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Herbert Moore, Retired, Controller's Office, outside his Sherman Oaks home.

Insets: his medal collection, and a World War II bridge of the type he helped build.



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The Controller's Office Surprise Soldier

Herbert Moore, Retired, Controller's Office, trained as an Army accountant. But history had other ideas: He deployed instead into dangerous tasks supporting the advancing Allied troops. Here's his story.

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Your tributes
to Maggie.

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

The Power of the Bend in the Road

Ever had a change of plans that changed your life? Or have those plans been changed for you?

Herb Moore did, in a major way. **Herbert Moore**, Retired, Controller's Office and Club Member, went into World War II an Army accountant and came out a combat engineer, doing all sorts of critical and dangerous things to support the front-line troops.

He swept for mines for hours at a time. Can you imagine how stressful that would be? He helped build pontoon bridges strong enough for tanks and convoys to cross the Rhine River. He dug trenches. He fixed critical roads. He nearly froze to death in the Battle of the Bulge.

All pretty impressive for a guy who only thought he'd be doing military budgets.

This month of Independence Day, we honor Herb not only for the heroic and bottom-line actions he performed in the name of freedom, but for his willingness to change course and do whatever it took to defeat an enemy that had murdered some of his

family members in the Holocaust.

In a much larger way, World War II – and all American wars – changed the plans of nearly every next-door man and woman who fought in them. Too many never came home. But they all agreed to do whatever it took. And they did.

I was thinking about that while we were producing Herb's story for print and online – we started producing it on the anniversary of D-Day, June 6. We interviewed Herb last October, but putting it together on the anniversary made it all the more real.

So for all those whose lives were altered permanently and forever by serving freedom, the Club salutes you. Thank you for your service.

Moving on ... I am heartened by the Club Member response to the death of one of our favorite City employees, **Maggie Whelan**. Her death hit us hard here at the Club. Thank you for letting us publish your tributes and photos. Moments like this are one of the reasons we are committed to producing strong com-



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins, Retiree Herb Moore, and *Alive!* editor John Burnes.

munications, both in print and online.

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I wish all our Club Members and our Veterans a very Happy Fourth of July. Forever may we stand!

JOHN

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MAGGIE WHELAN
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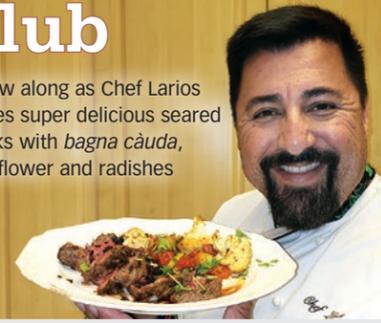


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Vince Foley, DWP Retirees Association, Board Member.



From left: Alfred Torres, Retired, DWP, 37 years of service; Anthony McClelland, Retired, DWP, 31 years; Robert Stukey, Retired, DWP, 40 years; Mary Kay Nelzian, guest; and Frank Gonzalez, Retired, DWP, 35 years.



Dolores Foley, President of DWP Retirees Association.



From left: Stephen Lariccia, DWP, 12 years of service; and Joseph Lariccia, Retired, DWP, 27 years.



Josepha "Pepa" Esparrago, Retired, DWP, 22 years of service.



Johnny Mendez, nephew of Jesse Perez, Retired, DWP, 38 years of service.



These Retired DWP employees also served in the U.S. military.



Javier Gonzalez, Retired, DWP, 31 years of service, and his wife, Diana, have been married for 45 years. Javier brought his classic car (truck) to the picnic.



From left: Quintin Micu, Retired, DWP, 22 years of service; and Jesse Perez, Retired, DWP, 38 years. Quintin and Jesse worked together.



From left: Alfred Torres, Retired, DWP, 37 years of service; Dan Trask, Retired, DWP, 22 years; and Frank Gonzalez, Retired, DWP, 35 years.



From left: Mark A. Lucero, DWP, 34 years of service; and Steve Summers, Retired, DWP, 43 years.



Marcie Edwards, Retired, DWP, 27 years of service, with Robert Schuenck.

DWP RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Annual Picnic Fun

DWP Retirees Association hosts annual picnic.

The DWP Retirees Association held its annual picnic June 1 at Whittier Narrows Recreation Park in South El Monte.

The event was co-sponsored by the DWP Employees Association.

Attendees were served barbecued chicken, brisket, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans fruit salad and a green salad. A popcorn booth, an ice cream stand and a photo booth were available for Retirees to enjoy. Retirees were also entertained with a vintage car show.

Everyone had a great time, reminiscing about when they were working, and all enjoyed socializing with those they had not seen since last year's picnic.

The Club thanks Dolores Foley, Association President, and Vince Foley, Association Chairman of the Retirees' Health Care and Benefits Committee.



DWP Retirees Association President Dolores Foley and RLACEI Vice President Beverly Clark.



Mitch Martinez, Retired, DWP, 36 years of service, and his wife, Christina.

LACERS

Story and photos courtesy LACERS

LACERS Well Picnic

Retirees system hosts annual picnic, volunteer fair June 20.

More than 180 City Retirees attended the LACERS Well Picnic and Volunteer Fair June 20 at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro. They enjoyed live music, a complimentary lunch, a diverse cross-section of volunteer organizations to match with their unique talents, and splendid spring weather!

It provided a great opportunity to continue LACERS Well members' Purposeful Living journey while connecting with volunteer organizations. A diverse cross-section of volunteer organizations were on hand to help attendees identify where they can make an impact using their skills and talents.



At the LACERS Well picnic June 20.

Register for Financial Wellness Event

LACERS Well members are invited to register for its upcoming financial wellness event, set for Aug. 3 at the Ontario Doubletree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Ave. in Ontario.

LACERS and the Personnel Dept.'s Employee Benefits Division are joining forces to provide a financial wellness event featuring expert speakers. Light refreshments and opportunity prizes will be available throughout the day. For more information and to register, please visit www.lacers.org/lacerswell or call LACERS at (800) 779-8328 or TTY (888) 349-3996 for assistance.

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New Mexico

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Larios in the City

BY ROBERT LARIOS, Chief Operating Officer



Mark S. Ishii

Retired from ITA with 35 years of City service.

Congratulations!

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



Richard J. Blake

Retired from the Harbor with 29 years of City service.



Maria Curry

Retired from the Harbor with 30 years of City service.



Francisco V. "Frank" Govea

Retired from the DWP with 34 years of City service.



Charles A. "Chuck" Rogers

Retired from the DWP with 32 years of City service.

Larios in the City is also available on the *Alive!* website for viewing and sharing:
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Final Call for Club Scholarship '19 Applications

CLUB ANGELS

Apply now for the Club Scholarship on the *Alive!* Website. **Deadline is 11:59 p.m., July 31, 2019.**

The deadline is fast approaching: Fill out your application now for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship on the *Alive!* Website.

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

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

All materials must be completed on the *Alive!* Website by 11:59 p.m., July 31, 2019.

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

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2019.

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

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

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About **Joannie Mukai**



Joannie Mukai was a pioneer as the LA Port's Director of Construction and Maintenance. A passionate supporter in the Employees Club and longtime Club Insurance Board Member, she died in March 2010. The Club's annual scholarship program was named in her honor. "She believed in education and training, and in preparing for success," Club CEO John Hawkins said. "That's what the Club Scholarship is all about, and we're delighted to name it after her. It's a perfect way to keep her memory alive."

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Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club Members under the age of 25, are eligible to apply. Club Members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2019. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2019 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Scholarships are expected to be awarded in equal amounts of \$500 (each).
- Deadline: Applications must be completed online at the *Alive!* Website by 11:59 p.m. July 31, 2019. All applications must be completed in their entirety and submitted at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
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"The sad news of Maggie's passing prompted many City employees to honor her memory. The Club created a forum online for people to share their thoughts, and we publish the responses below. To all who contributed or shared their thoughts privately, we thank you.

"Maggie had been a Club Member for more than 32 years.

"During my 21 years at the Employees Club, the name Maggie Whelan came up often, and it was evident that she was loved by many within the City of Los Angeles and the community. She was a role model and a positive force supporting City employees and their growth in their careers.

