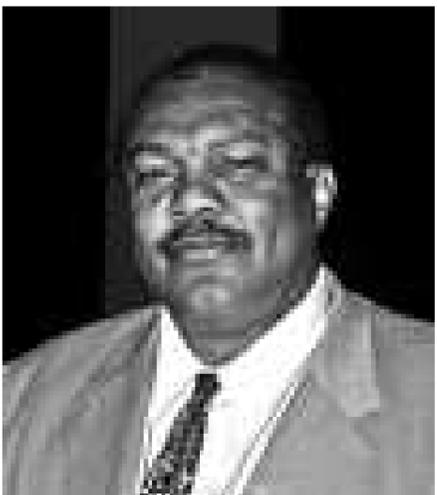
The Club thanks Cecilia Weldon, AAAW President, for her assistance.



From left: John Hawkins, Club President and CEO, with Cecilia Weldon, AAAW President, DWP employee.



Gail Rucker, Retired, Building and Safety, former Club Dept Rep, with Dr. Grace Harper, Deputy Superintendent of Building I, Building and Safety.



Calvin Birdsong, Management Analyst I for the Commission on the Status of Women, 7 years.



Maureen Layton, Sr. Clerk Typist, Planning, 6 years; Pam Cummings, Management Analyst III, Emergency Planning Dept., 18 years; James Okazaki, Assistant General Manager, Transportation, 34 years.



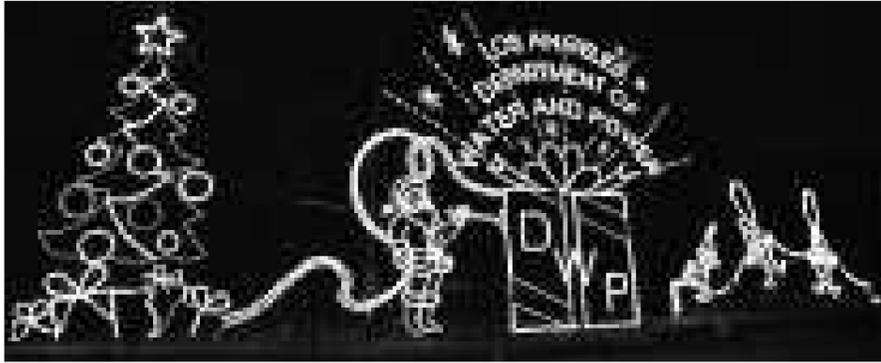
From left: Susie Rodriguez, AAAW Secretary; Rosemarie Guzman, Public Works, Engineering; Gloria Adams, Cultural Affairs Dept.; and Sharyl Anderson, DWP.



From left: Marlene Lewis, Project Manager with Airports, 15 years; Diana Salas, Second Vice President, Electrical Engineer, DWP, 20 years; and Lilly Calvache, AAAW Director and Business Rep for IBEW at the DWP, 25 years

Let There Be Holiday Lights

■ **DWP Light Festival, an LA holiday tradition, joins with the Zoo's Reindeer Romp for a great family event.**



DWP — It just wouldn't be the holidays without the DWP's Light Festival. Participants can view more than a half-million lights in festive displays showcasing the uniqueness of the City.

The Light Festival in Griffith Park is open every night from 5 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 30. This one-mile celebration of twinkling lights and music has become an LA tradition.

Visitors can drive through in their own cars, walk the route or take advantage of the warm and comfortable shuttle service. Shuttle service is available from the LA Zoo for the weekends of Dec. 2-4, Dec. 9-11 and each night from Dec. 16 through Dec. 30.

Don't forget about the Zoo's Reindeer Romp Under the Stars, which coincides with the Holiday Light Festival. The zoo will be open at night from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10-23. Families are invited to come to the zoo and children can enjoy crafts, activities, live reindeer and more for just \$2 per person.

People can enjoy two activities. They can come to the zoo and park in their parking lot and visit the Reindeer Romp activities and then take one of the shuttle buses and enjoy the DWP Holiday Light Festival.

Guests are also asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the "Spark of Love" Toy Drive, sponsored by the LAFD. Your gift will help brighten the holidays for a needy child. Drop off containers are available at the entrance on Crystal Springs Drive.

The DWP Holiday Light Festival was started 10 years ago with the vision of then-City Council President John Ferraro. He had a vision of a holiday gift from the City to the residents and visitors of Los Angeles. The thought was to do something unique and the idea of light displays was very appealing.

Since lights were the idea, the DWP was approached to help lead the effort with their expertise in power. The festival was

started with the light displays representing important landmarks of the City of Los Angeles.

The festival has grown every year. It now stretches more than a mile along Crystal Springs Drive in Griffith Park. The festival includes displays showcasing famous City landmarks including City Hall, the Vincent Thomas Bridge, the Hollywood Bowl, Venice Beach, Staples Center, the LA Zoo and more.

This year there are three new additions. The DWP is adding a display of the Griffith Park Observatory; a salute to William Mulholland, marking the 150th anniversary of his birth; and a new 40-foot holiday tree.

The actual displays are developed with the direction of the DWP and are constructed by a Southern California firm, Harrington Decorating Company. The displays are installed by another company, Jarvis.

The festival is important to the community as it offers a family attraction that can be enjoyed by young and old and is free of charge (the Reindeer Romp has a separate admission fee).

Every year the DWP hears stories of the families who make their annual visit to the festival. Families often gather children in the back seat in their pajamas and enjoying popcorn, as they visit the festival and enjoy the lights and the tradition.

Not only does the festival include the many light displays, but there is holiday music to add to the experience. The festival offers something that can be done at no cost. The festival also assists in raising toys as part of the LAFD's Spark of Love Toy Drive. Visitors to the festival can drop off unwrapped new toys and they are given to children who might not otherwise receive holiday gifts.

Choraliers Sing In the Holidays

The Choraliers, the DWP's performing arts group, has scheduled its annual Holiday show.

Titled "Christmas Time Is Here," the show is scheduled for the John Ferraro Building, A level, at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 21.

The Choraliers will also be performing at several "adopted schools" the week of Dec. 5 - 9.

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Firefighter McLean reviews the charts.



Councilmember Bernard Parks and firefighters from Station 66 are ready to unveil a new nameplate.



Sparky the Dog entertains the children.

Thanks, FS 66

■ Chesterfield Square shows its appreciation for Fire Station 66.

Story by Bernice Hankins, Club Counselor
Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru,
and courtesy Michael Thomas, staffer for
Councilmember Bernard Parks

FIRE DEPT. — On Sept. 17, the Chesterfield Square Community Block Club held a Firefighters Appreciation Day for LAFD Fire Station 66.

The event took place at the Chesterfield Square Shopping Center in South Los Angeles.



It was an opportunity to thank the men and women for their hard work in protecting the Chesterfield Square community.

The Office of Emergency Preparedness participated and passed out important disaster-preparedness literature. Sparky the Fire Dog entertained the kids, while the LAFD Air Operations performed a flyover in formation.

The Club thanks Vernice Hankins and Councilman Bernard Parks and his office for their assistance.



Firefighters proudly show off their new nameplate.



The Chesterfield nameplate is revealed.



Fire personnel from LAFD headquarters.



Fire personnel chat with Councilman Bernard Parks.



The Public Works table.



Firefighters from Station 66.



FS 66 Firefighters.

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Employees at Sanitation's West LA Yard had fun on Halloween.

Scary Sanitation

■ West L.A. Yard dresses up for Halloween.

Story and photos courtesy Marviana Jones, Club Member

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.— On Oct. 31, The West LA Solid Resource Collection Division dressed up for Halloween.

It was one of the best days at work in a long time. To some, our costumes were obvious, but not to others. So here's a recap:

■ The award for the scariest costume went to Lloyd Gaines as the Grim Reaper.

■ The award for the "sexiest witch" went to Lourdes Lozano as Elvira.

■ Sherry Cox was the "Soda Jerk" girl. However, some of those not familiar her "poodle skirt" thought she had a sheep on it.

■ Valorie Keys was a "Middle Eastern" woman.

■ April Broussard was an airline stewardess from an outer space experience. She was definitely out there with her orange fishnet stockings.

■ I (Marviana Jones) was a gypsy, decked out in gold accessories. James Love (a truck operator) said that I looked like Harriet Tubman, and Lewis Cox said I looked like a church lady on Sunday.

■ Toni Chagolla was a hobo.

■ Last but not least is Michael Jackson, the "Middle Eastern" man.

At the end of the day we just wanted to have a good time with good friends, and we did.



Michael Jackson.

From left: April Broussard and Marviana Jones.



April Broussard.

From left: Sherry Cox and Valorie Keys.



From left: April Broussard, Lloyd Gaines and Marviana Jones.



Lloyd Gaines won an award for scariest costume.



Lourdes Lozano won an award for "sexiest witch."



Torpedoes

Champs!

■ Harbor concludes its softball season with a championship game.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with additional information by Martín Chavez
Photos provided by Gabe Silva

HARBOR DEPT. — The Harbor Department's 2005 championship softball game Aug. 25 at Harbor Regional Park pitted the defending champion Pirates, led by Captain Dave Chrisman, against the Torpedoes and co-captains Mimi Gutierrez and Scott Wilson.

The game was a hard-fought battle that needed two extra innings to decide the outcome. The Torpedoes were successful in wresting the championship from the Pirates. Final score: Torpedoes 9, Pirates 8.

After the game, the teams and fans were treated to food and refreshments from team members of the Wharf Rats (Capt. Roy Benjamins) and POLABears (Capt. Alejandro Carbajal). It was a fun day for everyone, concluding another action-filled summer of softball at the Harbor Department. Any challengers for next year?

Thanks to Martín Chavez, Gabe Silva and Mimi Gutierrez for their assistance.



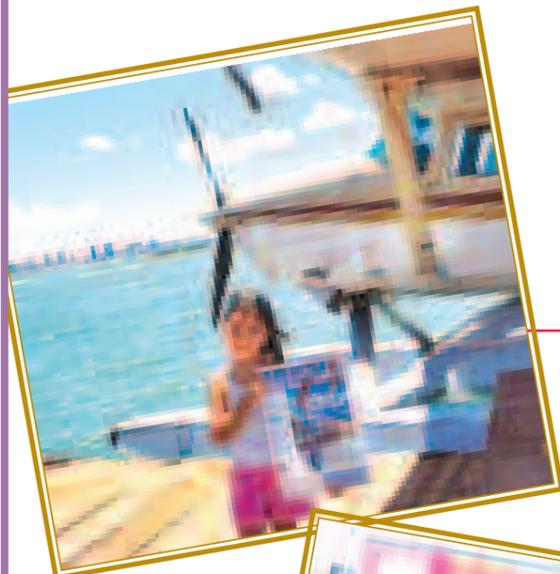
Pirates



Wharf Rats

Alive! Around the World

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Nikki David-Hemedes shows off her copy of *Alive!* before boarding a seaplane in Honolulu. She's the daughter of Personnel employee and *Alive!* columnist **Jackie David**.

Club Member **Carmen Mirafior**, Retired, City Planning, Club Member; and **Pablito Adrados**, Retired, Gen. Services; pose with **Carmen's husband, Joe**, with the September issue of *Alive!* in Monaco during their tour of Europe.



Toy Drive Going Strong

■ **Club is collecting toys as part of its holiday tradition. There's still time!**



brand-new iPod was raffled. Tickets were 50 cents, and the special raffle (ClubFest had a regular raffle, too) raised more than \$400. That will allow the Club to purchase additional toys, thanks to the generosity of Club Members at the October event.

THE CLUB — As part of the Club Angels program, the annual Club Toy Drive is ready to reflect your generosity and give to those in need.

Collections run through Dec. 16, at Club Headquarters or through your Club Counselor. Club Members are asked to contribute an unwrapped toy to the cause.

The drive benefits the LAPD Central City Police Boosters. In the past, some of the toys were distributed to City Employees in hardship, too.

The toy drive started early. At ClubFest, a

This is the third year that the Club has participated in the holiday toy drive, and each year the drive collects more toys. More than 60 toys were collected last year. With your help, the Club hopes to collect 80 toys this year.



The Club is grateful for the toys you have already donated to the Club Toy Drive. Posing with just part of what the Club has collected so far are Club staffers (from left) Jessica Segura, Lupe Medina, Robert Larios and Howard Pompel.

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The stars and heavens
to inspire you
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Gathered around the plaque to commemorate the day were, from left: Daniel Freeman, President, Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners; John Papadakis, San Pedro restaurateur; Joseph Radisich, Commissioner, Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners; Councilwoman Janice Hahn, 15th District, Club Member; Stacey Jones, Port Director of Engineering Development; and Sophia Piña Cortez, Superintendent of Pacific Region, Rec and Parks.



From left: Sgt. Aleman, Port Police, Club Member; Officer Yamamoto, Port Police; and Officer Perez, Port Police.



From left: Roz Brown, Recreation Trainer; Amy Arnold, Waterfront Property Manager; Phillip Orland, Acting Superintendent; and Sophia Piña-Cortez, Superintendent of Pacific Region, Rec and Parks.

Happy Harbor Halloween

■ Harbor celebrates Promenade opening with fun event.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Arlene Herrero and Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

HARBOR DEPT. — The Port of Los Angeles opened the newest portion of its waterfront promenade along Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro with a fun event Oct. 29.

The Port hosted a free Happy Harbor Halloween festival along the promenade, in conjunction with Rec and Parks.

The festival featured free carnival games with

prizes, goodies, bouncers, Promenade tours, food for purchase benefiting local nonprofits, face painting, and a kid's costume parade.

The children's activity booths and volunteers were sponsored by Rec and Parks.



Sheila Gonzales, Media Relations.



From left: Samantha Ciaramitaro, Rec and Parks, and Debbie Ciaramitaro, Rec and Parks, at the air bouncer for kids.



From left: Aden, son of Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez, with the Harbor's very own Pelican Pete (Tom Estrada).



"Buzz Lightyear" sits still while his cheek is painted with a bat.



From left: Robel Afewerri, Civil Engineering Associate IV, Club Member with his 3.5-year-old son, Yohan, dressed as a fireman.



Chris Miller, Program Assistant, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn shares her excitement.



Stacey Jones, Port Director of Engineering Development, was Master of Ceremonies.



David Freeman, President, Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners, congratulates everyone who made the day possible.



Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez helps his son, Aden, paint his Halloween spider.



Esaul Romo, Rec and Parks, staffs the children's face painting booth.



Port Security and Club Member Tony Alvarado smiles as he welcomes event-goers.



From left: Rose Kinoshita, Graphics Assistant, Club Member; Emily, daughter of Theresa Adams-Lopez, Director of Media Relations; and Danette Nappi, Secretary, Club Member.



John Papadakis, San Pedro restaurateur.



Teddi Lattimore, Recreation Assistant, enjoys the food during her break.

Toy Drive Set

■ As part of this Club holiday tradition, you can start donating your toys Nov. 14.

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The Club has made a head-start on the drive already. At ClubFest, a brand-new iPod was raffled. Tickets were 50 cents, and the special raffle (ClubFest had a regular raffle, too) raised more than \$400. That will allow the Club to purchase additional toys, thanks to the generosity of Club Members at the October event.

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Last year's toy drive distributed more than 60 toys to families in need.

New Animal Officers

Animal Services names four new Animal Control Officers.

ANIMAL SVCS. DEPT.— The Animal Services Dept. welcomed four new Animal Control Officers.

They are:

- **Susan Greenberg**, a formal Animal Care Technician Supervisor with 10 years of experience, within the Dept.;
- **Hoang Dinh**, who “just wants to make an impact.”
- **Shatana Rose**, who previously worked for a private veterinarian and is “excited about starting her new career;” and
- **Regina Suenaga**, who also previously worked for a private veterinarian and LA City’s Spay Mobile.



The Club congratulates the new graduates!



The graduates with their training officers, from left: Capt. Nancy Moriarity, Hoang Dinh, Regina Suenaga, Shatana Rose, Susan Greenberg and Officer William Tranzow.

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BY Michelle Moreno, City Events Guru

Michelle on the Move

EVENTS

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Ring In Holidays With Fun

Hello folks!

Welcome back to Events 411! I hope you had a fantastic Thanksgiving. Did you fill your stomachs with all that delicious Thanksgiving dinner? Are you finally tired of turkey? I hope you are doing well and looking forward to the holiday season. December is a great month to create some great memories, and to help you do that, I've listed some great activities.

First off, if you like skating, there are several opportunities for you to do so. Downtown on Ice, featured on our cover, is back at Pershing Square as well as Holiday on Ice at the Irvine Spectrum. Whichever place you chose, you should be provided with a great day of fun and, we hope, not to many bruises (the reason you won't find me at any of these places).

Also, Reindeer Romp is back at the Los Angeles Zoo, along with Reindeer Romp Under the Stars. This event is great for the kids as well as the adults. If you happen to go to the night event, make sure you check out the 10th annual Griffith Park Light Festival. You can catch a shuttle from the zoo to this festival, or if you are able to, why not walk it. Just make sure you dress warmly.

Another great event is the Holiday Celebration at the Grove in Los Angeles. Here you can see a huge and awesome Christmas tree, as well as some really cool decorations. If you go there at night, you can catch actual falling snow at 7 and 8 p.m. in the Town Square. This is especially a great treat for those born and raised in Los Angeles who might not know what falling snow looks like.

And don't forget about *The Drowsy Chaperone* in its pre-Broadway tryout at the Ahmanson Theatre, *Lewis and Clark Reach the Euphrates* at the Mark Taper Forum, or *A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings* at the Kirk Douglas Theatre.

Well, that's it from me. I thank you for taking the time to read Events 411 and I wish you a wonderful and merry Holiday season! See ya around the City!

If you know of any events occurring in Los Angeles or have any opinions or suggestions on the events listed, please send them to: michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

For more information about events around Los Angeles, visit these websites:

- www.culturela.org
- www.experiencia.com
- www.laparks.org
- www.losangelesalmanac.com
- www.laweekly.com
- www.olvera-street.com
- http://beaches.co.la.ca.us

Know of any great City events? Let me know!

I'll be happy to include your event in my monthly column. (Listings are limited to City events, with an emphasis (although not exclusively) on families. Make sure to include dates, times, locations, costs (if any) and contact information. Email me at: MichelleOnTheMove@cityemployeesclub.com or call me at (800) 464-0452.

December

Magic: The Science of Illusion at the California Science Center

"Experience theatrical illusions as audience members do, and then peek behind-the-scenes to see how each illusion is performed. This exhibit focuses on four main illusions—mind reading, levitation, transformation, and the disembodied head." (Website)

Date(s): Dec. 31
Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Site: Exposition Park, 700 State Dr., Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (323) SCI-ENCE or www.californiasciencecenter.org

The Drowsy Chaperone at the Ahmanson Theatre

Looking for a play perfect for seniors? If so, this one is for you. "This fabled 1928 Gable & Stein musical classic tells the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to marry. Her producer sets out to sabotage the nuptials or it's curtains for him. Enter the chaperone, the debonair groom, a dizzy chorine, the Latin lover, and a couple of gangsters. Ruses are played. Hi-jinks occur, and the plot spins completely out of control!" (Website)

Date: Through Dec. 24
Time: 8 p.m. (Tues-Fri), 2:30 and 8 p.m. (Saturdays) 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Sundays)
Site: Ahmanson Theatre, 135 N. Grand Ave., Downtown L.A.
Cost: \$25 - \$80
More info: (213) 972-2772 or www.taperahmanson.com

A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings at the Kirk Douglas Theatre

"Fefe and Momo believe they know when they discover a winged old man who appears to have fallen out of the sky. Angel or not, the two children understand and protect the very old man against the exploitation of a town." Based on a short story by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Website)

Date: Through Dec. 18
Time: 7 p.m. (Fri.), 2 and 8 p.m. (Sat. and Sun.)
Site: Kirk Douglas Theatre, 9820 Washington Blvd. at Duquesne, Culver City
Cost: \$20 - \$40
More info: (213) 628-2772 or www.taperahmanson.com



Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square

A winter wonderland in Los Angeles! Bring family and friends for a day of ice-skating and live music.

Date(s): Through Jan. 16. Family Holiday Festival: Dec. 9-11
Time:

Skating:
Mon.-Thurs.: noon - 9 p.m.
Fri. - Sun.: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Concerts:
Tues/Thur: Noon - 2 p.m.
Sun: 2 - 4 p.m.
Fri: 8 - 10 p.m.
Holiday Concerts:
Daily: Dec. 19 - 23, 26-30: noon - 2 p.m.

Site: 532 South Olive St., Downtown L.A.
Cost: \$6/hour, \$2/skate rental
More info: (213) 847-4970 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/doi.htm
Sponsor: Rec and Parks

10th annual Griffith Park Light Festival

Bring the family for a mile-long stretch of seasonal light displays on Crystal Springs Drive in Griffith Park. You can drive or walk. Free shuttle service is available at the Los Angeles Zoo during December weekends.

Date(s): Through Dec. 30
Time: 5 - 10 p.m.
Site: Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 913-4688 ext 9, or www.laparks.org
City Sponsor: DWP

*Events subject to change. Please call to confirm date and time information.
*Please note some events run through January

Reindeer Romp at the L.A. Zoo - Days and Nights

Bring the family to Santa's Workshop and meet the Reindeer at the L.A. Zoo. Also "for 14 nights, the Zoo's new front entrance complex will be transformed into Reindeer Romp Under the Stars. Extend the merriment after the DWP's Festival of Lights and enjoy the Zoo's holiday entertainment, crafts and activities, tasty snacks, and of course reindeer!" (Website)

Days at Reindeer Romp:
Date(s): Thru Jan. 1
Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Reindeer Romp Under the Stars (night):
Date(s): Dec. 10 - 23
Time: 6 - 9 p.m.
Cost: \$7/adults, \$4/kids (4-12) - Club prices
Site: Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
More info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org
City Sponsor: Los Angeles Zoo

Candy Cane Lane in Woodland Hills

Come and see this street that is transformed into a holiday wonderland. House upon house are decorated with lights, lights and more lights.

Date(s): Thru Jan. 1
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
Site: "Drive north on Winnetka Avenue and just across from Pierce Junior College, turn right on Oxnard Street. If there is a traffic jam try parking and walk."
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 347-4737

Holiday on Ice at the Irvine Spectrum

Come and enjoy ice-skating at the Spectrum. There's a live DJ every Friday and Saturday night!

Date(s): Through Jan. 8
Time: 11 a.m. - 9:15 p.m. (Sun. - Thurs.)
11 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. (Fri. - Sat.)
Site: 71 Fortune Dr., Irvine
Cost: \$12/adults, \$8/kids (10 and under)
\$4/skate rental
More info: (949) 456-6937

Holiday Celebration at the Grove in Los Angeles

"On the town square at The Grove, more than 200,000 sparkling lights decorate a 100-foot Christmas tree. The tree is the largest public tree in Los Angeles and is larger than the tree at Rockefeller Center in New York City. Holiday decorations can be seen everywhere at The Grove from store windows to the trolley that transports shoppers between The Grove and Farmers Market. Real snow falls twice a day at 7 and 8 p.m. in The Town Square" (losangeles.about.com)

Date(s): Through Jan. 9
Time: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Mon. - Thurs.)
10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Fri. - Sat.)
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Sun.)
Site: 189 The Grove Dr., Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 900-8080 or www.grovela.com

Lewis and Clark Reach the Euphrates at the Mark Taper Forum

"Manifest Destiny takes imaginative and comic turns when Lewis and Clark's expedition to find a water route to the Pacific Ocean erupts into a fantastical journey with time- and space-bending twists and turns." (Website)

Date: Through Jan. 22
Time: 8 p.m. (Tues-Fri), 2:30 and 8 p.m. (Sat) 2:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. (Sun)
Site: 135 N. Grand Ave. Downtown L.A.
Cost: \$30 - \$55
More info: (213) 628-2772 or www.taperahmanson.com

Third Annual Train Ride to Santa Claus

"Come join us for a miniature train trip through wonderland at the Travel Town Museum. We will stop at Santa's house so children can visit with Santa. We will then continue through gaily decorated areas of the track until we return to the station." (Website)

Date(s): Dec. 9-11, 14-23
Time: 5 - 8 p.m.
Site: Travel Town
5200 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
Cost: \$6/person
More info: (818) 881-2586 or www.traveltownrailroad.com

Public Star Parties at Griffith Observatory Satellite

Bring family and friends for a day of stargazing, planet watching and astronomy education!

Date(s): Dec. 10
Time: 2 - 10 p.m.
Site: Griffith Observatory Satellite, northeast corner of Griffith Park, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 664-1181 or www.griffithobs.org
City Sponsor: Rec and Parks

The 8th annual Festival Navideño en la Calle Ocho

This community Christmas event/toy giveaway is a weekend Latino street festival filled with live entertainment, carnival rides and more than 50,000 free toys for kids.

Date(s): Dec. 10-11
Time: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Site: Eighth Street between Irolo and Vermont Streets, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 388-8291 or www.calleocho.com

Las Posadas at Olvera Street

This religious event celebrates the nine-day journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem with a singing and candlelight procession. There will also be entertainment and free refreshments available on certain nights. Call for more info.

Date(s): Dec. 16-24
Time: 6 - 9 p.m.
Site: Olvera Street, Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 485-8372 or www.olvera-street.com

Winter Snow Fest in Diamond Bar

"The City of Diamond Bar transforms Pantera Park into a winter wonderland on Dec. 10. With two snow hills, a play area, Little Elfs crafts and games it is a fun filled day for the entire family. Local community groups will offer a variety of food in food booths." (Experiencia.com)

Date(s): Dec. 11
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Site: Pantera Park, 738 Pantera Dr., Diamond Bar
Cost: Free/snow play areas
\$5/sledding wristbands
More info: (909) 839-7070 or http://www.ci.diamond-bar.ca.us

46th annual Los Angeles Holiday Celebration

This free event is a day of diverse music and dance performed by a range of artists. Bring your family, friends, or even enjoy it alone. Call or visit website for lineup.

Date(s): Dec. 24
Time: 3 - 9 p.m., doors open at 2:30 p.m.
Seating is first come, first served.
Site: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
Cost: Free attendance and parking
More info: 213-972-3099 or www.holidaycelebration.org

New Year's Eve Fireworks Festival

Bring in the New Year with a colorful and spectacular fireworks show at the marina.

Date(s): Dec. 31
Time: Fireworks begin 30 seconds before midnight.
Site: Burton Chase Park and Fisherman's Village are best locations to view show.
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 305-9545 or www.visitthamarina.com

January

The 117th Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade

Bring family, friends, neighbors, and more to experience one of the most famous and largest parades in the world.

Date(s): Jan. 1
Time: Begins at 8 a.m.
Site: Along Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. Call for visit website for more details.
Cost: Sidewalk viewing is free. Stand tickets range from: \$40 - \$85
More info: (626) 449-4100 or www.tournamentofroses.com

Free Disney on Ice Preview of "Finding Nemo" at Pershing Square

Come and enjoy a sneak preview of Nemo and the gang skate their little heart outs underneath the Downtown sky.

Date(s): Jan. 3
Time: TBA
Site: 532 South Olive St., Downtown L.A.
Cost: Free
More Info: (213) 847-4970 or www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/doi.htm
Sponsor: Rec and Parks

2006 Greater LA Auto Show

For all you car enthusiasts, come and experience one of the best auto shows in the country.

Date(s): Jan. 6 - 15
Time: Fri. 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sun. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Mon. thru Thurs. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Site: Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles
Cost: \$10/adults, free/children 12 and under, \$7/seniors(65-plus); \$7 (Mon. - Fri.)
More info: (310) 444-1850 or www.laautoshow.com

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Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and digital photos to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com

Send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!* 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071



In Memoriam

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

NAME	DEPT.	#YEARS
Active		
Dale Champion	DWP	14
Amy Carlada Craig	LAPD	28
Jose De Leon	Controller	21
John Henschel	CAO	12
Frances Stith	Personnel	3
David Yoest	Public Works	39
Retired		
George Amann	Transportation	34
Leroy Banks	Public Works	30
Richard Beuster	DWP	20
Antoinette Bordonaro	Transportation	14
Carl Brombacher	DWP	31
Fred Carmichael	Public Works	31
James Coady	DWP	15
Harold Cohen	DWP	26
Lou Cole	DWP	19
Maggie Coleman	DWP	21
James Collieran	DWP	21
Orean Conley	LAPD	5
Alfred Cooper	LAFD	40
Olander Craft	Rec and Parks	11
Oscar Crummie	Harbor	33
Edward Davis	DWP	30
Harvey Davis	Airports	25
Raymond Ellis	DWP	29
F.C. Farrington	Public Works	40
N.H. Friederichs	DWP	37
Naomi Fry	DWP	24
Donna Gerardo	ITA	25
Dorothy Giles	DWP	16
James Glaude	Public Works	30
Donald Glueckert	Building and Safety	16
Virginia Gulick	DWP	24
Charles Gunnerson	Public Works	12
Joseph Hamilton	Public Works	25
William Hanzel	Rec and Parks	11
Leonard Hall	Transportation	15
Cozetta Heard	LAPD	30
Lotus Hong	Library	30
Printis Johnson	Public Works	26
Amos Kays	DWP	30
Sandra Key	Building and Safety	25
Flora Levy	DWP	19
Rodney Loeffler	DWP	9
Patricia Long	Gen. Services	31
Stevan Lutz	Transportation	5
Guadalupe Martinez	Public Works	38
Lois Neff	DWP	10
David Orozco	DWP	33
Sime Pesich	Public Works	31
David Ramirez	DWP	26
Julius Raye	DWP	40
James Reinhard	DWP	37
Glenn Richey	Public Works	26
James Ridgell	Public Works	31
Michael Rivera	ITA	39
Marion Schultz	DWP	22
Leslie Simmonds	Public Works	15
Heide Smith	ITA	26
James Starner	Public Works	6
Ascension Valdez	DWP	27
Hubert Verdick	Public Works	26
Robert Veitch	DWP	18
Harold White	Public Works	18
Moses Woods	DWP	38
William Zumwalt	DWP	9



Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	#YEARS
Grace Arroyo	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	36
Angela Birkenbach	Chief Wharfinger	Harbor	31
Marcia Brandon	Police Service Rep	LAPD	31
Darlynn Carey	Asst. City Adm. Officer	CAO	32
William Cowell	Survey Supervisor	Public Works	30
Delia Gonzalez	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	19
Don Graham	Detention Officer	LAPD	34
George Hierro	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	22
Robert Keiser	Painter	LAPD	30
David Knight	Port Police Officer	Harbor	30
Albert Landini	Associate Zoning Administrator	Planning	40
Timothy Lynch	Council Aide	Council	22
Joseph Merfalen	Truck Operator	LAPD	20
Marianne Miglin	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	32
Rhodora Navarro	Executive Secretary	Building and Safety	30
Molly Roff Sheridan	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	31
Andrew Williams	Park Maintenance Supervisor	Rec and Parks	30
Robert Williams	Security Officer	Library	30

Alive! and your City Employees Club wishes to thank each and every one of the following, who have spent many years making Los Angeles the great city it is. Congratulations, and enjoy your well-deserved rewards!



Births



Dean James Martin Matchie, born Feb. 17 to **Dave and Maggie Matchie**. Dave is a water utility worker for DWP.



Jaden and Giselle Hughes, born July 19, are the granddaughters of **Gayle Whitehead**, Communication Operator III, Ontario Airport Police Division.



Anekin Francisco Lopez, born July 29 to **Alex Lopez and his wife**. Alex works in Fleet Services, Aerial Repair Shop, Gen. Services. "We named his middle name Francisco after his late grandfather, Francisco Lopez."



Lindsay Tomoe Hiraoka, born May 23 to **Todd and Heidi Hiraoka**. Heidi is a Civil Engineering Associate, DWP.

Births: Send us the following information: full name of the newborn, date of birth, name of parents, job title of the parent(s) who work(s) for the City or the DWP, your phone number and a baby photo. Send to moments@cityemployeesclub.com

Promotions

David Vara, promoted to Park Maintenance Supervisor, DWP. He was a senior gardener. He supervises nine employees and has nine years of DWP service.



Jose Vara, father of David Vara, is now Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor (formerly he was Principal Maintenance Supervisor). He supervises 200 employees and has 35 years of DWP service.



Eddie Green Jr., promoted to Forensic Print Specialist, LAPD. He formerly was Detention Officer Van Nuys Jail, LAPD.



Miriam T. Roque, promoted to Engineering Designer, WETS Major Project, DWP. She formerly was Sr. CEDT, Public Works Geotechnical Engineering Division.



Tonya Howard-Taylor, promoted to Industrial Hygienist. She formerly was Environmental Specialist II.



Raymond Lussier, promoted to Equipment Repair Supervisor, DWP. He formerly was Sr. Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic.



Robert T. Dickerson Sr., promoted to Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, DWP Fleet. He formerly was Equipment Mechanical, GSD Fleet.



Carmen Y. Steward, Club Member, promoted to Management Aid, Fire and Police Pensions. She was Executive Assistant III.

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Adriana Belmares
Annette Bowden
Deborah Brandon
Dana Bryant
Nabor Camacho
Irene Cardiel
Alfred Carrillo
Juan Castaneda
Veronica Ceballos
Claude Clark
Rogelio Cuevas
Daniel Gardea
Gary Gardner
Fermin Gomez Jr.
Jonel Goodman
Corey Green
Michael Henderson
Andrea Henderson
Lavell Hunter
Demitri Jordan
Timothy Justice
Ricardo Larios
Trinell Lawson
Ramellevy
Daven Lowery
James Madison
Demeturius Matthews
Kenneth Mcuey
Maria Noguez
Sean Norwood
Leticia Ortiz
RaeAnn Rowley
Rosalinda Rufino
Abel Salazar
Mohammadsami Shaikh
Claudine Shaw-Gomez
Jabari Spencer
Rufo Tena
Joseph Tichman
Marco Trujillo
Juan Villalobos
Dante Williams
Bernard Wilson

Animal Services

Debora Betancourt
Heidi Huebner
Darline Mallet
Donald Paul
Shatana Rose

Aging

Victor Pina
Department of
Building & Safety
Mandeep Ghuman
David Lopez
Marleen Batson
Carmen Hayes

City Attorney

Gloria Gonzalez
Karl Moody

Community Development Department

Ermelinda Abeleda
Janice Whitaker
Maria Lopez
Ozzie Lopez

City Council

Len Nguyen

Convention Center

Kenneth Bailey

DWP

William Hartranft
H.B. Clark
Samuel Brown
Barbara Coons
William Zhang
Mary Montes
Marilyn Stevenson
Yong Fou
Roy Davidson
Manuel Vasquez
Eva Lopez
Pete Hernandez

Sheridan Saltus
Reginald McCall
Darrell Ballard
Glenn Morris
Tracy Phan
David Schneider
Ricardo Alvarez
Russell Tinoyan
Harry Trodick
Harriet Voloso
Jerry Waggoner
Debra Martin
Ricardo Gonzales

Engineering

Adil Samed

Finance

Maria Kay

Fire Department

John Williams

General Services

Ruben Diaz
Louis Vela
M. Marquez
Lawrence West
Lydia Chagolla
Larry Wissmann
Maricela Munoz
Noel Cabrera
Pleasant Williams
Maria Cecilia Ramos
Michael Perez
John Polson
Jay Alexander
Alan Peshek
Tanesha Smith

Harbor

Tracienne Allmon
Richard Blake
Tam Bui
Alejandro Carbajal
Linda Clifford
Jack Dahlstrom

Renee Decker
Adrienne Fedrick
Vanessa Guillen
Kevin Jennings
Patrice Martin
Manuel Ramirez
Kelsey Wolleat

Hiring Hall

Sal Hernandez

Housing

Orestes Valenzuela
Susan Garcia
Berenice Orozco
Jose Romero
Elizabeth Guadalupe
Manuel Juatco
Aydin Akbarut
Karen Baggio
Michael Gregerson
Germain Mendoza Jr.
Maria Perez
Claudia Monterrosa
Lyzel Mutuc
Michelle Wilson

Library

Ogechi Anum
Lucy Chu
Marc Pasquinelli
Maria Villareal

Office of the CAO

Darlynn Carey

Police

Shiou Deng
Anthony Drake
Maureen Geller
Damon Hogan
Gina Meza
Sheldon Nicholson
Robert Poole
Steven Ramos
Money Scott
Lance Smith

Raymond Terrones
Carlos Torres
Doris Adler
Fadil Biraimah
Carla Crayton
Valerie Earl
Gary Kotas
Stacey Tennyson
Charlotte Williams
Keith Williams

Rec & Parks

Randi Abrams-Gonzalez
Jacyn Clayton
Edward Edwards
Lashawn Gentry
Sherri Jacobson
James Jordan
Jimmy Kim
Jason Liss
Elisa White
Virginia Ayala
Gerardo Cortez
Yvette Duffey
Luis Hernandez
Sabas Vargas
June Webb

Sanitation

Robert Butler II
Lynetta R. Johnson
Diane Jones
Carlos Arroyo
Scott Hilton
Clayton Hoppes
Robert Horvath
Regidia Mayrena
Lori Logan
Ernesto Garcia
Earl Barnes
Lantz Campbell
Richard Fletcher
Moniquea McKee
Dwight Odom
Edwin Smith
Clarence Parmer

Street Services

Steve Burke Jr
Marquita McFarland
Edward Singer
Andrea Wilson

Transportation

Robert Blackmer
Juan Castillo
George Concho
Roger Guadalupe
Danielle Johnson
Leda Johnson
Chris Mestas
Lenicia Raggett
Daphne Smith
Eric Strawn
Mary Vasquez
Cynthia Bennett
Minnie Byrd
Helen Campos
Ria Eis
Maria Hernandez
JoAnn Whiteside

RETIRED

Mattie Carmichael
William Jones
Floe Morales
Homer Morimoto
Bernadette Pelletier
Elna Pierce
Socorro Reyes
Robert Rivera
Bertha Swinger
Cleone Vrabell
William Tilley
William Smith
Caroline Pinon

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Elise Russell

Health and Fitness

■ Hyperion Treatment Plant hosts first health and fitness expo.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. — Hyperion Treatment Plant hosted a health and fitness expo Sept. 21.

The event was also a fundraiser for additional equipment and maintenance of the fitness facility, which opened five months ago.

Approximately 18 vendors participated and about 180 employees attended. Sherry Goggin, Fitness America National Champion, was a celebrity guest.

Lunch of fruits, salad, Hawaiian roll, grilled skinless chicken and grilled vegetables was enjoyed by all.

The Health and Fitness Expo Committee consisted of: Sescellie Berry, Vickie Hill, Robert Martinez, Jesse Montemayer, Mei Ong, Mihran Sarkissian and Sharmilla Dasgupta (alternate).

The committee thanks Nick Terrell (resident chef) and crew; Gabriel Viado, photographer; and Mike Elder and the setup crew. The Club thanks Mihran Sarkissian, Sanitation Wastewater Manager III; Mei Ong; and Jesse Montemayer for their assistance.



From left: Ernest Cheatham, Custodian, Club Member; and Murriel Goosby, Custodian, Club Member.



At the Department of Aging booth, from left: Glenda Montel, MA; Victor Pina, Information Assistant Specialist, Club Member; and Erin Westphal, Information Assistance Coordinator.



Celebrity Guest Sherry Goggin, Fitness America National Champion, provided words of encouragement to everyone who stopped by her booth. They also walked away with her autographed photo.



Back, from left: Robert Martinez and Vicki Hill. Front: Mihran Sarkissian, Sanitation Wastewater Manager III, Club Member; Mei Ong; Sherry Goggin, Fitness America National Champion; and Jesse Montemayer.



From left: Alfredo Reyes, WWTM, 5 years, Club Member; and Scott Hilton, Mechanical Helper, 6 months.



Cleopra Dyas, Receptionist, Club Member, smiles for the camera while having her blood pressure checked.



Anthony Brown, Plant Equipment Trainee, gets his body fat checked.



Mihran Sarkissian, Sanitation Wastewater Manager III, Club Member, welcomes employees and thanks vendors for participating in Hyperion's first-ever Health and Fitness Expo.



Too relaxed to look up while getting his massage is J.D. Smith, Waste Water Treatment Operator.



Waste Water Treatment Mechanic John Baldwin enjoys his free massage, compliments of the Doorstep Day Spa.



Carlos Arroyo, Custodian, Club Member, beams with joy as he holds his free gift for signing up for the Club.



Jesse Montemayer, WWT Mechanic, 14 years, Club Member, urges everyone to get their raffle tickets. Jesse was instrumental in securing the celebrity guest.



Lori Ware, Laboratory Tech, Club Member, proudly holds her free gift for joining the Club.



DeWayne Rockett, Custodian, Club Member, stopped by the Club's booth to sign up.

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ClubFest 2005

ClubFest Filled With Music, Good Folks, Tasty Food

ClubFest

Continued from Page 1

you liked the bands as much as we did," said Club CEO John Hawkins. "We picked bands that we thought you'd enjoy, that were right for both families and adults. And we've heard nothing but positive responses.

"This year's ClubFest offered several new things, and they all worked well," he said.

The bands — the Latin Gents, County Line and the Kahunas — provided fun rock and roll and other types of party music all afternoon.

ClubFest 2005 also featured the first Amazing Club Race, a contest of physical skill and cleverness, that proved an early-morning highlight. See the photo gallery for more information.

Also for the first time, a large tent was set up on the far side of the open grounds, providing shelter from the sun for the many who sat back and enjoyed the food and the music. From the feedback the Club has received, the tent was a positive addition.

This year, as part of the raffle, the Club presented a fundraiser: one prize, an iPod, was raffled off for 50 cents a ticket. The effort raised \$415.50 for the LAPD Central Boosters Toys for Tots holiday campaign. The rest of the raffle — dozens of prizes — was free with admission.

Approximately 2,000 Club Members and their guests enjoyed the beautiful weather. The atmosphere was comfortable, social, relaxed and very rewarding.

"We're glad you like the adjustments we made to ClubFest this year," Hawkins said. "The improvements will make for an even better ClubFest next year!"

From left: Sabrina and Kelly Rinehart.



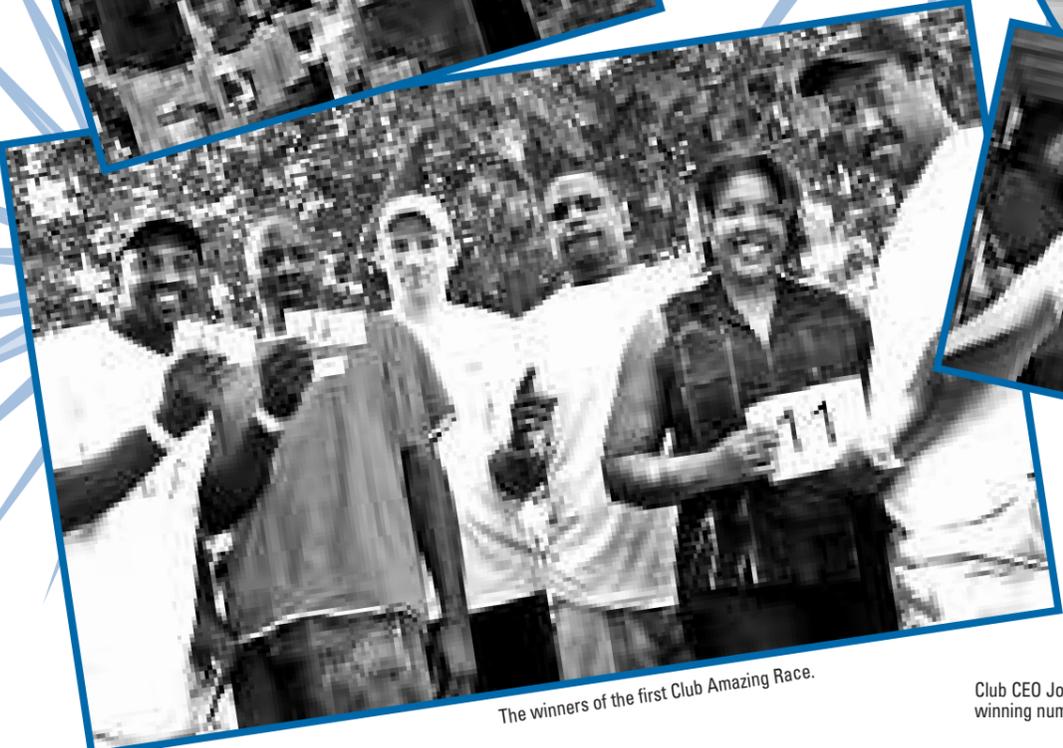
Ready, set, launch.



Club CEO John Hawkins greets members.



From left: Red and Lupe Medina, with Club CEO John Hawkins' son.



The winners of the first Club Amazing Race.



Club CEO John Hawkins reads off the winning numbers for the raffle.



Foam Fun!



Egg Toss & Potato Sack Race



ClubFest²⁰⁰⁵

RUN BABY RUN!

Kids at ClubFest having fun.



 Sabrina Peters, DOT, 5.5 years.	 Josh Gomez.	 Cecilia Mejia accepts a prize for husband, William Mejia, DOT.	 Carlos Mejia.
 Vas Singh, Sanitation, 3 years.	 Robert Brass, DWP.	 Iraida Valido, Rec and Parks.	 Dennis Del Bono, DWP.
	 Sabrina Rinehart.	 Henry Starks, St. Services.	

Enjoy the Show!



ClubFest²⁰⁰⁵

It's Time To Play!



Determined to dunk.



A Club Member throwing a horseshoe.



County Line.

Kahuna: Charlie Bragg, bass guitar and "Kahuna," DWP Electric Service Rep.



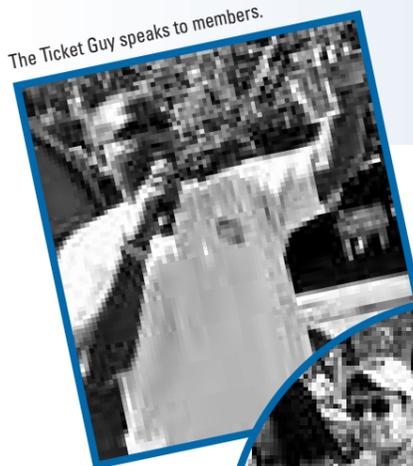
Good catch, Hector Holgin, General Services Fleet.



We Had A Great Time!



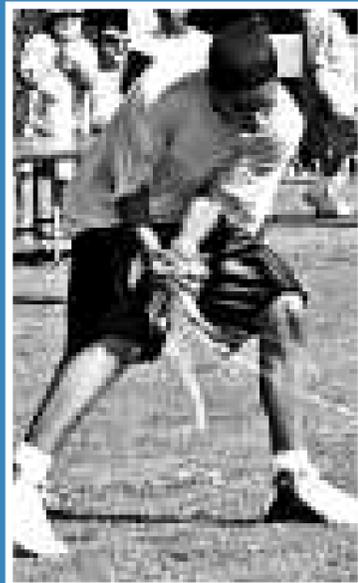
Team 9 of the Amazing Race.



The Ticket Guy speaks to members.



Club Board Members Rose Hyland and Joannie Mukai help out with the Club T-shirts.



The egg toss contest – but not the winner.



Members get free Club hats.

ClubFest 2005

The Amazing Club Race!

ClubFest²⁰⁰⁵



Time to Eat!





From left: Club Chef Robert Larios with Alive! designer David Jamgotchian and Alive! editor John Burnes.



Karen and Tiyana.



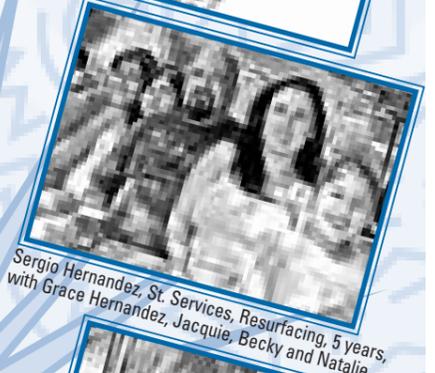
Club members having fun.

Let's Party!

Proud to be members of the Club.



Painting girls' faces.



Sergio Hernandez, St. Services, Resurfacing, 5 years, with Grace Hernandez, Jacquie, Becky and Natalie.



Fernando Raudales with Nancy and Nicholas.



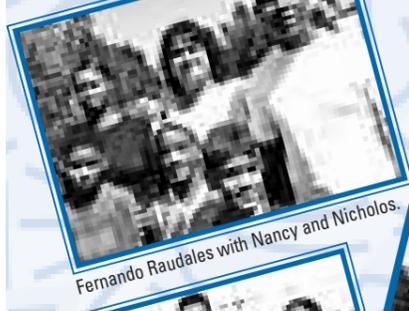
The Latin Gents.



Michael Anderson, IT Manager, and Ticket Guy.