"Maggie served the City, its residents and employees well for more than 47 years, including 14 years as General Manager of Personnel. Shortly after the news of her passing became public, I received countless calls and emails from employees who knew her. Their messages were filled with thoughts about her grace, compassion, integrity and humor, along with recollections of their personal interactions with her.

"I remember how much she enjoyed reading *Alive!* and seemingly knew each person in each paper published. Every time we visited, she would let me know how much she enjoyed making the newest recipes from *Cooking with the Club*, and always with her trademark smile. It was an honor to have known Maggie. I thank her for her service as well as her impact to the thousands of lives she helped."

- Robert Larios, Club Chief Operating Officer

"I send my condolences to Maggie Whelan's family. She was truly a very nice and friendly person who always smiled and said hello. She will be missed. Rest in Peace, Maggie."

- Terri Tate, former colleague, Personnel

"Maggie was a dear friend, coworker and neighbor. I will always treasure her advice in difficult times, and her smile and hugs whenever we ran into each other. Maggie will always be missed by all of us. She was a great friend of the Club. My condolences to her husband and daughter. Rest in Peace."

- Rose Hyland, friend, Retired, Controller's Office, Club Board Member

"Rest in Splendor, Maggie Whelan. You were my General Manager for most of my City career. Your influence, your humor, your teachings and you calling me 'Char Char' will never be forgotten. Forever in our memories."

- Charlette Starkey, former colleague, Personnel



THE CITY PAYS TRIBUTE

Maggie Whelan, longtime and Retired Personnel GM and Club Member, passes away. Club Members pay tribute.

Margaret "Maggie" Whelan, Retired General Manager of the City's Personnel Dept., longtime Club Member, and a 47-year City employee, passed away on Thursday, June 6, after a brief, courageous battle with cancer. She was 69.

"The Club mourns the loss of Maggie, a true professional and a good friend to the Club," said John Hawkins, Club President and Chief Executive Officer. "The City has lost a tremendous supporter, and we all feel the loss. On behalf of the Club, and me personally, we send our deepest condolences to her family."

READ MORE ABOUT MAGGIE'S LIFE ON WEB *ALIVE!*

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"Maggie was essential to turning my (then-new) career in to a 36 year career with the City of Los Angeles. She was one tough cookie, expecting excellence from all who worked for her and perfection from those who exceeded her rank, because she cared. I remember helping to plan a birthday party for little Patricia at one point, complete with a kitty cat, custom designed birthday cake and personalized party favors. I am shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. Love and prayers, Tom and Patricia."

- Andrea Moore, former colleague, Rec and Parks

"Maggie and I became close friends in fifth grade, graduated together and joined the City together in 1967. Maggie was loved and respected by so many and will be greatly missed by her enormous community of family and friends. Maggie was truly one-of-a-kind."

- June Ford (Sheeran), friend and former colleague, Personnel

"Maggie was an exceptional leader, manager, colleague and very dedicated to the City family. She was always the person that knew how to make things work and get things done. She will be missed.

"My deepest condolences to the family."

- With Sympathy, Molly Campbell, former colleague, Harbor

"I first met Maggie when I was appointed as the Commission Secretary to the Civil Service Commission in 2000. As the Commission Secretary I worked closely with Maggie and got to know what a kind-hearted person she was. She always had a smile on her face and a hello for everyone. She was truly a one-of-a kind leader who will be truly missed."

- Lupe Ortiz, former colleague, Personnel

"Maggie paved the road for women rising through the ranks and showed strong women they can do it. Many blessings and prayers to her family."

- Elsa Rodarte, former colleague, LAFD

"I started in Personnel in November 2001, and until Maggie retired, she would always say, 'Hello' with her warm smile. She really cared for her employees. I will miss her."

- Angelina Krytzer, former colleague, Personnel

POSTED ON THE CLUB'S FACEBOOK PAGE

"Awww no, I loved her. RIP Maggie."

- Carmen Steward

"RIP Maggie."

- Larry Patrick

"A wonderful GM. It was a pleasure working with her. RIP."

- Carolyn Alvarez

"A friend and mentor to so many of us."

- Anna Burton

"RIP Maggie."

- Lynne Sanders-Wright

"RIP."

- Dina Ramirez

"RIP Maggie."

- Julia Crowder

"RIP Maggie. Condolences to her friends and loved ones."

- Isabel Moreno



Harold Fujita and Maggie Whelan.

"I had worked in Personnel for a year when then-HR Director Elliott Porter and then-Assistant HR Director Maggie Whelan asked me in 1986 if I would be interested in coming to work for them in Rec and Parks. I jumped on the opportunity. We worked out of the 13th floor of City Hall East back then, and this photo is from that period. Going to work for RAP was the best decision I made during my career. I learned so much from Maggie and Elliott!"

- Harold Fujita, former colleague, Rec and Parks



This photo was taken at Maggie's retirement party five years ago.

"Maggie had a great sense of humor. One year we made a hilarious video for our holiday party that had everybody in tears. Nobody expected it. Employees talked about it for years. She was always a star. May your light keep shining on us, Maggie. You will be missed."

- Eddie Garcia, former colleague, Personnel



This photo was taken at Maggie's retirement party five years ago.

"She was a good friend for over 50 years. She replaced me as the Personnel Director for Rec and Parks when I retired in 1996. I knew her since she was 18, and we were very close friends. She was a wonderful loving woman."

- Elliott Porter, former colleague, Retired, Rec and Parks

"Maggie was a dear friend, coworker and neighbor."

- Rose Hyland, friend, Retired, Controller's Office, Club Board Member

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- TonJa Bellard, former colleague, Personnel



Pictured at the IPMA International Conference in San Antonio, Tex. In 2017, from left: Tammy Watson, Assistant General Manager, Animal Services; Claudia Farfan, Sr. Personnel Analyst II; Our dear Maggie; and TonJa Bellard, Personnel Director, Personnel.

"I was fortunate enough to work with Maggie twice during my City career, first at Rec and Parks personnel in the mid-'80s and then again at the Los Angeles Zoo in the mid-'90s. I can't say enough nice things about Maggie, and I have always felt very fortunate to have her in my life, professionally and personally. Much love to Tom and Patty."

- Denise Tamura, former colleague, Los Angeles Zoo

From a Zoo employees appreciation party in 1996:



From left: Maggie Whelan and John Ferraro, former City Council President



From left: Jackie Tatum, former General Manager, Rec and Parks; Tangie Leong, Animal Keeper, LA Zoo; and Maggie Whelan



Maggie Whelan and former Zoo Director Manuel Mollinedo

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"RIP Maggie. You were a great manager."

- Elizabeth Henriquez

"May she rest in peace. Praying for her family's strength."

- Marigold McFadzean

"Prayers and condolences to Maggie Whelan's family and friends. RIP."

- Luis Castillo

"Rest in Peace."

- Leonor Nonis Rodriguez

"RIP Maggie. You will be missed by many."

- Kyle Eddie Millager

"You were like a ray of sunshine, Maggie. You will be missed."