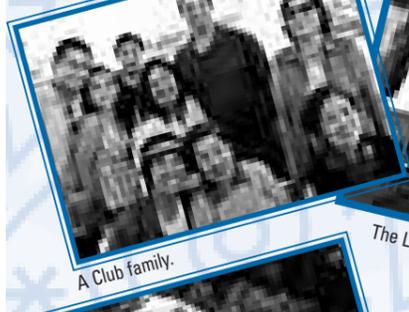
Carlos Hernandez, General Services Publishing, 2 years, niece, Julia; sister, Maria; niece, Lisa; niece, Stephanie; sister, Maricela, and mother, Luz.



A Club family.



Maria, Alejandro, Jessica and Jose.



A game of volleyball.



Erica Barrett, Kelley Colvin and Lovell Colvin.



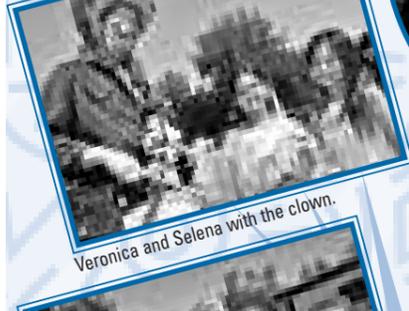
Veronica and Selena with the clown.



"Watch out, here I come!"



April and John Chavez.



Erica Thomas.



Gregory Mitchell and Sandra Smith.

Club Fest 2005



John's Picture Perfect Contest



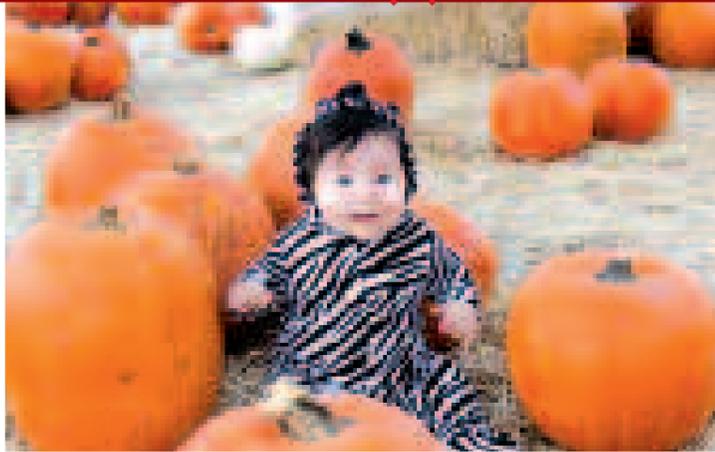
For December, we have three winners

... and lots of great images!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Three winners will receive a gift certificate to Target.

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Three PRIZES



"Here's a photo of my baby, Benjamin, in a pumpkin patch Oct. 16. He is seven months old, and this is his first Halloween."
— **Yvonne Liu, Personnel**



"My granddaughter was going to a Halloween costume party and she was nice enough to allow me to take a few pictures for about three minutes before she took off running to play. Thanks to the Canon SLR's fast response, I was able to capture the brief moment in time that children give you." (Exposure information: "Canon 20D, Sigma 18-125mm zoom lens @ 58mm. Exposure was 1/100 sec at f : 6.3, ISO 200, with an overcast sky. Effects were added with Photoshop Elements 2.")
— **Carlos Ojeda, Transportation**



"I totally love this picture; we were up near Bishop, California."

— **Tammy Lindquist, LAPD (911 Operator)**

NEXT DEADLINE: December 15
Read the rules, and happy snapping!

Rules:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter; vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect

Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com

The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Runner Ups:

Barbara Matlock, DWP; Annie Ramos, DWP; Edna Meraz; Alberto Gerado; Helen Lopez, Public Works Bureau of Engineering; and Alicia Marquez.

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Marviana Jones, Clerk Typist, West LA, Club Member (left) and Jesse Cruz, Refuse Collection Supervisor, South LA (right) present Eric Brubaker, American Red Cross, Assistance Response Officer, with the result of their fundraising efforts.

Doing Their Part

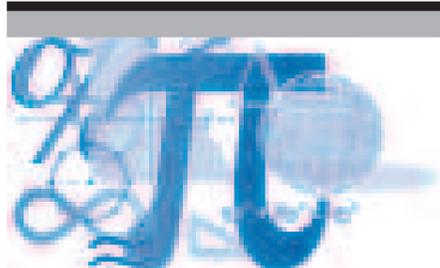
Sanitation delivers check to Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

In last month's *Alive!*, we mentioned that Sanitation had collected \$954 for the relief efforts involving Hurricane Katrina. Bruce Jones, Jon Reed, Jesse Cruz and Marviana Jones organized the effort, involving all the City yards.

Jesse and Marviana presented the Red Cross with cash and checks. "The fundraiser and donation process was so rewarding," Marviana says. "It feels good to give and know that people will benefit."

"I want to thank the Western District and the South LA District," she continues. "I am so honored to work beside all of you that have actively participated and contributed to the donation efforts of the Hurricane Katrina victims. I would like to thank each and every person for thoughts, prayers, and monetary contributions for those affected. Please continue to give from the heart."

The Club thanks Marviana for providing the information and photos.



SAT Help

Have a child who could use some test prep? The Library offers a free program.

LIBRARY DEPT. — In a Citywide effort to help teens prepare for college and improve study habits, the Los Angeles Public Library is partnering with The Princeton Review to launch the new "Student Smart" program now through May 2006.

"Student Smart" will allow students to take free PSAT and SAT seminars and new SAT practice tests — a package that generally costs several hundred dollars. The program, which targets middle school and high school students, will also review techniques to improve test scores, study habits and writing; skills for college preparation; and available financial aid and scholarships programs.

"Student Smart" seminars and workshops will be offered at the downtown Central Library and at Los Angeles Public Library's branches Citywide. Also, as a part of the program, libraries will offer more PSAT and SAT books and other study materials.

"This program offers teens the tools to be better students through free seminars and workshops taught by instructors from The Princeton Review," said Georgette Todd, manager of the Library's Young Adult Services, which coordinates the program. "The 'Student Smart' program will enable middle school and high school students to develop effective study and test-taking strategies."

Copies of the "Student Smart" schedule of seminars and workshops will be available online at www.lapl.org/studentSMART. Teens interested in participating in a particular seminar or workshop will need to contact the library hosting it and sign up as soon as possible because space may be limited. For more information about "Student Smart," call Young Adult Services, at (213) 228-7510 or visit Web site, www.lapl.org/studentSMART.

"Student Smart" is made possible in part by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles' 21st Century Fund for Children & Youth and the Sterling Foundation. To support the Los Angeles Public Library, please call (213) 228-7500.

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest urban population of any library in the country. Its Central Library, 71 branch libraries, six million books and state-of-the-art technology provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning. For further information, visit the

CITY LA DBS
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY

Holiday Party

Friday, December 9th

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Tom Bradley Tower Room

26th floor, City Hall

200 N. Spring, Los Angeles

\$ 20.00 Adults **\$ 6.00 kids 6 to 12 years old**

Make checks payable to: Building & Safety Retirement Fund

Food, Fun, Prizes, Music & Dancing

Advanced ticket purchase and vehicle information needed for arranged parking in the P-2 Level at City Hall East

For tickets see the following people:

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Dave Lara.....Fig Plaza	Dave Vaccaro.....Wilshire
Rick Bocek.....Fig Plaza	Bill Clark.....Van Nuys
Mike Martin.....Fig Plaza	Preston Meyer.....Van Nuys
Leo Fuller.....South Vermont	Frank Lara.....Wilshire
Richard Fortman....West LA/San Pedro	Simoon Rico.....Fig Plaza



A celebrity announcer from KPWB.



Runners assemble towards the start line to get ready for the 10-K run.



Club's Member Service Manager Angel Gomez smiles after his run and receiving his medal for completion. He came sixth in his age division, finishing the 5-K run in 28.01 minutes.



There go the 5-K runners, including the Club's very own Angel Gomez, Member Service Manager.



The Club's Member Service Manager Angel Gomez attempts to pull away as he sprints to the finish line.

In Pursuit of New Officers

■ LAPD hosts expo, races to highlight recruitment. Proceeds go to Katrina victims.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD hosted its first "In Pursuit of the LAPD" Expo and 5-K and 10-K run at the Police Academy Oct. 1 for those interested in pursuing a career with the LAPD as well as the general public.

In addition to providing information and assistance to those interested in joining Los Angeles law enforcement, the Expo offered events and activities for all. Children enjoyed a jumper, rock climbing, karate demonstration, a display of LAPD historical vehicles and many giveaways courtesy the LAPD as well as other organization and vendors participating in the event including Power 106, Jack FM, Mariachi Los Toros and food vendors.

Andrew Bynum, the youngest player ever drafted by the NBA and future center of the Los Angeles Lakers, was scheduled to attend the event to present the grand prize to the first place winner of the 10-K run: a key to a brand new Honda vehicle courtesy of Goudy Honda.

The LAPD's Specialized Units were on site to share with the public who they are and what they do, with the hopes of sparking interest in potential candidates. The Specialized Units included Air Support, K-9 Unit, SWAT, Beach Detail, Off-Road, Bomb Squad, Mounted Unit, Motor Unit, Traffic, Dive Team, Hazardous Materials Unit, Police Service Representatives (911) and Police Reserves.

"The focus of the event is to draw and expose the public and media to the various opportunities LAPD has to offer to all ages," said LAPD Recruitment Officer Gavin Stieglitz. "We will have Explorers, Magnet School students and Reserve Officers all participating to share information and encourage qualified candidates to sign up. Recruitment and testing will be offered on the day of the event for those individuals who are ready for new career, either as a full-time Police

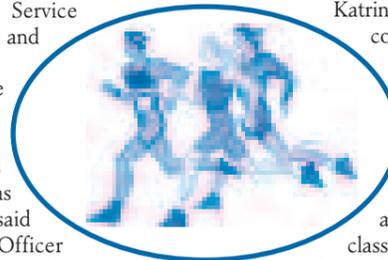
Officer or Reserve Police Officer."

The LAPD written test was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. The big events of the day, the 5-K (3.1 miles) and 10-K (6.2 miles) runs promised to be a blast and were open to all ages 12 and above.

Proceeds from the race will go to Hurricane Katrina victims. The 5-K and 10-K runs consisted of an aggressive course over hills and dirt trails.

"It will be a day worth remembering for family fun and, hopefully, a day worth remembering because you or someone you know made the right career move and joined the ranks of the world-class Los Angeles Police Department," added Officer Gavin Stieglitz.

The Club thanks Jackie David and Bruce Whidden for their assistance. Congratulations to the event organizers, and also to the Club's very own Member Service Manager Angel Gomez, who ran the 5-K. He came in at 28.01 and sixth in his age division).



Marisol Vielma, Police Service Representative, Club Member.



Delores Youngblood, Forensic Print Specialist, 18 years, Club Member.



In the LAPD Scientific Investigation Division booth, from left: Jerry Blantay, Criminalist, 19 years; Heather Zarsky, Criminalist, 6 months.



A 10-K runner sprints to the finish line.



Lee Turner, Recruitment Analyst, Personnel Dept, 2 weeks.



From Left: Rich Alba, SWAT Officer, 17.5 years, and Nelson Fong, SWAT Officer, 14 years.



Ralph Ward, SWAT Officer, 15.5 years.



The Beach Detail booth, from left: Ray Galluccio, P2, 10-plus years; Craig Rensch, P2, 10-plus years; and Dan Hankins, P2, 4 years.



At the Hazmat booth: Eric Quirk, P2, 10 years.



At the City Personnel booth: Art Irigoyen, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 7 years, Club Member.



At the LAFD recruitment booth: Kenny Russell, LAFD Station 68, 2.5 years.



From left: Hans Almaraz, Metro K9 Officer, 16 years; Mark Sauvao, Bomb K9 Officer, 12 years; and Aya, 2.



Pat Guessferd, LAPD Recruitment Officer, 24 years.



From left: Lt. Art Miller, LAPD Recruitment, 27 years; and Bruce Whidden, Director for Public Information, City Personnel, 5 years.



At the LAPD Credit Union booth, from left: Rose Hernandez; Mirca Gallardo, runner; Rick Noubleau; Diana Rojas; and Vinh Truong.



One of the many police vehicles on display.



From left: Marijo Johnson and Donna Harden. Both are LAPD widows representing LAPD Family Support Group.



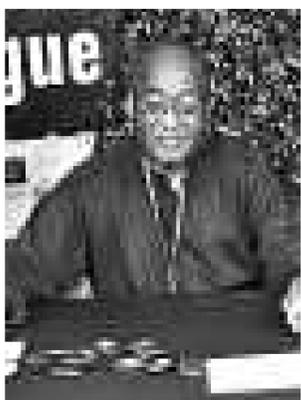
At the LAPD Recruitment booth, standing in back: Alex Peraza, P2, 6 years. Seated: Paula Crutchfield, Sr. Clerk Typist, 11 years; Chris Porter, P3, 10 years; and Zadi River, Police Student Worker, 2 years.



With Personnel Department's Jackie David (right), Club Member, are, from left: Nicole David, 7; Mark Sauvaio, Bomb K9 Officer, 12 years; Aya, 2; and Stephen David, 9.



A police vehicle on display.



At the Public Works booth: Marshall Lowe, Public Information Officer, 19 years, Club Member.



At the LAPD Wives booth are, from left: Alice Sturdy, Adel Martin, Lynn Caprarelli, Robin Espinosa and Catalina Lara.



John Izzo, Air Support, 10 years.



Ken Phillippe, Air Support, 23 years.



At the Los Angeles Protective League booth, from left: Cindy Scott; Mariana Martinez; Officer Tim Sands, Los Angeles Police Protective League Director, 31 years; Yolanda Rivera; and Kelly Sacino.



At the Motor Unit booth, from left: Jerome Calhoun, Motor Officer South Traffic, 18.5 years; and Ron Roberson, Motor Officer South Traffic, 19 years.



The Club's Member Service Manager Angel Gomez at the finish line.

Let the Club help you, find the perfect gift for that special City person in your life.

Need a Gift?

Books

Consider:

- * The Club's newest gift book, *Orange County, Views of the Past and Present*, for \$25. This is a companion book to *Los Angeles, Views of the Past and Present*. Both are on sale at the Club right now and make great Christmas gifts!

Hats

- * Club apparel, including hats

Watches

- * City of Los Angeles items, including hats and high-quality watches
- * Tickets with the famous Club discount (no markups) are the perfect stocking stuffer.

Turn to **Page 71** for a full selection.

Happy Holidays from the Club

Goodbye, Central Receiving



Jackie David and Club Counselor Bev Haro in the operating room where Robert Kennedy was first treated.



From left: Firefighter/Rescue Ambulance Driver Jesse Ortiz, 35 years, Club Member; and Dr. Dwight Mogge, who worked at the Central Receiving Hospital for more than 30 years.



Jackie David, Public Information Director, Club Member, with Dr. Dwight Mogge, who worked at the Central Receiving Hospital for more than 30 years.



Jackie David in the Central Receiving Hospital.

Central Receiving Hospital has formal closing event.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

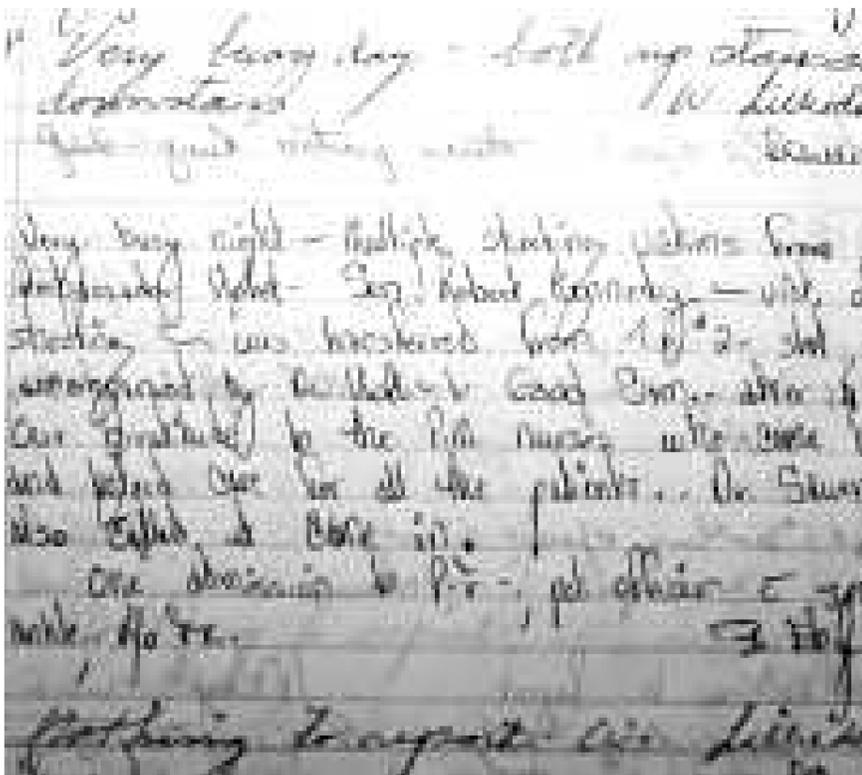
PERSONNEL DEPT. — The City's historic Central Receiving Hospital, featured in the October issue of *Alive!*, had a formal closing ceremony Sept. 29.

The event included exhibits, a historical slide show and a video presentation. This event was created to celebrate the life and history of the Central Receiving Hospital — an institution that, in a succession of different buildings, provided emergency and paramedic services to Angelinos for some 120 years (beginning with the smallpox epidemic of 1868). The current building, now being closed, was built in the 1950s.

The Central Receiving Hospital "birthed" the life-saving systems we have today in the City of Los Angeles: 9-1-1, paramedics and emergency rooms.

The Central Receiving Hospital was also known for historical moments: it handled many of the medical emergencies during the Watts Riots, and it was the site of the emergency care given to then-U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy immediately after he was assassinated at the Ambassador Hotel down Wilshire Boulevard.

In recent years, the building was being used by the City's Personnel Dept. for medical checks and other similar services. The building is to be demolished. The Club thanks Jackie David, Personnel, for her assistance.



An exhibition of the nurse's notes written the day the fatally injured Senator Robert Kennedy was brought to the Central Receiving Hospital for immediate care.



These LAFD and Personnel employees attended the closing ceremonies.

TOYS FOR TOTS

You Can Help a Needy Child

Los Angeles Federal Credit Union (LAFUCU) and the Marine Corps invite your help to bring the holiday spirit into the lives of less fortunate children.

Founded on the premise that "every child deserves a better joy for the holidays," the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program has been collecting and distributing toys to needy children since 1947.

The Credit Union participates in this cause by sponsoring a toy drive. The collected toys are given to Toys for Tots for distribution to children in the Los Angeles area.

What Can You Do?

Donate a new, unwrapped toy or one of our baskets by Monday, December 12, 2005.

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Top of the Leader Board

■ Rec and Parks' Wilson/Harding Golf Course voted tops in area.

REC AND PARKS DEPT.— In a viewer poll, a local TV station has named the City's Wilson/Harding Golf Course in Griffith Park the area's top municipal golf course.

KCAL 9's 9 on the Town show keeps lists of viewers' favorite attractions. Wilson/Harding was the top vote getter in the 9-bes municipal golf course category.

The course was developed and is maintained by City employees, of course.

"There are some really nice courses on that list," said James Ward, Director of Golf Operations for Rec and Parks. "Ours deserved it."

"Ron Binker, Sr. Park Maintenance Supervisor for all the Griffith courses, sets a really high standard," Ward continued. "And Sergio Guzman and Thomas Frey, Park Maintenance Supervisors, take really good care of the Wilson and Harding courses."



Here's a rundown of the top nine, in reverse order:

9. Simi Hills Golf Course, Simi Valley
8. Strawberry Farms Golf Course, Irvine
7. Coyote Hills Golf Course, Fullerton
6. Lost Canyons, Simi Valley
5. Robinson Ranch, Santa Clarita
4. Black Gold Golf Club, Yorba Linda
3. Brookside, Pasadena
2. Angeles National Golf Club, Sunland
1. Wilson/Harding, Los Angeles



From left: David Sickler, Vice President, Board of Public Works; Paula Daniels, Commissioner; Craig Bloomquist, Director, Office of Accounting; Craig's wife, Cecilia; Valerie Shaw, Commissioner; Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; and James Gibson, Executive Officer.

Kudos to Craig

■ Craig Bloomquist earns 40-year service award from Public Works.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.— At an event Oct. 26, the Board of Public Works presented an award to Craig Bloomquist, Director, Office of Accounting, for his 40 years of service.

A native of Los Angeles, Craig began his City career with the DWP in 1965 as a utility accountant and was promoted through the years to increasingly responsible positions to that of Budget and Financial Planning Manager.

In 1985, he was promoted from the DWP to his current position, the director of Public Works' Office of Accounting, then known as the Bureau of Accounting. The office provides the accounting and financial services for the Department of Public Works and for numerous multi-department special-purpose expenditure programs. Annual expenditure accounting responsibilities are approximately \$1.5 billion.

Some of his notable achievements include implementing automated financial planning systems for both water and power operations at the DWP; proposing and directing the integration of

a large-scale cost accounting system, still used today, with the City's financial management information system; directing the conversion of all wastewater accounting to an enterprise-basis fund; and directing the pilot department implementation of City-wide billing and receivable system. He also sponsored the development and implementation of two Public Works full-featured data ad hoc reporting systems: the Bureau of Accounting ad hoc reporting system, known as BAARS, and more recently, its successor, Merlin.

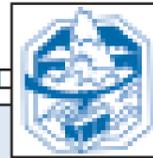
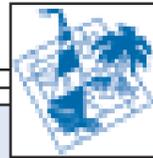
Craig serves on the Board of Advisers of the Los Angeles Civic Center Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants; and is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and the Institute of Management Accountants. He is also a member of the Board of Advisers and Past President of LAMAAA, the Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association.

He is a certified government financial manager and holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting for Cal State University Los Angeles, where he also attended the business and economics graduate school.

He is married and has two children. For relaxation, he enjoys using his personal computer for digital photography and videography, maintains his cars, gardening, traveling, walking and taking an occasional poolside nap.

The Club congratulates Craig on a great 40 years.

OFFICIAL CLUB PARTNER



Travel Talk

by Tony Adler, President, Cruise and Resort, Inc. Club Travel Partner



Tony Adler

Hot Spots for The New Year

It is funny how the popularity of certain destinations and types of travel varies from year to year. Of course, some variations are understandable due to natural disasters and instances of terrorism. But some destinations and hotels find they are in the spotlight simply because some famous Hollywood star was photographed there. In any case, our booking patterns at Cruise and Resort (your Club partner) have already shown what is hot and what is not for 2006.

Sizzling

England and France: We have never seen so many people going across the pond. And it's not just London and Paris. Many are choosing to drive the English countryside, stopping for a night or two at medieval castles and charming inns and spas.

Asia: Singapore, Vietnam, China and Thailand are the happening places. Fabulous hotels with amazing service are

part of the appeal in these far-off destinations. Our clients are frequently choosing deluxe tours, but some have asked us to create custom itineraries specifically designed to make their dreams come true.

Hawaii: It is not that Hawaii is any more popular than in past years, but it certainly hasn't lost one drop of its appeal. Four Seasons has taken over and refurbished the luxury hotels on Lanai. Hyatt has upgraded the Hyatt Regency on Kauai and re-branded it the Grand Hyatt. The islands are just spectacular, with new adventures being offered each year. One caveat: book your air early. With all the airline bankruptcies, there are fewer available seats to this island paradise.

Safaris: South Africa, Tanzania and Botswana are being heavily booked for 2006. In fact, we have many safaris that have already filled up. People are certainly attracted by the amazing wildlife, but they also like the cultural and educational opportunities. You no longer have to rough it while on a safari. Some of the accommodations are among the best in the world. It's a big trip, but also an experience that you will treasure for a lifetime. We recommend you spend a day or two in London on the way to Africa.

Cruises: What was once a vacation limited to the very wealthy is now something that has crossed many segments of our society. Mainstream cruise lines have plastered their commercials on TV, successfully introducing cruises to the general public. Some ships now have ice-skating rinks, luxury spas, rock-climbing walls and outdoor theaters. From Los Angeles, the Mexican Riviera cruises are still the most popular because the need to get on an airplane is eliminated. Cruises remain an amazing

value.

Las Vegas: What an amazing vacation destination this has become! Even when our economy suffers, Vegas still packs in the visitors. It is an adult Disneyland with bright lights, dazzling shows, famous restaurants, huge theme resorts, and enough stimuli to nearly make your head explode. Of course, the gambling is still a major attraction, but it is far from the only one. Replicas of Italian cities, Paris, New York and the South Seas shouldn't be missed.

Specialized travel: The hot trends among Americans include family travel,



soft adventure and luxury travel. More and more families travel together, and often to exotic locations. Soft adventure simply means that people are looking for more physical participation in their vacations. Even in Hawaii, the snorkeling adventures and tubing down mountainsides are the desirable excursions. Luxury travel has become trendier as more people have chosen to spend a higher percentage of their disposable income on vacation travel.

Not Hot at All

Bali: An absolutely beautiful destination that very few people want to visit right now. Recent terrorist attacks have contributed to make Bali a vacation destination out of favor.

New Orleans and Cancun: Hurricanes have done terrible things to their tourism industries. They will be back sooner than you might think.

Aruba: Bad things happen everywhere; the disappearance of a young co-ed a few months ago was covered extensively by the media. It may not be fair to this Caribbean resort destination, but the reality is that we haven't had anybody ask to go there for quite a while.

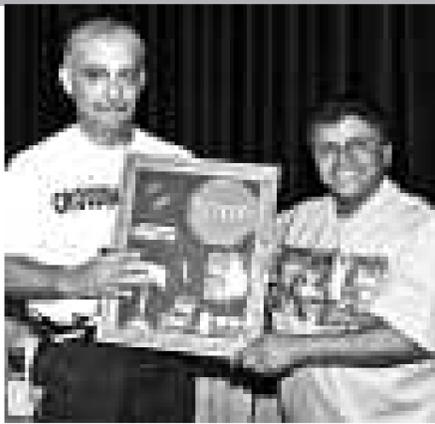
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Call your Club representatives at (888) 652-6400

Julie, David or Kristy – to talk about any travel destination. Be sure to mention that you are a Club member for your maximum discounts. We value your business and look forward to the opportunity to assist you.



From left: Katherine Green, Lionel Ellsworth, Barbara Townsend, Denise Taylor and Margaret Ardoin.



Sgt. Silka Iglesias presents a shadow box.



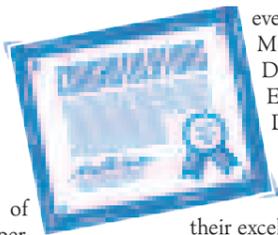
From left: Minnie Byrd; guest; Barbara Miles; Justine Gamboa; and Delores Jones.

Always There

Transportation thanks Crossing Guards for perfect attendance.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Service Manager

TRANSPORTATION DEPT.— A number of Crossing Guards were recognized for their perfect attendance at ceremonies in September.



The awards were presented in both the Southern Division and the Valley Division. The events took place at Angeles Mesa School (Southern Division) and Anatola Elementary School (Valley Division).

Congratulations to the Crossing Guards, who received certificates for their excellent service.



Capt. Susan Hicks with Lead Crossing Guards.



From left: Roberto Jimenez, Lead Crossing Guard; guest; Katherine Smith; and Bob Walker.



Southern Division Crossing Guards.



Crossing Guard Hattie Hunter.



From left: MaryAnn Masing, Annie Jones, Charles Malone and Essie Brumfield.



From left: Bertha Solis, Carl McCorkle and Shirley Nellom



Valley Crossing Guards with perfect attendance.



Valley Crossing Guards.



Sgt. Iglesias with Lead Crossing Guards.



Sgt. Silka Iglesias presents a certificate to Club Counselor Bev Haro.



Capt. Susan Hicks and a Crossing Guard Union Rep.



From left: Napoleon McGuire, Sanda Johnson, Tammie Turner, Matt Manney and Linda Hick.

Haven House

Helping battered women and their children on their way towards a life free of violence.

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- Assistance with finding permanent housing
- Assistance with finding employment
- Court and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services





In the LAPD Recruitment booth, from left: Chris Porter, P3; and Gary Kennedy, LAPD Reserve.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and LAPD Police Chief William Bratton pose with VIP judges.



LAPD Air Support, from left: Kris Owen, Pilot, Air Support; and Chris Van Horn, Tactical Flight Officer.

Cops for Tots

■ LAPD hosts 10th annual charity event.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD's Central Traffic Division presented its 10th annual Cops for Tots event Oct. 30 at the Police Academy. Cops for Tots is a benefit the Los Angeles Police Department's Central Traffic Division's efforts to raise funds for children in need of a transplant.

"This was our biggest show to date," said Abe Rangel, Motor Officer, Event Organizer and Club Member. Some 511 cars and 205 motorcycles entered the show, which raised \$26,000.

This year's event fell on the weekend prior to Halloween. Many spooky-themed vehicles were on hand. The event was free to the public, with the proceeds to Benefit the Children's Charities of Los Angeles.

More than 50 trophies were awarded. A new addition to this year's event was the first Cops for Tots motorcycle ride for children with spina bifi-da. The ride started at Harley Davidson in Glendale, concluding the ride at the Police Academy for the car and motorcycle show.

Ben Alameda, LAPD Employee and Club Member, donated a Ford engine for the event's silent auction. The engine sold for \$2,800.

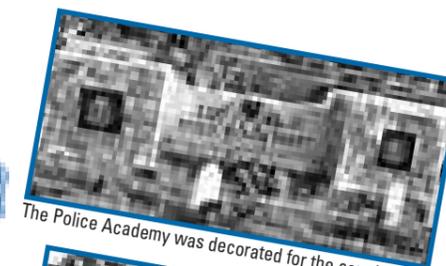
Special guests included Mayor Antonio



Villaraigosa, LAPD Chief William Bratton, Adam-12 actor Ken McCord and KTLA Morning News co-anchor Michaela Pereira. There were also many vendors on hand. The Club thanks Capt. Andrew J. Smith and Officers Abe Rangel, Mike Belmonte and Anthony Stewart for their assistance.



From left: Chick Chicoine, Retired LAPD; Ray Choi, Volunteer; Ben Alameda, LAPD Mechanic, Event Sponsor, Club Member; and Douglas Lee, LAPD Equipment Mechanic, Club Member.



The Police Academy was decorated for the car show.



A 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser with a Lilo and Stitch theme. All that's missing is the beach.



Back, from left: Officer Craig Marquez; Paul Flöge, P2+2. Seated: Andy Vergara, P2+2; and Officer Gina Meza, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Nunez with KTLA Morning News Anchor Michaela Pereira.



From the Bureau of Sanitation, back: Howard Wong, Industrial Waste Inspector, Sanitation. Front, from left: Ayman Jabbouri, Civil Engineering Associate, Club Member; Dion Coluso, Civil Engineering Associate; Ernesto Garcia, Civil Engineering Associate, Club Member; Tony Teo, Industrial Waste Inspection.



Selling sweets, with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting Cops for Tots were, from left: Cathy Susim, PSR, Club Member; Susie Montanez, Volunteer; Priscilla Chavez, PSR, Club Member; and Tanya Bailey, Volunteer.



Many people check out the motorcycles on display.



From left: Terrence Lockett, P2+2; and Michael Valencia, P2+.



So many cars!



From left: Kimi, 2, and Kaylee, 5, with their dad, Sgt. James Baker, Club Member.



A Batmobile.



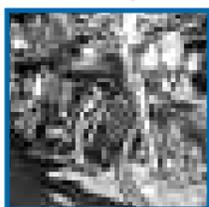
From left: Officer Christine Eastburn; Mary Gonzales, Clerk Typist; and Cesar Ramirez, Detective 1.



From left: Chief William Bratton; Craig Kloppenberg, Colorado Police Officer, with son, Lodin, 2, and wife, Melinda; and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.



From left: LAPD Assistant Chief McDonnell, with his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Megan; and LAPD Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, with her husband, Greg.



A 1997 Harley-Davidson.



A 1962 Corvette.



A 2003 Chevy.



A 1923 Ford.



A 2003 Indian Chief.



Looks like pro wrestling's very own Undertaker had his vehicle on hand.



Representing Autotoyz of South Ontario, from left: Jason Lobban, son of Officer Alvin Lobban, and wife, Korinne.



From left: Lt. Larry Swanson; Capt. Young; Sgt. Nunez; and Motor Officer Abe Rangel, Event Coordinator, Club Member.



From left: Marisol Vielma, PSR, Club Member; and Jacob, 10, son of PSR Natrese Thomas, PSR, Club Member.



From left: LAPD Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member, with her husband, Greg.



From left: Bob Gurrula, LAPD Investigator; and Bobbie Telles, Secretary, Club Member.



From left: Rafaela Nisbet, Volunteer; and Yvette Ramos LAPD Reserve.



John Nisbet, Traffic Education Officer and Chair of Safe Kids Los Angeles.



Many bouncers kept the children busy.



Pictured with a 1955 Buick Highway Patrol car, from left: Motor Officer Abe Rangel, Event Organizer, Club Member; Adam-12 actor Kent McCord; Motor Officer Mike Belmonte; and Dodger great Manny Mota.

Thanks for the Years

■ Gen. Services Finance Unit awards pins for years served.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

GEN. SERVICES DEPT. — Dozens of employees of General Services' Finance Unit were recognized for the years of service they have given to the City.

A pin ceremony was held Sept. 8 in the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall.

Pins were awarded for the following years of service: 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30. Refreshments were served after the ceremony.

Special guests (presenters) were Alvin Blain, General Manager; Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager; and Valerie Melloff, Director. Valerie Melloff was both a presenter and a pin recipient, and she received pins for more than one level of years served (15 and 20 years).

Managers on hand included John Trevgoda, Senior Management Analyst II; Len Applebaum, Departmental Chief Accountant III; and Eric Robles, Senior Project Coordinator. Len Applebaum also received pins, for more than one level of years served (20, 25 and 30 years).

The awardees included:

10-year pin recipients:

- Lisa Gabriel, MA II
- John Trevgoda, Sr. MA II
- Li Zheng, Accountant II
- Ivy Yan, Principal Accountant I
- Carol Chang, Principal Accountant II
- Victoria Law, Sr. Accountant II
- Charles Huang, Sr. Systems Analyst II
- Emmanuel Amesi, Accountant II
- Evelyn Ivy, Accountant II
- Mona Curry, MA II
- Richard Wuerth, Program Coordinator

15-year pin recipients:

- Ronn Encarnacion, MA II
- Valerie Melloff, Director
- Richard Pineda, MA II
- Li Zheng, Accountant II
- Ivy Yan, Principal Accountant I
- Vivo Toquero, Accountant II
- Carol Chang, Principal Accountant II
- Emmanuel Amesi, Accountant II
- Evelyn Ing, Accountant II
- Richard Wuerth, Program Coordinator

20-year pin recipients:

- Valerie Melloff, Director
- Chris Garcia, Accounting Clerk II
- Mai Giang, Accounting Clerk II
- Novel Ang, Sr. Accountant I
- Li Zheng, Accountant II
- Vivo Toquero, Accountant II
- Dana Mushegan, Accounting Clerk II
- Len Applebaum, Chief Accountant
- Carol Dickens, Accounting Clerk II
- Evelyn Ing, Accountant II
- Ivy Yan, Principal Accountant I
- Len Applebaum, Chief Accountant
- Rachel LeDuc, Sr. Clerk Typist
- Vicky Norashkarian, Accounting Clerk II

25-year pin recipient:

- Ivy Yan, Principal Accountant I
- Len Applebaum, Chief Accountant
- Rachel LeDuc, Senior Clerk Typist
- Vicky Norashkarian, Accounting Clerk II

30-year pin recipient:

- Len Applebaum, Chief Accountant



20-year pin recipients and guests, from left: Valerie Melloff, Director of the Finance & Special Services Division; Ivy Yan, Principal Accountant I; Vivo Toquero, Accountant II; Len Applebaum, Departmental Chief Accountant III; Carol Dickens, Accounting Clerk II; Carol Chang, Principal Accountant II; Evelyn Ing, Accountant II; and Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager, Club Member.



15-year pin recipients and guests, from left: Ronn Encarnacion, MA II, Club Member; Valerie Melloff, Director of the Finance & Special Services Division; Richard Wuerth, Program Coordinator; Len Applebaum, Departmental Chief Accountant III; and Li Zheng, Accountant II.



20-year pin recipients and guests, from left: Valerie Melloff, Director of the Finance & Special Services Division; Chris Garcia, Accounting Clerk II; Mai Giang, Accounting Clerk II; Len Applebaum, Departmental Chief Accountant III; Li Zheng, Accountant II; and Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager, Club Member.



10-year pin recipients and guests, back, from left: Len Applebaum, Departmental Chief Accountant III; Valerie Melloff, Director of the Finance & Special Services Division; and Richard Wuerth, Program Coordinator. Front: Victoria Law, Sr. Accountant II, Club Member; Charles Huang, Sr. Systems Analyst II; Emmanuel Amesi, Accountant II, Club Member; Evelyn Ing, Accountant II; Mona Curry, MA II; and Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager, Club Member.



30-year pin recipient and guests, from left: Valerie Melloff, Director of the Finance & Special Services Division; Len Applebaum, Departmental Chief Accountant III; and Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager, Club Member.



25-year pin recipients and guests, from left: Valerie Melloff, Director of the Finance & Special Services Division; Ivy Yan, Principal Accountant I; Len Applebaum, Departmental Chief Accountant III; Rachel LeDuc, Sr. Clerk Typist; Vicky Norashkarian, Accounting Clerk II; and Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager, Club Member.



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Total Expenses	\$

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Total Assets	\$

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From left: Jose Linares, PA II, Club Member; and Joe Oliver, PA I.



From left: Irma Vizcaino, PA, Club Member; Lupe Castaneda, PA I; and Eddie Santillan, PA, Club Member.



From left: Marisol Landeros, PA I; Rene Anderson, SEIU Local 347 representative; Tobi Arias, Club Member; and Irma Vizcaino, PA, Club Member.



From left: Tony Ferret, Parking Attendant II, and Alejandro Marin, Parking Attendant.



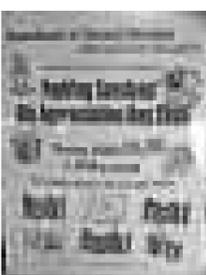
From left: Philip Anderson, Automotive Dispatcher, GSD Fleet; and Arthur Flores, Automotive Dispatcher, GSD Fleet, Club Member.



From left: Louie Moreno, PA I, and Zewdu Mamo, PA I.



From left: Luis Perez, PA, and Charlie Diaz, PA II, Club Member.



Welcome to the appreciation event.



Standing: Jose De Anda, PA. Seated: Roberto Colmenaes, PA II.



From left: Blanca Delcid, Accounting Clerk, Facilities Management; and Virginia Stocks, Accounting Clerk, Facilities Management, Club Member.



From left: Amy Goto, Clerk Typist, and James Jordan, Clerk



Orlando Samoza, Supervisor of the Year for Pershing Square.



David Chavez, Employee of the Year for Civic Center.



From left: Jesse Palacios, Garage Attendant, GSD Fleet, Club Member; and Jose Garrido, Sr. Garage Attendant.



Checking in the guests were, from left: Ramon Vargas, Accounting Clerk, Club Member; and Marisol Valdez, Accounting Clerk.



From left: Rosa Soliz, PA I; Manuel Flores, PA; and Roberta Rocha-Ayala, Sr. I, Club Member.

In Appreciation

■ Gen. Services has appreciation day for parking services and dispatchers.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing

GEN. SERVICES DEPT. — It was a double appreciation day in General Services: the fourth appreciation day for parking services and the first appreciation day for dispatchers.

The event took place Oct. 27 at the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall.

The Club donated prizes for the raffle.

The event was also dedicated to Kevin Outlaw and Tanin Limrath, who were employees of Parking Services and passed away this year. Special guests were:

- Alvin Y. Blain, General Manager, Gen. Services;
- Tony M. Royster, Assistant General Manager, Gen. Services;



Cake!

- Anthony De Clue, Assistant General Manager, Gen. Services;

- Julie Butcher, General Manager, SEIU Local 347; and

- Sandra Brown, President, LIUNA 777.

Melody McCormick, Building Services, Gen. Services, was the host.

The Club thanks Ben Setiarto and Terra Jones for their assistance.

Congratulations to all those who were honored for jobs well done!



Alvin Y. Blain, General Manager, Gen. Services, Club Member, thanks the parking attendants and dispatchers for a job well done.



Tony M. Royster, Assistant General Manager, Gen. Services, Club Member, gives the welcoming remarks.



Victor Martin, Director, Fleet Services, presents the first Employee of the Year award for dispatcher Doug Kuniyoshi. Doug unfortunately was unavailable to attend.



From left: Edward Williams, PA I, Club Member; Tony Alvarez, Retired Parking Attendant, Club Member; Irma Vizcaino, PA, Club Member; and Amnuay Wonggroundmas, PA.



Garage Attendants from the Gen. Services Fleet, from left: George Gonzales, Tom Hagen, Fred Cerpa and Donald Moreno, Club Member.



Anthony De Clue, Assistant General Manager, Gen. Services, Club Member, gives welcoming remarks.



Master of Ceremonies Melody McCormick, Building Services, Gen. Services, Club Member.



Tony Alvarez, Retired Parking Attendant, Club Member, reads his tribute to Kevin Outlaw.



Juan Galarza, Employee of the Year for El Pueblo.



From left: Frank Davila, Maintenance; Khosrow Abedinzadeh, Supervisor for Pershing Square; and Resty Pineda, Parking Supervisor.



Pedro Montelongo, Supervisor of the Year for Civic Center.

25 Years of Service

■ LAPD awards pins for those celebrating 25 years of service.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Service Manager

POLICE DEPT. DEPT. — More than 80 LAPD Sworn and Civilian employees received their 25-year pin to commemorate their years of dedicated service to the force. The pin ceremony was held Sept. 21 in the Parker Center Auditorium.

The Club congratulates all the officers and civilians for the dedication and great service to the City of Los Angeles. And the Club thanks Ermalinda Espinoza and Ray Molina for their assistance.

(Note: Not all those who received recognition are pictured with this story in part because some of the officers work undercover.)



Lt. Philip Fontanetta, Pacific Area (center), stands with award presenters Police Commissioner Andrea Ordin (left) and LAPD Assistant Chief George Gascon.



Betty Gallien, Clerk Typist.



Raymond Crisp, Sr. MA II.



Olivia Spindola, Detective III.



Mike Farrell, Detective III.



Bernard Sanchez, Supervising Criminalist, Club Member.



Deborah Mastin, Sergeant II.



Michael Winze, Detective I.



Anthony Ellis, Police Officer III.



Victoria White, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



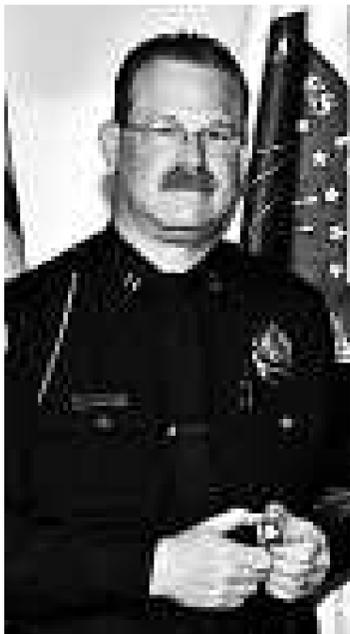
Elsa Manley, Executive Administrative Assistant II.



Terry Carlos, Detective III.



Michael Elling, PSR III.



Capt. William D. Sutton, Commanding Officer, South Traffic Division.



Elena Minguillan, Management Analyst I.



Karen Aponte, PSR II, Club Member.



Jerri Walton, PSR II.



Representatives from Hope Chapel deliver a gift basket to Airport Police.

Saying Thanks

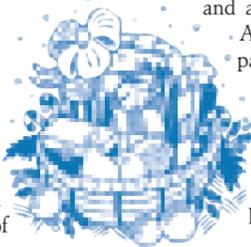
■ Community organizations say thanks to Airport Police.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

AIRPORTS DEPT. — Hope Chapel and the MiniChurch Shepherds of

Lawndale delivered a gift basket of fruits and assorted goodies to the Los Angeles Airport Police Department at LAX as part of a 9-11 Memorial Tribute to Police and Fireman in the South Bay Community.

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Sgt. Martha Hall receives a gift basket from Hope Chapel





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WORKING MATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information Director, Public Safety Division, Personnel



The Holiday Office Party: Stay Clear of Land Mines

You've worked hard to get to where you are. You've impressed everyone. You've commanded respect with your work ethic and great sense of professionalism. Now, at last, you look forward to the holiday office party – a chance to relax and let your hair down amongst friends and co-workers; a chance to impress everyone with how big a party animal you can really be; a chance to booze it up, get friendly with the boss and move that item up on your agenda.

Watch out! Danger! Look out! Land mines abound. Your next office celebration could be your early retirement or farewell party.

Even though it is the holiday season and time to eat, drink and make merry, know that the holiday office party is just that – an office affair. It is work-related. You don't want to derail your career over that good time you had that co-workers will never forget about (even if you might want to).

Here are a few pointers to avoid becoming a holiday office party statistic:

- **Dress for the occasion;** i.e., an office party. Formal, informal, casual – whatever the case – remember that how you look will set the tone for the evening and, fortunately or otherwise, for how your boss and your co-workers will continue to perceive you after the party. Stay away from revealing and/or bright colored outfits. The understated and conservative look is always a good bet.
- **Arrive on time.** Do not head straight to the bar or food table. Instead, circulate the room and socialize. Say hello. Let your boss and co-workers know how great it was to work with them during the year.
- **Avoid shoptalk.** Use the party as a chance to get to know your boss and co-workers on a personal level. Keep the conversation light. Ask about recent vacations, favorite sports, movies, hobbies and family. Discover common interests.
- **Avoid creating tension.** Watch your language. Do not go where many have not returned from: inappropriate and taboo topics. (This is not the time to gripe about what should or shouldn't be politically correct. It is not a good time to tell people what you really think about them. It is not a good time to share how you really feel about the boss and his/her policies.) Limit jokes to co-workers you know well.
- **Don't hit on co-workers.** Mixing business with pleasure of this kind exacts a high price.
- If the party provides you with an opportunity to chat with the boss or higher management, then do consider what you will say. Keep it short and sweet. Do not monopo-

lize the boss' time. It is not the time to ask for a raise or a promotion or move your agenda item forward. It is not the time to polish your boss' shoes.

■ **Mind your manners.** Eat carefully. If at a sit-down meal, then wait for others to start eating first. Chew slowly. If at a buffet, do not pile the entire buffet table on your plate. Opt instead to go back for seconds. Avoid sloppy food that could get on your clothes. Chowhounds, heel!

■ **Look out for Landmine No. One: Alcohol.** If you must, then drink moderately. Pace yourself. Avoid salty, greasy or sweet food that can make you thirsty and give you an excuse for that next drink. Boozing it up can send you over the point of no return and to your farewell party.

Use the party to boost your image with some nice, clean fun. Be a good sport and participate in that contest or talent show. Provide leadership by drawing people into the fun.

As you exit, thank your boss and/or hosts for the party.



Let the party end at the door. Be discreet. Avoid after-party gossip. Steer clear of conversations at work about how that manager threw up on his staff member; how so-and-so, the life of the party, unknowingly hit on the boss' wife; and how that secretary wore a dress with a neckline down to "here" and a skirt up to "there." Be nice. Don't sell that photo you took at the office party.

The long and short of it is: Beware. The booze can flow. The music can blare. The boss can make a big speech about how he or she wants you to have a good time: "I want everyone to have a blast! Relax. Have a drink! Let your hair down. This party is for you! Enjoy!" As an article once said, what your boss could be saying is: "Tell me about your greatest weakness."

Jackie is happy to answer personnel questions from Alive! readers, or direct you to the correct source for answers. E-mail her: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Representing the Harbor Department, from left: Sergio Barboza, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; Frank Albers, Sr. MA; Ramon Batres, Custodian, Club Member; Alex Mendoza, Maintenance Laborer; Don Jefferson, Maintenance Laborer; Shilpa Gupta, Environmental Specialist, holding the award; John William, Maintenance Laborers; Patrick Hodges, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; Santiago Enriquez, Maintenance Laborer; and Al Galloway, Maintenance Laborer.



Representing DWP were, from left: Leon Bland, Club Member; Tony De Leon; and Carlos Luevano.



Rene Anderson, Local 347 Representative, holds donations from City Employees Club and poses next to the many raffle prizes that the Union donated.



Karen Higgins, Manager, City Facilities Recycling Program.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, congratulates everyone for their achievement.



Standing, from left: Damon Jackson, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; and Romance Harper, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member. Seated: Jack Conway, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; and Charles Chapman, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member.