- Molly Wong



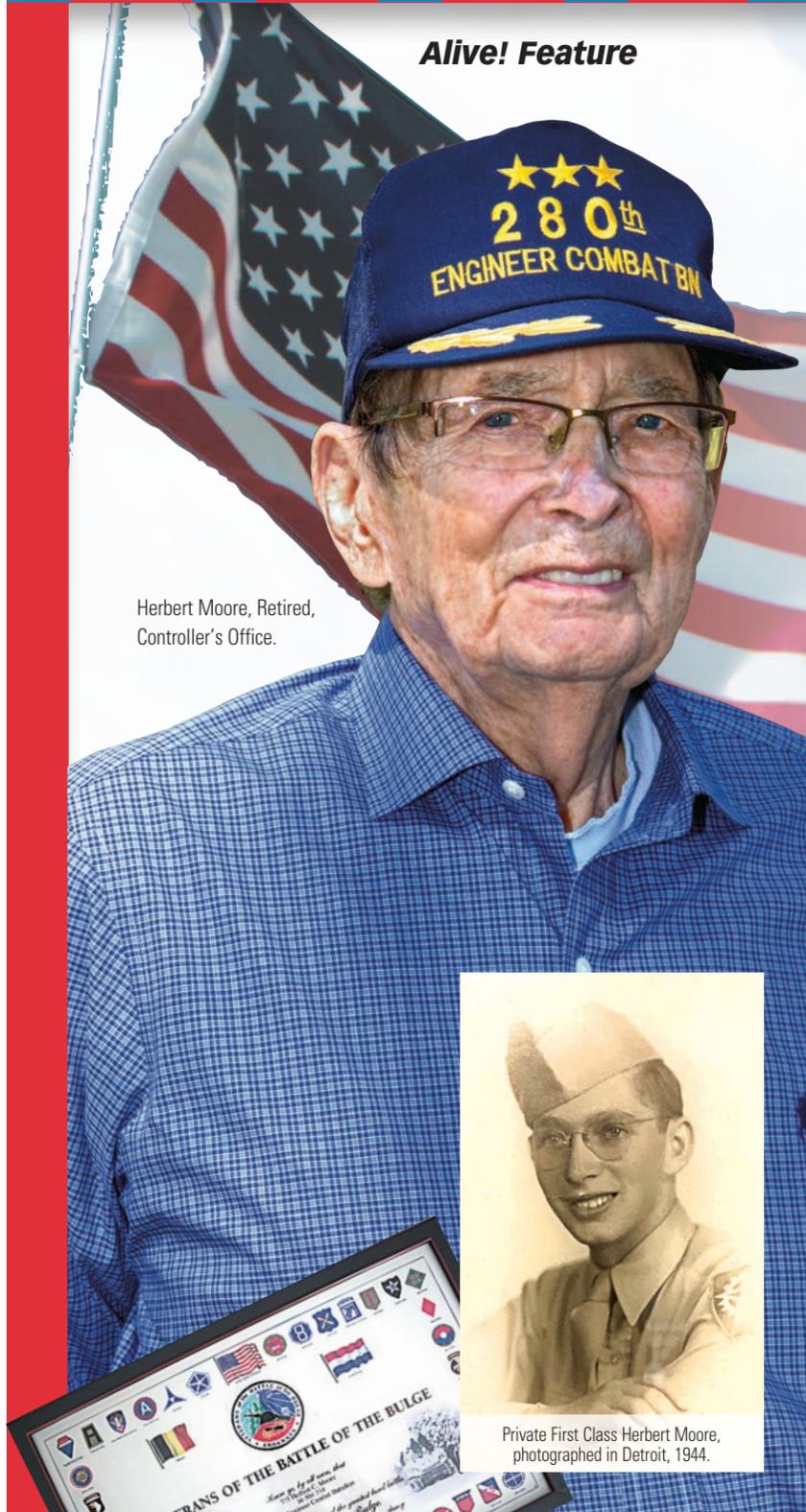
Alive! Feature

The Controller's Office

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Alive! photos by Summy Lam

Herbert Moore, Retired, Controller's Office.



Private First Class Herbert Moore, photographed in Detroit, 1944.



Last summer, Herb, his wife, son and daughter in law traveled to France; he had received the Chevalier Dans L'Ordres de la Legion D'Honneur in December 2016, for service in France during World War II. "We decided to make a trip to France to see the Normandy and Utah Beaches and the American Cemetery in Normandy as well as the Musée Legion D'Honneur de Ordres Chevalier in Paris, devoted to the history of the medal and pictures of many of the recipients."

Herbert Moore, 95, Retired, Controller's Office. He was a World War II Army accountant. His ideas: He deployed instead into trench warfare, sweeping for mines, building bridges, and repairing roads for the advancing Allied troops.

Back in 1943, Herbert Moore of Detroit, Mich., tried to enlist into the U.S. Army in the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor attack at the end of 1941. But he had a bad eye, they said, so he joined the ROTC at the University of Michigan. He was told he could not continue in the ROTC program because of his eyesight.

He was drafted in his sophomore year. "I couldn't enlist, but I could be drafted," he laughs. His service to the country was going to be in financial management as an accountant. He trained to do that in at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana.

But that didn't last long. With the D-Day invasion looming and the Allies in need of servicemen, he figures, his orders quickly changed. He was then sent to the University of New Hampshire for the Army Specialist Training Program as an Army Engineer Cadet, then to Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. He was then deployed into France just after the D-Day invasion of Normandy as part of the 280th Engineer Combat Battalion, which provided critical support behind the frontline troops. He was

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Behind the Scenes, In the Middle of It All

On Oct. 9, 2018, Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed Herbert Moore, Retired, Controller's Office, Club Member, and World War II distinguished veteran (private first class) of the Battle of the Bulge.

Alive! interviewed Herb, with his wife, Shirley, contributing, at their home in Sherman Oaks. Herb is 95, and he and Shirley have been married for 72 years and have three children: Harvey, Sharon and Robert.



Herb Moore (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins hold up Herb's Légion d'Honneur, awarded to him by France.

The Alive! Interview

Herbert, thank you so much for talking to us today.

Herbert Moore: Thank you for coming.

First let's talk about your City career. Your title with the City when you retired was?

Fiscal Business Specialist II.

And what department was that?

Controller's Office. I was in charge of the payroll retirement pension systems.

What was your first job with the City?

I was an accountant in the City Clerk's Office in the headquarters section. That was 1971.

What did you do between the war and joining the City?

I went back to the University of Michigan and received my AB [bachelor's degree] and my master's degree. Then I came out to California with my wife. We were married in 1947. I got my master's degree in '49 and because I froze my feet in France [the Battle of the Bulge], I told her that we would never live in a northern climate.

My folks moved out here because I had an aunt and uncle living out here. My dad and his brother then had a big dry-cleaning business during the Depression. My dad came out here more or less to retire. So, he went back in the cleaning business in Burbank. When I came out here, I worked with him and worked part-time for a CPA. Eventually I bought a laundry in Sherman Oaks and built that into cleaning plants in Hollywood and Panorama City, and a couple of laundromats.

What was that called?

Snow White Cleaners on Ventura Boulevard near Sepulveda, and then I bought a couple more. Basically I bought myself a job!

I worked six or seven days a week and took only one vacation during that whole time, and I said "Nuts to this business." So, I just closed it. My son, Harvey, had been working as a summer meter reader with the DWP while he was going to college, and he talked to somebody there in the personnel section. He said, "Why doesn't your dad take a civil service test?" I took the civil service test as a buyer and as an accountant and I got a letter saying, "Come in for an interview in the City Clerk's Office." So, I had an interview with Mr. Steinberg, and he said, "When can you come to work?" I said "Monday." This was on Friday. So, he said, "No, you can't come Monday. You can come Tuesday." It was Columbus Day. He put me to work right away, and then I took another test. I got called as a buyer at General Services, but I had already received the accounting position. I also had applied to the federal government, too, and I got a call from them to be a bank auditor. But I'd already started accumulating some vacation and some sick time, and we said, "No, we'll stay where we are."

How was your City experience?

I loved working for the City. I worked there 17 and a half years. It was a big change. I treated the job as if it were my own business. Sometimes I got bawled out because I was working overtime and didn't put in for it.

I worked with Hal Danowitz [RLACEI Director and former Alive! travel columnist] in [the predecessor to] ITA. And Rose Hyland in the Controller's Office.



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins with Herb and Shirley Moore.



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2019

The Soldier

Are You a Veteran?

The last few years, *Alive!* has been telling the stories of American veterans as part of our Fourth of July issue. We know many of you are veterans. For now, we're looking to interview veterans of World War II or Korea who also were City employees. We might not be able to interview you all right away, but we'll do our best.

Contact us at:
talkback@employeesclub.com

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with a rifle but never fired it in combat, though there were harrowing moments to be recalled. Private First Class Moore, a finance clerk turned then chemical engineer deployed with the Engineer Combat Battalion, saw action in Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and many, participating in three campaigns – the Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland. He was assigned to Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army at the Battle of the Bulge. After V-E Day, when the war in Europe was over, he was preparing to deploy to Japan. He was off the ship between Cherbourg, France and England during some brief R and R when he received news of V-J Day, the war in the Pacific was over, and he would soon be sent home. Herb ultimately was honored for the American, Japanese and German campaigns, and in 2016 he was honored by the French government with the *Légion d'Honneur*, the country's highest honor. After a successful business career, Herbert



joined the City in 1971 and retired with 17 years of City service. *Alive!* interviewed Herb late last year at his home in Sherman Oaks, and he had a lot to say about freedom and what America means to him. This month, we honor Herb and all those who fought in American campaigns to protect freedom. ■

A US Combat Engineering crew sweeping for mines during World War II. PFC Herbert Moore's patrol would have resembled this.