Recycling Recognition

■ Gen. Services holds recognition day for Recycling crew.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with additional information provided by Karen Higgins
Photos by Sammy Lam, Club Tech Guru

GEN. SERVICES DEPT. — The City's Recycling Crew enjoyed a day of special recognition and fun Sept. 20, courtesy Gen. Services.

The event was held at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Awards were presented to each department separately. A raffle for crewmembers was held during

lunch. The Club donated prizes for the raffle.

A box lunch was served. During the program, Alvin Blain, General Manager, talked about how the recycling program has grown, and how the Department can meet the Mayor's goal of 70 percent recycling by 2020 if the City continues to increase the programs. Los Angeles is a leader with its recycling programs and is well respected across the nation.

Event organizers collected \$103 in a mini fund raising effort to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The funds were to be donated to the Red Cross via the Los Angeles General Services Employees Katrina Relief Fund.

After the event, William Jones of the Convention Center hosted a behind-the-scenes tour of the Convention Center's recycling operations.



Many prizes were awarded.

The Club congratulates the recycling crews for their hard work at keeping the earth green. The Club thanks Karen Higgins, Manager, City Facilities Recycling Program, and Brian Gonzalez for their assistance in producing this article.



From left: Barry Harper, Maintenance Laborer; Gerald Harris, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; Melody McCormick, Director of Facilities Management, Club Member; and Neil Guglielmo, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division Manager.



Back, from left: Terrance Martin, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; and Elmer Smith, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member. Seated: Erika Cabrera, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; Eduardo Gonzalez, Maintenance Laborer, Club Member; and Alejandro Orea, Maintenance Laborer.



From left: Robert Gonzales, Event Attendant II; Rosalino Santiago, Event Attendant; Jose Mejia, Event Attendant; Shirley Gomez, Event Attendant; and Noel Cabrera, Special Events Supervisor, Club Member.



Phillip Siping, Airport Maintenance Supervisor, Club Member; and David Takemoto, Airport Maintenance Supervisor, Recycling Coordinator.



Far left: William Jones, Convention Center Recycling Coordinator, receives an award with his crew.



From left: Phillip Siping, Airport Maintenance Supervisor, Club Member; and George Jacques, Crystal Globe Winner, LAX.



Neil Guglielmo, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division Manager, thanks everyone for their hard work and contribution to the program



Back, from left: Romance Harper, Maintenance Laborer; Damon Jackson, Maintenance Laborer; Barry Harper, Maintenance Laborer; Jack Conway, Maintenance Laborer; Alejandro Orea, Maintenance Laborer; Erika Cabrera, Maintenance Laborer; Gerald Harris, Maintenance Laborer; Eduardo Gonzales, Maintenance Laborer; Terrance Martin, Maintenance Laborer; Elmer Smith, Maintenance Laborer; Rick Munoz, Maintenance Laborer; Charles Chapman, Maintenance Laborer; and Al Lopez, CFRP Labor Supervisor.



From left: Jack Conway, Maintenance Laborer, Crystal Globe Winner; Al Lopez, CFRP Labor Supervisor; and Eduardo Gonzales, Maintenance Laborer, Crystal Globe Winner.



Representing DWP, from left: Tony De Leon; Leon Bland, Club Member; Val Amezcua; and Carlos Luevano.

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Sayonara, Sally



Sally enjoys her day to say goodbye.

■ **Sally Anderson retires after more than 30 years of City service.**

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

CITY ATTORNEY — Club Member Sally Anderson recently retired from the City Attorney's office. She had more than 30 years of City service.

Friends, co-workers and family feted her with a reception Oct. 28 at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. Congratulations, Sally!



Sally is quite pleased to receive great retirement gifts like American Express checks.



Mark Brown presents Sally with a certificate from the Mayor's Office.



From left: Midy Aragon and Eloy Aragon (friends), with Becky Gardner, Sr. Legal Assistant.



From left: Vicki Chan and Eva Farlow.



From left: Jennie Gallardo, Receptionist; Bonnie Boone, Legal Secretary; Eva Farlow; and Lisa Hughes, Legal Secretary.

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From left: District 52 Governor Peter Geissler, Civil Engineering Associate III Chelsea Li and Division D Governor Robert O'Donnell.

Make 'em Laugh

■ **Public Works Toastmasters compete in division- and district-wide humorous reading contests.**

Story by Yvonne Liu, Personnel, and Toastmasters Member
Photos courtesy Toastmasters



PUBLIC WORKS — Have you ever thought that your spouse could be the inspiration to an award winning speech? Bureau of Engineering's Civil Engineering Associate III Chelsea Li did just that.

On Oct. 21, her speech titled "My Gifted Husband" represented the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters in the Toastmasters International Division D Humorous Speech Contest. Management Analyst II Elvia Magallon of CDD represented the LA Sparkplugs Club in the Table Topics Contest.

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit, worldwide organization that helps its members to develop their public speaking skills and leadership skills. It holds speech contests twice a year in various subjects. Contestants must compete at individual club levels before entering subsequently larger contests. Both City employee clubs—LA Sparkplugs Club and Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters—belong to Division D in the Downtown Los Angeles area. Chelsea and Elvia had distinguished themselves among dozens of clubs in the Downtown Los Angeles area to reach the Division D contest.

Out of the three contestants for the Table Topics Contest and three for Humorous Speech Contest, Chelsea and Elvia had each only two years as Toastmaster members. They competed fearlessly against seasoned Toastmasters and veteran contest winners including David Draper of the MTA Club, Beatrice Boise of the First Braille Club and David Berkowitz of the Transamerica Toastmasters.

Table Topics is the impromptu speech portion. If you would like to try the Table Topics yourself, what would your 2.5-minute answer to this question be: "Television is calling. You have been selected to appear on one of the following reality shows: Survivor, The Apprentice or Fear Factor. Which one would you choose?" David Berkowitz, who has been an active Toastmaster member for more than

15 years, came in first, and Elvia, a relative novice, carried home the second place trophy.

For Elvia, the best part of her membership is the opportunities to connect with fellow City employees and the closeness that comes with the association. She said, "I especially like that it has made me a confident speaker. I recommend Toastmasters to all people because it will contribute to their future success in any endeavors."

Whereas the first two prepared humorous speeches of five to seven minutes didn't even get an audible chuckle, Chelsea's speech shook the room with laughter. She conjured up hilarious images of her husband with Tom Cruise's height and Sigmund Freud's therapy skills. She took home the Division golden first place trophy.

At the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys, Chelsea was the only Pioneer to have made it so far to the District 52 Contest, to be held Nov. 5. Although she didn't come home with the District trophy, she said, "My membership in Toastmasters is the engine to keep me going. What I have learned about my contest experience is now I know what a good speech is and how to make a good one brilliant. I am working on another one now."

Isn't it time for you to visit the Toastmasters? The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets each Wednesday at noon at 650 S. Spring St. in the 12th floor's Giannini Room. Guests are always welcome. Membership is inexpensive, educational and fun.



From left: District 52 Governor Peter Geissler, Management Analyst II Elvia Magallon and Division D Governor Robert O'Donnell.

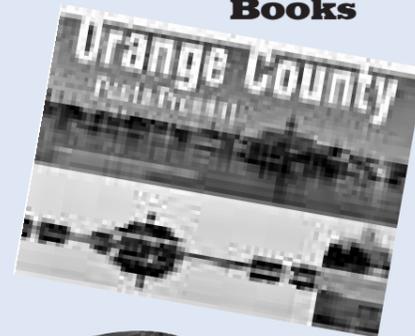
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- * Club apparel, including hats
- * City of Los Angeles items, including hats and high-quality watches
- * Tickets with the famous Club discount (no markups) are the perfect stocking stuffer.



Watches



Turn to **Page 71** for a full selection.

Happy Holidays from the Club





Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa talks to the crowd while Mercedes Marquez and Council Member Bernard Parks look on.

Housing Wins Award

■ Department celebrates Fannie Mae Foundation award.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

In July, Housing was awarded the Fannie Mae Foundation Innovations in American Government Award in Affordable Housing. The Systematic Code Enforcement Program was one of more than 1,000 applicants for the 2005 Innovations in American Government Award.

HOUSING DEPT. — On Oct. 27, the Housing Dept. celebrated a big award it won back in July. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa helped them celebrate.

Housing hosted its reception in City Hall's Tom Bradley Room.



From left: Cynthia Stanton, Montel McClellan, Rick Brinson and Terrell Young.



From left: Steve Hofstad, Housing Inspector; and Jorge De La Torre, Sr. Housing Inspector.



Mel D. Plummer, Chief Inspector; and Judith E. Reel, Deputy City Attorney IV.



Agnes Lung-Tam, Director of Rent Stabilization; and Suzanne V. Spillane, Deputy City Attorney III.



Neil D. Blumenkopf, Deputy City Attorney IV; and Scott A. McGill, Chief Inspector.



From left: Domingo Saucedo and Ken Simmons.



Ken Simmons and Craig Takenaka.



From left: Jim Washington, Julie Moon and Albert Romero.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Mercedes Marquez.



From left: Tricia Lam and Carmen Chavez.



From left: Stephen Cross, Stephen Cross Jr. and Roxanne Cross.



From left: Manuel Tejada, Jack Meijer, Cirilo Escobar and Robert Sgroi.



From left: Christy Kelly and Willie Andrews.



From left: Perla Veneracion and Waneer Jeerapaet.



Domingo Saucedo, Director of Enforcement; and Helen Yun, Deputy City Attorney.



Alex Shekarchi.



From left: Albert Romero, Julie Moon and Daniel Snyder.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Mercedes Marquez.



From left: Carmen Chavez, MA; and Claudia Monterrosa, Policy Analysis.



From left: Craig Takenaka, City Attorney; and Rudolf Montiel, Housing Authority.



From left: Mike Lee and Ki Young Lee.



From left: Peter Havas, Julie Chavez and Alfonso Perez.



From left: Mercedes Marquez, LAHD General Manager; and Jackie Goldberg.



From left: Laura Acosta and Elena Zamora.



From left: Lee Smith, Tsegla Waldamarian, Montel McClelan and Carlos Gomez.



From left: Lee Smith; Lorena Aguiar; Pier Ali; and Montel McClelan.

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Groundbreaking

■ LAFD breaks ground on new Fire Station 82 in Mar Vista.

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

FIRE DEPT. — There's a new Fire Station 82 going up in Mar Vista.

The LAFD broke ground in an official ceremony Oct. 17.

Battalion Chief and Community Liaison Officer Lou Roupoli welcomed the crowd. Guest speakers included Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Assemblymember Ted Lieu, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Fire Commissioner Tolentino, and LAFD Chief William Bammatre.

The existing fire station is overcrowded and will not adequately allow for future additional staffing and equipment. In addition, the fire station's main systems are antiquated. The current site is too small to accommodate a replacement Standard Fire/ Paramedic Station.



Chief William Bammatre, Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa present certificate to the Fire Station 62 captain.



Chief William Bammatre.



City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.



The new fire station is under construction.



Councilmember Bill Rosendahl.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa addresses the crowd.

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Mikey Kendall (seated) explains baseball rules to children.



A young girl enjoys rock climbing.



Young kids stop by the Zoo exhibit and talk with Coral Barreiro, Education Specialist.



The audience enjoys Kids Day LA.

For the Kids

■ **Rec and Parks hosts fun day for kids, families.**

Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

REC AND PARKS DEPT. — A free family festival dedicated to the children of the City of Angeles was held Oct. 15 at EPICC (Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center).

The event was sponsored by Rec and Parks and TV station KTLA.

Kids Day L.A. mixed fun activities for children (including soccer, basketball and volleyball clinics) with practical advice and resources for parents and other caregivers from approximately 100 services providers specializing in arts, education and recreation.

The event included an activity center for teenagers, a make-and-take craft area, food booths, entertainment featuring children, and more.



Aden and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager, are captivated by an explanation.



From left: Chris Pollock; Jamie Eichenbaum, RTC-CTRS-CPRP; Jeff Hernandez; Mikey Kendall (seated); Kathy Pollack; and boys Daniel and Daylan.



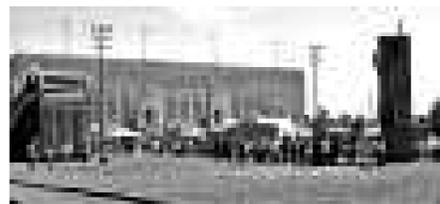
Students from Banning High School and Dodson Middle School.



From left: Jose Alfaro, Club Deportivo, Chivas USA, with Antonio Montano, Club Deportivo, Chivas USA.



From left: Michelle D. Brown, Community Relations Division, and Allyson Lavalais, Mgmt. Aide.



Kids Day LA.



Terry Brown, Rec Assistant (standing) and La Shon Wiggers, Child Care Center Director.



From left: Steve Isoda, Mgmt. Analyst II, and Mark Shin, Mgmt. Analyst II.



Richard Lee, Public Information Officer, Public Works.



Many enjoy the informational booths.



Children enjoy the puppet show.



From left: Fabian Cheng, P.E., Liaison Supervisor, with Raed Aboulhosh, P.E., Street Lighting Engineer Associate III.



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Inspector Recognition

■ Fire Prevention has its first Inspector recognition ceremony.

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

FIRE DEPT. — The Bureau of Fire Prevention held its first Inspector recognition ceremony Nov. 8 in the Fire Commission Room in City Hall East.

Promotional presentations took place as well as Council, Fire Marshal, and Fire/Life Safety presentations. A helmet with the letters "FPB" was presented to Fire Chief William Bammatre.

Lastly, two Fire Commissioners, Chief Bammatre, and Fire Marshal Chief Hill spoke about their appreciation for the work that gets done in the Bureau. Chief Bammatre explained how important the bureau is to the entire Fire Department.

Two award recipients who were not present were Patrick Killian (Inspector II) and Steve Montiel (Inspector I).

Promotional Presentations



Inspector I John Arce.



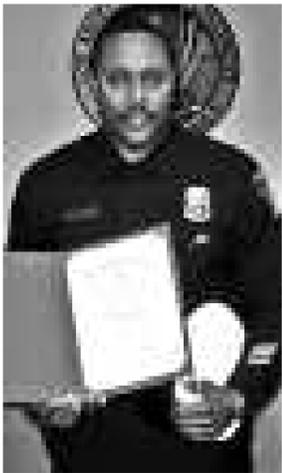
Inspector I Darryl Bolden.



From left: Fire Marshal Chief Hill and Inspector I David Cohen.



Inspector I Terrence Crossen.



Inspector I Sean Dean.



Inspector I Federico De La Vega.



Inspector I Richard Erquiaga.



Inspector I Mark Gentry.



Inspector I Joe Hill.



Inspector I Kristin Larson.



Inspector I Armando Nunez.



Inspector II Herman Quaintance.



The Helmet Presentation to Fire Chief William Bammatre.

Awards Presentations



The award recipients.



Fire Marshal Awards Presentation: Inspector I Cliff Anderson, 28 years.



Fire Marshal Awards Presentation: Inspector II Jesse Franco, 15 years.



The family of Inspector I Sandra Smith, Fire/Life Safety Award.



The family of Inspector II Monte Buckner, Fire/Life Safety Award.

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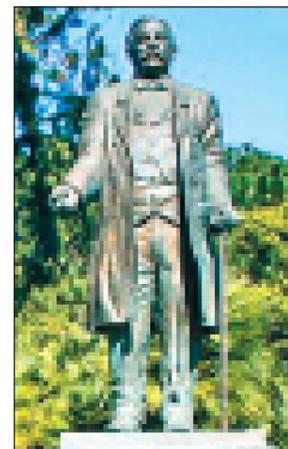


The Club member who gives us the most complete, detailed description of the object related to the City of Los Angeles wins the great prize!

- This month's deadline: Dec. 12.
- See complete list of rules.
- Thanks for playing, and good luck!

Send your response along with your Club card number by e-mail (whereinla@cityemployeesclub.com), by fax (213-620-0398) or by surface mail (350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071).

This month's winner is:
Shirley Gatlin,
widow of James A. Gatlin,
Building and Safety.



Here is her response: At the entrance of Griffith Park in Los Angeles is the 14-foot bronze statue of Colonel Griffith Jenkins Griffith. It serves as a tribute to the man who, on Dec. 16, 1896, donated 3,015 acres of his Rancho Los Feliz estate, now known as Griffith Park. Through his trust (The Griffith Family Trust), he donated additional lands and money for the construction and completion of the Greek Theatre and the Griffith Observatory.

The trust also commissioned a noted sculptor, Jonathan Bickart of Santa Monica, to create this statue to mark the centennial anniversary of his Christmas gift to all. It was installed on November 23, 1996, as a fitting remembrance of his monumental legacy.

The statue depicts a well-groomed Col. Griffith with his right hand extending a warm welcome to everyone and his left hand holding his cane for support.

Griffith Park has the distinction of being one of the largest city-owned parks in the country. It is now 4,107 acres of park and urban wilderness, consisting of a large zoo, golf courses, tennis courts, picnic areas, hiking trails, athletic fields, equestrian trails, the theatre and the observatory.

Runner-up: Susan Maons

Honorable mention: Ken Moody, ITA, and Jurutha Brown, Chief of EEO and Employee Development Programs.

Here are the rules:

- Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
- Responses can be delivered by mail, fax, e-mail or in person (phone responses will not be accepted). E-mail address: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering Alive!, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

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James Ward, Golf Manager, Rec and Parks.

Ward Is Golf Manager

■ **James Ward named head of golf services for Rec and Parks.**

*Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photo by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager*

REC AND PARKS DEPT. — James Ward, a 29-year veteran of the golf industry, was appointed Golf Manager for Rec and Parks by General Manager Jon Kirk Mukri.

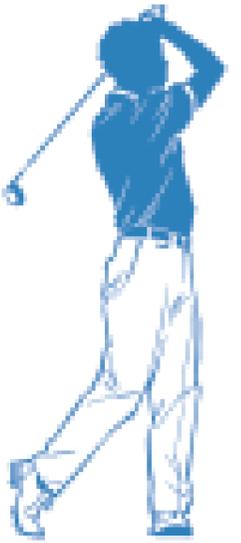
James Ward had been serving as Acting Golf Manager since April 2005, overseeing a division that encompasses 13 courses. He is also responsible for the junior, men's and women's clubs that are affiliated with the Municipal Golf Association, along with tournaments, on-site restaurants, pro shops, other concessions and an automated reservation system that together generate more than \$30 million in annual revenue.

Ward's credentials include being a certified member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, and a past president and

member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California.

He said his primary goals as Golf Manager are to strengthen youth and adult clubs, improve the quality of City courses, and maintain reasonable fees.

A graduate of Cal Poly Pomona with a Bachelor's degree in park administration, Ward also finds time to be president of the City of Glendale Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission, a state of California Agricultural Pest Control Adviser, and a member of the California Park and Recreation Society.



Newsbriefs

LAPD WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The LAPD was one of 15 American businesses and organizations that received this year's Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award for exceptional support of their employees in the National Guard or Reserve. The award ceremony was held Oct. 15 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel here.

The National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a U.S. Department of Defense agency, manages the award process. The award recognizes U.S. employers that rise above the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. USSERA helps Guard and Reserve members understand employee eligibility and job entitlements, employer obligations, benefits and remedies under the act. Employees nominated employers for the award.

Employers who receive the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award "represent the best of the best," Thomas F. Hall, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, said. The recognized companies "care for their employees (and) they're patriots, just as much as the people fighting in the global war on terrorism," Hall said.

The LAPD held a summer picnic for the families of its police officers in the Guard or Reserve, Sharon Papa, Assistant Chief, said. The LAPD also created a military liaison officer position to ensure that police officers in the Guard and Reserve continue to receive their benefits when they're called up for active duty, she said.

The Los Angeles police serve both their home community and the nation, Papa said. That's why "we felt that we owned them to take care of their families" while they are deployed, she said.

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From left: Thuong Le, Equipment Mechanic; and Jeremy Chang, Equipment Mechanic.



From left: Sylvester Nealon, Auto Body Builder; Davoud Derogar, Equipment Mechanic; and Elvin Carter, Garage Attendant.



From left: Mike Honda, Equipment Mechanic; Dennis Yoshioka, Equipment Mechanic; and James Murray, Auto Body Builder/Repairer.

Thanks to the Mechanics

■ LAPD's Motor Transport Division hosts an employee appreciation day.

Story and photos by Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD Motor Transport Division held an employee appreciation event Oct. 26 at the LAPD Central Facilities.

The event was held to recognize the hard work and dedication of the MTD employees. The event, sponsored by the MTD Station Fund, attracted hundreds of employees from several facilities throughout the City. Carne asada and chicken tacos were served, as well as several other delicious items.



Douglas Lee, Equipment Mechanic, Motor Transport Division Committee.



From left: Yosh Iwanaga, Auto Body Repairer; Genaro Benitez, Auto Body Repairer; Paul Ortega, Auto Painter; and John Feller, Auto Body Builder.



From left: Neil Olsen, Director; and Mike Ortiz, Automotive Supervisor Central Facilities.



From left: Ron Kisblyama, Senior Equipment Mechanic; Jacob Culpepper, Equipment Mechanic; Harvey Castro, Garage Attendant; Ismael Moran, Equipment Mechanic; and Ruben Delgado, Equipment Mechanic.



From left: Emilio Salinas, Auto Painter; Mike Drum, Auto Body Repairer; Mark Jenkins, Cabinet Maker; Jose Carvajal, Garage Attendant; and Ken Currens, Auto Body Repairer Supervisor II.



From left: Steve Luna, Equipment Mechanic; Mark Gibbs, Equipment Mechanic; Kelly Gage, Senior Mechanic; and Alex Iglesias, Senior Equipment Mechanic.



From left: Ladrina Lee, Senior Clerk Typist; Camille Carapetian, Accounting Clerk II; and Suli Dong, Management Analyst I.



From left: Charles Jones, Detention Officer; and Chris O'Bryant, Garage Attendant.



From left: Lee Reiner, Equipment Mechanic; Keith Moore, Equipment Mechanic; and Vic Karagozian, Equipment Mechanic.



From left: Doug Ray, Equipment Mechanic; Paul Arredonado, Equipment Mechanic; Art Chasco, Mechanic Helper; and Ralph Vasquez, Garage Attendant.



From left: Steven Marquardt, Equipment Mechanic; Louis Schillinger, Senior Equipment Mechanic; Glen Horner, Equipment Mechanic; Bill Evains, Equipment Mechanic; Glenn Lagrange, Equipment Mechanic.



From left: Stella Jew, Management Analyst II; Delia Sevilla, Senior Clerk Typist; and Harry Chrakyan, Equipment Mechanic.



From left: Lamar Payne, Gen. Services Custodian; Lendell Walker, Custodian; and Louis Abraham, Store Keeper II.



From left: Jose Baldezon, Equipment Mechanic; Ephrem Delgado, Garage Attendant; and Billy Wan.



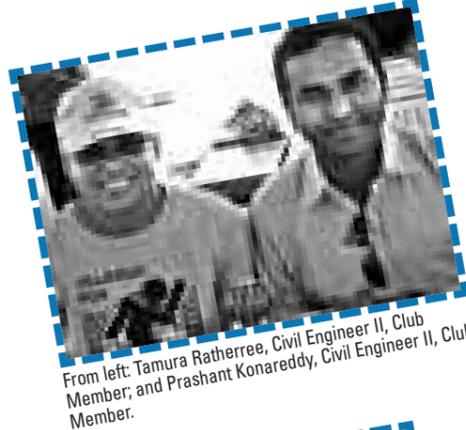
From left: Shao S., MTE Associate, and Terry Walsh, MTE.



Picnic Committee, back, from left: Chris Grossi, CEA III; Robel Afewerki, CEA IV, Club Member; Andrew Wooster, MA II; Jaime Munoz, CEA II; and Laura Leon, CEA II, Club Member. Front: Liu Zizhan, CE Drafting Tech; Lisa Roberts, CEA II, Club Member; Joann Rios, Student Engineer; Stacey Jones, Director of Engineering Development; Hilda Zavala, Student Engineer; Melissa Camarena, Student Engineer; and Sal Zambrano, Harbor Engineer I, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Emilio Macias, Architectural Associate, Club Member; and Emil Zordilla, Architectural Associate, Club Member. Seated: Maria Rongavilla-Sayota, Sr, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Richard Joe, Electrical Engineering Associate, Club Member.



From left: Tamura Ratherree, Civil Engineer II, Club Member; and Prashant Konareddy, Civil Engineer II, Club Member.



From left: Consultants Chris Cannon and Terri Krystofiak.



From left: Todd Rother, Civil Engineering Associate, Club Member; and Hwan Cheng, Estimator.



From left: Kurt Ramirez, Survey Party Chief; Jill De Montagnac, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Lisa Maes, Sr. Clerk Typist.



From left: Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Engineer; Kurt Arend, Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer, Club Member; and John Kostrenchik, Chief Construction Inspector.



From left: Jack Clay and Steve Yoshioka, Construction Inspector.



From left: Emilio Macias, Architectural Associate, Club Member; and Carmen Bognot, Architectural Associate, Club Member.



From left: Enedina Rodriguez, Clerk Typist; and To Markotic, Sr. Clerk Typist.



Phoung Nguyen, Structural Assistant Engineer.



Cory Berman, Project Manager, Club Member, sports his favorite team jersey.



From left: Pablo Ninofranco, Retiree, Club Member; and Ray Aliviado, Harbor Engineer, Club Member.



From left: Consultants Merilee Hatfield and Mike Christensen



From left: Anthony Vann, Construction Inspector, Club Member; Patrice Martin, Civil Engineering Associate II, Club Member; and Mimi Gutierrez, Civil Engineer II, Club Member.



From left: Nathan Cope, Civil Engineering Associate; Michael Swords, Student Engineer



From left: Sue Lai, Transportation Engineer; Jim Kinkor, Retired; Tom Asuncion, Architect Associate, Club Member; and Ronald Lin, Civil Engineering Associate.



From left: Matthew Smith and Neca Alves, Materials Testing Technician.



From left: Melissa Harne, Civil Engineering Associate; Autumn Smith, Student Engineer; and Katrina Schutt, MA.



From left: George Ivzevic, CE Draftsman, Club Member; and Boyd Bostre, Architect, Club Member.



From left: Leonard Cutler, Engineering Associate; Peter Ouk, Engineering Associate; and Du Tran, Building Mechanical Engineer, Club Member.

End-of-Season Picnic

■ Harbor hosts last picnic of the year.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with additional information by Robel Afewerki.
Photos by Arlene Herrero



HARBOR DEPT. — Port Engineers threw the last picnic of the year, their annual event to mark the end of summer and the beginning of the fall.

The picnic was held Oct. 5 at the Promenade Berth 87. Approximately 110 people attended.

They enjoyed games and food such as carne asada, carnitas, chicken tacos and assorted cakes for dessert. This year's theme was to wear your favorite sports shirt and or hat.

The Club donated prizes for the raffle.

Thanks go to Robel Afewerki and Sal Zambrano for their assistance.

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Ed Harding is the President of Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI), one of three major retirees associations for the City of Los Angeles. Contact him: (805) 584-9417.

Ed Harding, RLACEI President



LACERS Recommends Retaining Same Consultant

By Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, RLACEI

Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports: "Our Holiday Party and Installation of Officers will be on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. We will have a great lunch and about 40 door prizes. John Hawkins, President and CEO of the City Employees Club, usually donates many gift certificates, as does LACERS and RLACEI. We thank them."

"Please call one of the officers on the Retirees Help-Lines a week ahead to make reservations for the Holiday Party Lunch, so we will know how many lunches to order."

"The Men's Retreat that Larry Jones sponsored for almost 50 years, will be held at the Serra Retreat House in Malibu. It will begin with dinner on Friday, Jan. 6, and end with lunch on Sunday, Jan. 8. It is an opportunity for male City employees, active or retired, and friends to get together for a weekend. There are optional sessions whose purpose is to promote a better way of life. Tommy Hannifin, City Treasurer, started this retreat, and when he died, Larry Jones took over. After Larry died, I have attempted to continue this tradition. If you are interested, or wish more information, call me at (805) 584-9417, or the retreat house at (310) 456-6631.

"I wish all a Happy Thanksgiving and Holidays."



Legislative Update:

Ken Spiker, our Elected LACERS Commissioner, reports that the LACERS Benefits Administration

Committee, which he chairs, has recommended to the Board a three-year contract extension to Deloitte Consulting LLP.

Deloitte has been under contract with LACERS for the last six years, providing health care consulting services. Ken stated that they have provided outstanding services. He is sure that our premiums have remained relatively low in a large part to their efforts.

Six firms bid for the contract, and three were selected for interviews by the Committee. Bids ranged from \$242,000 to \$749,502. Deloitte came in at \$582,800.

Ken indicated that the Deloitte staff and LACERS staff, especially Sandra Dyson, Chief Health Benefits Administrator, have worked very well together to deliver health care programs to our retirees and at a reasonable cost.

Ken wishes that you have a happy and safe Holiday Season.



LACERS Statistics:

1. Total value of the fund as of close of business Aug. 31: \$8,859,600,600
2. Number of retiree checks issued monthly as of Sept. 30: \$14,620
3. Average retiree monthly allowance as of Sept. 30: \$2474.70

Special note:

Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, said that due to a computer malfunction, some people who are already members were sent an application to join. We apologize.

RLACEI Website

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at: www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retiree news.

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 323-728-4930, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

RLACEI

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Party and Installation of Officers

— Thursday, Dec. 8, noon to 3 p.m. at the Grace E. Simons Lodge

28th Annual Retirees Golf Tournament

— Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at the Alhambra Golf Course.

RLACEI Holiday Party – December 8, 2005

The RLACEI's Annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The Lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., near Dodger Stadium. Chairman Americo Garza has promised a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Help-lines. Free Taxi service can take you from the parking area to the Lodge.



The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!

The entourage in Helsinki Senate Square in front of the Lutheran Cathedral.



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for RLACEI and for the DWP:

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

RLACEI Retirement Counselors:

- Edward Harding (805) 584-9417
- Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130
- Robert Wilkinson (818) 886-1000
- Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568
- Harold Danowitz (310) 472-0224
- Jack Mathews (310) 762-1942
- Helen Salgado (323) 728-4930 (membership)
- Americo Garza (562) 928-2051
- Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI

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On to Stockholm and Helsinki

Hal and his entourage continue their European cruise.

We awoke to a beautiful day on the fifth day of our Northern European cruise. It was a sea day as we sailed to Stockholm. It is also the Summer Solstice (June 22), the longest day of the year; the sun rose at 4:23 a.m., and would set tonight at 9:57 p.m. Sailing north, the days became longer.

I always enjoy a day at sea because it gives you time to relax, especially after yesterday's 14-hour tour of Berlin.

Each night the ship's newspaper was delivered to our stateroom. It contained various news and information about the ship and a schedule of activities and events for the next day. On a typical sea day I counted 80 different activities and events on the schedule from 8:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. There was something for everyone: computer training, excise classes, golf clinic, dance class, slot tournament, cooking demo, trivia contest, port talks and the evening's entertainments, to name a few. And let's not forget all of the opportunities to eat!

After breakfast I stopped by the Internet café to check my e-mail.

The cost of using the Internet was 75 cents per minute without purchasing a package. If you purchased one you could bring the cost down (250 minutes for \$125) to 50 cents per minute. The café, which served neither food nor drink, had more than 20 workstations. Most of the time the room was full, but you never had to wait too long for a device, given the cost per minute. The last day of the cruise we still had some minutes to use.

The weather was cool but sunny, so I found a place by the pool and read my book and took short naps until Evelyn woke me for lunch.

After lunch we decided to take a look at the art that was to be auctioned during the cruise. We were looking for animation for the grandkid's room. We did purchase two small pieces. We ended the afternoon with jackpot bingo. Usually bingo is big on a cruise ship and the final jackpot can reach \$5,000, but on this trip there just wasn't enough time and the last jackpot was under \$1,000. We played when we could, but didn't win anything.

Casinos are big on cruise ships, but we rarely play. Evelyn did one night and won \$7 at blackjack and quit.

This evening was a formal night, so we needed time to dress and meet for cocktails before dinner.

After dinner we watched the show in the theater, which was very good.

On this cruise, entertainers from Cirque du Soleil were on board, putting on a special



Stockholm art.

show in the Bar at the Edge of the Earth. It didn't start until 11 p.m. and was surreal. We didn't enjoy it at all, and it seemed a waste of a good bar.

When we woke the next morning we were sailing through the Northern Stockholm Archipelago and it was very foggy. The fog delayed our arrival

in Stockholm, Sweden's capital and largest city. Located on the eastern coast of Sweden, Stockholm is situated on approximately 20 islands. Because of its many waterways and parklands, Stockholm is often called the "Venice of the North" or "the city that floats."

We had signed up for the three-hour tour of Stockholm and the Vasa Museum. The tour was a drive-by of the important sights, including the Royal Palace and a stop at the Vasa Museum, which houses the warship Vasa. The 17th-century warship sank in Stockholm's inner harbor on her maiden voyage in 1628; its discovery in 1956 and salvage in 1961 is one of the most important events in marine archaeology. This was the most interesting part of the tour, and we could have done the whole tour on our own.

After returning to the ship for lunch, we took the ship's shuttle back to the center of town and walked over to Gamla Stan (old town) to do some shopping. It is a really nice area, with narrow streets with shops and restaurants. This was the place to buy crystal, so we brought a small piece as a souvenir. As we walked back to the shuttle stop, I noticed the funniest looking piece of art in the water (see picture). Who says Swedes don't have a

sense of humor.

Our next stop was Helsinki. Known as the city of the sea, it is the capital of Finland. The city was founded by King Gustav Vasa (same guy they named the ship that sunk after) of Sweden while the country was under Swedish rule. The city is surrounded on three sides by

water and therefore is a natural seaport. Helsinki Harbor handles most of Finland's maritime trade. The city is interspersed with gardens and parks and is absence of high-rise building and retains a small-town atmosphere.

It was Friday and the start of the Summer Solstice holiday weekend; everyone in Helsinki was getting out of town.

We booked the three-hour Helsinki city tour. We drove past the downtown area and the normal government building, and then stopped at the Tempeliakio Rock Church. It is one of Europe's most unusual modern churches, carved out of solid rock and topped with a copper dome. Due to its acoustical qualities the church is also used as a concert hall.

We then stopped at the Olympic Stadium, site of the 1952 Olympic games. I took a picture in front of the statue of the "Flying Finn" – Paavo Nurmi. We stopped at Sibelius Park to see the stainless-steel monument erected for the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

The tour ended at the Senate Square, where we saw the domed Lutheran Cathedral. It was about noon and we wanted to do some shopping, but because of the holiday most of the stores were closing. Lucky there was small shopping area near the ship and we were able to buy a few souvenirs before the ship sailed.

The ship sailed at 6 p.m., and as we sailed out I noticed all the people along the waterway waiting for sunset (10:38 p.m.) to light large bonfires to welcome the Summer Solstice.

One of the drawbacks of using a cruise to see a city is the limited time you have in port. In both Stockholm and Helsinki, we would have liked to have another day or two to really see the city. The two tours we took were okay and having a knowledgeable guide did help, but we could have easily seen both cities on our own.

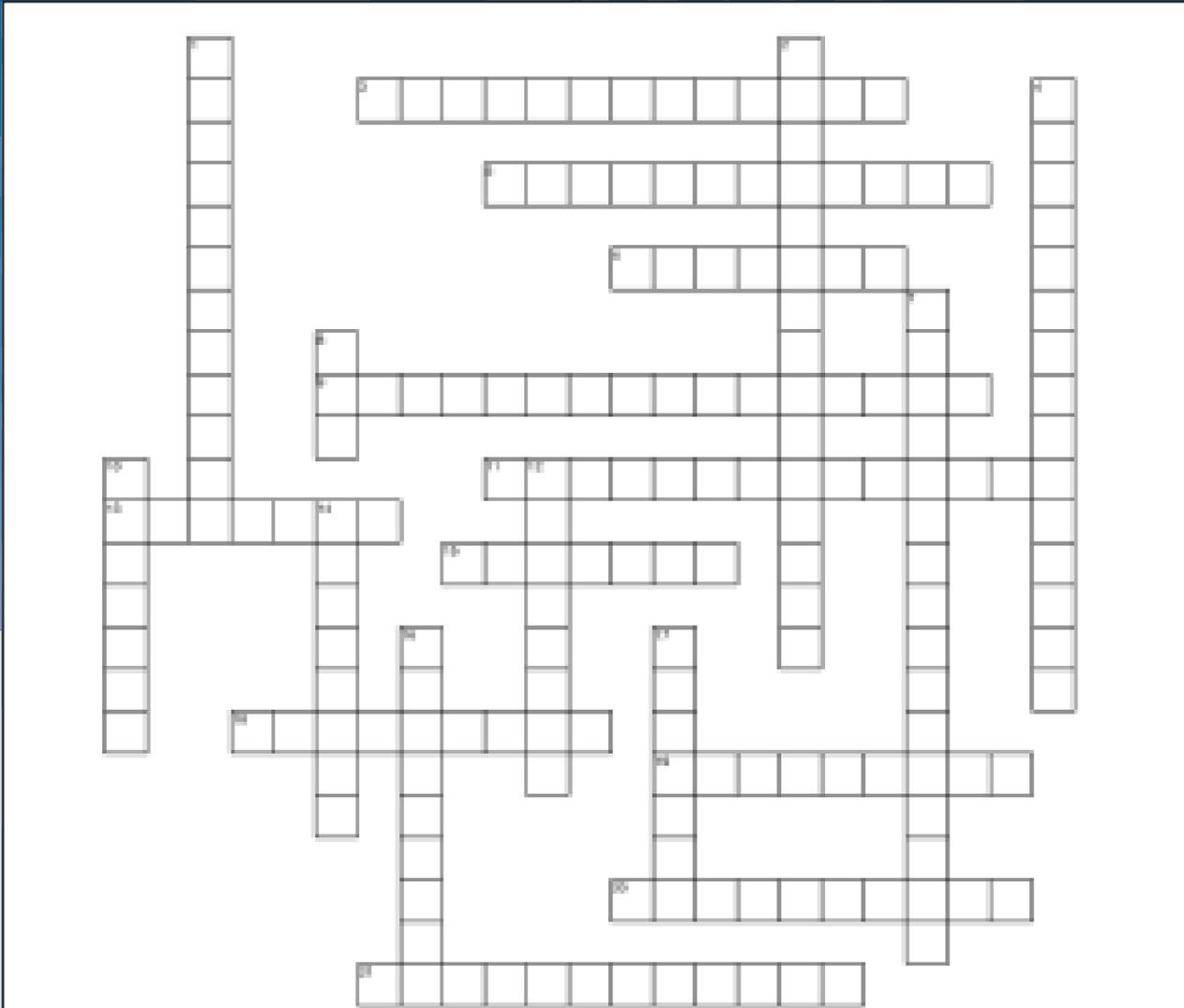
Next month we will visit St. Petersburg.

Readers with questions or comments
can e-mail Hal at
adventureswithhal@cityemployeesclub.com

The Alive! Crossword Puzzle

For Retired Members, Created by Club Events Guru Michelle Moreno

The Best Years



Here's a new fun feature for Alive's retired readers... and a new contest!

Introducing the *Alive!* Crossword... a monthly puzzle with a theme relating to the City of Los Angeles and the Club. We'll print the answers the following month.

And here's the contest:

The first retired Club Members to complete the puzzle and send in the correct results will win a Ralphs grocery gift certificate for \$25.

But: You also have to tell us what the theme is. The theme could relate to:

- The City
- The Club
- A topic of interest to retirees, from the past (or the present)

So grab your pencil, and let the fun begin!

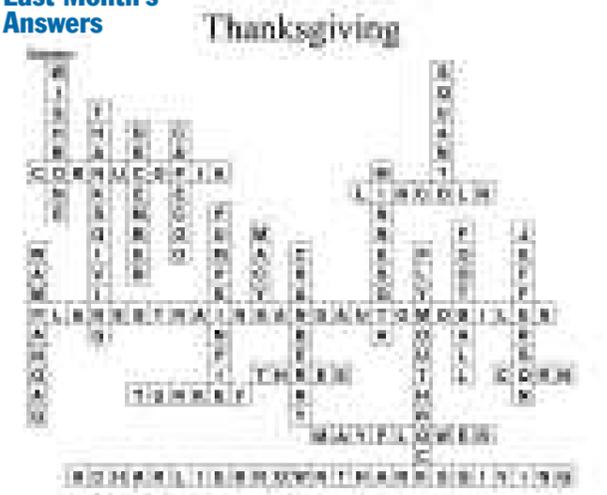
ACROSS

3. (3 words) Cool Pershing Square event (hint: see Events 411)
5. (2 words) Star of "It's a Wonderful Life"
6. "Ba Humbug!"
9. (3 words) "pa rum pum pum pum"
11. (2 words) Film starring Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney
13. Reindeer with shiny red nose
15. Candelabrum with seven candles
18. Holiday celebrated on December 25th
19. (2 words) Dwelling of St. Nicholas
20. (2 words) "Ho Ho Ho"
21. (3 words) "Fa la la la, la la la"

DOWN

1. (2 words) Spanish phrase for "Merry Christmas"
2. (3 words) What you receive on the 5th day of Christmas
4. (3 words) "You'll poke your eye out!"
7. (3 words) ...was a jolly happy soul...
8. "Movie of the Month" in Who's Got the Popcorn section
10. Four-sided, top-like toy with the Hebrew letters on the sides
12. Jewish Holiday celebrated for 8 days
14. (2 words) Where is the partridge?
16. You kiss under it
17. Week-long holiday honoring African-American Heritage

Last Month's Answers



This month's theme:

Crossword puzzle contest rules:

1. Mail your completed puzzle (and your guess at the theme) to the Club Headquarters, 350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90071
2. Deadline: The 15th of the month.
3. Anyone can enter, but only Club members with valid Club registration numbers can win.
4. This puzzle is for retired Club Members.
5. It's all in good fun: The Club is not responsible for delays in delivery of *Alive!* or the transmission of entries.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Christmas is Coming Again

Here are some useful holiday suggestions:

1. Instead of sending card, make an equivalent donation to one of the disaster funds.
2. Gift ideas that are inexpensive: Time to make people feel special and loved; a friendly smile; a helping hand; words of encouragement.
3. Some practical decorations for your Christmas tree: Compassion, honesty, reliability, integrity, sincerity, trustworthy, moral, affectionate, sensitive.

Let us dedicate ourselves at this Christmastime to new birth of faith, hope and love.

-- Phil Skarin

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

James Ogg is back in his apartment after an amnesia attack. He has a new phone number (818) 765-3417. Phone calls will help cheer him up.

Don Tillman, former City Engineer, writes from Las Vegas: "I truly appreciate what you have done for retirees. Thanks to Ken Spiker for his efforts on the LACERS Board. After 14 years on that Board, I know the value of that service".

Conrad Bineau had a hole in one on the 14th hole of the Horse Thief Golf Course in Tahachapi. He won an \$81 jackpot. Call him at (661) 822-8348 and he'll give you a blow-by-blow description of it.

Phil and Miriam Skarin celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with family and friends with a dinner on Nov. 18 at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant in Van Nuys. Phil's dad, Gustave Skarin, was a member of that squadron in World War I. He was the cook for the officers, which included General Rickenbacher. Phil and Miriam set their wedding date so they could attend the California vs. Stanford Big Game on their honeymoon. Phil graduated from the University of California and Miriam graduated from Stanford University. The score of the Big Game in 1950 was appropriately, a 7 - 7 tie.

Ronald Skarin, Principal Building Inspector in Building and Safety and son of Philip and Miriam, was inducted into the U.S. Bicycling Hall of Fame Oct. 14 in Bridgewater, N.J., with mom and pop cheering for him.

Celebrating 90? If you will be 90 or more on your next birthday, let Ed Harding know the date and your age and he'll arrange to have President Bush send you a personal birthday greeting.

Jane Hanson writes, "You write a very interesting column and I want to thank you for all that you do so faithfully for those of us who are retired."

If you have any news about a retiree that you would like to share, send it to:

Phil Skarin
5301 Norwich Ave.,
Van Nuys, CA 91411
or call (818) 784-0130.

The Best Years



Volunteer 411 Get Involved!

By Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru

Helping Others During Holidays Means So Much

By Michelle Moreno, Club Events Guru
Hello volunteer enthusiasts!

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and gave thanks for everything that you have, I know I did. I gave thanks for my family, friends, job, health and more. The holiday season is a hard one for those who are lonely and less fortunate than most of us. To make this world a better place, what better way than to help those who need us during this time?

One specific group of those asking for your help is the homeless children of Los Angeles. Both the Covenant House California and Connections for Children are looking for toy-wrappers. If you have a talent for gift-wrapping, then why not contribute to a great cause. I know you'll make some kids very happy.

If you're looking for something different, then why not try volunteering for the Rose Bowl Tournament of Roses Parade? The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help out decorate some floats. For every volunteer hour they obtain, they receive a \$1 donation. So not only do you get to assist in the most famous parade in the world, but you also get to help raise money for a great organization. I hope I'll see you there.

As always, if you are volunteering somewhere and would like to share your experience with your fellow retirees, please send me a letter or e-mail. I would very much enjoy posting stories of club members who are helping out the community.

Well, that's it for me for this month. Always keep an eye out for "Volunteer 411" every month, and if you would like to list some events or opportunities, please send them in to volunteer@cityemployeesclub.com or 350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700, Los Angeles, 90071. You can also call me at (800) 464-0452. Thanks for reading and have a great holiday season!

Some of the listed volunteer opportunities were found at:
www.idealists.org
www.volunteermatch.org
L.A. Works
(323) 224-6510
www.laworks.com

Volunteer Center of Los Angeles
(818) 908-5070
www.vcla.net

December

Gift Wrapping for Holiday Gift Giveaway for Connections for Children

"Every year we host a Holiday gift program, distributing unused gifts to over 1,000 children who otherwise might not receive a gift at holiday time. We need volunteers to help wrap and label all the wonderful gifts that are donated." (Website)

Date(s): Dec. 5- 15
Event Time: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location: 2701 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 253, Santa Monica
Contact: (310) 452-3325 or www.cfc-ca.org

Food and Toy Distribution

"During the holiday season, the Family Services Department in Los Angeles and South Los Angeles distributes toys and food to more than 2,200 families. Volunteers will assist the Salvation Army in downtown Los Angeles and South Los Angeles to distribute donated food and toys to our needy clientele." (Website)

Date(s): Dec. 11 and 17
Event Time: 7 a.m. – noon or noon – 5 p.m.
Location: Downtown L.A.
Contact: (213) 627-1440 or http://salvationarmy-social.org

Christmas for Homeless Youths

Covenant House California is a multi-service agency that provides a wide variety of services to runaway and homeless youths ages 18 to 21. Groups are especially welcome the week of Dec. 17 to 23 to its annual "wrapping party," the week before Christmas, to wrap each gift. They need volunteers all day from 9 a.m. until about 8 or 9 p.m.

Date(s): Dec. 17 to 23
Event Time: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Location: 1325 N. Western Blvd., Hollywood
Contact: (323) 461-3131 or www.covenanthouse.org/about_loc_la.html

Pasadena Rose Parade Assistance

"Help decorate Rose Parade Festival floats and for every hour you work, \$1 will be donated to the Salvation Army Youth Centers in Los Angeles. Volunteers will rotate through cutting and preparing flowers, gluing materials and keeping the float storage area clean. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age." (Website)

Date(s): Dec. 25 to 31
Event Time: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Location: Rose Bowl Parking Lot 1
Contact: (213) 627-1440 or http://salvationarmy-social.org

Ongoing

*Events subject to change. Please call or visit Website to confirm.

Friends of Animals Foundation – Volunteer

"The Friends of Animals Foundation is a shelter that rescues abused, abandoned and needy dogs and cats and places them in good homes. We will be walking dogs, feeding cats and socializing both dogs and cats." (L.A. Works Website)

Date(s): Daily
Event/Volunteer Time: Vary
Location: West Los Angeles
Contact: (310) 479-5089 or www.foafla.petfinder.com

Los Angeles Zoo Volunteer

There are several volunteer opportunities available at the L.A. Zoo, from docents to office work to special events. If you like animals and kids, this event is for you.

Date(s): Daily
Event Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Volunteer Time: Vary
Location: 5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
Contact: (323) 644-4703 or www.lazoo.org/volunteering.html

Project Angel Food

"Project Angel Food's mission is to nourish the body and spirit of men, women and children affected by HIV/AIDS and other serious illnesses. The Project Angel Food Program delivers free nutritious meals prepared with love." Volunteer opportunities include: delivering meals, preparing meals at the Hollywood location, assisting in the office and participating in events.

Date(s): Monday – Friday, Sunday
Event Time: 8 a.m. – noon, 1 - 4 p.m.
Volunteer Time: 2 to 4 hours
Location: 7574 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood
Contact: (323) 845-1816 or www.angelfood.org

Tutor at the Remedial Reading Center

This organization is looking for volunteers to help tutor intercity youths with math, reading or writing skills. Grades 1 - 7.