She's on the Club Board.

Yes. I was her supervisor in payroll.

That's great. I'll tell her you said hi!

Thank you.

The Surprise Soldier

You grew up in Michigan. Is that right?

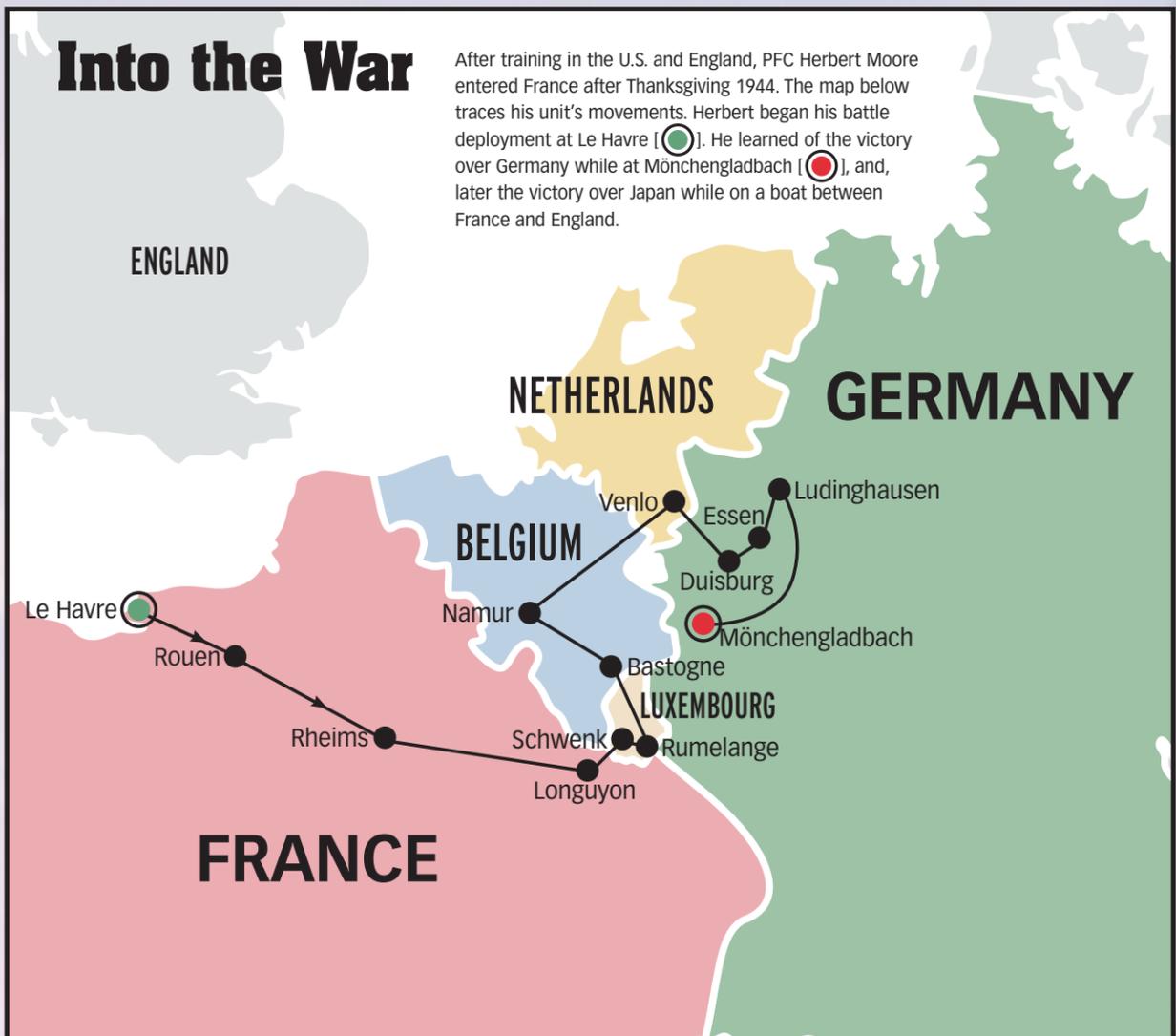
I grew up in Detroit, until I went to the university and then into the Army.

After Pearl Harbor, in February 1942, I tried to enlist and they wouldn't take me because my left eye was 20/200, but it was correctable to 20/20. So I joined the ROTC and went along for a while. I couldn't enlist because of my eye. So, then I was drafted in '43!

At some point they said "All right. We'll take you."

Yes. I wasn't supposed to be a combatant. I went to finance training – the same basic training as everybody else, but I had some schooling in Army finance, the way to do things, founding and payroll and stuff like that.

Then they sent me to the Army Specialized Training Program, which was training to help develop officers in various fields. Mine was in engineering at the University of New Hampshire.



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For Retired Club Members

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Send in your Interesting



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2019 RETIREE EVENTS

Aug. 8: RLACEI annual picnic and general meeting

Dec. 5: RLACEI annual holiday party and general meeting

RESERVATION LINES:

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Meet Your Board: A look at RLACEI Board Members

Michael R. Wilkinson

RLACEI Board Member

Submitted by Beverly J. Clark, Publicity Director



Mike on his bike, a familiar sight.

RLACEI Board Member Mike Wilkinson retired in 2010 as part of the ERIP program and set out with his brother Rich the next year to ride their bicycles across the country. He had a great time, but had to cut the trip short when he fell and broke his wrist in Colorado after riding more than 2,500 miles on the bike.

Mike spent most of his 34 years of City service with the City Attorney's Office as a Criminal Prosecutor and later as a Legal Adviser to the City's three pension plans: LACERS, the Fire and Police Pension Plan and the Water and Power Employees' Retirement Plan. He was also the News Secretary to City Attorney Burt Pines for six years. Mike served for 12 years as a Special Operations prosecutor in the Slum Housing Enforcement Unit, jailing slumlords and forcing them to live in their own rundown buildings.

Mike spent two years as the Media Director for the Los Angeles Convention Center, then entered private law practice after he completed an evening program at Loyola Law School. He then began his career as a Deputy Los Angeles City Attorney prosecuting vehicular manslaughter and drunk driving cases in 1983.

Mike and his wife Suzie have a son, a daughter, two grandsons and one granddaughter. Mike and Suzie are very pleased that every-

one lives in Southern California and that he and Suzie are able to watch the grandchildren grow up.

Mike enjoys keeping active by riding his Eddy Merckx road bike in Griffith Park and Burbank. He and Suzie like to travel and recently took an exciting trip to South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe, highlighted by a three-night safari.

Mike also loves reading and driving his bright red electric car that he powers by solar cells on his roof. He and Suzie took an adventurous 3,600-mile trip to Mt. Rushmore and the southwest in their solar car. It took a lot of planning, but they were able to find charging stations all along the route.

Mike has stepped down as a member of the RLACEI Board effective last May to concentrate his efforts as Commissioner with the LACERS Board of Administration. The RLACEI Board would like to thank Mike for his years of service and contributions to the Board. He has been an invaluable member. ■



Michael Wilkinson, his wife Suzie and their grandchildren Declan, Anorah and Wyatt.

Looking at Pension Issues in Unions, and Facing Women



LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Pension Law and Policy, By Michael Karsch

In this column, we focus most of our concerns on pensions to the public sector: local pensions for cities, counties, schools and the states. Once in a while I have chosen to cover the union pension funding issue, namely the word, multiemployer. Unions usually developed their pension plans in conjunction with the employer or by developing a pension that they negotiate with all of the employers involved, like with the mineworkers and the central states Teamsters. Eventually the issue grew into federally protected area where an insurance-type of support was created for those pension funds that were financially insufficient. The *Compliance* website reported in May that Congress has failed to resolve this crisis. Less than one percent of multiemployer plans are 100 percent funded. Ten years ago, the funding deficit was about \$200 billion; now it is \$680 billion. Benefit cuts (!) have occurred and for those already retired do not have an easy way to make up for the loss. These negative cash flows in the retirement plans are chipping away at the amount of assets. The federal government created the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) to help those plans that are poorly funded, but now the PBGC overall is facing a funding shortfall. The mineworkers and central states Teamsters' plans are the worst off, according to *Compliance*. This matter is being considered by the Senate Finance Committee.