Date(s): Daily
Event Time: 3 – 7 p.m.
Volunteer Time: Vary
Location: 2239 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles
Contact: (323) 732-1350

Reading to Kids

If you like reading and like helping kids learn then this opportunity is perfect for you. The Reading Club meets every Saturday and provides children with a great educational experience.

Date(s): Saturdays (Call to confirm)
Event Time: 9 a.m. – noon
Volunteer Time: 3 hours
Location: Elementary schools near Downtown L.A.
Contact: (310) 479-7455 or www.readingtokids.org

Feed the Soul While Helping Feed the Hungry at L.A.'s Food Bank

"We need to make care packages for women with infants, children and senior citizens. If you want to volunteer this is a great way to help out your community."

Date(s): Saturdays (call to confirm)
Event Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Volunteer Time: 3 hours
Location: L.A. Food Bank, 1734 East 41st St., Los Angeles
Contact: (323) 234-3030 or www.lafightshunger.org

PetSave: Animal Interaction – Rabbits

"PetSave and the speLA helped to rescue 400-plus neglected rabbits in 2002. PetSave's mission is to continue to care for these rabbits until all have been adopted into good homes. Volunteers are needed to help with the daily care of the rabbits, including assisting with feeding and cleaning cages, brushing and socializing the rabbits, and helping to clean and organize the shelter."

Date(s): Saturdays
Event Time: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Volunteer Time: Two hours/week
Location: 522 West 9th St., San Pedro
Contact: (310) 833-7333 or www.petsave.org

Mentor for the I Have a Dream Foundation

"Mentors provide a window to the world. They motivate and coach their mentees to create and achieve their dreams. Mentors are matched with individual Dreamers and commit to at least a year of monthly in-person visits and weekly phone or mail contact. This is not a financial commitment, but rather an opportunity to expose a child to new cultural and educational experiences and opportunities outside their communities."

Date(s): Monthly
Event Time/Volunteer Time/Location: Vary
Contact: (213) 572-0175 or www.ihadla.org

Hospice Volunteer Opportunity

"Do you enjoy working with an energetic team in the office? This is an opportunity to enjoy being with an energetic team who are each working to serve each patient and family member we have during the end of life's journey." Several volunteer opportunities available.

Date(s): Through Dec. 20
Event Time: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Volunteer Time: Four hours/month
Location: Odyssey Healthcare 1900 W. Garvey Ave. #200, West Covina
Contact: (626) 851-4000 or www.odshealth.com

Retired Teachers for Pawprints Literacy Plus Foundation

"Pawprints Literacy Plus Foundation helps fight illiteracy by using animal stories to involve kids – and adults including seniors – in reading and creative writing, plus listening and speaking exercises. The group is looking for: Ability to work effectively with youngsters grades 1-12 (any combination of grade level useful). Must be proficient in language arts, able to manage discipline without a heavy hand. Ability to talk with others in the L.A. community, to help in fundraising efforts – training provided for both program and fundraising."

Date(s): Through Dec. 31
Event Time: Vary
Volunteer Time: 10 hours per week
Location: Brentwood Village
Contact: (310) 471-5048 or www.inaspawprints.com

Public Education Ambassadors for Multiple Sclerosis Association of America

"Public educational ambassadors use their communication skills to represent the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America and America's Charities at public speaking events. These events include workplace giving campaigns, health fairs and regionally organized public education events. We are looking for people who have good public speaking skills and can convey our mission to people in a public setting."

Date(s): Through Dec. 20
Event Time: Vary
Volunteer Time: Three hours
Location: Vary
Contact: (800) 532-7667 or www.msaa.com

Ice Skating Is Back



Downtown Ice Rink

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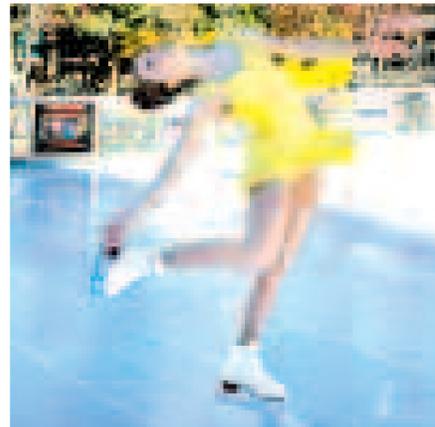
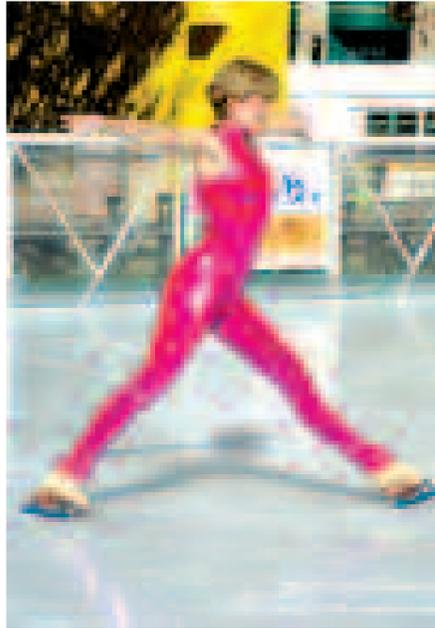
venient outing.

With an admission price of \$6 per skating session and \$2 for skate rental, the rink is open seven days a week (including holidays), and is sponsored by Rec and Parks and the office of Councilmember Jan Perry (9th District).

Downtown on Ice also boasts a free holiday musical concert series with top names in entertainment, along with numerous special free family events, including a Disney on Ice special review.

The facility is easily accessible via the Golden State 5, Hollywood 101 and Harbor 110 Freeways, or by bus (5th and Olive), and the Metro Red Line (Pershing Square Station at Hill Street). Underground parking is offered at a discounted rate with rink validation.

For more information on Downtown on Ice, call (213) 847-4970 or visit www.laparks.org and go to Directory of Services, then click on Pershing Square. The toll-free number is (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757).



Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square through Jan. 16.

532 S. Olive St.

(across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel)

Hours:

General schedule: Monday -Thursday, noon – 9 p.m.

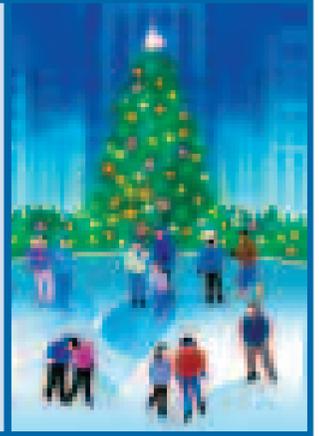
Friday/Saturday/Sunday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Special extended holiday vacation hours, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Dec. 17 through Jan. 8)

Open all holidays

Admission: \$6 per session

Skate rental: \$2



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History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



by Hynda Rudd,
City Archivist (Retired),
and Club Member

■ Here's a first look at a publication detailing the history of the Los Angeles City sewer system.

In October, the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation awarded a grant to the Los Angeles City Historical Society to create a publication to detail the history of the Los Angeles City sewer system. The book, titled *Underneath the City of Los Angeles: A History of the Los Angeles City Sewer System, 1850-2005*, is being written by Anna Sklar, the Public Relations Director for the Board of Public Works from 1983 to 1987. Following that, she was Public Relations Director for the Bureau of Sanitation in Public Works. Many aspects of her book were found in the Los Angeles City Archives. The following are excerpts from her incredible work in progress. First, an abbreviated history of the City's sewer system, and then a more general overview:

■ **The First Sewer to the Sea:** The first population boom in Los Angeles history occurred in 1885. An American town of 11,000 inhabitants in 1880 had grown to 65,000 in less than seven years and grappled with a conundrum - sell their sewage or send it by pipe to the ocean. City Engineer Fred Eaton drew up a sewerage plan for the interior of the City with an outfall to the ocean, 12 miles southwest of the City. The City Council dithered; residents and politicians debated the plan. The debate spanned five years before the residents agreed to construction of the outfall. Construction of the Dockweiler Sewer was completed in 1904.

■ **Suicide or Accident:** Within a few years, the first sewer to the sea began leaking and could not carry the effluvia from 102,479 people. Reform was in the air. Contractors reneged and walked off the job. A conscientious engineer dies; was it suicide or accident?

■ **The Roaring Twenties:** The population soared. The motion picture industry caused sewage overflows in the streets of Los Angeles and the new central outfall would not hold. Residents refused to approve bond measures that would pay for building a new sewer outfall and treatment plant. Finally on the fourth try, with sewage in backyards and basements, a sewer relief measure was approved. The beaches become awash in fecal matter, but no one seemed to mind. Finally, when portions of the City were once again swimming in sewage, the residents pleaded for relief.

■ **The North Outfall Sewer:** When there was not enough money for a treatment plant, the City decided to build a sewage pier or two to bring all the City's sewage through the longest sewer outfall in the United States to the plants and piers.

■ **Aldrich the Survivor:** Lloyd Aldrich became the City's 16th City Engineer and held office (1933 © 55) longer than any engineer before him or since. He designed freeways that accommodated the automobile and ended light rail transportation in Los Angeles. He oversaw all depression era Workers Progress Administration funds in Los Angeles. Most was spent on civic improvements. Several million went to moving sand at Hyperion. Aldrich wanted to build one treatment plant to handle all the City's sewage. The California Health Department released the first report on pollution in Santa Monica Bay: A powerful indictment of the City's lackluster attempts to take care of its sewage, the report spurred a reform movement to clean up the bay.

■ **Happy Days Are Here Again:** The Hyperion Waste Activated Treatment Plant was designed, built and completed in 1952. The plant was designed to handle the City's sewage well into the 21st century. Within

three years, Hyperion could not handle the enormous amount of water pouring in. The North Outfall Sewer was overwhelmed by development and subdivision in the San Fernando Valley. Sewage trucks were parked on top of manholes as sewage pours into the Los Angeles River.

■ **Clean Enough Is Good Enough:** Treatment at Hyperion was converted to primary and partial secondary to maintain some level of purification of the sewage now rushing in to the plant. The beach communities protested the reduced treatment, and the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards disagreed on a sewage discharge permit for Los Angeles. A new sludge line was built to discharge hundreds of tons of sludge a day into an ocean cavern. The Valley Interceptor System was the start of an ever-growing system to manage the City's growth and development.

■ **The Clean Water Act:** A new City engineer, Donald C. Tillman, took on the federal government. His vision of an environmentally friendly sewage treatment plant in the Sepulveda Basin ran into opposition from the Environmental Protection Agency, which wanted the City to stop dumping sludge in the ocean. The money to build the Sepulveda Basin plant was to be made available only if EPA guidelines were met. Tillman protested and local politicians joined the Pacific Legal Foundation in a suit against the EPA. The EPA, in turn, sued Los Angeles. Amendments to the Clean Water Act allowed cities including Los Angeles to apply for waivers from full secondary treatment. The City of Los Angeles, Orange County, and Los Angeles County began a study to decide what to do with sludge from sewage. Four years later in 1980, the city signed a consent decree to get sludge out of the ocean. The money for the water reclamation plant was released. The City began its battle to not provide full secondary treatment.

■ **Ballona Creek:** Sewage overflowed in the winter, spring, fall and summer. L.A.'s sewage woes made international news. DDT and PCBs were found in fish. Ballona Creek became polluted. Environmentalists organized. Sepulveda Basin water reclamation plant went on line. The City was fined \$180,000 for sewer spills. The EPA, the State of California and the City signed a consent decree agreeing that the City would stop dumping sludge in the ocean by December 1987 and construct full secondary facilities by 1998.

■ **Hyperion:** The Hyperion Energy Recovery System (HERS), first of its kind, was commissioned, and de-bugging began. More sewage spills occurred. Mayor Tom Bradley fought back. The State of California filed more suits against the City. More spills occurred. The city of El Segundo fought back. The City stopped dumping sludge in the ocean. Water conservation and sewer limitation ordinances were approved. What to do with the sludge? Plans for shipping it to Guatemala went awry. Sludge alternatives were developed. Storm drain runoff was discovered to be a villain in pollution of Ballona Creek.

■ **Reclaiming the Waste:** The City began a diversified sludge-out program: Some went to create energy to run the treatment plant; some went to Arizona for direct land application; and some went to the San Joaquin Valley, where the sludge was mixed with city tree waste and lawn clippings to make compost, eventually to be sold back to Los Angeles residents. Five decades after sanitary engineers at the DWP successfully completed the first Los Angeles sewage water reclamation project, the DWP announced a new planned use of reclaimed water.

■ **Success at Last:** The City bought a \$5.7 million research boat to take water, fish, and ocean bed samples. The boat cost \$4.5 mil-

Underneath Los Angeles

lion more than anticipated. Beginning in 1990, interim improvements at the Hyperion Treatment Plant were successful. Plant performance went from among the worst in the nation to the best. In 1991 the problem of sewage spills and overflows was finally relieved when the North Outfall Relief Sewer was built. The East Central Interceptor Sewer - 80 to 120 feet deep - was completed in 2004. In 2005 the Northeast Interceptor Sewer was completed. Los Angeles finally enjoys a full secondary treatment plant, but the old sewers, leaking and failing, are to undergo a massive rehabilitation program into the 21st century.

The Los Angeles Department of Public Works has several bureaus, employing several thousand individuals. They pave our roads, design and construct our streets, repair them when necessary; trim the trees; clean empty lots; and design, construct, maintain and repair sewers and four wastewater treatment plants. The plants include the Los Angeles-Glendale Treatment Plant, the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant, the Hyperion Treatment Plant (all of which constitute the Hyperion system, which will be studied and analyzed in this book) and the Terminal Island Treatment Plant, which serves only Wilmington and San Pedro. To date, no complete history has been written about the Hyperion system.



Anna Sklar, author of an upcoming book on the history of the City's sewer system.

Hundreds of years before Christ was born, ancient Babylonians and, later, the Romans built and maintained excellent sanitation facilities, including an efficient sewage disposal system that relied on gravity to remove the waste from the city, though not connected to homes. During the 15th century, cesspools were the primary repository for household waste. In Paris, cesspools often leaked, and the solid waste was removed by street sweepers and cesspool cleaners, who brought their refuse to dumps located throughout the city. It wasn't until the early 19th century that enclosed, oval sewers were built, emptying their waterborne waste into rivers and streams including the Seine in Paris and the Thames in London.

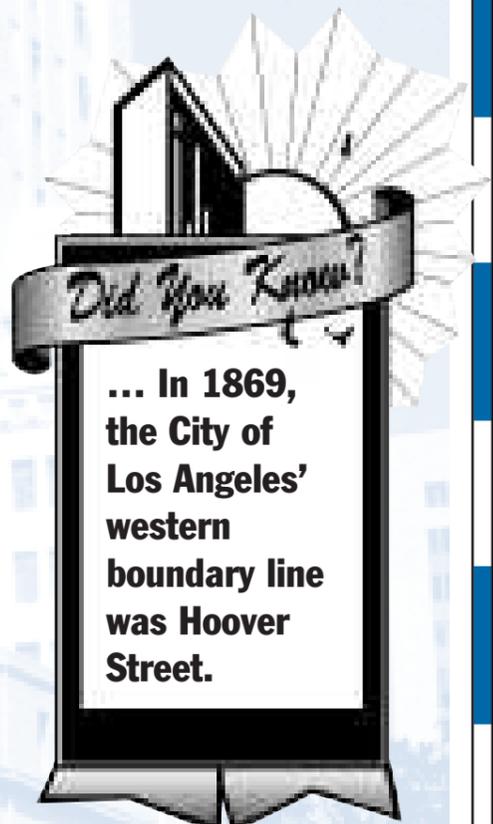
Construction of crude, open wood sewers of Los Angeles was begun as early as the 1850s. Later sewers constructed beginning in 1894 employed newer techniques. Engineers used mathematical formulas including gravity, rate and amount of flow, and discovered better materials including brick, vitreous clay and concrete. The sewers of Los Angeles have always been separate from the stormwater drains, a setup unlike many other sewer systems that include both rainwater, gutter runoff and sewage. Unlike the freeways that often

separate people and are congested and dreaded by the millions who use them every day, sewers frequently get congested, but are more often out of sight and out of mind. Underneath the freeways and roads are more than 6,500 miles of sewers. They connect people, homes and industry to the cities where they live. These sewers collect the wastewater from far-flung communities - west San Fernando Valley through Burbank, to East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, twisting and turning like mammoth snakes - to Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, and finally, delivering their burden to the Hyperion Treatment Plant on the oceanfront, at the intersection of Imperial Highway and Vista del Mar in Playa del Rey. More than 6,500 miles of sewers discharge and treat the wastewater from more than four million people.

Upstream plants including L.A. Glendale and the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant send their sludge to big daddy Hyperion, while the treated wastewater is used for irrigating freeway medians, providing water for recreational lakes and irrigation for parts of Griffith Park. The unused treated wastewater is then discharged into the Los Angeles River.

Combined, these plants treat approximately 420 million gallons a day. Maligned by many, ignored by many more, the City's sewer lines are today being cleaned and repaired, while the Hyperion Treatment Plant stands as a model of environmental success reached in the mid-1990s. In 2000 the plant received the American Public Works Association Award for being one of the Top Ten Public Works Projects of the last century. As Los Angeles today undertakes a massive rehabilitation of its oldest sewer lines, federal and state fines for sewage spills are a reminder of a ruptured past. Much like the City itself, the sewer system has grown in spurts of activity, mirroring the housing booms in the City, from the late 1880s to the present day.

The Club thanks Anna Sklar for her permission to run this excerpt from her forthcoming book. Readers: Anna asks that readers who have information about the L.A. City sewer system to please contact her at sewers@dslextreme.com. Please do not send attachments.



ENTERTAINMENT

WHO'S GOT THE POPCORN
The Club guide to home entertainment

Low on Holiday Spirit? Yule Want These Movies

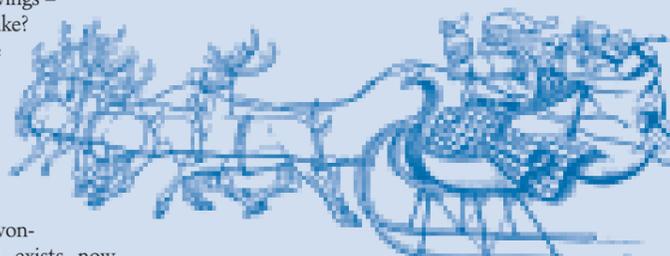
"Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings."

Is it one ring for two wings, or one ring for one pair of wings, or two rings for two wings – exactly how many rings does it take? These are the questions that plague us during the holiday season!

Once again this is TG and EG bringing out the popcorn and DVD rentals of the past.

As we sit here, we reminisce about our childhood Christmases and wonder if the Christmas spirit still exists now. Remember when Moms would bake during Christmas – now you pre-order at Marie

Callender's – via online. How about when Christmas gifts were actually gifts and not gift cards (this is truly the lazy man's



gift): You don't even have to wrap it, it comes

with its own envelope? Also, what's the deal with gift return receipts? Are we that shallow, that now it makes it easier to return a bad gift?

C'mon people, where's the Christmas spirit? Bad gifts are all part of the holidays – they're the gifts that keep on giving, like fruitcakes. Wait a minute, do people still give out fruitcakes?

Well, despite the lack of Christmas spirit, we still have some great Christmas classics, including *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Christmas Story*, *White Christmas*, *Scrooge*, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, etc. These are the movies that make

our hearts go warm and fuzzy during the holiday season. So, if you're looking for that great Christmas spirit, you can find it in these great films.

This is TG and EG saying: "It's Christmas Eve. It's...it's the one night of the year when we all act a little nicer, we-we-we smile a little easier, we-w-w-we-we-we cheer a little more. For a couple of hours out of the whole year we are the people that we always hoped we would be!"

Happy Holidays!

Join in the Fun

Ticket Guy and Events Guru want you to join in the fun. If you do, you could win a prize! Here are the details:

1. Submit a review (100 words or less, with a rating between 1 and 5) of a fun movie (either because it's really great or really bad). Make sure it's on next month's theme. Be creative! If we print your review, we'll send you a \$10 Blockbuster gift certificate. Send reviews to popcorn@cityemployeesclub.com
2. Answer the trivia questions. The first five Club members to answer correctly will win a \$10 Blockbuster gift certificate. Send your responses to popcorn@cityemployeesclub.com
3. Anyone can respond, but only Club Members with a valid Club membership number are eligible to win.
4. The feature is all in good fun: The Club is not responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!* or in the transmission of replies.

Movie of the Month



A Christmas Story

Description: Ralphie has to convince his parents, teachers and Santa that a Red Ryder BB gun really is the perfect gift for the 1940s. Rated G

TG: A TNT classic (the cable station features the movie in a marathon all day Christmas). On a scale of 1 to 5, TG would have to give this movie a 4.72 – this is my highest rating for a movie thus far. Three things to look out during this movie: soap, leg lap, and fragile (pronounced FRA-GEEE LEEE) It's French. If you didn't get one toe, one kiss, one thank you, one piece of turkey, one I Love You, this movie will put a smile on your face.

EG: I agree with TG (well, maybe not with the .72 part). "A Christmas Story" is a great and funny film. For me, the most memorable part of the film has to be when the little boy gets his tongue stuck to the pole. You can't go wrong with this movie. It's great for the entire family. I give it a 5.

Capsule reviews of other movies to watch this month:

Home Alone

My Score: ●●●●●1/2

Macaulay Culkin stars as Kevin McCallister, an 8-year-old child left home by accident while the rest of the family flew off to Paris for Christmas. Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern are two thieves who try to break into his house. Kevin does everything he can to stop them.

This movie is hilarious! This movie will have you ho-ho-ho-ing. If you are one of the few who never saw it, it is a must see! It is the funniest the first time around. But I always enjoy it.

– Brenda Mitchell, DWP

My Score: ●●●●●1/2



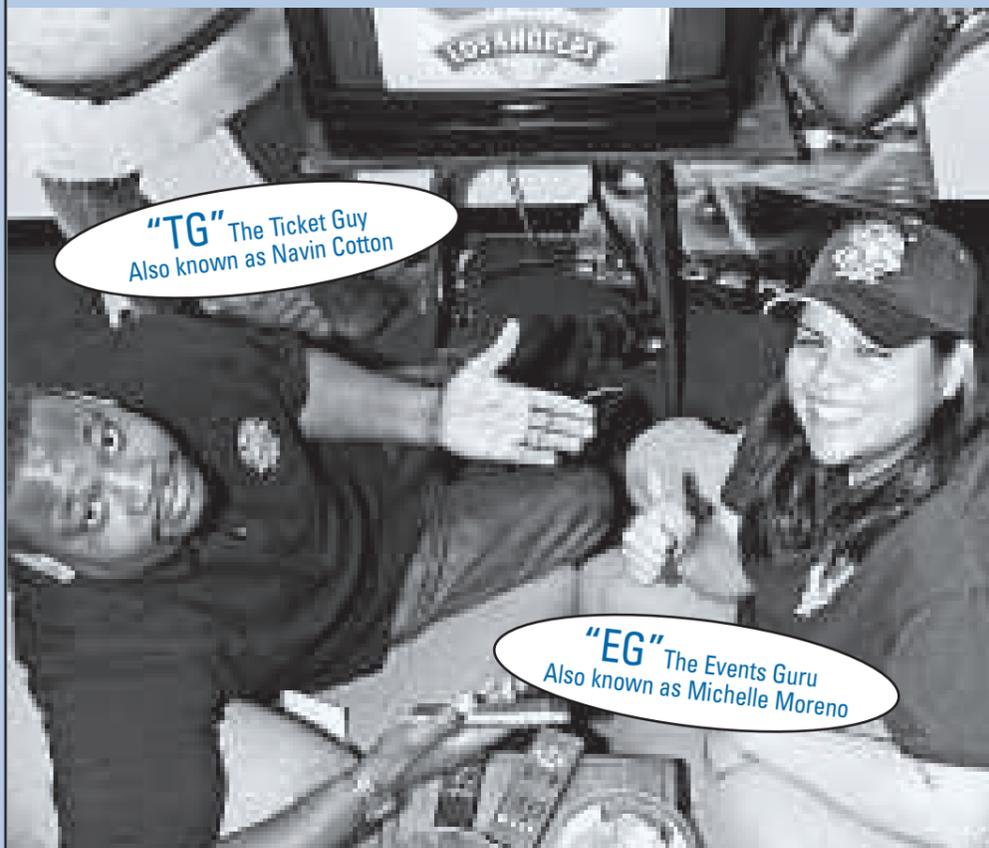
This is definitely an old-time favorite Christmas movie. This movie is about eight year-old Kevin McAllister, accidentally left behind while his family flies to France for Christmas. At first he seems to enjoy living alone,

but after a while he understands that things aren't so easy, especially when two robbers decide to break into his house. Kevin's mother, Kate, spends the entire movie trying to make it back to Chicago as fast as she can by getting help from a bandleader. In the meantime, young Kevin is at home defending his house against the burglars, and boy does he give them a run for their money. He sets all types of traps to keep the burglars from entering his house. This movie will definitely have you laughing and wanting more.

– Charvon Tolson, Harbor

Rating System

- Must See/Must Buy
- Rent
- Watch on cable
- Wait for it on Network TV
- Break out the home videos and make your own movies) please e-mail it to popcorn@cityemployeesclub.com



"TG" The Ticket Guy Also known as Navin Cotton

"EG" The Events Guru Also known as Michelle Moreno

ENTERTAINMENT



TRIVIA CONTEST

Congratulations to three Club Members who answered our trivia questions correctly: **Debbie Winger, DWP; Jean Sarfaty, Club Member; and Gail Seltzer, DWP.** They win a gift certificate for answering last month's questions correctly. The correct answers are at the bottom of the page.

Trivia for December:

1. What reindeer had his own film in 1989?
2. Where were Ollie Dee and Stanley Dum lost?
3. Name Chef Larios' favorite Christmas dish. (rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com)

4. This actor was in *A Christmas Carol* and *Mary Poppins*.
 5. What films were quoted at the beginning and ending of our intro paragraph?
- See "JOIN THE FUN" for details on submitting your answers.

Trivia answers from November:

1. Charles Schultz
2. Kip DeFaria
3. Pigpen
4. Knott's Berry Farm
5. Planes, Trains and Automobiles

Elf

My Score: ●●●●●½

This movie is only two years old, but still it makes it to the top of my list. Will Ferrell from Saturday Night Live fame stars as Buddy, who grew up with Santa and the elves at the North Pole. After learning that he is not really an elf, Buddy leaves to find his real family.

I found this movie to be cute and funny. It was a real surprise and delight. Another must see.

— **Brenda Mitchell, DWP**

My Score: ●●●●●



I love this movie. Will Ferrell stars in this funny, touching, heartwarming story of Buddy the Elf. Ferrell carries the role off with humor and sensitivity. You can't help but love his character. James Caan, Ed Asner and Mary Steenburgen top off

the cast with wonderful performances. I especially enjoyed the performance of Zooey Deschanel, who plays Jovie, Buddy's love interest. A great, original, story and really enjoyable performances make this one a must see.

— **Debbie Winger, DWP**

The Muppet Christmas Carol

My Score: ●●●●●



Christmas is time to be a kid again, have fun, laugh, and enjoy. One of my favorite traditions is to watch this movie with my family. You are never too old for the Muppets. This movie is based on Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*. Michael Caine stars as Scrooge and puts in an excellent performance.

— **Deborah Bunt, DWP**

Beyond Christmas

My Score: ●●●●



This is a sweet, charming and romantic movie from 1940. It is a wonderful movie for the holidays. Three older men help a young couple's love blossom. Even after the men die in a plane crash, they still are able to help the couple. I thought it was very spiritual.

— **Deborah Bunt, DWP**

The Bishop's Wife

My Score: ●●●●●

Cary Grant (dreamy) stars as an angel named Dudley who is sent down from heaven to help a bishop (David Niven) and his wife (Loretta Young) around the holidays. This is a truly touching movie and one of Cary Grant's best. A remake was done many years later with Denzel Washington and Whitney Houston (*The Preacher's Wife*), but the original is better.

— **Deborah Bunt, DWP**

Miracle on 34th Street

My Score: ●●●●●

This movie has been made more than once, but the best version, in my opinion, is the original, made in 1947. This is a great film with great performances, especially by Edmund Gwenn (Kris Kringle/Santa) and Natalie Wood. This movie will warm your heart and make you believe in the magic of Christmas. Another must-see film to share with the family, this movie will surely put you in the holiday spirit.

— **Debbie Winger, DWP**

My Score: ●●●●●

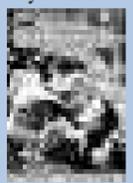


This is my all-time favorite Christmas movie. It's a classic! Kris Kringle (played by Edmund Gwenn) has to go to court to prove who he is or be put away. The movie also stars Maureen O'Hara, a young Natalie Wood and William Frawley (Fred Mertz/I Love Lucy) as the judge. This movie really makes you want to believe. I look forward to seeing it every year. The story is wonderful and lots of humor. If you are one of the few that have not seen it yet, it is a must see!

— **Gail Seltzer, DWP**

It's a Wonderful Life

My Score: ●●●●●



This is a true classic...a masterpiece in my book. James Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore head up the cast in this Frank Capra movie. The acting, the script, everything is great. If any movie can make you get in the Christmas spirit, it is this one. This is one of my all-time favorite movies. A great movie to share with the family...a must see.

— **Debbie Winger, DWP**

Send us your Book Reviews

Book Reviews by Fellow Club Members



100 Words or Less!

To all our movie (in theaters), book and theater reviews, here are the rules: Keep it short and fun!

- Keep all reviews to 100 words or less (but try to come close; try to write more than a sentence or two)
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score, on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: **My Score: X (out of 5).** (And not everything is a five!)
- Make sure to give us your name and City department (or retired)
- Have fun!

100 Words or Less! IN THEATERS

Movie Reviews by Fellow Club Members

A History of Violence, My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Rated R (violence and language), Adults



This was an interesting mystery. The main character (Viggo Mortensen) owns a coffee shop. Mortensen stops a robbery in his coffee shop. The media praises him as a hero. Little does anyone know that Mortensen is really hiding from some mobsters. The movie has some good twists and turns and some provocative sex scenes. I don't want to give away too much of the movie, so you will have to see it for yourself.

— **Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD**

Waiting, My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

Rated R (Sexual humor and drug usage), Adults



This movie was very funny. It's about waiters, waitresses and cooks who work at a restaurant called Shenanigan's. The restaurant employees play the typical tricks on the customers when they complain. They drop food on the floor, put dandruff as seasoning ... well, you get the point. The employees also play tricks on each other. This movie almost makes you not want to ever eat at a restaurant again. I recommend the movie, but not for anyone under the age of 18 years old. I wouldn't want young people to get any ideas if they work in a restaurant.

— **Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD**

Jarhead, My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Rated R, Adults



This movie stars Jake Gyllenhaal and Jamie Foxx. If you are expecting action, this is not the movie for you. This movie gives you a first-hand look at the brainwashing and the psychological problems that enlistees experience due to situations beyond their control. It makes you appreciate the men and women who serve our country, but it is not very entertaining. Leave the children at home.

— **Rotundra Greene, Airports**

The Weather Man, My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Rated R (language and nudity), Adults



This is a poorly developed movie starring Nicolas Cage as a typical weatherman with some local TV station based in Chicago. While showing nothing special about his work, the movie focuses mostly on the characters' family troubles. I was lured by the thought he might be a wacky character that everyone hates because he sometimes gets the weather wrong ... not a chance. This is one boring, bland and poorly scripted movie. I gave it an hour before I walked out. Look for this one featured in the Razzie awards.

— **Chuck Beas, DWP**

The Nightmare Before Christmas

My Score: ●●●●½



This Tim Burton movie puts a new spin on the Christmas message, but the message is still there. It's creepy, quirky and a little dark, but wildly imaginative. I remember when it was first released; it was original and visually enjoyable.

The animation is in a class by itself (except, of course, the recently-released *Corpse Bride*, also by Tim Burton). Kids of all ages will really enjoy this film. Rent it this Christmas and enjoy! Note: The Haunted Mansion at Disneyland is converted to a "nightmare"-themed ride at Christmas. Try and go there to get the whole experience. Great fun!

— **Debbie Winger, DWP**

The Night They Saved Christmas

My Score: ●●●●●



This is a Christmas movie I look forward to seeing every year. An oil company is planning to drill for oil at the North Pole and it will end up destroying Santa's Village, which is underground. Santa enlists the help of Jacklyn Smith (*Charlie's Angels*) and her kids to help save it. Art Carney and June

Lockhart are great as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. And the Village and how you get there is just so beautifully done, I just love it. I think most people will enjoy this movie.

— **Gail Seltzer, DWP**

The Santa Clause

My Score: ●●●●●



I cannot believe this movie is more than 10 years old. I adore this movie. Tim Allen is as funny as can be as Scott Calvin, who becomes Santa Claus. Everyone thinks he is going crazy except his son, who knows the truth. But no one believes the son, either. I never get tired of seeing this movie. This is an excellent comedy for the whole family to enjoy.

— **Brenda Mitchell, DWP**

Next Month's Theme:

We have chosen 1980s Buddy Films for January's Theme of the Month. Please submit your review (100 words or less) to popcorn@cityemployeesclub.com. If we publish it, we'll send you a \$10 certificate to Blockbuster!



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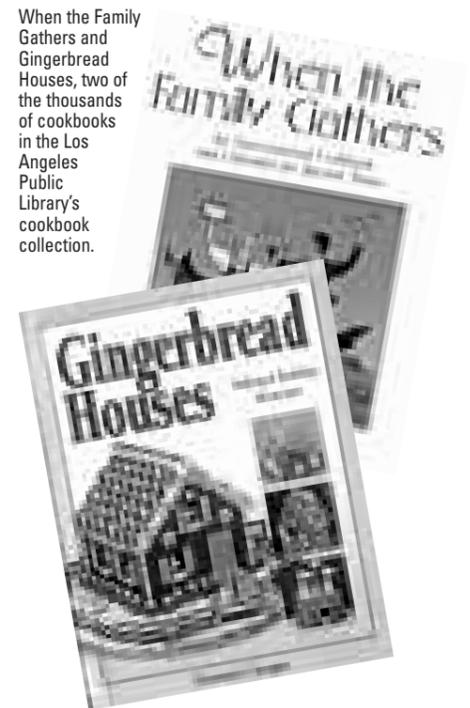
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Denver	1/28/06	\$70 each
New Jersey	1/25/06	\$60 each

Clipper Tickets All lower level seating! Seating is limited.

When the Family Gathers and Gingerbread Houses, two of the thousands of cookbooks in the Los Angeles Public Library's cookbook collection.



Holiday Recipes Galore

■ **Library offers thousands of cookbooks for your holiday entertaining needs. It's a great resource.**

LIBRARY — If you're in need of that perfect recipe for your holiday entertaining, consider your Los Angeles Public Library.

The Library has more than 20,000 cookbooks, from many cultures, in its collection. Of course, many of these cookbooks are about the holiday season.

The reference desk will even respond by e-mail, voice or fax if possible.

"Oh my goodness, well over 20,000," responds Billie Connor-Dominguez, Manager of the Business and Economics and Science, Technology and Patents Departments at the Central Library downtown, when asked how many cookbooks the Library has in its holdings.

"We haven't done a count in awhile."

The Library's cookbook collection dates back to 1533, and includes three from the Italian Renaissance, between 1570 and 1598.

Clearly, not all of the cookbooks circulate. Many are in the reference/reserve section.

"One of the strengths of our collection is that every culture of every community in Southern California is represented," Billie says. "We're very strong in Latin American cuisine. And many of those cookbooks are in Spanish."

She said the library could e-mail, fax or even read the recipes over the phone, depending on time and personnel.

So, don't hesitate! Here are some good contacts for you:

Library Website: <http://www.lapl.org/resources/guides/holidaycooking.html>

General Library number: (213) 228-7000

Cookbook reference number (Science, Technology and Patents department): (213) 228-7200

E-mail: science@lapl.org



Mary Engelbreit's 'Tis the Season Holiday Cookbook, one of the thousands of cookbooks in the Los Angeles Public Library's cookbook collection.

Cooking with the Club

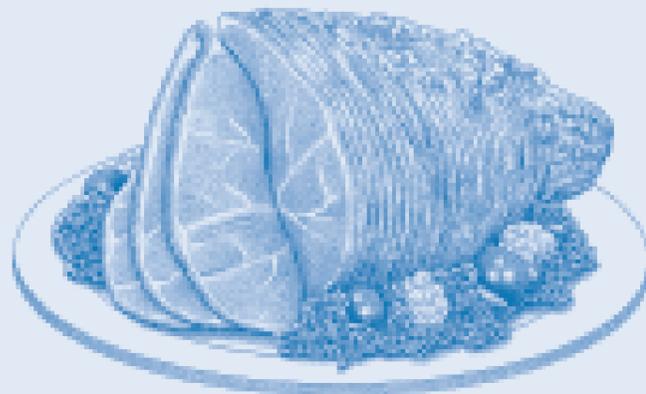
by our own
Robert Larios



Send Us Your Recipes!

If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

Club Members Catch Holiday Spirit



Happy Holidays!

Nothing makes me happier than when I read email messages from City employees extending their gratitude for last month's article on preventing food-borne illnesses from turkey dinners. It's my hope that the start of the holiday season was one spent away from the doctor's office. Now it's time to begin thinking about the holidays in December. Eggnog, oven-roasted hams and pies are the delicacies I look forward to munching on.

Several City employees provide their own recipes for the holiday season. Take, for example, Richard Dole and his unique Santa's Guacamole. It's one of those recipes that has the classic mix of spice and sweet.

Tina Ferguson shares her mashed potato recipe called Tina's Mashed Potatoes. There are hundreds of mashed potato recipes out there, but somehow the combination of Yukon gold potatoes with butter and cream cheese makes this a flavorful side dish for your holiday parties. Nicely done, Tina!

Cathy Tai tells me that she has been a

longtime Cooking with the Club reader and has decided to send in her first beverage recipe. It's called Cathy's Cocoa Drink. It is so surprising that such an easy drink to make can taste like a drink fit for a king. What a great touch, with the green and red sprinkles. This will be a favorite for kids, I'm sure.

Orange 'n' Honey Ham is an incredible recipe provided to us by Margaret Johnson. The addition of the orange juice to the ham is a great combination and manages to produce loud and bold tastes to the palette.

Let's not forget the recipe from Henry Milton that can only be called Farmer's Cheese Ball. This is a creative way to use cheese and dried fruits. Henry tells me that it took some experimentation before he was able to create this recipe and it has paid off as a Milton family favorite. After trying the recipe out myself, I'd think that this cheese recipe will be a favorite with many families, too.

Merry Christmas and see you next year.

Cathy's Cocoa Drink

—Cathy Tai, City Council



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 instant cocoa
- 3 tablespoons whipped cream
- 1 tablespoon red and green candy sprinkles
- 1 cherry

DIRECTIONS:

In a large mug pour 6 to 8 ounces of hot water over instant cocoa; mix well until dissolved. Spoon whipped cream onto cocoa; top with candy sprinkles and a cherry.



Tina's Mashed Potatoes

—Tina Ferguson, DWP



INGREDIENTS:

- 5 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 onion, grated
- 1 egg
- Salt and pepper to taste

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook until tender but firm, about 15 minutes; drain. In a large bowl, mash potatoes with the butter and milk. With a hand mixer, beat in cream cheese and onion. In a small bowl, beat the egg with a little bit of the mashed potatoes. Stir into potatoes, and season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a two-quart casserole dish. Bake one hour in the preheated oven, or until puffy and lightly browned.



Santa's Guacamole

—Richard Dole, Community Redevelopment Agency

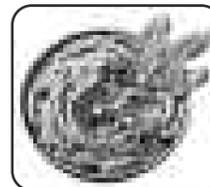


INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 white onion, minced
- 4 serrano chile peppers, minced
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 tablespoon pepper
- 4 avocados - peeled, pitted and diced
- 2 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 pear - peeled, cored and diced
- 1 cup seedless green grapes, halved
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds

DIRECTIONS:

Mix the onion, chile peppers, and salt in a bowl. Fold in the avocados and lime juice. Stir in pear, grapes and pomegranate. Chill until serving.



Orange 'n' Honey Ham

—Margaret Johnson, Gen. Services Parks



INGREDIENTS:

- Spiral-sliced ham, butt or shank portion ham, or half ham
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/2-cup orange juice
- 1-cup brown sugar

DIRECTIONS:

Prepare and heat ham according to package directions. Prepare glaze by combining honey and orange juice in small bowl; mix well. Stir in brown sugar. Apply glaze and heat uncovered for the last 30 minutes of cooking time. Carve ham and serve.



Farmer's Cheese Ball

—Henry Milton, Rec and Parks



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 (8 ounce) package mild cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 (6 ounce) package dried mixed fruit, chopped
- 1 cup chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS:

In a medium bowl combine cream cheese and honey; beat until smooth. Stir in cheese and chopped fruit; mix well. Form into a ball and roll in chopped nuts. Chill for at least three hours. Serve.



MEMBER BULLETIN BOARD

Hello City Employees,

I am enjoying my retirement. I have started a **Bed and Breakfast** in Klamath Falls, Ore., with my partner, Helen Hall. For the best view of the lake come and the most competitive price going, come stay with us when traveling through or visiting Klamath Falls. Would love to have you! — Jerry

Contact Jerry and Helen:

Jerry Klippness and Helen Hall
2371 Lakeshore Dr.
Klamath Falls, OR 97601
(541) 850-2586



Dancers Wanted!

Like to dance? Consider joining the **DWP Dance Club**. And just in time for the annual holiday show Dec. 1! Men especially welcome. Call Lourdes Zerrudo, (213) 367-1405, or send an email to Lourdes.Zerrudo@ladwp.com

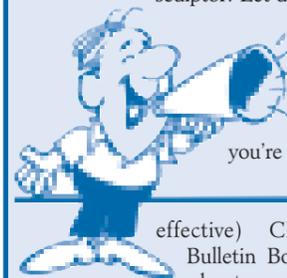


PLEASE READ

Introducing a new feature to *Alive!*:
The Member Bulletin Board

Do you have a personal notice that you want to share with other Club Members? This is the place!

Are you raising money for a charity? Singing in a concert? Selling raffle tickets for a good (and legitimate) cause? Having a yard sale or bake sale? Do you have a special after-work career like a magician or musician or balloon sculptor? Let us know, and we'll



put a notice in the Member Bulletin Board. Remember, though, that if you're selling an item, please use our great (and effective) Classifieds. The Bulletin Board is for news about your doings.

Send the notice to:
bulletinboard@cityemployeesclub.com

CLUB CORNER Check Out These Groups

Alive! offers this space every month for Club members to invite other Club members to join their group. It could be work-related, or social, or all about your hobbies. Whatever it is, send us a notice at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com, and we'll post the notice free ... as a service to our members!

Fly Fishing Enthusiasts

A club is forming in the Santa Clarita area for fly fishing enthusiasts with all levels of skill. Call Theodore J. Aquaro, (661) 513-1595.



LA City Employee's Asian American Association

Established in 1971, the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association (LACEAAA) was formed to represent employees of Asian/Pacific Islander descent and assist in



Douglas Shur,
President

protecting them from discriminatory acts in their application to, and employment, with the City; and advance employment, education, economic, and social concerns of Asian/Pacific Islanders in City service; and resolve unique work-related problems of any Association member. Call (213) 847-2229 or write to LACEAAA,

P.O. Box 86323, Los Angeles, CA 90086 or visit us at www.laceaaa.org.

Los Angeles Filipino Assoc. of City Employees

In 1980, the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) was organized to serve as an advocate to the fast-growing number of Filipinos in City service. Its primary goal is to promote the general advancement of Filipinos in the City. LAFACE works cooperatively with other minority groups in promoting equal employment opportunities in the City. LAFACE does not limit its function to assisting Filipinos in acquiring employment, promotion, and passing examinations in the City, but also to promoting the economic, educational, social, and cultural advancement of Filipinos in the community.

DWP Choraliers

Those interested in performing can join the DWP Choraliers, a performing arts (music, theatre, dance) group with performances throughout the year. You do not have to be a DWP employee. The group usually meets a couple of times a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact April Steffen, (213) 367-4514.

Association of City Employees with Disabilities

The Association of City Employees with Disabilities (ACED) is committed to the recruitment, employment, retention and promotion of persons with disabilities. Also, ACED counsels and represents employees faced with discrimination on the job. Call Joe O'Toole at (213) 847-9213.

Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel

The mission of the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) is to motivate, encourage and educate individuals to realize their dreams and move forward in their career within City government. Contact Steve King at (213) 580-5387 or write to LAABP, P.O. Box 53822, Los Angeles, CA 90043-0822.

Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA)

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) was established in 1971 and was the first City recognized employee Affirmative Action Association. Membership is



Jackie Zarate, President

open to anyone interested in supporting the goals and objectives of the organization. LACECA is dedicated to promoting equal employment opportunities in our workplace, City government and community.

It sponsors and supports a variety of training events and seminars to assist employees in their career development. Meetings are usually held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Personnel Department Building, 700 E. Temple Street. Contact Carlos Portillo, (310) 547-4610, email portillo2339@sbcglobal.net or write to LACECA, P.O. Box 53590, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

Affirmative Action Association for Women

Established by the City Council as the official representative for female City employees, the Affirmative Action Association for Women (AAAW) has been representing women for more than 25 years. The AAW is an employee advocate organization that gives particular attention to the advancement of women and minority employees of the City of Los Angeles. Its members, both male and female, serve on association, department, and Citywide committees that focus attention on personnel policies and practices and support a continuing commitment to equal employment opportunities as a basic principle of the City's merit system. Call (213) 847-AAAW, write to AAW, P.O. Box 53488, Los Angeles, CA 90053, or visit the Website at www.la-aaaw.org.

The British and Dominion Social Club

Anglophiles, unite! Join President Michael Barnes (who works for Harbor Dept.) in celebrating all things British, with fun social events and networking. "We do all kind of different things, from watching live soccer, playing cricket and teaching Highland dancing, to name a few." The Club meets in Garden Grove. Go to www.britclub.org for more info.



Michael Barnes,
President

DWP Dance Club

The DWP Dance Club is for anyone (men, too) who likes to dance. The club, in its sixth year, practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 – 12:15 p.m. during lunch hour. The annual show for employees is scheduled for Dec. 1 in the cafeteria. The following styles are taught: salsa, cha-cha, rumba, bolero, swing, samba, tango, swing and other ballroom dances. Free to all DWP employees and City employees. Contact Lourdes Zerrudo: (213) 367-1405, or Lourdes.Zerrudo@ladwp.com.

Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Assoc.

LAMAAA is a professional organization of municipal and local government accounting, fiscal and auditing practitioners with a membership of more than 300. The conference was a City-sponsored event. All those who participated were either City or DWP employees.

THE GROUP'S MISSION IS:

- To develop members and assist them acquire the necessary skills to promote themselves towards better positions and responsibilities.
- To promote and perpetuate the prestige and professional status of municipal accountants and auditors.
- To assist each other and develop professional camaraderie, team spirit and cooperation among its members.
- To develop and improve educational techniques in management, commercial, proprietary, governmental accounting and auditing.

IT ACCOMPLISHES ITS MISSION BY:

- Present experts as guest speakers at monthly meetings.
- Host trainings, seminars and other educational programs.
- Publish online newsletters and other informational materials.
- Provide opportunities for members to know and network with their colleagues in other agencies and departments.

BE A MEMBER:

LAMAAA membership is open to all current employees of the City who are either performing accounting, auditing or fiscal functions or have the required educational background or degree in accounting but are in a different job classification. Applicants must fill out a membership application form and submit it with a \$10 donation to the LAMAAA representative in his/her department.

Public Works Toastmasters

The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets each Wednesday at noon at 650 S. Spring St. in the 12th floor Giannini Room. Guests are always welcome. Joining the club is inexpensive, educational and fun. Toastmasters International is an internationally well-known, non-profit organization that helps its members to improve their communication skills, lose their fears of public speaking and learn skills that will help them succeed in their personal and professional goals. For more information, contact Ivan Gerson at (213) 847-8844.

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- Theme parks and attractions (up to 70% off)
- Movies - all major screens (up to 70% off)
- Plays, musicals, the arts, sports events

Alive! Newspaper

- Births, weddings, retirements, deaths
- Free Classifieds
- Retirees Corner
- Department of the Month
- DWP news
- Opinion column
- Movie reviews
- Organized Club information
- Cooking Recipes

Group Rated Insurance Products

- Term Life Insurance
- Long Term Disability
- Short Term Disability Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Cancer Insurance
- Legal Services Plan
- Group Rated Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance
- Group Rated Auto and Homeowners Insurance

Plus...

- The Famous "Refund Check"
- Pet Insurance

More Benefits

- Free Notary Service
- Scholarships
- Employee-of-the-Year Award



Meet the Club Team

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

Need help? Find your Counselor

When contacting the Club, ask for the counselor that handles your department.



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Member Services Counselor

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