New Orleans is facing a lawsuit by its Orleans Parish School Board over tax dollars from the school tax being diverted by the city government to pay the city's pension fund obligations since

2007, about \$7.6 million, as reported by *Nola* website. In Los Angeles, the school district has its own tax base separate from the City. Also of note is that at press time the LAUSD is promoting its Measure EE, a parcel tax (16 cents per square foot), to pay for pension and health benefits. These costs will take up fully half of the LAUSD budget by 2031 if this is not passed. [*The measure failed.* - Ed.]

The *Pasadena Star News* published a report by Jen Sidorova about the impact of the pension funding issue on women. Fifty-four percent of all public sector employees are women, and about 77 percent of teachers are women, making them the largest group enrolled in the troubled pension systems. The California State Teachers' Retirement System had an unfunded pension liability of \$144.6 billion in 2017. Nationwide, teachers are in similar trouble, especially for some who do not participate in Social Security. Adding to the problem of pension debt is the increasing amount of each annual budget that must be spent on that debt and not on other benefits such as increasing wages. Employee options are being reduced, as is mobility of moving from one district to another due to a spousal move, or other reason. Moving around doesn't always end up as a betterment. Some pensions are not transferable. The former job and the new one elsewhere usually do not result in higher overall pay. If one teacher stays in one job for 25 years, the value of the pension "normally soars after" that threshold. In highly competitive environments, some feel the pressure to move before the five years of vesting of pension benefits, hence losing the money paid into the pension fund. The author felt that this structure, the lack of portability and financial distress in the public pension and teacher retirement systems are a threat to all taxpayers "but should be of special concern for those seeking equal economic empowerment for women." ■

Board Has Vacancy, Seeks New Director

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

If you are a Retired City employee and enjoy working with people and getting involved with retired City employees to make a difference and an impact regarding Retired City employees, please consider submitting your name. Board members are appointed for a two-year term and the Board meets monthly.

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



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Retirees on the Move

Submitted by Beverly J. Clark, Publicity Director

Meet Lynette Howlett

Lynette Howlett retired in April 2010 after 31 years of City service. During her City career, she worked in Building and Safety; Rec and Parks; CDD; the LAPD; Public Works/Sanitation and /Engineering; and Airports in Ontario.

Her hobbies are reading, cooking, traveling and enjoying activities with family and friends.

In retirement, she keeps busy by traveling, going out to lunch and making day trips to various interesting locations.

Lynette says her family and friends are so much fun! They provide endless entertainment for her, perhaps, unintentionally!

She absolutely loves to travel.

When the word “travel” comes up, she says “where do I begin?! I absolutely love to travel. Just tell me when to be ready and how long so I can pack appropriately! I’ll beat you to the airport. One of my goals has been reached with my travel buddies by visiting all 50 states! Our last state was Tennessee! It was so exciting to stand on the highway under the Tennessee state sign, knowing it was our last of the 50! My next goal is to visit all continents. And to date, I have only two left. Then, of course, we have to revisit some states ... and there are a lot of countries in Europe to visit and go back to. The list is endless!”

Lynette is involved with RLACEI, LACERS Well, AARP and several Senior Centers as well as periodic involvement with other organizations.

Lynette’s words of wisdom for Retirees, or

those about to retire, is to have a retirement activity plan. After working so many years, you really cannot sit idle. You may think that you can, but you cannot. Join clubs, senior activities at parks, or travel the world one place at a time and be sure to keep fit. It really, really matters.



Lynette Howlett

The smartest thing Lynette did to prepare for retirement was to pay off as much of her debt as possible. She felt having 100 percent of her debt but only 70 percent of her salary, wouldn’t work out well financially.

When asked what she misses or doesn’t miss about her years of service to the City of Los Angeles, Lynette responded, “I do not miss the stress, the confusion, the ‘really, he/she just did what?’, the grievances being filed, and being yelled at by constituents and employees. But I do miss the camaraderie, talking to people with different points of view, the pride when a deserving employee was promoted, and the excitement in accepting a new position with new things to learn and do, and people to meet. While I would not trade my retirement status for those things, those things were fun and enjoyable to me.”

Lynette says that, as she reflected on her City career, she didn’t think she would have done anything differently.

“I made conscious decisions about promotions, departments to work in, and positions to



Lynette Howlett at Graceland with David Clark, Beverly Clark and Paulette Grady.



Lynette visiting her 50th state, Tennessee.

accept or decline that could further my career. Most of the departments and people I interacted with were marvelous and supportive.”

She fills her days in retirement doing whatever pleases her: reading, cooking, staring at the ceiling, making lunch dates, playing with her grandchildren; going places with her kids, friends, nieces, nephews, and others; going to dinners; dancing; taking Vegas day trips; and listening to the rain. She says, “Life is good.”

Lynette – if you could change one thing about retired life, what would that be? “To have retired sooner if I could have. But other than that, not a thing. *Not a thing!*” ■

Membership Dues: An Update

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

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

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



Beyond the Ups and Downs: LACERS Pension Holds Steady



Michael R. Wilkinson

LACERS Board Update By Michael R. Wilkinson

Now, I know that my request is a big leap of faith, but you need to go with me on this one. I have been ruminating for more than a week on what I would write about, and I settled on my headline, *Dow Up 500! Or Dow Down 500*. Yesterday, the Dow was up 512.

No, I can’t make this stuff up!

My point is, what do financial headlines mean to us as Retirees expecting our regular pension checks? The answer is that the daily ups and downs of the financial markets do not affect the long-term stability and safety of LACERS.

First, the daily financial news reporting focuses on big U.S. companies, like the Dow, which is made up of 30 of the largest U.S. firms. LACERS, however, has more than \$17 billion invested in a wide variety of investments that include many types of investments that do not move up and down in sync with U.S. stock markets. For instance, bank loans or real estate might be going up while big U.S. companies are going down. This diversification is key to avoiding financial problems that come with “putting all your eggs in one basket.”

While the LACERS Board does not meddle with short-term changes in the markets, we do look at our long-term diversification of assets on a regular basis to determine which combination of investment classes provides the best return with a minimum amount of risk. The board makes changes in the overall asset allocation when needed.

So, how have we done? We recently received a performance report from our investment consultant for the period ending March 31 of this year. Here are the results for the yearly returns, gross of investment fees, for the longer time periods: 10 years, 10.65 percent, and 15 years, 7.07 percent. For 1 year, 3.33 percent; 3 years, 8.80 percent; and 5 years, 6.37 percent. These figures should all be considered against our actuarial assumption of a long-term return of 7.25 percent.

So, the next time Jim Cramer or someone on CNBC breathlessly announces that the NASDAQ or S&P 500 has a new low or high, you can rest easy that your retirement security is not in jeopardy because it is invested for the long haul. ■

RLACEI 2019

Summer Picnic

Open to all Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. members!

Thursday, August 8, 2019

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Grace E. Simons Lodge

1025 Elysian Park Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90012

RSVP to (800) 678-4145

Ext. 701

RSVP no later than July 31, 2019.

Limit 2 guests per member—all others \$5 cash at the door.

RLACEI 2019 Picnic Reservation Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Number of Attendees:

Register by phone, or complete this form and mail to:

RLACEI
PO Box 86264
Los Angeles, CA 90086

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Retirees Association hosts 41st golf tournament.

Story and photos by Club Staff

The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its 41st annual invitational tournament June 6 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course. Seventy-six golfers participated.

The day started off with June gloom but soon the sun came out and the golfers had a great time culminating with lunch and prizes.

The Club provided prizes for the participants.

RLACEI thanks Board Member Tom Stemnock and the Golf Committee for a great event, and LACERS for contributions and attendance.

The Club thanks Tom Stemnock, Ruth Perry, Beverly Clark, Hal Donowitz and the rest of the RLACEI Directors for their invitation and cooperation in producing this article.



Winners

Overall Men

- RLACEI Member, low gross: Kyle Penera
- RLACEI Member, low net: Mike Perez
 - Guest, low gross: Steve Gedestad (72)
 - Guest, low net: George Lopez

Overall Women

- RLACEI Member, low net: Judy Vanderhook
- RLACEI Member, low gross: Kay Mundine

Closest to the Pin (3 golf balls each)

Men

- 7th hole: Rich Rodriguez
- 8th hole: Emmitt Pouncil
- 11th hole: Fausto Campos
- 13th hole: Kyle Penera
- 15th hole: Rich Rodriguez

Women

- 7th hole: Judy Vanderhook
- 8th hole: D. Malone
- 15th hole: Cathy Bushey

Longest Drive

Men

- 2nd hole: Rich Rodriguez
- 12th hole: Raul Aguilar

Women

- 12th hole: Judy Vanderhook



From left: George Campos, Airports, 20 years of City service; Jose Aguayo, Airports, 27 years; Carlos Herrera, Airports, 21 years; and Fausto Campos, guest.



From left: Jerome Thibodeau, guest; Fred Ige, Planning, 30 years of City service; Richard Ojeda, LA County, 30 years; and Roy Takemura, guest.



From left: Cathy Bushey, LAPD, 30 years of City service; Gloria Vargas, LAPD 32 years; Betsy Melancon, LAPD, 29 years; and Joe Kombau, guest.



From left: Doug Bohlmann, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service; Jordan Siplon, Public Works/Sanitation, 31 years; Steve Fan, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years; and Jim Woosley, Public Works/Sanitation, 34 years.



From left: Richard Lopez, Public Works/Sanitation, 37 years of City service; Randy Hee, Transportation, 35 years; Steve Perez, Public Works/Sanitation, 36 years; and Al Armijo, Sanitation, 26 years.



From left: Dominic Rescineo, Building and Safety, 33 years of City service; Errol Tate, Building and Safety, 40 years; and guests Dan Dodd and Ralph Gutierrez.



Bryan Fujita, Chief Operating Officer, LACERS.



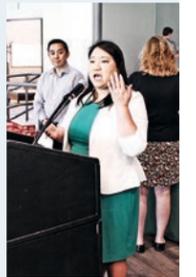
From left: Vic Penera, Building and Safety, 30 years of City service; Ken Ludwig, Public Works/Sanitation, 31 years; and Lloyd Suehiro, Engineering, 3 years.



From left: Richard Flores, Transportation, 32 years of City service; Mike Stawicki, Transportation, 31 years; Hector Ramirez, Airports, 26 years; and Jess Molina, guest.



From left: Jim Hamilton, LAPD, 32 years of City service; Rich Rodriguez, LAPD, 37 years; George Lopez, LAP, 35 years; and Richard Radmacher, DWP, 35 years.



Annie Chao, LACERS Commissioner-Elect.



From left: Victor Orocco, Public Works/Sanitation, 41 years of City service; Russell Zamora, Public Works/Sanitation 32 years; Richard Wozniak, Public Works/Sanitation, 45 years; and Wayne Watson, Public Works/Sanitation, 32 years.



From left: Frank Allen, Public Works/Sanitation, 32 years of City service; Kathy Vigil, guest; and Jack Vigil, Public Works/Engineering, 17 years.



From left: Billy Johnson, guest; Emmett Pouncil, guest; Stephen Hill, Public Works/Sanitation, 31 years; and Bob Eicks, guest.



Lita Payne, Assistant General Manager, LACERS.



From left: Jesus Barra, DWP, 15 years of City service; Raul Aguilar, Airports, 11 years; Robert Perez, DWP, 31 years; and Jerry Cardenas, DWP, 14 years.



From left: Michael Perez, Fire and Police Pensions, 32 years of City service; Steve King, Transportation, 27 years; and Steve Gedestad, sponsor from Keenan.



From left: Jerri Walton, LAPD, 30 years of City service; Tyrone Bernard, LA Metro, 38 years; Henry Franklin, guest; and D. Malone, LAPD, 30 years.



Michael Wilkinson, LACERS Commissioner.



From left: Tom Stemnock, Planning, 13 years of City service; Richard Perry, husband of RLACEI President Ruth Perry; Allen Benix, sponsor from Toyota; and Martin Miller, sponsor from Toyota.



From left: Dennis Vanderhook, Public Works/Sanitation, 36 years of City service; Judy Vanderhook, LAUSD, 16 years; Joe Mundine, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years; and Kaye Mundine, guest.



From left: Julian Campbell, DWP, 29 years of City service; Sean Rios, DWP, 19 years; Frank Gonzalez, DWP, 28 years; and Devin Mills, 7 years.



From left: Richard Telle, Rec and Parks, 35 years of City service; Brian Jones, LA Sheriff's Dept., 30 years; Tim Pulliam, guest; and Dick Hovious, Building and Safety, 27 years.



The RLACEI Board of Directors, from left: Hal Danowitz, Phil Orland, Tom Stemnock, Dennis Harding, Beverly Clark, Ruth Perry, Mary Beetz and Michael Karsch.



Who are the people you see every day? **No. 105**
in a series.

People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.

Meet Gayle Marie Wallace

She has a list of needs. Here's her story.

Born: June 6, 1965 (54)
Hometown: Inglewood.
Education: Inglewood High School (dropped out). "I don't like going to school."
Family: only child, two sons, never married. "My mom and stepdad died. I don't know where my dad is."



Gayle Marie Wallace (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins.

What she needs: "Can you come back here on Monday? I need some tennis shoes, sized 11. I need a blanket, a jogging suit or some clothing, something hot to eat and some juice. Maybe some wine. I like wine."

How long on the street: "My mom was taking care of me. I lived with her. I've been out here since she died a long time ago. I've been sleeping on this bench, using a sleeping bag as a cushion. They're hard. It was cold last night. It makes me shake. I don't know how I survived this long."

"I'm tired of being homeless."

Favorite candy: "Snickers and Butterfingers."

A hard life: "People don't want to help ladies. And a lady ain't supposed to be homeless, anyway. People don't want to help black people. Ain't nobody going to give you no money. They don't help me out here. They don't care if you live or die. They don't care."

Tell the mayor: "I would tell him to help people out, like me. We need housing. I think it's crazy for me to be on the street. Something is really wrong. Things are getting worse."

In five years: "I want to get out. I want to be in an apartment."

When it rains: "I don't know where I will go. I'm lucky it ain't raining."

Final request: "When are you guys gonna come back down? Will you bring me something to eat?"

There's a lot more to this interview online at:
alive.employeesclub.com/people-we-see-gayle-marie-wallace/

The Club came back later and gave Gayle food and other materials. The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place June 17 near the intersection of Second and Spring Streets downtown.

See this interview on **YouTube**

The Club posts our "People We See" video interviews online. See them on the Club's YouTube channel: youtube.com/cityemployeesclub



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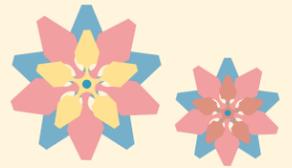
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Life's Important Moments



Retirements

Here's a listing of all those who retired from the City this month. To all we say, welcome to the Best Years!

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Aflaki, Roshanak	Wastewater Manager	Public Works	29	Geli, Edilberto	Metering Services	DWP	N/D	Parise, Jacqueline	Water Engineering	DWP	N/D
Agravante, Leon F.	Sr. Auditor	Housing	29	Georgescu, Ecaterina	Geo. Info. Systems Sp.	Public Works	31	Park, Debra Ann	Admin. Clerk	LAPD	26
Alvarez, Mary	Retirement Plan	DWP	N/D	Gomez, Melecio	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Pech, Lehi	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D
Armijo, Diana E.	Sr. Traffic Super.	Transportation	30	Gonzaga Sitton, Rizamari	Mayoral Aide	Mayor's Office	1	Pezeshkian, Vahan	Transportation Eng.	Transportation	33
Arredondo, Annette	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	38	Gracia, Martha A.	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	33	Piper, Ronald A.	Signal System Elect.	Transportation	46
Arzadon, Nicanor A.	Lab Tech	Public Works	15	Guevara, Janice L.	Exec. Assistant	Airports	31	Presberg, Steven E.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	30
Atwell, Bradley Jay	Architectural Assoc.	Public Works	23	Gurrola, Luis	Metering Services	DWP	N/D	Puchalski, Thomas D.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Fire/Police Pen.	24
Autran, Francisco H.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	30	Hardy, Catherine J.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	31	Raftefold, Cynthia	Power Supply	DWP	N/D
Baldwin, Stephen E.	Mechanic Helper	LAFD	24	Harper, William M.	Plumber Super.	Rec and Parks	31	Ramirez, Maria Y.	Custodian	Airports	16
Barajas, Octavio	Refuse Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	31	Harvey, Garth A.	Custodian	Airports	15	Razepoor, Nasser	Structural Engineer	Public Works	29
Barajas, Ramon	Facilities Mgmt.	DWP	N/D	Hedgeman, Letieia	Customer Services	DWP	N/D	Renwick, Michael	Water Quality	DWP	N/D
Baraoidan, Wendy	Water Engineering	DWP	N/D	Herrington, James	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D	Resch, Daniel	Water Operations	DWP	N/D
Barkhuff, Michael	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Hill, Amabel F.	Tax Compliance Off.	Finance	30	Richardson, Stanley	Water Operations	DWP	N/D
Bodeen, Mark	Env. Chem Lab	DWP	N/D	Hornsby, Gregory	Customer Service	DWP	N/D	Robottom, Suzette A.	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Airports	26
Brimsey, Arletta M.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	32	Hwanga, Feng Lian T.	Accounting Clerk	ITA	32	Russell, Adrienne	Traffic Officer	Transportation	30
Bustillos, Victor	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Jimenez, Griselda	Supply Ser. Pay. Clerk	Gen. Services	33	Segura, Francine L.	Admin. Clerk	LAPD	12
Casey, Mark J.	Pr. Inspector	Bldg. & Safety	30	Kemp, Lori L.	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	32	Shanto, Michael P.	Facility Manager	Rec and Parks	32
Chavez, Julia	Economic Analyst	Housing	32	Khaghany, Kevin	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Sharaf, Cary	Supt. of Operations	Airports	17
Collins, Bruce	Supply Chain	DWP	N/D	Lee, Esther S.	Supply Ser. Pay. Clerk	Gen. Services	34	Shepherd, David T.	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	30
Corral, Andy	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	20	Lee, Tony S.	Plant Equip. Trainee	Public Works	7	Skacan, Peter	Water Quality	DWP	N/D
Covington, Valerie D.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	30	Lewis, Edward	Power Supply	DWP	N/D	Spires, Teresa L.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	37
Cristo, Patricia	Admin. Clerk	Library	14	Lewis, Henry C.	Custodian Airport	Airports	19	Steele, Timothy L.	Masonry Worker	Public Works	21
Cromer, Andrew K.	Pr. Inspector	Bldg. & Safety	32	Lipaite, Liviya	Art Instructor	Cultural Affairs	16	Sy Su, Eden U.	Admin. Clerk	Rec and Parks	8
Cruz, Richard	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Lowe, Ronald Alden	Mayoral Aide	Mayor's Office	8	Sy Su, Ramon G.	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	28
Cullen, Stephen	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Lu, Cathy A.	Librarian	Library	25	Taylor, Robert M.	Systems Programmer	ITA	32
Dalaten, Josephine	Personnel Analyst	Personnel	25	Macauley, Lisa Marie	Wastewater Treat. Op.	Public Works	18	Tolentino, Nicanor C.	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	30
Dane, Orel J.	Special Prog. Asst.	Rec and Parks	6	Madani, Hamid	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	25	Tomines, Aida B.	Sr. Accountant	Controller	30
Daneri, Dominic T.	Sr. Bldg. Mech. Insp.	Bldg. & Safety	20	Mason, Jacquelyn R.	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	31	Tonnies, Jeanette L.	Veterinary Technician	Zoo	32
Daniels, Debbie Lee	Criminalist	LAPD	32	McCloud, Carlton	Power Transmission	DWP	N/D	Tran, Van Nguyet	Sr. Legal Clerk	City Attorney	29
De Anda, Raul C.	Signal System Super.	Transportation	48	McFadden, Irene D.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	32	Tsui, Vincent W.	Rec. Super.	LACERS	23
De Oca, John M.	Comm. Electrician	ITA	20	Michel, Rosie Maria	Director	Personnel	38	Valdivia, Teresa	Special Program Asst.	Rec and Parks	1
Delia, Anthony	Fleet Services	DWP	N/D	Mikkelson, Dante N.	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	LAFD	10	Vasquez, Ruben B.	Director	Personnel	30
Dial, Juan	Finance Dev. Officer	Housing	8	Miller, Lawrence	Water Distribution	DWP	N/D	Ventura, Richard M.	Building Mech. Insp.	Bldg. & Safety	16
Drew, Robert C.	Custodian	Gen. Services	19	Miller, Maurice	Power Operating	DWP	N/D	Washington, Jamesina L.	Traffic Officer	Transportation	30
Echano, Ciriaco L.	Accountant	Airports	18	Miller, Stephen Ellis	Indep. Fire Comm.	LAFD	4	Wilder, Robyn L.	Chief Benefits Analyst	Fire/Police Pen.	27
Ellison, Kathleen P.	Sr. Librarian	Library	30	Moore, Christopher	Reprographic Op.	LAPD	28	Wilson, Clarence	Plumber	Rec and Parks	12
Escamilla, Jesus A.	Transp. Eng. Assoc.	Transportation	16	Moore, Josephine	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	38	Wong, Amphorn	Sr. Environ. Compl. Insp.	Public Works	30
Fajardo, Alfredo A.	Sr. Bldg. Op. Engineer	Gen. Services	35	Moreno, Olivia	Custodian	Airports	12	Woo, Phan	Admin. Clerk	LAPD	34
Falcon, Penny	Water Executive	DWP	N/D	Noel, William J.	Equipment Operator	Rec and Parks	23	Wu, Sheree Chiali	Programmer/Analyst	LACERS	15
Fermin, Anabella N.	Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	32	Nosrat, Solie	Systems Programmer	ITA	28	Yamauchi, Collin Y.	Criminalist	LAPD	29
Fleischer, Georgia A.	Supply Sys. Pay. Clerk	Gen. Services	30	O'Kelley-Hendricks, Katie	Facility Director	Rec and Parks	31	Yasaki, Kenneth B.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	28
Fong, Lilly L.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	ITA	17	Ortega, Gloria	Integrated Support	DWP	N/D	Yonamine, Daryl	Street Utility Coordi.	DWP	N/D
Friedman, Martin H.	Tree Surgeon	Rec and Parks	32	Owens Sanchez, Elaine	Sr. Admin. Analyst	CAO	30	Youssef, Bolganin Z.	Forensic Print Special.	LAPD	24
Fulton, Gina Rae	Sr. Admin. Clerk	LAPD	13	Packard, Michael R.	Chief Inspector	Bldg. & Safety	38	Zovak, Douglas A.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	30
Garcia, Reynaldo V.	Helicopter Mech. Super.	Gen. Services	32	Pantoja Jr., Benjamin	Metering Services	DWP	N/D				

N/D = not disclosed



Graduation



Growing Up With Koppany

Koppany Horvath graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of La Verne, earning a bachelor's degree in computer science (major) and computer engineering (minor). During his four years of college, he earned many distinguishing recognitions, according to his proud father, Robbie Horvath, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation. (Koppany is the son of Adriana and Robert Horvath.) "Koppany's name was on the Dean's list continually. He was the only student in his class to be allowed to present his 'hands-on' thesis in his junior year instead of the customary senior year. Besides his studies, Koppany has been working as a programmer ever since he started in college. "Koppany is the son of immigrants."

Congratulations, Koppany, on your many achievements and your graduation.

And thanks, Robbie, for the graduation photo.

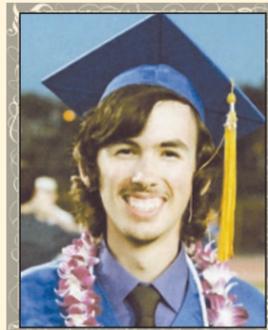
The Club knew Koppany was destined for great things, as we honored him with a Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship in September 2015.

Koppany and his family have graced the pages of *Alive!* many times in the past, including:

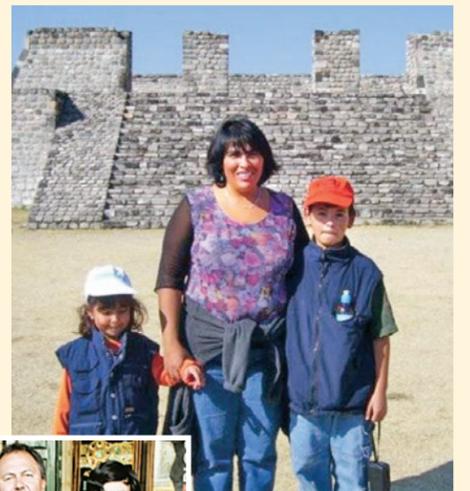
- Mukai Club Scholarship honoree
- High school graduation
- In Budapest, with his family
- Mother's Day
- Letter to the Editor

LETTER TO EDITOR [JUNE 2008]: My family and I are so happy that Angel Gomez keeps introducing newer and newer "hot spots" to visit within our beloved City [in his *Be Alive!* monthly feature - Ed.]. We have tried some trails previously trekked by Angel. It was a lot of fun for all of us. I would like to share a few memorable moments about our recent excursion to Millard Canyon Falls.

— Robbie Horvath, Public Works/Hyperion and his family



MUKAI CLUB SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE [SEPTEMBER 2015]



MOTHERS DAY TRIBUTE [MAY 2007]: "We are Maya Boglarka and Koppany Cuahtli Horvath, the children of Adriana and Robert 'Robbie' Horvath [Hyperion Treatment Plant Mechanic]. We are wishing a very happy Mother's Day for our beloved Mommy, Adriana. Please let her know that she is the best mommy we've ever had. With much-much love."

— Maya Boglarka and Koppany Cuahtli



IN BUDAPEST, WITH HIS FAMILY [DECEMBER 2014]:

Here's Robbie with family in front of the Museum of Applied Arts, Budapest, Hungary.



Graduations



Erika Consebido graduated from Holy Family High School in Glendale as valedictorian and plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona, majoring in mechanical engineering. "Congrats! We love you, hon! Mommy, Dad and Kuya." Erika is the daughter of Cecille Consebido, Public Works/Sanitation.



Scott Klein graduated from Alhambra High School and plans to attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall, pursuing a political science major. He's the son of Sandra Avalos, LAPD. "He's a future senator! We're proud of this young man!"



Alan Roney graduated from Bishop Alemany High School. He plans to complete two years at College of the Canyons, transfer to a four-year university and continue on to obtain a master's degree in pediatrics. He's the son of Maria Roney, Rec and Parks.



Roxanne Dunklin graduated from Bremerton High School in Bremerton, Wash. She's the granddaughter of Linda Martin, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation. "Congratulations, Sweetie. You did it. I'm very proud of you. All you can do is go up from here. May life bring your hopes and dreams together."



Alexandria (Lexie) Peltola graduated from William S. Hart High School in Santa Clarita. She plans to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the fall, majoring in aeronautical science, and hopes to become a pilot. She's the daughter of Jeff Peltola, Retired, DWP.



Anthony Rivera graduated from Jordan High School in Long Beach, and plans to attend Long Beach City College in the fall, majoring in civil engineering. He's the son of Mauricio Rivera, DWP.

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In Memoriam

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

DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Active			
Baiano, Michael	DWP 10	Knight, Annie	DWP 34
De Young, Donald	DWP 39	Larrigan, Andy	DWP 32
Hollyfield, Jeffrey	Public Works 13	MacNeil, Robert	N/D N/D
Peresz, Dolores	Transportation 16	Maddox, Junie	Airports 13
Robinson, Flora	Bldg. & Safety 18	McGargue, Paula	Airports 31
Wilcots, Raisha	Cultural Affairs 1	Miranda, Rosemarie	DWP 20
		Morales, Richard	Airports 30
		Moreno, Joe	N/D N/D
Retired		Newman, Gary	Public Works 32
Adams, Toshiko	DWP 21	Nix, David	ITA 34
Aguilar, Robert	DWP 30	Ojeda Jr., Felix	DWP 30
Alexander, Shirley	LAPD 25	Price, McKinley	DWP 26
Arita, Shizue	N/D N/D	Reyes, Benjamin	Public Works 15
Armstrong, Elvin	N/D N/D	St. George, Matthew	City Att. Office 24
Black, Ernest	N/D N/D	Samuels, Joe	LAPD 26
Blumberg, Sanford	DWP 33	Savery, Alma	DWP 33
Brown, John	N/D N/D	Shadday, John	DWP 34
Camp, Larry	LAPD 31	Shur, David	Gen. Services 36
Cecena, Lionel	N/D N/D	Slagle, Gerald	N/D N/D
Edejer, Gerry	DWP 10	Smith, Edna	Transportation 26
Fairley, Billy	Gen. Services 34	Snelling, George	N/D N/D
Farris, Warren	N/D N/D	Snyder, Ralph	N/D N/D
Ford, Neil	Gen. Services 7	Sofra, Joseph	N/D N/D
Florian, Stuart	DWP 29	Thomas, Rodgner	N/D N/D
Fong, Wai-Chong	DWP 28	Toralde, Leon	LAPD 19
Glass, William	N/D N/D	Torio, Steve	N/D N/D
Gregory, Anita	Library 9	Torres, Florentino	DWP 32
Gute, Duane	N/D N/D	Townsend, Earlean	DWP 44
Hall, Robert	Public Works 17	Trinidad, Evangeline	N/D N/D
Hamanaka, Hisao	DWP 7	Vaughns, Donald	Public Works 20
Hinton, Albert	Bldg. & Safety 31	Ventura, Joseph	N/D N/D
Jackson, Eddie	N/D N/D	Vranesh, Mary Lou	N/D N/D
Keeler, Dorothy	DWP 35	Willoughby, Charles	DWP 23



Robert's Question of the Month

BY ROBERT LARIOS, COO

Fellow City Employees answer the Question of the Month

What's your advice to an employee on their first day on the job?



"Listen to your instincts. Keep your mouth closed, look and listen. Become the best at what you do."
– Jesse Perez, Retired, DWP



"Don't do it the way I did it – the hard way!"
– Steve Durkee, Retired, Airports



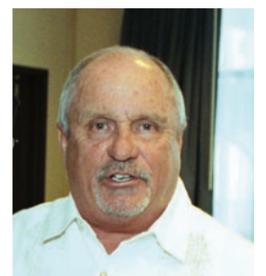
"Be consistent and be the best version of yourself that you can be."
– Ling Wang, Airports



"Be patient. Have peace of mind because money is not everything."
– Linda Lesley, Harbor



"Be happy with your work, and do it with all your heart."
– Maria Curry, Harbor



"Whatever and wherever your career takes you, make sure it involves your happiness. Stay happy!"
– John Curry, Harbor



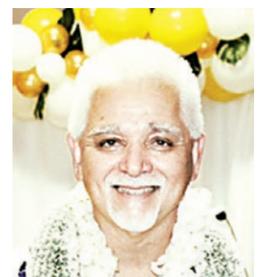
"Don't get too comfortable. Do things out of your comfort zone to get ahead. Know all there is about the City."
– Leah Grossi, Airports



"Work safely, work hard and keep learning!"
– Richard P. David, DWP



"Do the things you like to do at your own pace and level. Always control the stress."
– Mark Ishii, ITA



"Ask your supervisor, what is the rating criteria that will be used to evaluate me during my probationary period, and what is expected of me to be successful?"
– Charles "Chuck" Rogers, Retired, DWP

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Colorina with The Clubs

Deadline for
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Aug. 9, 2019

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DeAngelo
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the submissions, but it
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Print and Online Schedule

Alive! has moved half of its children's coloring contests online.

In the printed *Alive!*:

January (winners published in March)
July (winners published in September)

In the online edition of *Alive!*:

April (winners posted in June)
October (winners posted in December)



Download Coloring Art From the Web

You can download and print art from *Alive!* on the web:
alive.employeesclub.com/kidscoloringcontest

We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is the first name of your best friend? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is your favorite television show? _____

Why do you want to go to this park? _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/city/zip: _____

Club Membership number: _____

